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THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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JOSHUA'S JOTTINGS

Hello Monroe County 4-H,

I have wanted to be a parent for a long time. We are now in our first summer of parenthood with a 5- and 10-year-old. I know you all knew this already, but it is overwhelming keeping up with all their summer plans. I am grateful to Dona for shouldering the brunt of it, but it is a heavy responsibility. We have a finite amount of time to take advantage of the good weather. We need to camp, swim, play sports, do fair, travel, see family, celebrate birthdays, weddings, eat popsicles, watch fireworks, and get bug bites. All in a couple of months. Okay – let's get to it.

Kidding. There is no way. How do we slow down and spread out some of these experiences? Do we have to commit to a sport all summer long, or can we just take advantage of a short 3-day workshop? Can we choose 3 celebrations to attend and just send a card to the others? I think this pandemic has shown us how we treat time. It showed us we can be selective with our time and gatherings. Now that we are gathering again, it's time to put that new lesson to practice. And yes, I understand this is why 4-H participation is probably down a little. But I'm okay with that.

I want families to be involved in 4-H not because they have to, not because it's always been this way, not because it's the thing to do. Do it because it's enriching, and exciting, challenging and comforting. Do it because you love it. And I'm going to be here working on ways to help kids grow and develop knowledge, passion, leadership, service and themselves. Watch for some more new things and continuation of things we love. Let me know what you love about 4-H and I'll try to beef that up, too!

Let's have a great memorable summer!

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Thank you to Emily Crook,
La Crosse County Positive Youth
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thoughts to kick start my Jottings.

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If you have ideas of things I should include in the September edition let me know, I would be happy to work to include those ideas.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Monthly 4-H Newsletter information is due on the **20th**.
- Please keep your mailing and email addresses current in 4-H Online.
- If you plan to un-enroll from 4-H, please contact the office so we can remove you from the system.
- Find a mistake? It is our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we occasionally include a few in this publication to meet this need. :)

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Calendar of Events

JULY

Mon., July 5, 2021

Independence Day, Office Closed



Wed., July 7, 2021

Wandering Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tues., July 13, 2021

Foods Revue, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WHERE: St. Pat's Church basement

Sat., July 17, 2021

Fair Clean Up, 9 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Tomah Fairgrounds

Wed. - Sun., July 21—25

Monroe County Fair

WHERE: Tomah Recreation Park

AUGUST

Thurs., Aug. 5, 2021

Summer Day Trip

WHERE: Platteville, Wisconsin

Thurs., Aug. 12, 2021

Clover Camp, 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Sparrows Nest at the Abbey

Tues.- Wed., Aug. 17-18, 2021

Outpost Camp, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHERE: Wildcat Mountain State Park



2020 - 2021 District Responsibilities

Northeast: Clovers & Cranberries; LaGrange Tunnel-Lites; Valle Ville

Clean food stand before Tractor Pull

Northwest: Denim n' Dust; Wayfinders

Clean food stand after Tractor Pull

Southwest: Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires

Clean food stand after County Fair Family Celebration

Southeast: Hill-N-Valley; Norwalk Clovers; Stepping Stones

Clean Exhibit Hall before County Fair

4-H Club News

Jolly Joiners

A meeting of the Jolly Joiners 4-H club was held on June 10th. Pledges were led by Claire. Roll call was taken by stating your most exciting summer plan. The secretary's report was read and approved with no additions or corrections. The Treasurer's report was approved as read with no additions or corrections.

Old Business:

Fair entries: All forms and the fair book are found online. Entries are due June 20th. Contact Annette with questions.

Fair boards: Our club theme will be "Future is in our hands." Fair boards work-night will be held on July 1st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you have any questions, ask Donna and Emma.

Check out the display at the IGA for June Dairy Month. A few members also had a table outside the IGA on June 12th handing out quizzes and dairy promotion items.

Our next meeting will be the after fair picnic on July 30th at 7:00 pm at the Cashton Park shelter. Audrey Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Evelyn Weber; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Adams

Pop Tab Collection Results

Congratulations Monroe County 4-H! We collected 213.20 pounds of tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. That roughly translates to 304,590 tabs, give or take a few. Looking into what RMHC does with our tabs is quite interesting. They are put on the supply truck to go back to regional offices. They are stored until the price of aluminum goes above a predetermined price, then the whole collection from however long they have been waiting goes to the recycling plant and the money from the recycling is given to the RMH associated with the area. They then provide a place to stay when families have children hospitalized.



The winning club is Leon Livewires by 6 pounds! They will receive McDonald's gift certificates for the club. Thank you to Jolly Joiners (72.8), Denim 'n Dust (14.2), and Norwalk Clovers (47.6). Start collecting your tabs for next year's contest!

Project News & Information

2022 Monroe County Calendar Photo Contest

We are collecting photo submissions for the 2022 Monroe County 4-H Calendar. Please follow these rules for submissions:

- * Each member may enter one photo in each Seasonal Category.
- * No photos of people.
- * Each youth is eligible to win one spot in the calendar.
- * Please have your photos submitted by Friday July 23, 2021.
- * Submit your photos here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bkIr7ROsD6dcDwW
- *The Photos will be crowd voted starting the week of July 26th.

Thank You!

Thanks to all the 4-H members who helped at the Dairy Breakfast. Although it was hot out, we had a great turnout and lots of fun. See below!



Clothing Preview

Congratulations to the eight participants in this year's Clothing Preview. Watch for them at the Style Show at the Fair on Sunday, July 25th beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Tractor Safety

We had 26 participants this year.



3rd-6th Grade

4-H Junior Road Trip

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Extension Office to leave by 8 a.m. and return around 4 p.m.

We are road tripping down to Platteville, WI to visit the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums and tour the 1845 Bevans Lead-Zinc Mine, and the UW Platteville Pioneer Farm.

Masks may be required for some parts of the experience.

Cost: \$15 includes lunch and admission to the museum

Please sign up by July 16th at the following link
<https://forms.gle/DkDdPM5tTwcuPvpD7>



2021 Outpost 4-H Camp

Monroe County 4-H will host a fun-filled outdoor camp!

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Tues., August 17 @ 9 a.m.

Wed., August 18 @ 3 p.m.

Grades 6-8



Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/yamLevfGxa79EmmW8>

4-H Member \$40

County Youth \$50



Activities to include:
canoeing on the Kickapoo River from Ontario to Wildcat, fire building & safety, hiking, survival skills, tent camping, and field games



Registration due July 16





4-H FOOD STAND FOR FAIR !!

The Food Stand will be open during the Monroe County Fair. Families should have received an email on Monday, June 28th with details on the Food Stand for 2021.

There will be fewer people in the Food Stand during operations. This will keep us all a little busier but will allow for spacing. We will be wearing face shields which will allow for air flow around the face but keep breathing off the food. We will have an ordering area and use the window for pick up. We will also be running a shorter menu to be able to support a smaller staff. All items will be able to be ordered individually so customers can eat what they want.

Thanks to Premier Crop Insurance Agent Jenny Kilpatrick our beloved shake machine worked great at the Tractor Pull. I am sure it will get a work out at the Fair as well.

Shifts, though fewer, will still be first come first served through Signup Genius. Club requirements are based on enrollment as of Monday, May 24th.

Registration will open at 5 p.m. on July 1st.

Required Club Shifts			
Club	# of members	% of the county	Shifts for fair
Clovers & Cranberries	14	7%	10
Denim 'n Dust	16	8%	12
Hill-N-Valley	17	8%	12
Jolly Joiners	23	11%	17
LaGrange Tunnel-Lites	40	19%	29
Leon Livewires	45	21%	32
Norwalk Clovers	25	12%	18
Stepping Stones	5	3%	5
Valle Ville	14	7%	10
Wayfinders	6	3%	5



CLOVER CAMP

August 12

Sparrows Nest at the Abbey

8-8:30 a.m. registration,
3:30 p.m. pick up

Come join the Jr. Leaders for a fun filled day of crafts, games, hiking and many more fun activities! Anyone in Grades K - 2 are welcome. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Cost is \$15 per participant. Please register at <https://forms.gle/PVnYd6wNQnqr7SZ8>

Deadline is August 6th.



MEMBER'S APPLICATION FOR COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

Name _____ Club _____

To be completed by the member with his/her record book. **Place in inside front cover pocket.**

Circle One (Grade in previous school year): Jr. (3-5) Inter. (6-8) Sr. (9+)

On lines 1-3 please list the 3 projects that are being submitted for scoring and record book placement. For the projects on the lines marked "D" you will receive a disk only.

1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
D _____	D _____	D _____
D _____	D _____	D _____

_____ I need a new plaque, my current plaque is full. From 2021 forward, there will only be one color plaque.

_____ I am applying for an OVERALL RECORD BOOK AWARD. This award is calculated using projects on lines 1-3 above.

Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Record Books 2021



DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-13-2021

*your club leader may have an earlier deadline.

It is that time to get in gear with your record books. You may not have worked on all of your projects or you may not have had a chance to get the lessons you were planning, but you did do things this year.

The record book is a picture of your 4-H year. It is probably going to be shorter, maybe less projects, but this year deserves to be recorded to show how you overcame the adversities.

The leaders know this was a hard year. A new record plan was approved at the April Leader's meeting. There will be a few changes to what is scored in the book to make it easier and hopefully more fair.

- Each member is asked to report on three projects. These projects will be scored. You may submit more project forms than is required, the extra projects will be rewarded with a project disk.
- Activity Summaries are required. There will be three for all members. Your age will be taken into consideration when scoring these. There are more options to display your learning from our events.
- Hour Tracker: Will be part of each project that you submit. Some projects will have a project completion certificate that you can use in place of the hour tracker.
- There will be a new award for 3rd—8th grade members. A 4-H "Savings Account" will be established for each successful record book. A deposit of \$50 will be added. This money can be used for 4-H events throughout your 4-H career.

Remember that record books are ultimately for you to use as a record of your involvement in 4-H. What you write may help in filling out college forms, or applying for scholarships and jobs, let alone reminiscing when you are an adult.

Find the forms and instructions at: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>

Treasurer & Secretary Books

DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-13-2021

Each year the Treasurer and Secretary for each chartered club and group in 4-H is required to turn in a collection of reports and information. These documents are used to help in Monroe County's Charting process. The process by which clubs have permission to function as 4-H. So they are important!

We know 4-H has been anything but normal and may not have been in the forefront of your daily life as you adjusted to survive the pandemic. That is ok. Please do your best on these reports. They will be used strictly for their administrative purpose. All forms can be found at: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>

Here is a list of what goes in each book:

Secretary:

1. Club Evaluation Form- updated online
2. Monthly Club Meeting Minutes- Please list months where no meeting was held
3. Club Activities – Clubs should have been able to do 2 activities this year.
4. Club Attendance Record – Write “NM” in the date if the club didn't meet.
5. Club Directory - I am mailing all leaders 2 copies of this report.

Treasurer:

1. Monthly Treasurer's Reports - Please list months when no meeting was held.
2. Receipts – attached to sheets
3. Deposits – attached to sheets
4. Bank Statements – July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 from all banks and accounts
5. Ledger – can be hand written, spreadsheet or copies of checkbook

If you have trouble completing your officer's book please let your club leader know or contact Joshua, call 608-269-8722 email joshua.goede@wisc.edu

Keeping Your Kids Busy During Unstructured Time in the Summer

Summer is meant to be a fun break from the rigidity of the school year, but that doesn't mean sleeping until noon every day and spending hours in front of a screen. Summer fun for teens and tweens can be found in challenging, meaningful experiences. Before planning “productive” activities for your kids, keep in mind they need to feel like it's their plan and not told what to do and when to do it. Letting them plan their summer based on their personal interests and goals may be just the thing to get them motivated.



Make time to sit down together with a calendar letting them choose from a list of prescreened activities while staying open to their suggestions. Fill in the big events of summer first like family vacations, reunions, or sports camps, and then brainstorm together to fill in the blanks. Be sure to leave plenty of room for down time and hanging out with family and friends—resist the urge to overschedule summer! Also, having a daily adaptable schedule you can both live with is helpful - there's nothing worse than having the same “discussion” repeatedly about how they're sleeping in too late, or failing to help with family chores.



If you would like more information on how to keep your kids busy during the summer go to www.gundersenhealth.org/eap.



Exploring 4-H for New Families

Adult Edition



Volunteering: How Can You Help?



Credit: Ben Hoppe

Volunteers are a huge part of the success of 4-H and help make 4-H possible. 4-H volunteers can serve as club leaders, project leaders, chaperones, and other roles. While the experience level of volunteers varies, our volunteers have one thing in common: wanting to make a positive difference in the lives of young people. In addition to making a positive impact with youth, 4-H volunteers gain important life skills of their own and also impact the communities in which they volunteer.

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

To ensure volunteers in the 4-H program are prepared and to protect the safety and best interests of 4-H members, all 4-H volunteers who are 18 years of age and older who are no longer members go through a process which includes:

1. Participate in training to help you serve in your role. This training is called Volunteers in Preparation,
2. Have a background check.
3. Agree to conduct yourself in a way that positively represents 4-H.
4. Learn how to keep our youth safe by taking a Mandated Reporter Training.



Credit: Eva Terry

To get started on your volunteer journey, contact your local 4-H educator.

Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Roles

There are many ways to volunteer in 4-H. All volunteers work with youth and adult volunteers to offer a positive youth development experience for youth. Wisconsin's 4-H program has six main roles for volunteers.

- Activity/Event Volunteers lead or organize a 4-H activity or event.
- Adult Advisor/Chaperones work with 4-H educators to chaperone a 4-H educational experience.
- Club Enrollment Coordinator leads and supports enrollment in a club or group.
- Club Leader provides leadership for a club or group organization.
- Committee Volunteers help lead or participate as a member of a committee.
- Project Leaders provide leadership and organization to a group learning about a specific topic.

There may be additional trainings to volunteer in some of these roles, for example a WI 4-H Shooting Sports Leader

Can I help without volunteering?

Not everyone feels ready to become a 4-H volunteer. Check in with your club leader or local 4-H educator to find out other ways you can still make an impact on the program without serving 4-H in an official capacity. This might mean providing no-contact support in a warm welcoming way such as bringing a healthy snack, set up and clean up, etc. Any help you give makes the experience more positive for everyone.



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Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)



Exploring 4-H for New Families Member Edition



Helping Hands

The 4-H pledge talks about using your hands for larger service. Not only can you use your hands to help your club through leadership and teaching, but you can use your hands to help your community too! 4-H members are known for helping their community through service. Plan your own community service project by answering the questions below!

Who needs (or would benefit from) help?

Choose an organization (example: animal shelter or food pantry), group of people (people who are elderly), or a person who you'd like to help (a neighbor).

How can I help?

List skills (example: art or building), interests (being outside), or abilities (talking to other people) that you want to use to make a difference.

What tasks need to get done?

Match the “how” with the “who”! Write what you need to do to complete your project and the supplies you’ll need to accomplish it. (Example: If you are creating cards for people in a senior living facility, you will need to contact the facility, gather writing supplies, create the cards, and deliver the cards.)

How did it go?

After you’ve done your community service project, reflect on how things went and how you might do things differently if you did it again. What went well? What could be better?

Almost every club does a community service project. At your next club meeting, ask a club officer or your club leader what project your club is doing this year!

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Monroe County Fair News

Animal ID & Medical Forms

Please fill out this form completely for all animals! You will **NOT** be able to unload without giving this form to fair officials. **One form must accompany each load of animals. \$5 per form if not supplied.

ANIMAL EXCEPTIONS: Rabbits, Cats, Dogs - NO other exceptions!

Form can be found at:
<http://www.monroecountyfairwi.com/pdfs/2021/2021AnimalHealthReportForm.pdf>



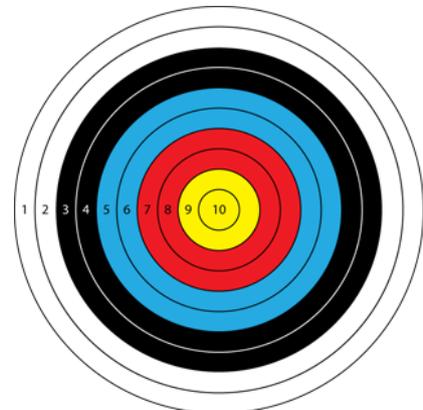
Remember: All animal exhibitors are expected to help with at least 1 fair clean-up .

Clean-up schedule:

- Saturday, July 17, 2021, 9 a.m. to Noon
- August date to be determined

Pullorum Testing Required for 2021 Fair

Anyone bringing poultry to the fair this year will need to have a pullorum test done. Doreen Wruck will be doing pullorum testing on July 17, 2021 from 9 a.m. to noon during the fairgrounds clean up day.



Shooting Sports

Remember to attend the Archery/Air Rifle Fair Shoot on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at the Tomah Recreation Park from 1 to 4 p.m.

