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THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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Dear Monroe County 4-H Families,

Happy National 4-H Week!

I hope everyone is having a great start to the new 4-H Year. This year's National 4-H Week theme is I LOVE 4-H! Thank you to the clubs and members who have shared their experiences from this past year's events and stories of why they love 4-H!

For our new and veteran members, here is a brief history of 4-H Week and information on the global magnitude of 4-H associations.

National 4-H Week began as an outgrowth of World War II and started with a 4-H Leader in Ohio who announced plans for a State 4-H Mobilization Week as a means of focusing the attention of 4-H Members on what they might do to support national defense. Other states followed and The Federal Extension Service initiated National 4-H Mobilization Week and was observed from 1942-1944. In 1945 and every year since in October, there is a week dedicated to be observed as National 4-H Week!

4-H's roots were established in Ohio in 1902 and since has grown to become America's largest youth development organization. In the United States alone, 4-H branches include

extensions in every state with over 100 university affiliations, over 500,000 active volunteers, and over 6 million current youth members served. 4-H is thriving here in the U.S. and in over 50 countries worldwide.

In Wisconsin, there were 26,067 members in 2022, and 6,752 members were first-time 4-H members. Our membership statewide has grown 19% in the past year, that's nearly 2,000 more members than the previous year. In Monroe County, we had a total number of 318 members and 12 chartered clubs county-wide. 4-H's rich heritage is stronger than ever, and in Monroe County, it is our goal to keep 4-H growing strong by expanding educational and recreational opportunities every year.

For many of us, 4-H is our world, and it couldn't exist without our valued volunteers and leaders. Please thank your club leaders and volunteers for all they do to make our 4-H clubs possible!

Keep 4-H Growing Strong,

Jason Hornickel

4-H Program Educator



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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.



If your club or group has events you would like on this calendar, please email information to mocowi4h@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Sun., Oct. 1, 2023

4-H Charter Paperwork Due Online

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/wisconsin-4-h-annual-charter-application/>

Oct. 1-7, 2023

National 4-H Week



Fri., Oct. 13, 2023

Officer Training, 5 p.m.

WHERE: Sparta Montessori School

Fri., Oct. 13, 2023

Jr. Leaders Kickoff Event, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: starts at Sparta Montessori School, then ends at House of Shadows

Tues., Oct. 31, 2023

HALLOWEEN!



NOVEMBER

Sat., Nov. 4, 2023

Family Celebration, Noon—2 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center



2023 - 2024 District Responsibilities

Northwest: Denim N' Dust; Dragonflies, Way Finders

Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull

Southwest: Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires, Sparta Sprockets

Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull

Northeast: Clovers & Cranberries; La Grange Tunnel-Lites; Valle Ville

Clean Exhibit Hall Before County Fair

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

Family Celebration

Clean Food Stand After County Fair

4-H Club News

Dragonflies

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on September 17th at the Angelo Town Hall by the president Payton Marth. Roll call was taken and members said what they are most looking forward to this year in 4-H. A lot of responses were showing sheep, pigs, rabbits, etc. There were 15 members present at the meeting. The Secretary report was read by Alyssa Marth and the treasurer report was read by Hannah Bloyer. Both reports were approved. The Leaders and Jr. Livestock reports were read by Amanda Henthorne. There is a full leaders meeting on Monday September 18th at 7:00 at the Leon Community. The next Jr Livestock meeting in January. Club members discussed the 2023 Monroe County Fair. The club had sheep, rabbits, pigs, goats, and crafts at the fair. We elected new officers for the 2023-2024 4-H year. Hannah Bloyer was elected President, Quency Sandwald was elected Vice President, Jyllian Kirchoff was elected Secretary. Addison Henthorne was elected Treasurer. Seth McKenna was elected Reporter. The members voted that our next meeting will be at Tucker and Becky's Pumpkin Patch on 10/8/2023 at 1 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. We then ate the potluck meal and made a sewing animal pillow craft.

Submitted by Seth McKenna



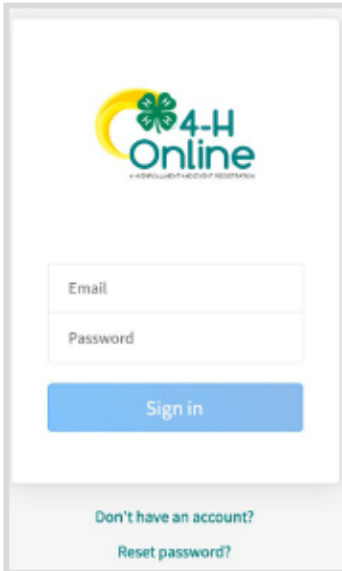
Fair Wrap Up Reminders

- ◆ Reminder to cash or deposit Fair Checks as soon as possible.
- ◆ For those of you who have Livestock checks, please distribute your pictures, get your picture delivery verification form signed and pick up your check at the office as soon as possible.
- ◆ If you were a top award winner in the exhibit hall or barn, it's a good idea to send a thank you to the sponsor of your award. Show them your appreciation for their sponsorship and to encourage them to continue sponsoring at our fair in the years to come.

Project News & Information

2024 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year begins September 1st. The State will shut down the system on August 31st for updates and it should be back up and running on September 1st. Your membership and profile information will roll over, but your projects will not. Below are instructions on how to log into the system.



1. Go to <https://wi.4honline.com>.
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. Click Sign-In.
4. You will be at the Family Member List Screen.
5. To re-enroll a Youth member, click on Enroll Now, then click member's Grade, and continue through the screens.
6. To re-enroll an Adult member, click on Enroll Now then click Select Volunteer Type to indicate how you are planning to participate. Continue through the screens.

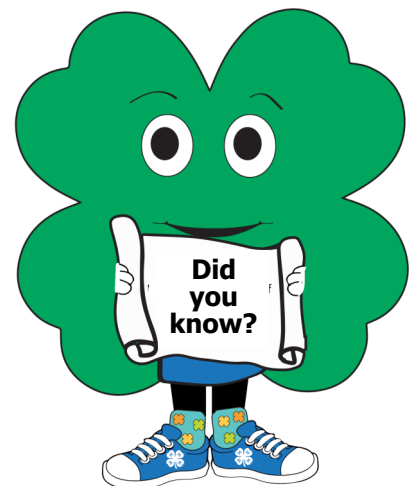
For more detailed information on how to enroll go to:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/start-here/4honline-for-families/> or call the office at 608-269-8722.



FAQ About 4-H

- Is signing up for 4-H the same as signing up for Fair?
 - > **No.** The 4-H program and Fair are two separate entities.
- What's the difference between 4-H and fair?
 - > 4-H is an educational youth organization that members need to enroll in every year through a software program called 4HOnline. Projects and activities are done all year long.
 - > Fair is a yearly, 6-day event, run by the Monroe County Ag Society. Registration is through an online software program called BlueRibbon. To be eligible to enter in the Junior Fair, you must be a member of a youth organization.
- What is the difference between an activity and project?
 - > An activity is something you participate in, but may not be project specific. Club meetings, super fun days, going to the pumpkin patch with your club, are all activities. A project is focused on learning about one specific area. Dog, Clothing, Beef and Shooting Sports, are all projects.



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Rabbits R Us

Richland County is again hosting this event at the Richland Center Fairgrounds on October 15th. Show starts at 10 a.m. \$3 per entry, and they will use ARBA remark cards. Have yours ready before the show to save time! Silent auction, supplies available for purchase and a lunch stand will be available. Questions? Please contact Tim Woodman at woodydoor74@gmail.com or 608.604.6692

ATTENTION

Sewing Members!

If you plan on enrolling in the Clothing Project this year, please contact Barb Ornes, Project Leader, at barbornes@gmail.com. Sewing classes will start at the end of October or early November. For members who sewed last year and want to continue, please email Barb and let her know.



Jr. Leader Meeting & Kick-Off Event

The Jr. Leaders are having a kick off event for all Monroe County 4-Hers 6th grade and up on Friday, October 13th at the Sparta Montessori School, 506 N Black

River Street. Come at 6:30 p.m. for a brief meeting, then at 7 p.m. we will walk over to the House of Shadows. What's more perfect than a haunted house on Friday, the 13th!

We are also conducting the Officer Training that day, starting at 5 p.m. with pizza and the training starting at 5:30 p.m. Feel free to come early and help out!

Please email kennedyornes72@gmail.com or text 608-799-4915 or jgoede7@gmail.com or text 608-317-1588 if you plan on coming to the haunted house and/or officer training. We need a head count for tickets to the haunted house.

If you want to be active with Jr. Leaders this upcoming year, remember to sign up for Jr. Leaders as a secondary club in 4-HOnline to stay informed.

OFFICER

TRAINING

Are you interested in being the President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer of your club? Then plan on attending the Officer Training on Friday, October 13th at 5 p.m. at the Sparta Montessori school, 506 N Black River Street. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Training will end at 7 p.m.

Let your club leader know that you are interested in attending. Please RSVP to jason.hornickel@wisc.edu so we can make sure we have enough materials and pizza!



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Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest



Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. All clubs are eligible to submit their idea for a delicious new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name. Entries are accepted September 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023. Top flavor is awarded a \$500 gift and the top five finalists receive an ice cream party for their club.

More information and the entry form are available at www.cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest. Entries are due by November 15, 2023.

**Family Celebration
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
Noon—2 p.m.
Leon Community Center**



Come celebrate all your 4-H accomplishments this past year at the Family Celebration on November 4th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Leon Community Center. If you plan to attend, please go to SignUpGenius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A9A722AAF49-4hfamily>. **Please note this date is different than advertised last month.** There was a scheduling conflict and we needed to change the date.



Summer Camp dates have been set! Upham Woods Camp will be July 31 to August 2, 2024. We will be camping with youth from Crawford, La Crosse, Richland, and Vernon counties.



Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Training



Our State 4-H Volunteer Specialist, Dawn Vandevort, is offering more VIP trainings online in October. This training is required if you want to be an adult volunteer.

- October 10 - - 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**
- October 17 - - 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**
- October 25 - - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Please register [here](#) 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.



Fall Forum 2023 November 4-5

Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI



Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff. Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. Register in [4HOnline](#). Deadline to register is October 6th.

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address by [Tim Talen](#)
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Saturday night

Introductions to [Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates](#)

- Details can be found at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>



4-H Buttons Available

We are giving away I Love 4-H buttons for National 4-H Week. Feel free to drop by the office for one, or, if you want one for each of your club members, please call the office so we can have them ready for you to pick up.

Many Dreams.
One Love.

Where will your dreams take you?
Let us know. [#4HWeek](#)



Project News & Information

Below are past award winners from our Achievement Night / Family Celebration events. We've tried our best at keeping these records up to date. If you can fill in any of the years we don't have, please call the office at 608-269-8722.

Friend of 4-H Award

1992 - 7-up	2012 - Monroe County Ag Society
1994 - Lucy Johnson	2013 - Simon Wells
1995 - Cataract Sportsman Club	2014 - Tractor Supply, Tomah
1997 - Tralmer's Sales & Service	2015 - Von Ruden Meats
1998 - Foss Locker Plant	2016 - Cataract Sportsmen's Club
1999 - WI State Patrol Academy	2017 - Kwik Trip/City of Tomah Park & Rec.
2001 - United Methodist Church	2018 - Evans Printing & Media
2003 - Karen Betthausser	2019 - Dairy Queen
2004 - Don & Vi's Fishing Hunting	2020 - none
2005 - Kathy Grabitske	2021 - Star Blends
2006 - County Line	2022 - Citizen's First Bank
2007 - Cashton Record	
2009 - Dr. Esta Parrish	
2010 - Joan Kuderer	
2011 - Brian Winnekins	



I Dare You Award

2002 - Jennifer Greeno
2003 - James Clark
2004 - Leah Flock, Brendan Pingel
2005 - Brian Buchholz, Nikki Weber
2006 - Jenna Evans, Stephanie Gray
2007 - Ben Bakken, Erick Blasing
2008 - Heather Huber
2009 - Ben Ebert
2010 - Jenna Menn, Kori Trescher
2011 - Jason Ebert
2016 - Ryan Menn
2019 - Shade Bunker
2020 - none
2022 - Brady Wells, Breeze Bunker

4-H Alumni Award

1997 - Carol Schauf	2012 - Amy Schmitz
1998 - Dolores Kenyon	2013 - Berniece Helming
1999 - Gordie Stelter	2014 - Barb Ornes
2000 - John Ornes	2015 - Bobbi Jo O'Neill
2001 - Marlene Wilhelm	2016 - Joan Rose
2003 - Rosie Wells	2017 - Jamie North
2004 - Ruth Pingel	2018 - Grandpa Joe Lamb
2005 - Ruth Vieregge	2019 - Merry Kuderer
2006 - Karen Paulson	2020 - none
2008 - Simon Wells	2021 - Kimberly Flock
2009 - Harvey Menn	2022 - Laurie Graber
2010 - Jim Wells	
2011 - Irene Bakken	



Key Award

2002 - Sarah Clark
2003 - James Clark, Bobbi Jo O'Neill
2004 - John Beier, Leah Flock, Nikki Weber
2005 - Michael Huber, Jenna Evans
2006 - Erick Blasing, Stephanie Ruedy
2007 - Ben Bakken, Jill Greeno
2008 - Ben Ebert, Kayla Menn
2009 - Jenna Menn
2010 - Jason Ebert
2011 - Aaron Yang
2012 - Stacey Ebert
2019 - Holly Adams, Kailey Beck
2020 - none
2022 - Jaydon Lietzau, Shade Bunker

Volunteer of the Year Award

2000 - Special Award - Bob Conant	2013 - Bill Halfman
2001 - Special Award - Kamie Ebert	2014 - David Kuehl
2002 - Carol Schauf	2015 - Judy Helmke
2003 - Irene Bakken	2016 - Valle-Ville Leadership Team- Kristin Betthausser, Katie Schindler, Amanda Wallerman
2004 - Boots Teasdale	2017 - Robert & Stacy Gebczyk
2005 - Mary Greeno	2018 - Bernadette Adams
2006 - Louise Buchholz	2019 - Diana Ornes
2007 - Ginnie Follendorf	2020 - none
2008 - Paulette Huber	2021 - State Dog Show Committee
2009 - Jackie Menn	2022 - Bobbi Paulson
2010 - Doug Brown	
2011 - Annette Trescher	
2012 - Joan Rose	



Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week, October 1-7, 2023

DAILY CHALLENGES

MEMBER MONDAY

Showcase that you are a 4-H family. Make a 4-H clover and put it in your window at home, add a 4-H profile frame, or contact a business to put a display up in their store window, or make a display for school.

TEACH IT TUESDAY

Share how you have taught others about a 4-H project or activity you have done on social media.

WEAR IT WEDNESDAY

Show your 4-H spirit by wearing your 4-H gear and/or wearing as much green as you can! Share a photo of yourself on social media showing your 4-H spirit.

THANKFUL THURSDAY

Show your appreciation and give a thank you note to your teacher, leader, or parent who has supported or inspired you.

FRIDAY'S FRIEND

Invite three of your friends who are not 4-H members to your next club meeting or special event.

SIGN UP SATURDAY

If you haven't signed up for 4-H yet, do so today! Go to 4HOnline at: <http://wi.4honline.com>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at 608-269-8722.

DIRECTIONS

Share a photo of your daily challenge by emailing jason.hornickel@wisc.edu. For each challenge completed & photo shared, you will be put in a drawing for a 4-H prize!

2023-2024 MONROE COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEES



Here is a list of committees for the upcoming 4-H year. It takes a lot of adult volunteers to make programs and events happen. The old saying 'many hands make light work' can be applied to 4-H! If you are interested in serving on a committee, or two, please contact the office.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

This committee is elected or appointed at the Annual January Meeting to serve two year terms. They are the driving force for our program.

- Bobbi Paulson - President
- Amanda Henthorne - Vice President (open in January)
- Kari McKenna - Secretary
- Barb Ornes - Treasurer
- Gwen Lamb - NW District (open in January)
- Maranda Schreier - SW District (open in January)
- Kim Greeno - NE District
- Jeannine Ottum - SE District

RECORD BOOKS/AWARDS

This committee is in charge of our recognitions and awards that are given to our members and community. The annual Family Celebration also falls under this committee.



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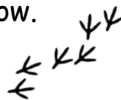
This committee is in charge of our programs for our youngest members. They make sure there is a good variety of projects and resources available to the members and those who teach them.

FOOD STAND

This committee is in charge of the food stands at Tomah Tractor Pull and Monroe County Fair.

FUR, FIN & FEATHER

This committee is in charge of the small pet show, raffle and hospitality at the annual Fur, Fin, & Feather show.



DOGS

This committee runs the county wide dog project. They plan practice events and competitions.



FESTIVAL OF ARTS

This committee is in charge of the stage performances, art, photo shows and hospitality at the annual Festival of Arts.

SHOOTING SPORTS

This committee runs the county wide Shooting Sports project. They plan practices, special events, and competitions. Kristen Betthausser is the Coordinator serving with all Certified Shooting Sports Instructors. Any adults interested in this committee will need to be trained and certified in a discipline (archery, shotgun, air rifle, etc.). **There is a scheduled certification training in La Crosse on Saturday, Dec. 2.**

HOME & FAMILY

This committee runs the county wide projects. They plan practice events and the annual Clothing Preview and Foods Review competitions.



PROMOTION AND MEMBERSHIP

This committee oversees the promotion of the County 4-H Program. They create, curate, and disseminate materials to recruit and maintain membership. They work to make sure all members can get the most out of Monroe County 4-H. Each club is asked to recruit one member to help this committee.



FUN DAY / SUPER SATURDAY

This committee plans the quarterly Super, Fun Project Days. They work to set the dates, locations and sessions to be offered.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

This is a new committee. They will continue to grow our current projects and programming. Additionally, investigate, promote and create scholarships to expand access to our members and make them affordable to all.



Volunteers Needed

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Find the hazards

There are many hazards facing this bicycle rider. Circle as many as you can find and think of the best way to avoid their danger. Always ride with a plan for emergencies. Safe planners are safer riders!

