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THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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THIS-N-THAT

Hello Monroe County 4-H,

The holiday decorations have been put away and the stores have quickly converted everything to President's Day and Valentine's Day. The snow (or rain!) and the cold have stayed, but we are seeing a bit more daylight every day as we inch closer to spring.

Our December Project Day was a great success! I received a lot of good feedback from the sessions. Check out some of the pictures on Page 5. Special thanks to Bobbi Paulson who coordinated the event and all the teachers who spent time making this day a success.

Coming up this month the Jr. Leaders have their Overnight on February 17th at The Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey and the next day our youth in Grades 1-3 have Clover College from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hurry, deadline to register for Clover College is February 10th.

Remember to sign up for the Festival of Arts on March 4th at Meadowview Middle School. This is a great opportunity to showcase your skills and talents. You'll find all the details on Pages 7-10.

We've posted our 4-H Educator position again and the deadline to apply is January 26, 2023. This will take our interviews into February and maybe by March we'll have an Educator in place.

Happy Valentines Day!

Vicky Kast

Vicky Kast
Administrative Associate



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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.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Tues., Feb. 14, 2023
Valentine's Day



Fri., Feb. 17, 2023

Jr. Leaders Overnight

WHERE: The Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey

Sat., Feb. 18, 2023

Clover College

WHERE: The Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey

Sat., Feb. 18, 2023

Beef Weigh-In, 9 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Sparta Equity, 6089 State Hwy 16

Mon., Feb. 20, 2023

4-H Executive Board meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center

MARCH

Wed., March 1, 2023

Market Beef ID Forms due, 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Extension Office or online

Sat., March 4, 2023

Festival of Arts

WHERE: Meadowview Middle School

2022 - 2023 District Responsibilities

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

Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull

Southwest: Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires, Sparta Sprockets

Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull

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

Family Celebration

Clean Food Stand After Fair

Northwest: Denim N' Dust; Dragonflies, Way Finders

Festival of Arts

Clean Exhibit Hall Before County Fair

4-H Club News

Jolly Joiners

The Jolly Joiners' monthly meeting in the Cashton High School cafeteria started January 8th on a perfect fresh and cold day for going to the club's annual winter outing. Therefore, there was an impatience in the air to be done with the meeting itself. The club president called the meeting to order. Pledges were led. The secretary's and the treasurer's reports were approved of as read with no additions or corrections.

New business was discussed. And in new business the club discussed the upcoming Festival of Arts, which is where 4H club members can share their projects and talents. Some of the older members encouraged the younger members to participate. Next, the club discussed their community dinner. They decided to do the community dinner again this year because it shows the people who helped the club members that their help was appreciated. The date will be sometime after mid-March, to be decided. The club also discussed some crafts that members are going to be doing: ceramics in February, floral arrangements in March, and woodworking in April.

The meeting was then adjourned. And after the meeting members enjoyed some delicious bars and milk from the meeting's host. Then, with the bars and milk having been eaten, the club members finally headed to Mt. La Crosse.

There, they had a fantastic time. The most common hill used by the club members was Applebottom. A few daring club members, including this club reporter, even went down the expert-only hills. (The club reporter almost killed himself, but thankfully no one died.) Then everyone went home feeling proud, happy, and sore. The next meeting date is February 5th at 3 pm, with ceramics at 1 pm before the meeting.

Submitted by Cyprian Klein



Project News & Information

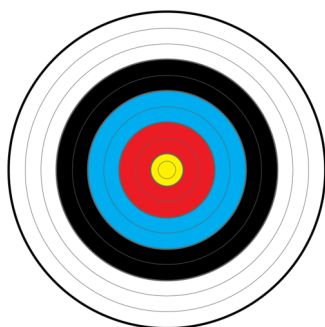
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Clover College will be on Saturday, February 18th, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey. Youth in Grades 1-3 are invited to come join in the fun! There will be crafts, science lessons and yummy treats.

You can register by going to: <https://forms.gle/VGFFTTrQ2sGqGvka8> Fee is only \$15 per child, maximum of \$30 per family. Make check payable to: Monroe Co. 4-H Jr. Leaders and mail to the Extension office.

Deadline to register is February 10th.

Come join the fun at Clover College!



Shooting Sports - Air Rifle

An air rifle program is scheduled for Monday nights in February. It will start with a safety meeting on Feb. 6th that everyone must attend. Letters and emails have been sent to youth who signed up for Air Rifle.

Per State policy, we need certified leaders at each session, or the sessions will be canceled. You will not be training the youth, just supervising. If you are an adult leader who has completed the VIP training, please sign up to supervise. There are opportunities to sign up for VIP trainings in the article below.

Register for the air rifle program OR to supervise at: <https://forms.gle/hefesXmTkQChwnaE6>



**Volunteers
Needed**

Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Training

Our State 4-H Volunteer Specialist, Dawn Vandevort, is offering more VIP trainings online in February. Sessions fill up fast!

February 8 -- 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

February 21 -- 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

February 24 -- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/8spr49v> as soon as you decide on a date. They fill up fast. If you don't see a date listed, the session is full. Once you sign up, you will receive the Zoom link to be able to participate.

Project News & Information

Save these Dates!

- > **Camp Counselor Application**
Due April 1, 2023
<https://forms.gle/VY5912MoUZCPWd3c8>
- > **Fur, Fin & Feather!**
April 29, 2023 at the Barney Center
- > **Area 13 Camp at Upham Woods**
June 11-13, 2023
- > **Camp Counselor Training**
May 6, 2023, Location TBD

Beef Weigh-In

There will be a beef weigh-in on Feb. 18th at Equity, 6089 State Hwy 16, Sparta, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Snow date will be Feb. 19th at Equity from 9 a.m. to Noon.



Market Beef ID Forms

Beef IDs are due at the UW Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. This can be done at the Beef Weigh-In on February 18th at Equity or information about online entry is available at [Meat Animal ID – Extension Monroe County \(wisc.edu\)](https://wisc.edu/extension/monroe-county)

Happy Valentine's Day!



Jr. Livestock News

The start times of the meetings were voted on at the last meeting and changed to a 7 p.m. start time for future meetings. Also, they are selling the scales. If you are interested, please bring a sealed bid to the next meeting. Small scale bidding starts at \$300 and large scale at \$500. Highest bid will take the scales.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The John and Isabelle Ames family announces a scholarship opportunity – a \$750 award established in memory of John and Isabelle Ames of Ames-Way Holsteins of Darien, Wisconsin. The scholarship is awarded annually to a college sophomore or junior with current or recent involvement in 4-H, FFA, or the Registered Holstein Industry who is seeking a four-year degree in any field.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames were avid supporters of education. All nine of their children received a college degree which was a source of pride for them. Academic success, need, community and school involvement, and future plans and goals will all be considered when selecting a recipient. Evidence of a student's personal contribution toward financing his/her education is also important. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment toward completion of a degree.

Application deadline – postmarked by March 1, 2023 or received by email by midnight on 3/1/2023.

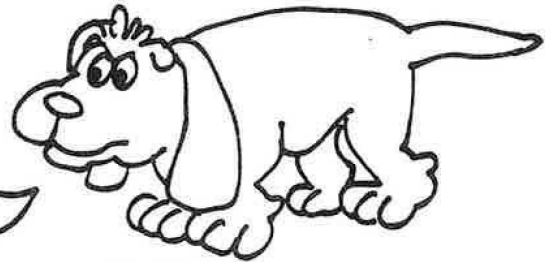
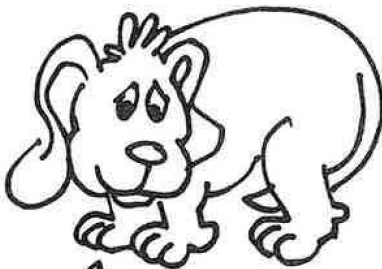


SUPER FUN PROJECT DAY!



Say WHAT?

What is each puppy trying to tell you?
Write your answers in the bubbles.


Monroe County 4-H Festival of Arts

March 4, 2023 Meadowview Middle School

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US TO SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS AND SKILLS

PURPOSE of the 4-H Festival of Arts is to provide the opportunity:

- For 4-H members and Cloverbuds to share their skills and talents with others.
- For 4-H members and Cloverbuds to further develop their skills in communicating through the arts with constructive feedback on their efforts.
- To share with the public the Arts and Communication Projects of the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program.
- To discover additional arts ideas from others in the area.
- To observe and support others as they perform or display their talents.

Area of entry include:

- **COMMUNICATION ARTS**
 - Memorized Selection
 - Story Telling
 - Play Reading
 - Original Speech
 - Prose Reading
 - Poetry Reading
- **ARTS AND CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, MARKETING**
 - Registrations should be sent directly to Club Leader
- **DEMONSTRATION, ILLUSTRATED TALK, ACTION CENTER**
 - Individual
 - Team
- **MUSIC**
 - Solo
 - Duet
 - Group
- **DRAMA**
 - Group Drama
 - Group Play Reading
 - Mini-Drama



Register by going to:

<https://forms.gle/vftkGwATvQ2f2Pgy5>

Remember to contact your Club Leader if you plan to exhibit any Arts & Crafts items so they can reserve enough display space. **Deadline to register is Feb. 25.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL AREAS

1. Participants will introduce themselves to the judges before performing. Include your name, age or grade, name of 4-H club, title of performance. You may include an interesting fact, or something unique about your performance.
2. Throughout the program, participants and others will not leave or enter the breakout room while a group or individual is performing.
3. Please respect the time guidelines in each category.
4. Please respect the scheduled performance times. Groups are expected to perform at scheduled times.
5. All festival participants must be enrolled 4-H members.
6. All participants will be awarded a ribbon.
7. Merit winners will receive a merit ribbon. Merit awards will be based on quality of the performance/exhibit and age of participant. Only those who follow the guidelines will be eligible for merit awards.
8. When selecting material for presentations, please keep in mind that 4-H is a family organization. Presentations should be appropriate for audiences of all ages.
9. Performances will take place on the stage. Performers will use a microphone. The following will be available for use: piano, music stand, chair(s), sound system, demonstration table with mirror.

COMMUNICATION ARTS



Description - The following categories must have 1 or 2 readers.

Memorized Selection: Prose, poetry or any other piece; must be memorized. No notes allowed.

Prose-reading: include stories, narratives, anything not written as a poem; should be presented as a reading. No props.

Poetry-reading: may be original poem or a selection written by someone else, either in verse form or open-ended; should be presented as a reading. No props.

Original Speeches: A speech written by the speaker on any subject, preferably one pertaining to his/her 4-H project work. Notes permitted.

Storytelling: Original or from a book, told as if to younger children. No poetry allowed. Presented without using a book or notes; costumes or props are encouraged, and facial expression and gestures are allowed.

Play Reading: 1 or 2 readers are to make their selection "come alive" without the use of costumes and props. Hand movements and facial expressions acceptable; movement around stage unacceptable. A play reading should be presented as a reading.

Time Guidelines - Maximum time for above categories: 5 minutes.

DEMONSTRATIONS, ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Description - May be individual or in teams.

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks: either teach someone how or show and tell how to do something.

- Consists of 4 parts - a) introduction, b) body, c) conclusion, and d) questions from audience.
- Visuals such as maps, charts, posters, graphs, pictures, slides or models can be used to explain what you're saying.

Action Center (informal): a show and tell with an emphasis on showing.

- Presenter(s) carry on conversation with passersby (no seated audience)
- People watching take part by - a) watching and listening, b) talking with demonstrator, c) trying things with senses, d) judging things, e) asking questions
- Handouts may be used (instructions, directions, recipes)
- Posters or pictures can be used to show key steps or to show a close-up view.

Time Guidelines: 15 minute maximum for demonstrations; b) 15-30 minutes for action center.



MUSIC: SOLO, DUET and GROUP



Description

- Define Group - 3 or more members.
- Categories include instrumental, vocal, dance or novelty (e.g. variety, lip sync).
- Lip sync will be judged separately from dance, vocal, etc.
- If media accompaniments are used, only instrumental accompaniment media are permitted. Vocal media will be allowed for lip sync or dance numbers only.
- No open flames, hay straw, cornstalks, shavings or sawdust may be used.
- No directing is permitted from the audience or in front of the stage.

Time Guidelines - The maximum performance time limit is 12 minutes. Clock starts at beginning of performance. No minimum time limit.

GROUP DRAMA

Description - Groups must consist of three or more members.

- One Act Play, commercial or original drama.
- No open flames, hay straw, cornstalks, shavings or sawdust may be used.
- No directing is permitted from the audience or in front of the stage.



Time Guidelines - The maximum performance time limit is 30 minutes: opening curtain to final curtain. No minimum time limits.

GROUP MINI-DRAMA

Description - Groups must consist of three or more members.

- Produced with minimal props (no special lighting, hay, straw, candles or open flames) and costumes, they may be performed in a classroom. Examples include skits, puppetry, or creative dramatics.

Time Guidelines - A maximum time limit of 15 minutes, including set-up and take down.

GROUP PLAY READING

Description - Groups must consist of three or more members.

- Readers are to make their selection “come alive” without the use of costumes and props.
- Hand movements and facial expressions are acceptable. Movement around the performance area is not acceptable.
- Presented without a microphone or artificial devices.
- Scripts are to be used.

Time Guidelines - Maximum time limit of 12 minutes.



ARTS & CRAFTS



Description - Youth may bring a maximum of 4 items to display and discuss.

- Entry Labeling - All Art & Craft items must have a 3" x 5" index card listing: name, club, grade, date completed, and a title. Writing must be legible or deduction to placing may occur. Attach cards securely on the front of the exhibit in such a way that it is easily read and minimizes distracting from or covering the appearance of the article.
- Please call Club Leader to reserve space for exhibits. Club Leaders are responsible to reserve space for the entire club.
- Any article that has been made after April 1 of the previous year will be accepted.
- All articles will be judged by face-to-face judging. Items will be released after the awards program. Exhibitors are responsible for the removal of their exhibits.
- Evaluation - Articles will be evaluated on quality of exhibit, age of participant and answers to interview questions. Evaluation criteria include: 1) originality / creativity, 2) neatness, 3) artistic merit, and 4) appropriate finishing.

If a youth is unable to make it to the Festival of Arts they will be required to write a statement answering the 5 or 6 questions listed in the Face to Face Judging Guidelines and attach it to the exhibit.

MARKETING



- Entry Labeling - All Marketing items must have a 3" x 5" index card listing: name, club, grade, date completed, and a title. Also, describe how the marketing item is used. Writing must be legible or deduction to placing may occur. Attach cards securely on the front of the exhibit in such a way that it is easily read and minimizes distracting from or covering the appearance of the article.
- Description - All items submitted will be displayed together. Any item is acceptable that can be used for promotion of 4-H. All entries must have at least one green clover with the four H's. Examples would include posters, placemats, tabletop design, sweatshirts, etc. that promote 4-H visually.

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PHOTOGRAPHY



- Entry Labeling - All photographs must have a 3" x 5" index card listing: name, club, grade, category, and title of photo. Writing must be legible or deduction to placing may occur. Attach cards securely on the front of the exhibit in such a way that it is easily read and minimizes distracting from or covering the photo.
- Description - All photos must be 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 only.
- All photos must be mounted on an 8 x 9 or a 9 x 8 tag board ONLY. Vertical photos will be mounted on the left side, leaving room for the entry tag, and horizontal photos will be mounted on the top. See diagram.
- Photos may be color or black & white, standard or digital, and any appropriate subject.
- Categories include: Animals, People, Still Life, Scenes, Flowers & Plants
- Quotas / Entry Requirements - Limit of two (2) photos per category per exhibitor, with a limit of eight (8) total entries.
- All photos will be judged face-to-face. Items will be released after the awards program. Exhibitors are responsible for the removal of their exhibits.

