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MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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May 2023

MAY FLOWERS

Hello Monroe County 4-H,

Wow, it's been a bumpy ride this spring, with temperatures going from 80 degrees to 30 degrees within a few days. I am sure looking forward to normal spring temperatures that bring the awesome spring flowers.

Speaking of flowers, we have another May Plant Day coming up on May 21st, so be sure to sign up. Take a look on Page 5, we've included the Department and lot numbers so you can enter it in the Monroe County fair. Need help with a club planter? This is the place to go!

In fair news, remember that market goats, lambs and swine IDs are due online by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15th. Call the fair office at 608-372-2081 if you have questions. Tags are available at the Extension office and at the fair office.

Some pre-fair events are coming up in June and early July - - Clothing Preview will be held on June 26th and Foods Revue will be held on July 19th. Please note that the location for Foods Revue will be at the Leon Community Center this year. Details for Clothing Preview is on Page 6.

4-H members who signed up for Shooting Sports will be getting a letter with the details for shotgun and .22 practice times. First day will be June 13 at the Cataract Sportsmen's Club.

Again this year, for the month of June, the Dairy Promotions Committee is offering a monetary award for clubs that do a windows display promoting dairy products. Ask a local business if you can create a display in their window. See Page 4 for details.

We are still looking for a 4-H Educator. The job posting ended on April 26th. Interviews will be in May and I hope to have an announcement for the July newsletter.

To all the moms out there - Happy Mother'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

MAY

Mon., May 1, 2023

Pop Tabs Due in the Extension Office

Sun., May 7, 2023

Food Stand Meeting, 1 p.m.

WHERE: Food Stand at fairgrounds in Tomah

Wed., May 10, 2023

Sheep Weigh-In, 5-7 p.m.

WHERE: Cashton Ag Room

Mon., May 15, 2023

Market Goats, Lambs, Swine IDs due, 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Online

Sun., May 21, 2023

May Plant Day, 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Norwalk Village Park

Mon., May 29, 2023

Memorial Day

Extension Office Closed



JUNE

Thurs., June 1, 2023

Elroy Fair Entry Deadline

Tues., June 13, 2023

Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Tomah High School

Mon., June 26, 2023

Clothing Preview, 8 a.m. - Noon

WHERE: Monroe County Justice 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 a fresh, cold spring Sunday, April 2, many of the Jolly Joiners 4H Club members arrived at Cashton High School an hour early. There was a wood-working craft led by the club's "adopted grandparents, the Mullenburgs. The task was to fashion a napkin holder out of various types of wood that members had chosen at the last meeting. It was a really enjoyable project!

Once the official meeting started, members reviewed the community dinner that was held in March. While those who attended enjoyed it, there were not as people as the previous year. Club members were encouraged to think of people to invite for next year.

Also discussed was the club's participation in trash pick-up in Cashton. While the club will definitely participate, club members aren't yet sure on a date that will work for as many of them as possible.

Club members also reported good progress on the continued drive to sell raffle tickets to support the Monroe County Fair. Make sure to get your raffle tickets by reaching out to a 4Her before they're all gone!

Also important to members is the upcoming election of club officers in June. Potential candidates in 7th through 12th grade need to fill out and submit an autobiography.

Members were reminded of the "Fur, Fin, and Feather," where any 4Her can bring animals or animal-related projects to show. It will be held in Sparta on April 29, with entries due April 21. They were also reminded of the fairgrounds clean-up date on July 22.

After this was discussed the meeting was adjourned, and members enjoyed a deliciously sweet snack.

Submitted by Cyprian Klein

Thank You!

Thank you to the 4-H Leader's Association for the thoughtful gift in recognizing Administrative Professionals Day! It certainly brightened my day!

Vicky



Project News & Information



Dog Training

Please watch our **Monroe County 4-H Dog Project** page on Facebook for details on spring training sessions or cancelations. If you are not on Facebook, please email

lawnviewfarm@yahoo.com or text 608-633-3186 to request email or text notifications. We had our first meeting on April 17th. Going forward we will be meeting at the following locations and times:

Tomah Site—Recreation Park (near the playground or in the dairy barn if raining). Practices will be held on Monday nights starting at 5 p.m. No practice on Memorial Day, May 29th.

Sparta Site—Rolling Hills (for 3rd year & above trainers or dogs). Practices will be held on Sunday nights starting at 6 p.m.

Cashton Site—City Park (for 1st and 2nd year trainers). Practices will be held on Thursday nights starting at 6 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

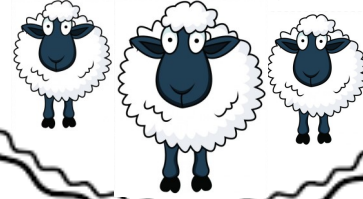
Monroe County Fair Agility: Sunday, July 30

Please reach out if you have questions:

Jackie Menn (Dog project coordinator/show superintendant/Tomah site) 608-633-3186
 Libertie Harrell (Tomah site) 218-205-6227
 Dona Goede (Sparta/Cashton sites, obedience, showmanship, rally) 608-317-1488
 Kayla Hach (Tomah site, showmanship) 608-633-4369

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

- ◆ 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****

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**WOOD CO. -
JUNE 9TH**

**IOWA CO. (DAIRY ONLY) -
JUNE 16TH**

**CRAWFORD CO. (LIVESTOCK ONLY) -
JUNE 26TH**

**BARRON CO. -
JUNE 28TH**



**REGISTRATION INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

Information is also available on the state website at:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>



Project News & Information



June Dairy Windows

All clubs will be receiving a monetary award of up to \$100 for creating a window display in a local business. The window

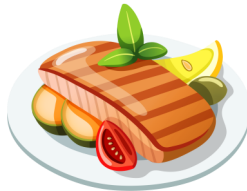
must share **at least three Dairy Facts** to receive the highest prize. The windows, with consent of the business, are asked to stay in place until mid-July. To be eligible for the monetary award, you must submit a picture to the Extension office by June 5th. Send it to vicky.kast@wisc.edu. Please register your club at: <https://forms.gle/x5uq8omJT2V7tRWW8>



Foods Revue

It's time to start thinking about what you want to make for this year's Food Revue. This pre-fair event will be held on Wed., July 19th at the Leon Community Center starting with registration at 6:30 p.m. and judging at 7 p.m. If you want to review the classes and descriptions, take a look at Page 33 in the Monroe County Fair Exhibitor Handbook.

Registration form and details will be in the June newsletter.



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/>.

Festival of Arts Results

Congratulations to everyone who received merit awards!



Arts & Crafts

Mirabella Fanell—Galaxy Painting
 Claire Flock—Wind Turbine Pumpkin
 Breeze Bunker—Halloween Mummy
 Alivia Paulson—Ceramic Hedgehog
 Audrey Wells—Ceramic Turtle
 Eva Betthausen—Blue Jay
 Chase Bucholz—Display of Feathers
 Brock Bucholz—Engraved Clothespin
 Shane Bucholz — Wooden Flag
 Zachiah Carpenter—Wood Wall Hanging
 Nyla Dilley—Highland Print
 Rachel Zastoupil—Horse Drawing
 Alyssa Marth—Eeyore Amigurumi
 Brynley Olsen—Horse String Art
 Addison Henthorne—Airplane Kit

Photography

Eva Betthausen—Photography—Freshly Watered, Determination, Eagle Eyes

Marketing

Brock Bucholz—Horseshoe Clover

Club Display

Leon Livewires—1st Place
 Jolly Joiners—2nd Place
 Dragonflies—3rd Place



> > > > Shooting Sports < < < <

4-H members who signed up for shotgun and .22 will be receiving letters with registration forms by the beginning of May. **WI State 4-H rules require members must be 12 years old and have completed hunter safety.** Shooting times will be Tuesdays & Thursdays starting June 13 until June 29 at the Cataract Sportsmen's Club at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per youth, maximum of \$20 per family. Please sign up so we have enough equipment available: <https://forms.gle/n2z6E4zreLN3PeWs7>



Summer Academy



Wisconsin 4-H is excited to bring you the first ever Summer Academy! From June 19-22, youth will go to the UW-Madison Campus to experience life on a college campus and learn about a variety of career paths and topics. Registration is through 4HOnline, under the events tab. Cost for the experience is \$350 per person. You can find all the information about this event at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

May Plant Day

Barb Ornes is having another plant day for **May 21st** at the Norwalk Village Park, starting at 3:30 p.m. Bring your own containers (with drainage holes) and preferred plants. There will be a few select plants for purchase. Large containers (10" and up) can have multiple plants. Cost for soil will be determined by size of container. To sign up, go to: <https://forms.gle/v5Ypu6vKLyzmJMa6A>
Deadline is May 18th.

Did you know, this could be something you could enter in the Monroe County Fair? Look in Department 15—Flowers & Houseplants, page 21 & 22 in the Exhibitor book.

CLASS G – Potted Outdoor Plants, grades 3-6
CLASS H – Potted Outdoor Plants, 7th grade +)

Lot No. Description

1. Begonia, fibrous, single plant
2. Begonia, tuberous, single plant
3. Coleus, single plant
4. Fuchsia, single plant
5. Geranium, blooming, single plant
6. Hanging Planter, min. 3 varieties
7. Hanging Planter, single variety
8. Impatiens, single plant
9. Planter, minimum 3 varieties not hanging
10. Any other single outdoor plant
11. Fairy Garden
12. Begonia, Angel wing, single plant
13. Succulent garden outdoor, min. 3 varieties

CLASS O – Planters

Club Planter/Barrel – 12" x 12" up to 14" x 24"
**After the judging of these planters they will be on display and used as decorations during the fair in the buildings or near doorways to buildings on the fairgrounds.

Lot No. Description

1. Planter or Barrel



2023 CLOTHING PREVIEW ENTRY FORM - MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 19, 2023

Mail entries to: Monroe County Extension Office, 206 South St, Sparta, WI 54656

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY/ST/ZIP _____ CLUB _____
 GRADE _____ YR(S) IN CLOTHING _____

CONVENTIONAL MACHINE SEWING

BEGINNERS - 1st and 2nd year Clothing Project members. Limit: 2 entries per exhibitor, plus Consumer Buymanship. Open to members in their 1st or 2nd year enrolled in the Clothing Project. Serger may also be used for any entry.

- _____ **Class A**, Clothing Preview, Beginning, Grades 3-4
- _____ **Class B**, Clothing Preview, Beginning, Grades 5-6
- _____ **Class C**, Clothing Preview, Beginning, Grades 7+

Lot No.

- _____ 1. Apron
- _____ 2. Skirt
- _____ 3. Shorts /Culottes
- _____ 4. Pants
- _____ 5. Lounge pants
- _____ 6. Blouse/shirt or top
- _____ 7. Outfit for general wear
- _____ 8. Dress/Jumper
- _____ 9. Nightwear
- _____ 10. Outerwear
- _____ 11. Consumer Buymanship Outfit (at least one item constructed)
- _____ 12. Cos Play Outfit

CONVENTIONAL MACHINE SEWING

INTERMEDIATE - Limit: 2 entries per exhibitor, plus Consumer Buymanship. Open to members in their 3rd, 4th, or 5th year enrolled in the Clothing project. Serger may also be used for any entry.

- _____ **Class D**, Clothing Preview, Intermediate, Grades 5-6
- _____ **Class E**, Clothing Preview, Intermediate, Grades 7-8
- _____ **Class F**, Clothing Preview, Intermediate, Grades 9+

Lot No. (Conventional Machine Sewing)

- _____ 1. Nightwear
- _____ 2. Skirt
- _____ 3. Shorts
- _____ 4. Pants
- _____ 5. Lounge Pants
- _____ 6. Blouse/Shirt or Top
- _____ 7. Skirt with Top
- _____ 8. Pants with Top
- _____ 9. Shorts with Top
- _____ 10. Jumper or overalls with Top
- _____ 11. Jumpsuit, short or long
- _____ 12. Sportswear outfit (at least two pieces)
- _____ 13. Dress for general wear
- _____ 14. Dress for best wear
- _____ 15. Outerwear
- _____ 16. Garment for someone else
- _____ 17. Consumer Buymanship Outfit (at least one item constructed)
- _____ 18. Cos Play Outfit

CONVENTIONAL MACHINE SEWING

ADVANCED - Limit: 2 entries per exhibitor plus Consumer Buymanship. Open to members with six or more years enrolled in the clothing project. Serger may also be used for any entry.

- _____ **Class G**, Clothing Preview, grades 8+

Lot No.

- _____ 1. Nightwear or Loungewear
- _____ 2. Beachwear
- _____ 3. Skirt with Top
- _____ 4. Shorts with top/shirt
- _____ 5. Pants with top/shirt
- _____ 6. Dress/outfit for general wear
- _____ 7. Garment for pre-school child
- _____ 8. Garment for school child
- _____ 9. Jacket, unlined
- _____ 10. Suit, unlined
- _____ 11. Dress outfit for best wear
- _____ 12. Dress outfit - party/formal wear
- _____ 13. Sports outfit, two piece (not dress)
- _____ 14. Garment for Adult
- _____ 15. Altered/Recycled Garment (must provide before picture)
- _____ 16. Outerwear/coat
- _____ 17. Jacket, lined
- _____ 18. Suit, lined
- _____ 19. Jumpsuit, short or long
- _____ 20. Costume for yourself/another
- _____ 21. Consumer Buymanship Outfit (at least one item constructed)
- _____ 22. Cos Play Outfit

Would like the "Modeling Your 4-H Garment" handout sent to you?

_____ Yes _____ No


See Dept. 26—Clothing Preview in the Fair Book for more information. (Page 37)

When: Monday, June 26, 2023
Time: Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Judging begins: 9:30 a.m.
Where: Assembly Rm, Monroe County Justice Ctr, Sparta
Entry Deadline: June 19, 2023

Registrations are due to the Extension Office June 19 or postmarked no later than June 17. Once your registration form is received, more information will be sent to you with details for the event. You can also scan your form and send it to vicky.kast@wisc.edu.

Each participant is expected to model in the Clothing Preview and in the Style Show at the county fair. The Style Show will be held **Sunday, July 30th** beginning at **2:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds in Tomah. Failure to participate in the Style Show will result in the loss of your premium, unless you have obtained permission from Superintendent Denise Murray.

Entries will be judged for suitability of garment to individuals and purpose in regards to color and design, general appearance, neatness, posture, fit, and construction (to the extent that it affects the general appearance).





2023 Monroe County Farm Bureau Fair Grant

Criteria:

1. Exhibitors parent(s)/legal guardian must be paid members of the Monroe County Farm Bureau before July 1st, 2023.
 - a. To join, go to www.wfbf.com, click "membership", then "sign up today" OR
 - b. Contact a Monroe County Farm Bureau Board Member
2. Exhibitor must fill out the application attached and **submit it to Monroe County Farm Bureau President, J. Wells, by July 1st, 2023.** (22765 Kasota Road Sparta WI 54656)
3. Exhibitors must attend the Monroe County Farm Bureau Annual meeting in August to share with the group what they did for a project and how the money will be spent.
4. Checks will be mailed to recipients within 1 month of the Monroe County Farm Bureau Annual meeting.
5. Exhibitors must exhibit their project at the Monroe County Fair in 2023.
6. All projects connected to Agriculture will be considered, the top 100 applications will be chosen to receive a \$50 grant.
7. Each exhibitor may only submit one application.

Any questions, contact Kori Blank at 608-487-5610

Name: _____ Age: ____ Project: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ FB Membership #: _____

Address: _____

Youth Organization exhibiting under: _____

1. Explain in detail what your project is.

2. How does your project relate to agriculture?

3. If you were to earn the \$50 grant, how will it benefit the future of your project?

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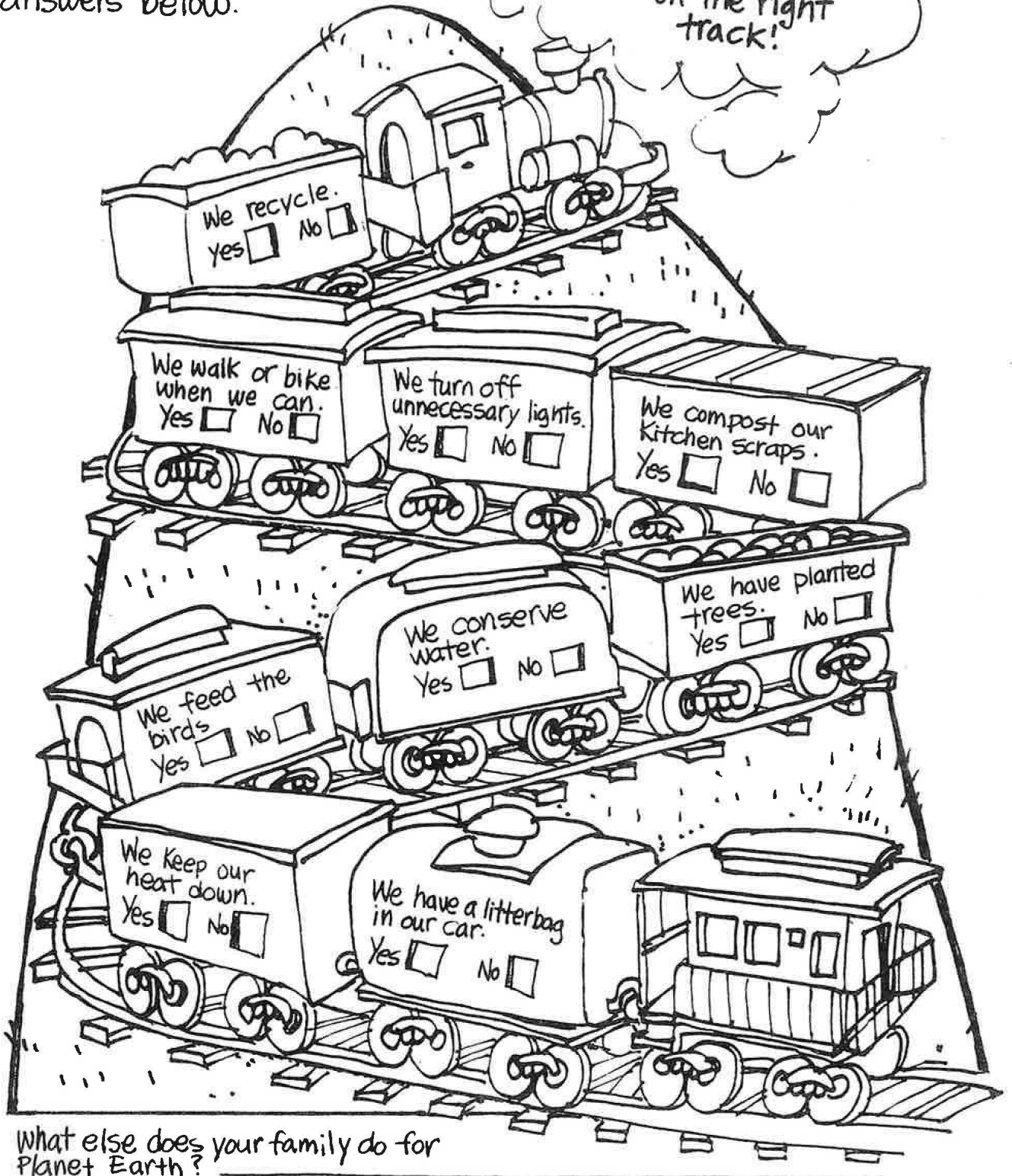
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Environment Express

Is your family helping the environment? Check your answers below.

My family is on the right track!



What else does your family do for Planet Earth? _____

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

P.O. BOX 908 – Tomah, WI 54660

Phone: 608-372-2081 Fax: 608-372-1052

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.

**Cloverbuds face-to-face
judging will be on
Tuesday, from 4-6 p.m.**

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 DATES!

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.