

Become a Master Gardener

Interested in becoming a Marathon County Master Gardener? Local, in-person classes for Marathon County volunteers will be held at 212 River Drive, Room 3, Mondays, 5:30-7:30pm from September 19th – December 5th. The cost for the course is \$125.

Registration is open until September 5th to the first 15 paid participants. [Use this form to register for the program.](#)

This program is one of two ways Marathon County residents can fulfill the horticulture education requirement to become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer. Residents unable to make the local program are encouraged to enroll in [Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin: Foundations in Gardening](#), Extension's statewide virtual gardening program.

Marathon County Master Gardener Volunteer horticulture classes are only available for those who intend to volunteer as Marathon County Master Gardeners in 2023 and beyond. Once the horticulture education requirement is complete, volunteers will need to complete the [Master Gardener Program Onboarding Course](#).

Those interested in in-depth horticulture education with no volunteer expectation are encouraged to enroll in [Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin: Foundations in Gardening](#).

Please reach out to Janell Wehr, Marathon County Extension horticulture educator, at janell.wehr@wisc.edu or 715.261.1241 with any questions.

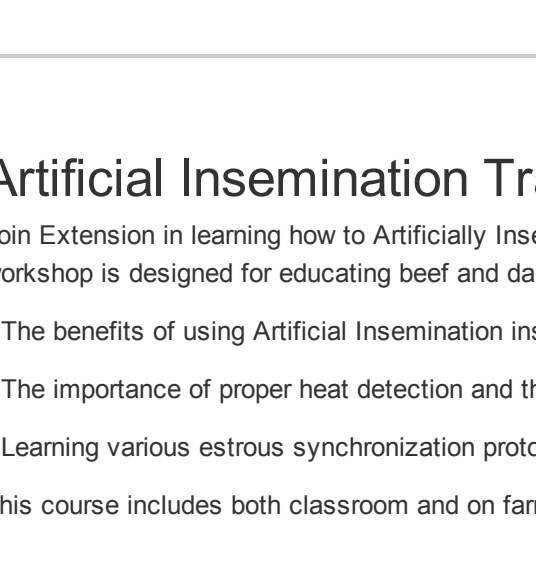
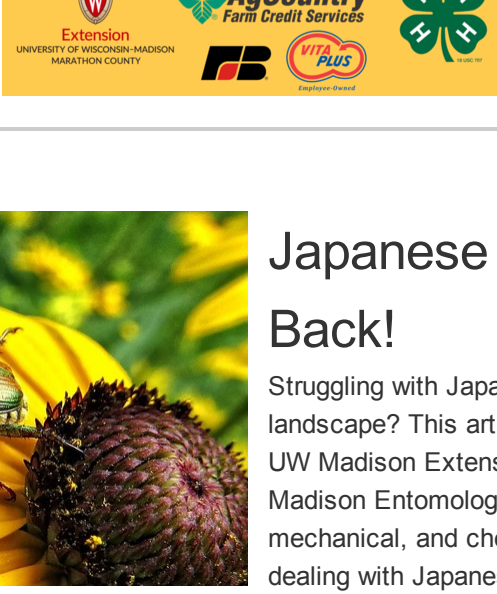
Marathon County 4-H News

This summer is flying by! Between camps, travel, foodie club, and summer school, we have not slowed down. Next up - the Wisconsin Valley Fair. Many of our 4-H members submit entries to the fair. Come check out the hard work they have put into them. Also - stop by our 4-H booth in the East Gate building. We will be doing craft projects for youth throughout the week. See you at the fair!

Want to know more about Marathon County 4-H? Check out our [2022 Summer Youth Programs](#) page. Want to see what we have been up to lately? Check out the [Extension website](#) to find our Bi-Weekly newsletters!

Grilled Cheese Competition

Marathon County Extension is hosted a grilled cheese competition at the Wisconsin Valley Fair! [Get registered today](#) to compete or stop down in the Wings building Friday, August 5th to cheer the competitors on.



Japanese Beetles are Back!

Struggling with Japanese beetles in the landscape? This article by By Vijai Pandian, UW Madison Extension and PJ Liesch, UW Madison Entomology gives effective cultural, mechanical, and chemical solutions when dealing with Japanese beetles.

<https://milwaukee.extension.wisc.edu/2019/07/22/how-to-deal-with-japanese-beetles/>

Artificial Insemination Training

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- The benefits of using Artificial Insemination instead of a bull.
- The importance of proper heat detection and the tools available to help you detect heat.
- Learning various estrous synchronization protocols to use in their herds.

This course includes both classroom and on farm activities.

NOTES & COMMENTS:

- You will be outside for part of this training please dress accordingly.
- Light snacks are provided during the in person training. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know at the time of registration.
- Please bring rubber washable boots and coveralls for use in the barn.

Instructors:

Heather Schlessner – Extension
Marathon County Agriculture Agent
Sandy Stuttmann – Extension Taylor County Agriculture Educator

Hotels in the Area:

Abby Inn
1201 East Spruce Street, Abbotsford, WI
855-516-1090

Rodeway Inn Abbotsford
300 East Elderberry Road, Colby, WI
715-223-3337

The Extension Marathon County website contains more information on this program and other programs that we offer.

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Extension would like to thank Bach Farms for the use of their facility and animals.

Artificial Insemination Training



WHEN AND WHERE

Online: Sept. 27 and 29, 7–9 pm

In person: Oct. 6, 4–6:30 pm and Oct 7, 9 am–Noon at Bach Farms W861 Co Rd A Dorchester, WI 54425

ENROLLMENT LIMITED TO FIRST 15 PAID REGISTRANTS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED WITH PAYMENT BY SEPT. 16TH, 2022

\$95/PERSON



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AGENDA SEPTEMBER 27 AND 29:

YouTube videos to be watched prior to these virtual meetings that are held over ZOOM

Current version of ZOOM (free version will work) needs to be installed on your computer or phone.

Welcomes and Announcements

Reproductive Anatomy and AI Technique

This section will quickly review the key components of the female reproductive tract. We will also discuss how to palpate, pass the cervix, and position the insemination rod for optimal fertility within the female reproductive tract.

Physiology and Estrous Synchronization Protocols

This section will cover the hormones involved in regulation of the estrous cycle, their function, and how we can manipulate them to time breeding.

Bull Selection

This section will explain how to read sire proofs, and discuss how each number in the sire proof is calculated.

Pregnancy Detection

This section will explain different methods of pregnancy detection.

AGENDA OCTOBER 6 AND 7:

AI Equipment and Heat Detection Aids

Explanation of equipment involved in storing and thawing semen, inseminating cows, and heat detection aids.

Reproductive Tracts, Semen Handling, and Practice with Cows

During this session, participants will work with reproductive tracts and practice handling and thawing semen and loading the insemination gun.

Practice with Cows

Students will be asked to demonstrate proper method of inseminating cows.

Written Exam

A brief written exam will be given and reviewed along with an examination of your ability to correctly thaw semen.

Please note: Attendance is required at all 4 sessions.

Artificial Insemination Training Registration

Fee: \$95 PER PERSON

Class Fee includes written training materials, instruction, and snacks both days.

Register online: go.wisc.edu/ai or return the form by **Sept 16**.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

PAYMENT:

Please make checks payable to **Extension MAIL TO:**

Attn: AI Program, Extension, 212 River Dr., Ste 3, Wausau, WI 54403

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DID YOU KNOW?

Extension-Marathon County colleagues submit a monthly report to the Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee regarding their efforts? You can access those reports via the [committee meeting archives](#).

EXTENSION WELLNESS SERIES

Classes are on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00am (virtual) or 3:00-4:00pm (in person)

In person class locations are listed in the monthly calendar.

Class Topics: 1st Tuesday: Financial; 2nd Tuesday: FoodWise; 3rd Tuesday: Gardening; 4th Tuesday: Mental Health

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Portage County Library; Stevens Point 4: New Year Financial Goal Setting 11: New Year's Resolutions 18: Intro to Gardening: Session 1 25: Emotional Awareness	McMillan Library; Wisconsin Rapids 1: Credit Report Versus Credit Score: What's the Difference? 8: Eating Healthy on a Budget 22: Intro to Gardening: Session 2	Everett Roehl Library; Marshfield 1: Credit Scores: Learn the Basics and How to Improve Them 8: What's on a Healthy Plate? 15: Intro to Gardening: Session 3 22: Everyday Mindfulness in Everyday Life
212 River Drive, Room 3; Wausau 5: Buried in Old Papers? Get Organized and Learn What to Keep and Toss 12: Low Cost and Tasty Whole Grains 18: Intro to Gardening: Session 4 26: Self Compassion and Acts of Kindness	Clark County Courthouse; Neillsville 3: Cutting Back & Keeping Up When Money is Tight 10: Super Snacks 17: Intro to Gardening: Session 5 24: Personal Strengths and Attainable Goals	Almond Municipal Center; Almond 7: Make A Spending Plan 14: What's in Your Drink? 21: Intro to Gardening: Session 6 28: What Brings You Joy?
Nekoosa Library; Nekoosa 5: Rent Smart: Protect Yourself, Tenant Rights 12: Smart Shopping for Fruits & Vegetables 19: Intro to Gardening: Session 7	Pittsville Library; Pittsville 2: Family \$ Meetings: Let's Talk 9: Smart Shopping for Fruits & Vegetables 16: Intro to Gardening: Session 8 23: Journaling Your Way to a Better You	Mosinee Library; Mosinee 6: Cutting Back on Energy Costs and Finding Ways to Save 13: Dairy for Strong Muscles & Bones 20: Intro to Gardening: Session 9 27: Develop Healthier Habits to a Healthier You
Loyal City Hall; Loyal 4: Identity Theft—What to Look For 11: Meal Planning 18: Intro to Gardening: Session 10 25: Take Better Care of ALL Aspects of Your Health - Body, Mind, and Spirit	Rosholt Library; Rosholt 1: Holidays on a Budget: Tips for Holiday Spending 8: Fun & Simple Meal Ideas 15: Intro to Gardening: Session 11 22: Respond Versus React to Life's Stressors	McMillan Library; Wisconsin Rapids 6: Tips to Increase Your Savings 13: Healthy Holidays 20: Intro to Gardening: Session 12

EVERY class you attend gives you an entry into the monthly drawing.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY 4:00 P.M. THE DAY PRIOR TO EACH CLASS.

REGISTER BY CALLING 715-421-8437 OR ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/EWS2022](https://bit.ly/EWS2022)



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Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response

Did you know that Marathon County Dairy Educator Heather Schlessner helps lead a training on what to do in livestock transportation emergency responses? Want to learn more? Sign up to get on the list of upcoming trainings. [For more questions, please email Heather Schlessner.](#)

PLANNING EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT RESPONSE (PELTR)



Who should take this course?

- This training is intended for first responders, including:
- Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement/State Patrol
- County Highway Department & Emergency Mgmt.
- Public Health and Safety Communicators
- Governmental Administrators
- Veterinarians
- Those experienced in handling livestock who may provide planning assistance.

Course Goals

Participants share the information with their organization/department's members to develop and improve their toolbox for responding to livestock transportation crashes. Topics covered include:

- Livestock behavior in times of stress
- Animal handling, movement, and containment
- Biosecurity issues
- Euthanasia of animals from trailers
- Euthanasia decision-making process
- Handling mortalities

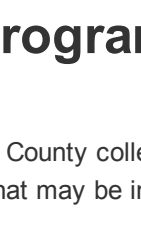
Cost: \$60

Self-paced virtual (UW-Madison Canvas) course with one-half day in-person session (includes light snacks). Registered participants will receive a hard copy manual.

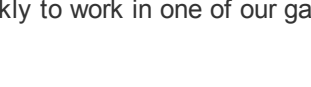
Educational Credits

Emergency response personnel will be awarded eight (8) hours continuing educational units (CEU) for participation in this program.

For information on upcoming PELTR classes, subscribe to tinyurl.com/peltr2022



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Upcoming Extension Programs

Below are some upcoming programs that Extension-Marathon County colleagues are helping to lead. Feel free to join the conversations or send to others that may be interested.

- **Wisconsin Valley Fair Booth** - Come check out what Extension all has to offer! We will have a booth of information in the Wings building at the Wisconsin Valley Fair. See you there!
- **Green Team** - This group of veterans meets weekly to work in one of our gardens. Contact [Janell Wehr](#) for more information.
- **FoodWise Healthy Eating Series** - This is a monthly lesson in nutrition with a short food demonstration. Income limits apply and registration is required. Please email [Gaonou Thao](#) for more information.
- **Artificial Insemination Training** - This is a four partial day training to educate beef and dairy producers about artificial insemination. This training will be held September 27 - October 9. Contact [Heather Schlessner](#) for more information.
- **Romaine Calm and Garden On** - This is a 12 session gardening series that started in March and continues through September 21. Classes are free but registration is required. It is recommended to register and attend all sessions, as the program builds on itself over time, but participants are also welcome to attend sessions as they are able. <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/2022/02/16/learn-to-garden/>

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