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Family Focus Newsletter

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Hello Marathon 4-H youth, families, and leaders!

Fall is in the air! Students are back to class, days are getting cooler, and pumpkin spice lattes are popping back onto menus everywhere. Summer is the time our family tries to jam in as much as we can - stacking hay bales on wagons, enjoying community festivals and fairs, roasting marshmallows over campfires in our backyard, and even running to the lake for an afternoon.

Autumn is a season of reflection for me. I revel in the slower pace of weekends, and enjoy the “normal” school schedule that we slide back into with the kids.

When I think about our summer together, I’m honored. I’m thankful that you have made Marathon 4-H a part of your time in 2017. Marathon 4-H’s support of the Summer Assistant Program took the 4-H message out to more than 300 youth in the Wausau School District. I’m proud of our youth and the hard work they demonstrated at the 149th Wisconsin Valley Fair. I’m in awe of the teenagers who planned activities and counseled for more than a hundred kids at two camps. I’m humbled by the many adults that have taken time away from their homes and workplaces to VOLUNTEER, making the Marathon County 4-H program EVEN BETTER.

Please join us to celebrate a 2017 that overflowed with learning, excitement, and passion at the Annual Banquet, happening at Memories Ballroom on Sunday, November 12th. Find more details on how to sign up on the next page. I hope to see you there for not only the tasty food and fun, but also to feel fulfilled. Come see the difference you make in the world!

Enjoy your September!

Megan Suehring
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Marathon County 4-H Recognition Program & Banquet

The Marathon County 4-H Recognition Program & Banquet will be held **Sunday, November 12, 2017** at Memories Ballroom, Marathon, Wisconsin. A buffet luncheon is served at Noon; Program and Annual Meeting begins at 12:30 pm. All Marathon County 4-H members, leaders, and their families are invited to attend the Annual Recognition Program. It is designed to recognize YOU for your accomplishments and leadership. We will recognize leaders for their years of service, 4-H graduates, 4-H project awards, 4-H Key Award recipient, and more. The 4-H Leader's Federation will present their annual report and take suggestions for the upcoming year. If you would like to participate in the luncheon, your cost is \$5.00 per person. (The 4-H Leader's Federation subsidizes cost of the meal). Pre-registration is required. Please do so by registering online or mailing form by November 3rd.

Register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/OA0o4MmLfe2xOs8G2>.



Or mail form below:

4-H Recognition Program - November 12, 2017-

(Form & payment due November 2, 2017)

Checks payable to: Marathon County UW Extension

Cost: \$5.00 Per Person (per meal)

Mail to: 4-H Banquet, 212 River Drive, Suite #3, Wausau, WI 54403

Family Name _____ Club _____

___ Yes, we plan to attend the luncheon. Enclosed is \$_____, (\$5.00 per person), to cover the cost of the meal for each person.

___ No, we will not be attending the luncheon, but we plan to attend the program and meeting

Contact Email _____ Contact Phone _____

I ♥ True Leaders



Please consider hosting a 4-H Event or Activity for the General Public! Need an educational display for a community center, grocery store, or school? Please call the office. We can help!

4-H Open House

Thursday, October 5, 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau

Join us for an evening of fun activities! Bring new and prospective members to get questions answered. Help us decide two new events for Marathon 4-H to take on in 2018! Want to help or have questions? Call Megan: 715-261-1230

Marathon County 4-H Bowling Tournament

Rose Bowl Lanes, Marshfield

Saturday, October 7th

Registration at noon, bowling begins at 1 p.m.



Room for 24 teams: Please sign up today!

Older youth division: age 12 & up!

Younger youth division: age 11 and under.

\$5 per bowler, includes 2 games, shoes, snacks, and prizes!
(Yes, you can have youth from more than one club on a team.)

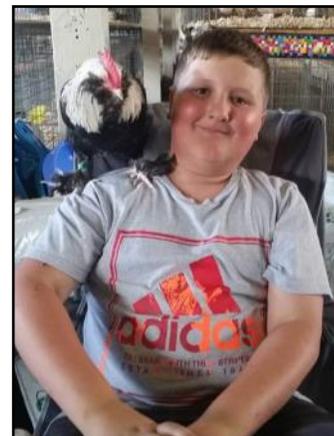
Register by October 2nd: <https://goo.gl/forms/GJzZhEvjZzrPjWQn1>.

Manic Mondays - Kicking off at 9 p.m. Monday, October 1st, adult and youth leaders who work with Cloverbuds are welcome to join in the Facebook Live presentation of a Wisconsin 4-H Cloverbud lesson at 9 p.m. Megan will present the lesson live, and everyone is welcome to ask questions in real time. This course is offered over the internet - please tune in! (Presentations will be archived. Check back when you have time.) Manic Mondays will continue each Monday evening through the month of October. Hope you'll join the fun!!





The Wisconsin Valley Fair Board of Directors wants to thank all of the youth, parents, leaders, superintendents, volunteers and judges that made the 2017 Wisconsin Valley Fair a success! The time, effort, sportsmanship, and determination does not go unnoticed! We have a lot of new and exciting things in the works for the 150th annual Fair, and we hope to see you all there, **July 31—August 5, 2018!**



L.E.A.D.S. (Learn – Empower – Advance – Develop - Serve) is firing back up for the fall! These opportunities are open to all Marathon County 4-H Youth, grades 7 and up. We are excited to have new teens join us!!

Please consider coming to one of the following events:

- **OCTOBER 1 - 7th: NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!!!** Help with October 4th's 4:30 - 7 p.m. Open House at 212 River Drive, Wausau.
- **12 p.m. - 4:15 p.m., Sunday, October 29th** - Help with Haunted Train program at Marathon Junction. Noon pizza lunch, costumes & make up, and gentle spooking to follow.

Thanks to the LEADS youth who worked on the 4-H Fun Day Promotions at the Wisconsin Valley Fair!



Do you have complaints, compliments, or anything between to share with the WI Valley Fair Junior Fair Board?

Please compose a letter or e-mail addressing your thoughts to the board. All letters that have a signature will be read and thoughtfully considered.

E-mails can be sent to:
megan.suehring@uwex.edu.

Please send your letters to:
WI Junior Fair Board - Marathon UWEX,
212 River Drive, Suite 3, Wausau WI 54403.
Letters should be received by September 30, 2017.



Would you like to see some 4-H Literature?
E-mail or call the office.

If we have the literature here, we'll give it to you. If we need to order, you may need to pay for the books.

Check out the Learning Store for more:
<https://learningstore.uwex.edu>.

Even MORE information at National 4-H:
<http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/>.

NEW ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Tuesday, November 14, 2017,

6:30PM - 8PM

Room 5, 212 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU

Sign up by Nov. 13th at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/riqfyxDZa7ponO5A3>

New leaders should register on 4-H online before attending. New leaders may begin working with youth now, but need to be accompanied by another certified leader until they have taken the class and been screened.



Congratulations to all of our pre-fair Cake Judging Participants. Your cakes looked good enough to eat!!



4-H Re-enrollment Time!

This serves as your reminder to re-enroll in [4honline](#).

Reenrollment will be open September 7th - December 1st.

All youth members and adult leaders are required to reenroll each year. If you fail to reenroll by December 1st, you will be unable to show at the Wisconsin Valley Fair through Marathon 4-H.

If you have **any** questions on re-enrollment, do not hesitate to call the office 715-261-1230, or go to our website <http://marathon.uwex.edu/4h/join-4-h/4honline-enrollment/>. We will gladly help you out. You are welcome to utilize our kiosk computer to reenroll. We are open Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Photo releases, health releases, and other items are all part of the enrollment process. A statewide CODE of CONDUCT is also online. Reenrolling is easier than first time enrollment. Go to **wi.4honline.com** to start the process.

New 4-H members are able to join through March 1st. Please direct new members the website for more information: <https://marathon.uwex.edu/4h/join-4-h/>.

Award Applications are due September 30th. Please apply!

All current application forms are online at: <http://marathon.uwex.edu/4h/4-h-members-leaders/forms-applications/>.

This deadline will be adhered to. All applications must include an “Award/Trip Preference” form, which denotes what trip or award youth are applying and eligible for.

4-H Trip Applications are used for Youth Conference, Space Camp, Citizen Washington Focus, Leadership Washington Focus

Membership Evaluation (M.E.) Forms are ONLY used for Key Award, National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference.

Rank Awards – Follow instructions on the form.

Project Awards Individuals may apply for a maximum of 3 awards, but, no more than 2 will be awarded. Awards will only be made to worthy applications. Do NOT add extra pages.

Brice Bender Awards – 2 categories (Gr 3-8; Gr 9-13)

Club Awards... Club Record Book, Community Service, Scrapbook

Adult Awards... Friend of 4-H, C.J. McAleavy, Clover Power Plus.... Clubs are encouraged to nominate worthy individuals, organizations, or businesses

4-H Scholarships... Marathon 4-H Alumni who have completed one year of college and are going on for further study may apply.

Adult and Youth Leaders – Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!!!



What: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

When: November 3-5, 2017 (starting with registration at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 3 and ending 10:30 a.m. November 5)

Where: [Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake](#)

Who: Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7th – 13th grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders

The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 20 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where up to 10 people will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Plus an ice cream hospitality sponsored by Cedar Crest Ice Cream. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level.

*All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

Ask your county Extension Staff about registering today. Register through 4HOnline beginning September 7th. This program is partially funded by the WI 4-H Foundation. Registration will end September 30.

Cost

Registration Fee (includes meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies)

- \$85 registration fee per person (Fri. – Sun.)
- \$75 registration fee per person (Sat. – Sun.)
- \$70 registration fee (Sat. lunch and dinner)
- \$50 registration fee (Sat. – lunch only)

Lodging

Adults:

\$45/night if there are two adults
\$75 – Single adult room
\$25/night with three or more adults per room

Youth: \$25/night with three – four youth per room

Consider applying for one of these Educational Experiences by September 30th:

- ◆ **Space Camp** – Youth in grades 6 – 8 may apply for this trip, usually held in April, in Huntsville, Alabama. Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin.
- ◆ **Leadership Washington Focus** – Youth in grades 6 - 8 may apply. Leadership Washington Focus is an opportunity to come together to exchange ideas, form friendships, and travel Washington, D.C. to develop leadership skills while they stay at the National 4-H Center. The trip includes motivational speakers and educational workshops that increase individual leadership capability and build lifetime skills for success.
- ◆ **Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference** – Approximately 600 youth, grades 7 – 10, attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies, meeting people from across Wisconsin.
- ◆ **Citizenship Washington Focus** – Youth in grades 10th – 12th may be selected for this nine-day bus trip. Approximately 200 Wisconsin 4-H Youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.
- ◆ **National 4-H Congress** – Members in grades 10–12 may apply. Youth are selected to attend this youth leadership conference in Atlanta, GA. Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country.
- ◆ **National 4-H Conference** – Six youth in grades 10 - 12 from across the State of Wisconsin are selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Each participant selects an issue and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming across the United States. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups.



The Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl™ (FICB) is a financial literacy study program culminating in a college bowl quiz competition. The FICB aligns with statewide learning standards for financial literacy and is an effective strategy to promote learning.

The Competition features student teams (up to 4 members and an alternate) competing for trophies and fabulous prizes.

All FICB teams are led by adult coaches who help students study and prepare, as a classroom or an after school activity.

10th Annual Wausau Tournament

WHO CAN COMPETE?

Any student in a Wausau-area or Central-Wisconsin high school.

Online Study Guide

Visit www.ficbonline.org to access the study guide and find out what you need to know!

COMPETITION DETAILS

October 24, 2017

8:30AM - 1:30PM

Northcentral Technical College Center
for Health Sciences (Wausau Campus)

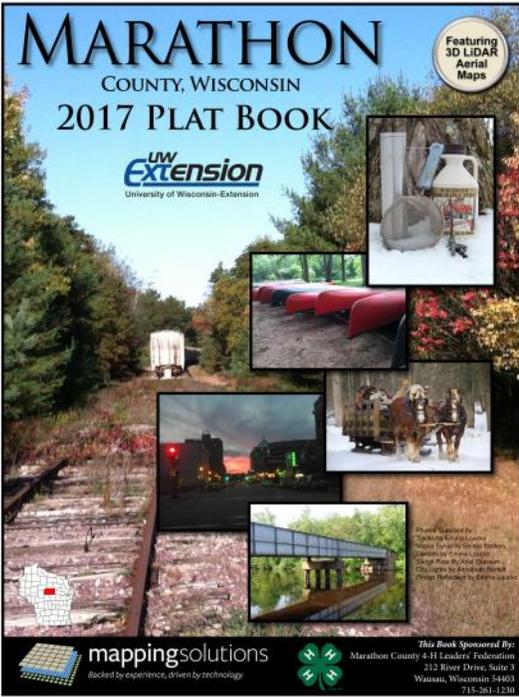
Register your team today!!

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/GetSmartWausau/)

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Registration Deadline:

October 6, 2017



Who owns Marathon County? Thousands of people have a piece of it, and they are listed in the new plat book published by the Marathon County 4-H Leaders' Federation with Mapping Solutions. The 2017 book is available for purchase for \$40 at the Marathon County – UW Extension Office at 212 River Drive, Suite 3 in Wausau. For an additional \$4, it can be sent to you! For more information contact the office at (715) 261-1230.

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