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THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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SPRINGING FORWARD

Hello Monroe County 4-H,

As I am writing this, we are waiting for all the snow to fall and wondering how much we are going to get. I guess Jimmy the Groundhog was right when he said we were going to have six more weeks of winter!

Springing ahead to our other events, I want to stress the importance of signing up right away for activities you want to attend. These sign ups are very important. We use them to order materials, food, plan the project, and to know how many adult volunteers we need to help. We recently canceled an event because we only had two RSVP. After the cancelation was posted, we received calls that members were planning on coming. The program was back on and everyone had fun! In the future, we would appreciate it if you could help us and sign up right away, and attend the activities you sign up for (unless you're sick of course, or have an emergency). Thank you !

Awesome communication arts and music performances, as well as arts & crafts, will be at the Festival of Arts on March 4th at Meadowview Middle School. If you're not participating, I urge you to come and see all the great talented kids we have in our

County. We are also looking for some youth, grades 7+, to help with this event. Duties include assisting the judge, being an emcee, helping set up stage performances, etc. If you are interested, contact the office and let us know.

Interviews have been done for our 4-H Educator and we are anxiously waiting to hear the news!

. . . oh, and remember to spring forward on the 12th.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Vicky Kast

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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

MARCH

Wed., March 1, 2023

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

WHERE: Online <https://forms.gle/3sevBM4ezbQMH5VL6>

Sat., March 4, 2023

Festival of Arts

WHERE: Meadowview Middle School

Fri., March 17, 2023

St. Patrick's Day



Mon., March 20, 2023

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

WHERE: Leon Community Center

APRIL

Sat., April 1, 2023

Camp Counselor Application due

<https://forms.gle/VY5912MoUZCPWd3c8>

Mon., April 17, 2023

4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: TBD

Sat., April 29, 2023

Fur, Fin & Feather Show

WHERE: Sparta Barney Center

2022 - 2023 District Responsibilities

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

Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull

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

Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull

Southwest: Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires, Sparta Sprockets

Clean Exhibit Hall Before Fair

Northwest: Denim N' Dust; Dragonflies, Way Finders

Family Celebration

Clean Food Stand After County Fair



4-H Club News

Jolly Joiners

On Feb. 5th the Jolly Joiners met for their monthly meeting and craft day at the Cashton high school at 1 p.m. The craft that the club did was painting ceramics. Thank you to Kathy Grabitzke for teaching and leading the ceramics activity. Many of us had a fun time doing ceramics, and the club might do it again next year.

Afterwards at 3 p.m. the club president called to order the monthly meeting. Roll call was taken with some funny responses to stating something red or pink. In new business the club also discussed the Festival of Arts, which will be held on March 4th in Sparta at Meadowview. The high school concession stand overall has gone well, with only a few hiccups. Also, the chocolate milk promotion has been extremely successful. The club has given away loads of chocolate milk to multiple Cashton high school athletic teams, including the basketball and wrestling teams after their games. This wonderful promotion is made possible by the Dairy Farmers of America and our club.

In new business members are still deciding on an activity to do with their 4-H grandparents; bowling was discussed as an option. Also, there is still a chance for those who missed ordering a t-shirt to do so.

The meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed a delicious snack from the host family. The next meeting date is March 5th, at 3 p.m. Beforehand the club will be making floral arrangements.

After the February meeting many of the 4-H members went home with a wonderful project that they may be able to show later at the Monroe County Fair.

Submitted by Cyprian Klein



District Representatives and Executive Board Members

Elections were held on January 16th at the 4-H Leaders Association Meeting. Below are the results. Thank you for volunteering for these important positions. Congratulations to all!

President: Bobbi Paulson (2023-2025)

Secretary: Kari McKenna (2023-2025)

NE District Rep: Kim Greeno (2023-2025)

SE District Rep: Jeannine Ottum (2023-2025)

Project News & Information



Area 13 Summer Camp

June 11th—13th, 2023
Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

4-H youth and community members in grades 3-8 during the 2022-2023 school year are invited to come to cabin camp! Activities such as swimming, boating, crafts, games, adventure trail, and campfires are all part of the experience. Cost is generally around \$200 for 4-H members and \$225 for community campers. Cost will be confirmed closer to the date with registration. (A portion of the cost may be funded by sponsorship from 4-H Leaders Association pending eligibility).

Camp counselors and chaperones are needed to make this opportunity available for our members. Youth in grades 9-13 can be counselors, and adults 21+ can be chaperones. You will gain incredible leadership experience while having a great time making memories at camp! Training date is May 6th. Application deadline is April 1st for counselors.

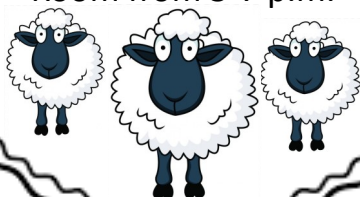
Counselor Application: <https://forms.gle/VY5912MoUZCPWd3c8>

Chaperone Application: <https://forms.gle/dhXcvhDu8iHRAiPKA>



Sheep Weigh-In

There will be a sheep weigh-in on May 10 in the Cashton Ag Room from 5-7 p.m.



Jr. Livestock Committee Meetings

- ♦ April 11, 2023, 7 p.m., Brookwood High School
- ♦ June 13, 2023, 7 p.m., Tomah High School
- ♦ Sept. 12, 2023, 7 p.m., Cashton High School

****Market goats, lambs and swine IDs are due online by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023****



This small animal show will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Sparta Barney Community Center and is open to all youth in grades 3-13. There are some classes available for K-2nd. The show gives our youth the opportunity to show their rabbits, poultry, cats and small pets with face-to-face judging. They receive pointers and learn hands-on about their animal and how to improve when showing at the fair. In addition to the animals, there will also be a poster and an animal photography show. Join us for educational sessions, a poster exhibition, and raffle. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Entry forms for the show and show bill can be found at: <https://vern.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/Fur-Fin-Feather-Show-Bill.pdf> Deadline to register for the show is April 21, 2023.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

> Western Wisconsin Beef Producers

Scholarship - Applications are due April 1, 2023. The \$300 scholarship is available to any graduating high school senior attending or planning to attend a College, Vocational School, Technical School, Agriculture Short Course, or any other institution of higher learning. For an application, go to: https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/WWBP-Scholarship-Form_2023.pdf

> Monroe County Farm Progress Days -

Applications are due April 1, 2023. The \$250 scholarship is available to a high school senior living in Monroe County or have lived in Monroe County at the time of graduation from high school. Must be enrolled in a post high school agricultural short course or vocational-technical college program that will not result in a baccalaureate degree. Must be under 23 years of age as of January 1st of the application year. For an application, go to: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/02/2022-monroe-county-farm-progress-days-scholarship-application.pdf>

> **WI Towns Association** - Applications are due May 26, 2023. The \$1,000 scholarship is available to students who are graduating from a Wisconsin public or private high school and will be attending a Wisconsin public or private college or university in the fall of that year. Proof of enrollment in college is required. Details and application are found at: <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



**Volunteers
Needed**

Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Training

Our State 4-H Volunteer Specialist, Dawn Vandevort, is offering more VIP trainings online in March. ***This may be one of the last chances to get it done—sign up NOW!***

March 2 - - 6:30—8 p.m.

March 14 - - 6:30—8 p.m.

March 19 - - 6:30—8 p.m.

March 20 - - 6:30—8 p.m.

March 22 - - 6:30—8 p.m.

Please register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/8pr49v> 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.



**Fair Dates
July 26 - 30, 2023**



Statewide Educational Experiences Scholarships

Thanks to generous support from the 4-H Foundation, a pool of funds for youth to participate in Statewide Educational Experiences is available. This money will be given out as needs-based scholarships for youth to participate in a variety of programs including travel, leadership, arts, and animal science opportunities. This funding is separate from any County scholarship that they may apply for, and any youth who is participating in a Statewide Educational Experience may apply. You can find full information on the scholarship along with the form for youth to apply on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/statewide-scholarships/>.

If you are on the fence about registering for an event because of financial need, this may be for you! Scholarships that are awarded from this fund will directly reduce the cost of the registration fee for youth. For example, if someone owes \$350 to participate in Summer Academy and is awarded a \$100 scholarship from this fund, the invoice for that youth will reflect that and their amount owed will be reduced to \$250.



**March 25, 2023
10 a.m. to noon**

Norwalk Village Hall, 208 S.
Church Street, Norwalk

All 4-H members are welcome to come to our Spring Plant Day! Spring is just around the corner and it's time to think about starting your seeds indoors. **Cost is only \$3.** A variety of seeds will be available to choose, 4-pack containers and soil will be supplied.

This session will also address starting houseplants and repotting houseplants. A variety of plants will be on hand to work with and take home. Plastic 4" pots will be available, but if you have a 4" pot at home that you like, feel free to bring it with you. If you have a houseplant that needs repotting, bring it along, we can help!

If you have questions, please contact Barb Ornes at 608-797-7873 or barbornes@gmail.com.

Register by going to <https://forms.gle/Qi1Dzh3Qu1C6ujUk8> by March 20th. Event will be canceled if we have less than 5 participants.



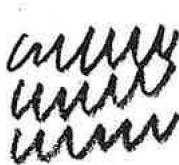
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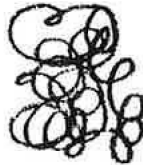
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Short stroke



Squibble



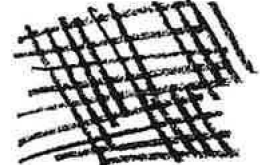
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cross hatching

