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MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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HOPPING ALONG

Hello Monroe County 4-H,

I just returned from vacation and I am hopping right back into things. There are a lot of opportunities coming up; summer camp, dog training, the Fur, Fin & Feather show, Jr. Livestock meetings, weigh ins, another plant day, etc., so make sure to flip through this newsletter and take action!

Be sure to check out Page 7, the 2023 Monroe County Fair schedule. Animals will be allowed to be on the grounds starting on **Tuesday, July 25th**, which is a change from last year.

Thanks to all the Club Leaders and the 4-H Executive Board for volunteering their time and talents. All of you have full time jobs and use your 'free time' to offer terrific activities for our youth.

We are still on the search for a new 4-H Educator for our County. Stay tuned . . .

Happy Easter everyone!

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.

4-H Club News

Dragonflies

On March 12th the Dragonflies 4-H club held their monthly meeting at 4:00pm in the Angelo Town Hall. The president called the meeting to order and roll was taken with members standing, saying their names, and saying what their leprechaun name would be.

In the leader's report there was discussion about upcoming events, what region the club is in, and Jr. Livestock information.

In old business the club discussed Festival of Arts and the fair cheese label contest.

In new business there was discussion about the recently purchased popcorn machine, the club's adopted park, upcoming meeting dates, and fair boards. The club had adopted Ben Biken Park, and there was discussion on what needs to be done in order to maintain the park. There was discussion about fair boards, and a planning committee was formed to decide on the club's theme and decorations for fair.

After the meeting was adjourned the club watched demonstrations on how to tack up a horse, how to show a rabbit, how to read music, and how to do an oil change. During the demonstrations members enjoyed a variety of different soups that were brought by all the families in the club. After demonstrations the club members bleached t-shirts to get them ready for next meeting, where they will put a logo on the shirts. The next meeting will be held on April 16th at 4:00pm in the Angelo Town Hall.

Submitted by Alyssa Marth

Jolly Joiners

The Jolly Joiners 4H Club monthly meeting took place in the Cashton High School ag room on March 5, on a perfect fresh day. Beforehand, a number of club members took part in a flower arrangement activity, led by Kelly Schaller from Mabels on Main. Then the club president called the official meeting to order. Pledges were led, and then the secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved of as read with no addition or corrections.

Club members discussed picking up trash along the roadside; while the club is committed, the date for trash picking is still to be decided. Also, they discussed Fur, Fin, and Feather, an activity for 4Hers that will be held in Sparta. They also approved of making cards for the community dinner, which was to occur a week later, in appreciation for those in the Cashton community who have supported the club throughout the past year.

Another important thing discussed was the possibility of a community garden this coming summer instead of just the flowers the 4Hers ordinarily care for. It would also be taken care of by the 4Hers, and anybody could come and pick stuff from it. Aubri Schaldach is going to the village meeting to see what our options are.

Finally, members were reminded that those who signed up will be doing a woodworking activity before the next meeting, on April 2. The meeting was then adjourned, and the members enjoyed a delicious snack of many flavored donuts and milk from the host family.

Submitted by Cyprian Klein

Calendar of Events

APRIL

Fri., April 7, 2023
Extension Office Closed

Sun., April 9, 2023
Happy Easter!

Mon., April 17, 2023
4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Norwalk Library

Sun., April 23, 2023
Fair Food Stand Meeting - Time TBD
WHERE: Fairgrounds in Tomah

Sat., April 29, 2023
Fur, Fin & Feather Show
WHERE: Sparta Barney Center

<https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/Fur-Fin-Feather-Show-Bill.pdf>



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

Project News & Information



Dog Training Plans for 2023

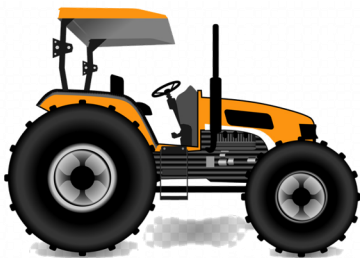
Please watch our **Monroe County 4-H Dog Project** page on Facebook for details on the upcoming spring training sessions. Obedience, showmanship, rally, and agility will be offered at some point this spring and summer. If you are not on Facebook, please email lawviewfarm@yahoo.com or text 608-633-3186 to request email or text notifications.

Looking Ahead:

Elroy Fair Obedience, Showmanship, and Agility Shows: Sunday, June 25

Monroe County Fair Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally: Wednesday, July 26

Monroe County Fair Agility: Sunday, July 30



TRACTOR SAFETY

FFA Advisors are offering a tractor safety course this year from June 20th-22nd. *Extension is not hosting this program.*

If you would like a registration form, please email Miranda at mwontor@wisc.edu.

Payments, information, and handling will be through Lloyd Hardy. If you need to contact him, email harllo@viroquablackhawk.org



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****



Pop Tabs

We are collecting Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Your club collections of pop tabs need to be in the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on May 1st. We will weigh each club's collection to find who has bragging rights for 2023!

The tabs are in support of Ronald McDonald House. RMH provides a place to stay when families have children hospitalized. Let's see which club can bring in the most pop tabs!



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 in the Wisconsin River, boating, exploring the outside through fun nature activities, crafts, songs, games, hiking trails, and campfires are all part of the experience. Cost is generally around \$200 for 4-H members and \$225 for community campers. Includes transportation from two pick up sites in Vernon County, lodging, all meals & snacks, camp t-shirt, name button and all activities and equipment. 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). Deadline to register is May 1st, go to:

<https://forms.gle/vYMr3xUEko3MZ1QC6>

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. Call the office if you are interested.



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://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/Fur-Fin-Feather-Show-Bill.pdf> Deadline to register for the show is April 21, 2023.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



> **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/>

> **Statewide Educational Scholarship** - If you are on the fence about registering for an event because of financial need, this may be for you! 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/>.



Save the Date!



The March plant day was a big hit, and the kids asked for another one! So, Barb Ornes is planning another plant day for **May 21st** at the Norwalk Village Park, starting at 3:30 p.m. This one will be geared towards outdoor plantings. More details and a sign up will be in the May newsletter.

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Animals on the move!

How many animals can you list that move each of these ways?
Write their names in the chart.

Swim	Jump	Hop	Slither
Run	Crawl	Fly	Walk



Attention Exhibitors & Parents:

Below you will find the 2023 Fair Schedule. Animals will be allowed on the grounds starting **Tuesday** and **must be in by Wednesday by 10:30 a.m.**



June 22nd – 24th, 2023

MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Email: mail@tomahtractorpull.com

www.tomahtractorpull.com

www.monroecountyfairwi.com



July 26th – 30th, 2023

*Promoters of the Monroe County Fair and the
Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck & Tractor Pull*

2023 Fair Schedule

Tuesday July 25th

11:00 am – 9 pm	Gates open to allow Animals to arrive.
3:00 – 9pm	Weigh – Ins
3pm – 5pm	Beef
5pm – 7pm	Sheep & Goats
7pm-9pm	Swine
6:00pm	Beef must be in place and weighted.
10:00pm	Sheep, Goats & Swine must be in place and weighted.

Wednesday July 26th

8am – 10:30 am	Gates open to allow animals in, ALL Animals must be in place by 10:30am.
12:00/noon	Fair officially OPENS to the public!
1:00 pm	Llama Show – Upper Show Ring
3pm – 7 pm	White Exhibit Hall Entry Times
4:00 pm	Swine Show - Lower Show Ring
5:00 pm	Dog Obedience, Showmanship and Rally Shows – 4:30 Check in- Ice Center Showring

Thursday July 27th

8am – 11 am	White Exhibit Hall Entry Times. ALL exhibits need to be in place by 11:00am.
9:00 am	Beef Show – Upper Show Ring
10:00 am	Rabbit Show – Lower Show Ring
4:00 pm	Sheep Show – Upper Show Ring

Friday July 28th

9:00 am	Dairy Show – Upper Show Ring
10:00 am	Poultry Show – Lower Show Ring
5:00 pm	Goat Show – Lower Show Ring

Saturday July 29th

9:00 am	Overall Showman Round Robin Selection Location – Upper Show Ring (Dairy – Beef – Sheep – Swine – Goats – Llama)
1:00 pm	Monroe County all Abilities Show – Lower Show Ring

Sunday July 30th

9:00 am	Dog Agility – Horse Arena on the fairgrounds
4:30 pm	All exhibits released.



FAIR CHEESE LABEL CONTEST

ATTENTION FFA & 4H MEMBERS

We need your creativity!
Help design our fair cheese label!

This is open to all Monroe County Fair Jr. Exhibitors.

Winner will receive 2 carnival wristbands

Current Labels for Reference:




**INFORMATION:
Cheese block label &
cheese curd label**

- Label will be 3x3 inches
- Can be hand drawn or digitally created
- Label must include the fair logo or fair name
- Entry deadline is June 1, 2023
- Submissions can be sent into the fair office:
P.O. Box 908, Tomah, WI 54660
OR emailed to: mail@tomahtractorpull.com



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

Fair entries will be online this year. Keep an eye on <https://www.monroecountyfairwi.com/> for updates.

Club display themes will be picked by each club. We can't wait to see what all the clubs come up with for 2023!

Remember: All animal exhibitors are expected to help at the fair clean-up day.



Fair Raffle Tickets

If you want to help sell raffle tickets, please contact Annette Trescher at treschera65@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Fair Clean Up Dates:

JUNE 17TH, 9AM
Clean-up barns and around grounds to prepare for tractor pull.

JULY 22ND, 9AM
Get ready for fair, clean barns, set up gates, set up exhibit hall, and more. Entry tags can be picked up at the office window starting at 9am.

AUGUST 19TH
Clean up after fair.