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MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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CELEBRATE SUMMER

Happy Start to Summer Monroe County 4-H!

June is National Dairy Month! Thank you to everyone involved in the Dairy Industry for your hard work. We appreciate every step of the process from caring for and milking your herds, to food production and transportation, and the store workers who keep the shelves stocked.

As you enjoy a cold glass of milk, a slice of your favorite cheese, or a delicious big bowl of ice cream, take a moment to appreciate the steps taken to get our favorite dairy foods from the farm to our tables!

National Dairy Month started in 1937 as National Milk Month to promote a surplus of milk supplies to the U.S. consumers. Today, National Dairy Month is celebrated every June to raise awareness of the nutritional benefits associated with dairy products.

The word "dairy" means the storage, processing, and distribution of milk and milk products. The most common producer of milk is dairy cattle, but other milk products can be made from goats, sheep, camels, and other mammals depending on the country and culture.

Did you know that there are over 125 different dairy products and over 1800 kinds of cheeses made worldwide?

We are excited to see all the club's June Dairy Window Promotions! Please remember to submit your pictures to the office by June 5th to qualify for the cash prizes.

One great event to kick off National Dairy Month and summer is to bring your family to the 2024 Monroe County Dairy Breakfast on June 1st at the Witt Family Farm, 27432 Midway Avenue in Wilton from 7 am to 11 am. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for ages 6-10, and under 5 is free. There will be delicious food and activities for all. Come see us at the 4-H booth!

There are so many exciting events, celebrations, and festivities happening every weekend in the summer; it becomes hard to choose which ones to go to and even more difficult to pick one over the next. Life is busy, especially with how involved 4-hers are! It is important when prioritizing summer plans to know it is ok to give yourself some grace and remember family always comes first.

We hope that all of our 4-H Moms were able to celebrate a wonderful Mother's Day, we wish all 4-H Dads a happy upcoming Father's Day, and we are keeping military families in our thoughts as we honor those who served and sacrificed for our freedom this Memorial Day.

Please be safe and have fun as you begin to celebrate all things summer and 4-H with your family and friends.

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 Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu

Calendar of Events

JUNE

Sat., June 1, 2024

June Dairy Breakfast, 7 a.m.- 11 a.m.

WHERE: 27432 Midway Ave. Wilton

Fri., June 7, 2024

June Dairy Window Picture DUE TODAY

WHERE: Extension Office vicky.kast@wisc.edu

Tues., June 11, 2024

Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Sparta High School

Sat., June 15, 2024

Fair Clean Up Day, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Tomah Fairgrounds

Mon., June 17, 2024

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

WHERE: Tomah Fairgrounds at Food Stand

JULY

Sat., July 20, 2024

Fair Clean Up Day, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Tomah Fairgrounds

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

Project News & Information

Pop Tabs Results

A BIG thank you to all the members who collected pop tabs over the past year, it all goes towards a very worthy cause. The club with the most tabs is Leon Livewires with 101 pounds! LaGrange Tunnel-Lites and Norwalk Clovers tied for second with 7 pounds each. Valle Ville collected 6 pounds, Jolly Joiners 5 pounds, Stepping Stones 2 pounds and Sparta Sprockets had a 1/2 pound.

The tabs are in support of Ronald McDonald House. RMH provides a place to stay when families have children hospitalized.



Jr. Leader's Meeting & Activity

The Jr. Leaders will meet on Friday, **June 28th at the Sparrow's Nest for a brief meeting**, some community service work cleaning up the outside of the Sparrow's Nest and a cookout afterwards. Exact times will be emailed when finalized.

Shooting Sports— Shotgun & .22 Rifle



All 4-H members who signed up for shotgun, .22 rifle or shooting sports projects, have been sent the registration form, safety

rules and assumption of risk in mid-April. **WI State 4-H rules require members must be 12 years old and have completed hunter safety.** Shooting times will be Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting June 11th, at the Cataract Sportsmen's Club at 6 p.m. Bring these forms with you and the fee of \$10 per youth per discipline. Please sign up so we have enough equipment and ammunition available: <https://forms.gle/xYXFe7Lu1J5Lbwsa8> Call the office if you have any questions.

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Dog Training

Please watch our **Monroe County 4-H Dog Project** page on Facebook for details on the upcoming spring/summer training sessions. If you are not on

Facebook, please email Jackie Menn at lawviewfarm@yahoo.com or text 608-633-3186 to request email or text notifications or Dona Goede at 608-317-1488, donagoede@gmail.com

Agility training dates in June/July will be announced. Location will be at the Anderson home outside Sparta. Jackie Menn will be coordinating and training.

Looking Ahead:

- Elroy Fair Obedience, Showmanship and Agility shows, Sunday, June 23
- Monroe Fair Obedience, Showmanship, Rally shows, Wednesday, July 24
- Monroe Fair Agility show, Sunday, July 28
- Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show Obedience and Showmanship, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Oct. 5-6



Fair Clean Up Dates

June 15, 9 a.m.—clean up barns and around grounds to prepare for tractor pull.

July 20, 9 a.m.—get ready for fair, clean barns, set up gates, set up exhibit hall & more.



Grill for Sale

Purchased in 2013 or 2014, and used for tractor pull and fair for possibly 3 years. Good condition, but 2 knobs missing.. \$100 - you pick up at Tomah Fairgrounds.

Jr. Livestock Comm. Mtg -DATE CHANGE

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in the Sparta High School cafeteria.

Rooster & Youth Crowing Contest



An exciting new contest will be at the Fair this year - a rooster crowing contest for roosters AND a youth crowing contest for youth! 1st and 2nd place finishers will receive a prize. Roosters may be of any breed and any age. Limit 2 birds per owner, one rooster per cage. There will be finalized contest times announced in the July Cloverlink. Register with your fair registration by June 30th. Contact Poultry Co-Superintendents, Bernadette Adams and Sarah Flock with questions.



2024 Fair Dates

Wednesday, July 24 – Sunday, July 28

Fair entries will be online again this year. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for updates.

Club display themes will be picked by each club. The displays keep getting better every year, we can't wait to see them in July!

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

Project News & Information

Food Stand News

Monroe County 4-H members will again host a fund raising food stand for the Tractor Pull on June 20-22 and the Fair on July 24-28. This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year. The chart indicates how many shifts your club is responsible for working, and is calculated on the number of eligible members in Grades 3-13, divided by the total number of members in the county. Adults are not a part of the calculation, but parents and grandparents are welcome to work a shift. Just be sure to put the club name in the sign up so we can give credit to the correct club!

The SignUpGenius form for Tractor Pull was released on May 28th, so be sure to check your email.

The sign up for Fair will be released on June 28th.

Club Name	Gr 3-13 Count	% of total membership	# of shifts PULL	# of shifts FAIR
Clovers & Cranberries	12	5%	6	15
Denim 'n Dust	12	5%	6	15
Dragonflies	12	5%	6	15
Hill-N-Valley	11	5%	5	14
Jolly Joiners	20	9%	9	25
LaGrange Tunnel-Lites	47	21%	22	60
Leon Livewires	55	25%	26	70
Norwalk Clovers	18	8%	9	23
Sparta Sprockets	8	4%	4	10
Stepping Stones	16	7%	8	20
Valle Ville	5	2%	2	6
Wayfinders	6	3%	3	8
TOTAL	222	100%	105	282



Area Animal Science Days is a series of day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experience.

More information including a registration booklet, tentative schedules for the day, and more is available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/> Deadline to sign up is June 3, 2024.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

REGISTRATION OPEN!

SHAWANO COUNTY JUNE 18TH

GREEN COUNTY JUNE 20TH



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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4-H Graduation Award

This award is intended for 4-H youth who are seniors in high school and is sponsored by the Monroe County 4-H Leader's Association.

The Monroe County 4-H Leader's Association will give this award to any 4-H member who meets the following criteria:

1. 4-H member applicant shall have been an active member in the Monroe County 4-H program. Awards will be honored for 4-H years spent in Monroe County 4-H only.
2. 4-H member applicant shall have been in good standing in the County, State, and National 4-H programs and at all 4-H activities in County, State, or National areas (Example - State Fair). Consideration will be given in regard to the "Behavior Agreement" applicants signed each club year. Did applicant uphold this agreement?
3. 4-H member shall have submitted in writing, a request for this award stating, "Reasons Why I Deserve to Receive this Award."
4. 4-H member shall answer this question, "What will you do with this money?"
5. 4-H member shall submit a "Letter of Recommendation" in a sealed envelope from the club General Leader. General Leader signature must cover the envelope seal. The letter should include the involvement of the applicant in the Monroe County 4-H program at all levels: club, county, state, and national. This recommendation may not be submitted from a general leader parent for his or her own son or daughter. Another leader from that club must do the recommendation in that situation.
6. 4-H member shall complete an entire record book and obtain a score of 75 or above to have record book count as part of the consecutive years.
7. 4-H member shall have completed a complete record book for 4 consecutive years of 4-H life in Monroe County. The following breakdown will determine amount of award money applicant may receive:
 - a. Applicant was a 4-H member during grades 9-12 and submitted 4 books for those 4 consecutive years - \$500.
 - b. Applicant was a 4-H member during grades 10-12 and submitted 3 books for those 3 consecutive years - \$250.
 - c. Applicant was a 4-H member during grades 11-12 and submitted 2 books for those 2 consecutive years - \$100.
 - d. Only members that meet these specifications will be eligible.
8. 4-H member shall have submitted application (Request, Intent for money, and Letter of Recommendation) by due date. Applications must be postmarked by July 1st of their high school graduating year.

Recipients of this award will be picked by the Executive Board and will be announced at the County Awards Night in October or November.

If you would like an application emailed, please contact jason.hornickel@wisc.edu or vicky.kast@wisc.edu or call 608-269-8722. Application is also online on our [website](#) under Forms & Applications.

Cloverbud

Monroe

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Create-a-Critter

Make up a brand new creature. Decide the details by finishing the sentences below. Help it be a good survivor!



My name is _____

I live in _____

I eat _____

I sleep in _____

I move like this: _____

I sound like this: _____

My enemies are: _____

I defend myself by: _____

Draw a picture of your creation here.

Parts to use...

beak



eyes



feet



teeth



ears

tails



make up your own too!

2024 CLOTHING PREVIEW ENTRY FORM - MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 17, 2024

Mail entries to: Monroe County Extension Office, 206 So. K Street, 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

When: Monday, June 24, 2024

Time: Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Judging begins: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Assembly Rm, Monroe County Justice Ctr, Sparta

Entry Deadline: June 17, 2024

This is a pre-fair event, meaning your clothing item gets judged face-to-face before the fair, not at the fair like most exhibits. If you want to receive your premium you must enter Clothing Preview on your fair entry form. 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).

Registrations are due to the Extension Office 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 28th** 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.



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 for 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.

Foods Revue Guidelines



I. General

1. Parent or leader may help carry in the exhibitor's materials, but actual set-up is exhibitor's responsibility.
2. All blue ribbon winners will be on display at the Monroe County Fair.
3. The Monroe County 4-H Foods Revue is judged faced-to-face. All entries will be judged using the Danish System.
4. Listening by all exhibitors on comments from the judge is encouraged.

II. Product Exhibit (see appropriate guideline for age and year in projects groupings)

1. Make only one food item. Optional: samples of product may be left for tasting following the Foods Revue.
2. Food selected must be appropriate to 4-H member's age and current project.
3. Print or type the menu on an **8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, 3 x 5" card or other creative materials**. Put name on back of card.
4. Print or type the food recipe on an **8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, 3 x 5" card or other creative materials**. Put name on back of card. Submit a copy of the recipe to the UW Extension Office by entry deadline.
5. Recipe and menu cards must be displayed with exhibit.
6. Each exhibitor will have a table surface of approximately 30" x 24" on which to have their place setting and centerpiece. (tables are provided).
7. Table setting must be on a placemat or a tablecloth (folded to 30" x 24").
8. Silk or fresh flowers, natural seasonal arrangements, or other items appropriate to the menu, may be used as centerpieces.
9. Provide the table service you will need; the dishes, flatware, table covering, and the centerpiece that will make an attractive setting for your food and fit the menu. If the menu is for a fancy sit-down dinner, reflect that theme. If your menu is for a picnic, paper ware is acceptable, and a fancy table service is not.

III. Other Exhibits (members may choose to exhibit a poster or mini-booth)

Posters: (in place of a mini-booth)

1. Poster size—14" x 22" piece of tag board.
2. Create your own food idea (nutrition, preparation, safety, buymanship, dairy promotion) Your theme can create your own title.
3. Poster should have a title or heading.
4. Posters can be hand drawn, painted, magazine pictures, or photos.
5. Be creative and original.



Mini-Booth: (in place of poster)

1. Size—no larger than 14" x 32" Do not use perishable foods as part of display.
2. Mini-booth can show ways of presenting a food concern (buying, food safety, food preparation, consumer concern: food science related to dairy foods).
3. Must be neat, organized and theme easily identified.

Dairy Promotion

To be eligible for this award, members in grades 3 to 13 entries must include: **TWO (2) dairy products** in the food prepared AND create a poster or mini-booth with a dairy theme. A dairy promotions representative will evaluate the entries on the above two criteria. Awards will be monetary donations from the Monroe County Dairy Promotion Committee. Food items and posters must contain dairy products / information to be eligible. ALL 4-H Foods Revue entries meeting these dairy promotion guidelines are eligible.





2024 Foods Revue

Wed., July 17th - 6:30 p.m. Registration, 7 p.m. Judging
Location: Leon Community Center, Leon, WI

Complete place setting includes: silverware, napkin, placemat, drink ware, plate/bowl. *Creative Chef: Even Years: Beef or chicken, sour cream, butter, cheese, apples, peas, onions, parsley, pasta, cranberries, sunflower seeds, cucumbers, vinegar of choice, mushrooms, tomatoes.

Group	Class	Lot	Food Item	What to bring
K-Grade 2	A0	1	K-Nutritious Drink (must include at least 3 ingredients)	Placemat, serving glass, plate, napkin, 3 X 5 recipe card
	A1	1	1st-Vegetable Snack-Raw	Same as above
	A2	1	2nd-Fruit Snack-Raw	Same as above
Grade 3	A	1	Hot or cold sandwich	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, menu
Grade 4	B	1	Appetizer (no raw vegetables, fruit, and/ or dips)	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, menu
Grade 5	C	1	Cold salad (vegetable, fruit, gelatin, pasta)-bring entire item as you would serve it, judge may ask for an individual serving	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, menu
Grade 6	D	1	Yeast or quick bread or muffins from scratch	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, complete menu for meal, centerpiece
Grade 7	E	1	Soup or stew-1 serving	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, complete menu for meal, centerpiece
Grade 8	F	1	Dessert-1 serving	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, complete menu for meal, centerpiece
Grade 9	G	1	Main dish-1 serving	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, complete menu for meal, centerpiece
Grade 10	H	1	Traditional Holiday food (Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, etc.)	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, complete menu for meal, centerpiece
Grade 11-13	I	1	*Creative Chef - 1 item	Complete place setting, 3 X 5 recipe card, complete menu for meal, centerpiece *Creative chef-List of ingredients to be used within your prepared item and the rest of your menu. Provide all recipes of your menu, plus prepare one item for face-to-face judging. Nutritionist-Create meal plan for 1 week for yourself, include information on age, weight and gender.
		2	Formal Meal - 2 items	
		3	Nutritionist	
Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-13	J K L	1	Food Poster (see previous page for details)	Food Poster
Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-13	M N O	1	Mini-Booth (see previous page for details)	Mini-Booth



2024 Monroe County 4-H Foods Revue, July 17, 2024



REGISTRATION FORM

Registration 6:30 p.m. Judging 7:00 p.m.
Contest entry with recipe due by: Friday, July 5, 2024

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Cloverbud/Explorer:

Nutritious Drink (Kindergarten): _____

Vegetable Snack (1st Grade): _____

Fruit Snack (2nd Grade): _____

Grades 3 - 13

Using the Food Revue class/lot description, enter class. **Enclose recipe with entry!**

Foods Revue Class: _____ Lot: _____

Poster (14" x 22") Class: _____ **OR** Mini-booth (14" x 32") Class: _____ Dairy Promotion: _____

_____ Yes, I would like information on menu planning, writing, and table settings.

_____ No, I have the information from last year.

2ND ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Cloverbud/Explorer:

Nutritious Drink (Kindergarten): _____

Vegetable Snack (1st Grade): _____

Fruit Snack (2nd Grade): _____

Grades 3 - 13

Using the Food Revue class/lot description, enter class. **Enclose recipe with entry!**

Foods Revue Class: _____ Lot: _____

Poster (14" x 22") Class: _____ **OR** Mini-booth (14" x 32") Class: _____ Dairy Promotion: _____

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