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MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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WELCOME TO THE TEAM BONITA!

Hello Monroe County 4-H Families,

My name is Bonita Hanley, and I would like to introduce myself to you all as the 2024 Monroe County Extension Summer Assistant. I am excited to be working with Jason and the Extension office as well as you all this summer! I am from Cashton and was a member of the Jolly Joiners 4-H from Kindergarten to 12th grade, so I am very familiar with Monroe County and the wonderful 4-H programs that are offered. I just finished my third year at UW-Stevens Point, and I will be finishing up my degree this coming school year. I will be graduating next spring with a degree in Elementary and Special Education.

I am working with Jason and the rest of the Extension office to bring programming to 4-H and county youth, and this summer is jam packed. By the time this newsletter comes out, our talented sewers will have modeled their garments at Clothing Preview. Many of our 4-H families have helped out and worked the 4-H food stand at the Tomah Tractor Pull. Then on July 17th, 4-Hers will have the opportunity to show their cooking and baking skills at Foods Revue. Clover Camp will be on August 17th where the Junior Leaders are teaming up with La Crosse County Junior leaders to put together a day camp for the Cloverbuds. I also have planned some STEM/Science lesson Days at the Sparta public library for 3rd through 6th grader on July 3rd and 8th. We are also planning an all 4-H road trip to the Cave of the Mounds in Blue Mound, WI on August 22nd. And of course, who could forget fair? Picking out the two best looking muffins or the six most uniformed green beans, finishing up last minute projects,

showing in or watching the shows, working in the food stand, buying ice cream or working in the Junior Leaders' ice cream stand, or just having fun with friends, and learning! As being a 4-H alumni myself, I have so many wonderful memories of the Monroe County fair, and I hope our 4-Hers will create their own memories at this year's county fair.

I hope to see you all at these programs and have a great summer!

Bonita Hanley

Extension Summer Assistant
Division of Extension-Monroe County



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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

JULY

Wed., July 17, 2024

Foods Revue, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center

Sat., July 20, 2024

Fair Clean Up Day, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Tomah Fairgrounds

Tues.—Sun., July 23-28, 2024

Monroe County Fair

AUGUST

Sat., Aug. 17, 2024

Cloverbud Camp, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Rockland Village Park

Thurs., Aug. 22, 2024

Road Trip, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at St. Pat's Parking Lot

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



ATTENTION General Leaders !

It's that time of year again, time to submit the annual charter and annual financial report needed to be a 4-H Club. The office will be sending out information and forms after fair. The AFR, annual financial report, is due September 1st and the charters are due October 1st.

NOTE: UW-Madison is not allowing late paperwork on either of these items. If it is not turned in, it may jeopardize charters!!

Volunteers Needed at the Fair



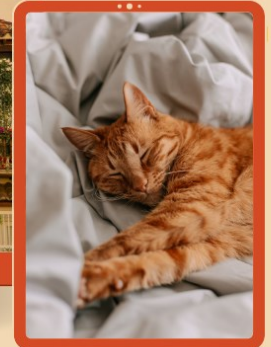
Volunteers Needed

The Fair is a lot of fun AND it takes a lot of volunteers to make it a success. If you want to help at the fair, in any capacity, please call the fair office at 608-372-2081. We need volunteers to help the superintendents in the exhibit hall on Thursday morning to check items in, at noon to help with the judging process, and on Friday morning with the judging process.



CARING BY CARD - LOVE FOR OUR ELDERS

SHARE THE GIFT OF YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY TALENT WITH NURSING HOME RESIDENTS!



STARTING AT 1 PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE YOUR FAIR PHOTOS AND USE THE SUPPLIED CARDS TO MAKE A PHOTO CARD, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS. WRITE A NOTE INSIDE AND LEAVE IT ON THE TABLE. THEY WILL BE PICKED UP AT 4:30 PM, AT THE END OF THE FAIR

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Agility Dog Training

Anyone in the Monroe County dog project is welcome, as long as *the dog and handler have participated in an obedience course and can successfully complete a sit stay exercise*. Please text Jackie Menn 608-633-3186 or comment on the Monroe Co. 4-H Dog Project Facebook page if you plan on coming to agility practices so we have an idea how many people to expect. We look forward to seeing you all!

The FIRST practice will be Thursday, June 27th and as of now the LAST practice will be Monday, July 22nd. Here is some additional information:

- Practices will be Mondays & Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Set up is at 6:30 p.m.
- Dates are July 1, 8, 11, 15, 18 & 22
- Keep an eye out for posts about canceling due to weather
- We will NOT meet July 4th
- Please do not park on the grass

Make sure to bring:

- Treats / toys if preferred
- Shoes you can run in
- A flat collar
- 6 ft leash
- Water bowl
- A happy and willing attitude

Additional Dates:

Set up for the Monroe County Fair (MCF) Dog Show is Saturday, July 20, during fairgrounds clean up in the hockey building at 9 a.m.

MCF Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally shows, Wednesday, July 24, 5 p.m. Check in at 4:30 p.m.

MCF Agility show, Sunday, July 28, 9 a.m. Set up at 8 a.m. by the horse arena.

WI State 4-H Dog Show is October 5-6, 2024 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Entries are due July 15. Registration booklets are available. Please let us know if interested.

State 4-H Agility Show is October 12 in Oshkosh.

FOOD STAND NEWS



Monroe County 4-H will be hosting a fund raising food stand for the Fair on July 24-28. This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year. 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 Fair was released on June 26th, so be sure to check your email.

Rooster & Youth Crowing Contest



A rooster AND youth crowing contest will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 9 a.m. in the Poultry barn show ring at Recreation Park in Tomah. Sign up with your fair registration by June 30th.

RULES:

- Participants should place their roosters in the cages set out on the table in the Poultry barn show ring by 8:30 a.m. Cages may be covered until the show. Roosters may be placed in cages the night before.
- Only one rooster per cage.
- No other bird may accompany competing bird during the contest.
- A judge will be assigned to each rooster to tally the number of times the bird crows in 15 minutes after cages are uncovered.
- You and a family member may cheer on the bird as long as you don't touch it.
- You may leave the top of the cage covered during contest.
- Roosters may be of any breed, any age.
- Limit: 2 birds per owner.
- Fair will provide cages, owners to provide covers.

Awards will be made for the bird crowing the most times in 15 minutes. First place is \$10, second place is \$5. Winners will be announced during the Poultry Show.

Questions? Contact Co-Superintendents, Bernadette Adams, badams6810@gmail.com, and Sarah Flock, flockonline@centurytel.net.

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2024 Photo Contest - Greeting Cards



We're trying something new this year, our top photographs will be put on **greeting cards!** The cards will have our top photographs on the cover and will be blank on the inside to write your own personal message. Have you taken an awesome photo this year? It's easy to enter, just follow these rules for submission:

- Each member may submit one photo in each category - farm animals, birds, sunsets/landscapes, flowers, pets
- No photos of people
- Be the work of the youth member willing to sign a release
- Download the picture to [Public 4-H Photo Album - Google Drive](#) and add it to the 2024 Photo Contest-Greeting Card folder. Please name the picture with your first and last name and the category. (call the office if you have issues downloading the pictures)
- Submitted by **July 15, 2024**

Look for the display at the fair near the Photography Department to vote on your favorite! Top photographs will be made into greeting cards. Watch your newsletter and the UW Monroe website to see the top photos and where to purchase the cards.

Summer Cloverbud Camp

This year our Jr. Leaders are teaming up with La Crosse County's Jr. Leaders for the summer Cloverbud camp. The date will be Saturday, August 17th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rockland Village Park, 105 Center Street, Rockland, WI.

The theme is "4-H Grows Here!" We'll learn all about the life cycle of plants, and what they need to thrive in lots of hands on and interactive ways! Members who have completed Kindergarten through 2nd Grade are invited to participate. Space is limited to the first 40 youth who register.

Cost will be \$10 per youth. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided. Please bring a water bottle & towel. Prepare to get messy and wet!

Register your Cloverbud by **Mon., Aug. 12, 2024** at <https://forms.gle/6hbRVZjbMwvhwKs57>



Summer Road Trip



Mark your calendars, we are tentatively looking at doing a road trip to the Cave of the Mounds in Blue Mound, WI on Thursday, August 22nd. Lunch will be a picnic at Brigham County Park. All 4-H members ages 9 to 18 year old are welcome. Transportation will be on your own. If you would like to caravan, we will meet in the St. Patrick's Church parking lot in Sparta at 9 a.m. and be back in Sparta @ 4 p.m. Cost tentatively is \$10. Please check the 4-H Facebook page and your emails for more information to follow.

Register your 4-Her by **Mon., August 12, 2024** at <https://forms.gle/qfJTRaNchouWMrck6>

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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_____ No, I have the information from last year.

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MEMBER'S APPLICATION FOR COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

Name _____ Club _____

To be completed by the member with his/her record book. **Place in inside front cover pocket.**

Circle One (Grade in previous school year): Jr. (3-5) Inter. (6-8) Sr. (9+)

On lines 1-3 please list the 3 projects that are being submitted for scoring and record book placement. For the projects on the lines marked "D" you will receive a disk only.

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|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ |
| D _____ | D _____ | D _____ |
| D _____ | D _____ | D _____ |

_____ I need a new plaque, my current plaque is full. From 2021 forward, there will only be one color plaque.

_____ I am applying for an OVERALL RECORD BOOK AWARD. This award is calculated using projects on lines 1-3 above.

Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature



Clothing Preview Results

Congratulations to all who entered in the 2024 Clothing Preview! Everyone did a fantastic job, so good in fact it made it difficult for the Judge to award merits.

Special thanks to Ruth Elsen who judged the contest this year, and to Superintendent Denise Murray, and to Barb Ornes, Project Leader and technical support for providing video for those who could not attend.

Make sure to stop by the Style Show at the Fair on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Exhibition Building.

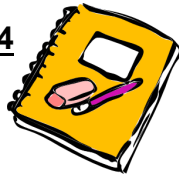
- Daphne Arndt, dress/jumper —Blue
- Miranda Arndt, dress for party—Blue-MERIT
- Katherine Beebe, dress/general—Blue-MERIT
- Azaria Carpenter, blouse/shirt —Blue
- Hannah Chambers, dress/jumper—Red
- Allison Helgren, skirt—Blue
- Ashley Jaeger, dress for party—Blue
- Lara Lamb, dress/jumper—Blue
- Mariah Semann, dress/jumper—Blue-MERIT



Record Books 2024

DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-9-2024

*your club leader may have an earlier deadline.



It is that time to get in gear with your record books. You may not have worked on all of your projects or you may not have had a chance to get to the lessons you were planning, but you did accomplish things this year. The record book is a picture of your 4-H year.

Some may remember that a new Record Book plan was approved at the April 2021 Leader's meeting. There are a few changes to what is scored in the book to make it easier and hopefully more fair.

- Each member is asked to report on three projects. These projects will be scored. You may submit more project forms than is required, the extra projects will be rewarded with a project disk.
- Activity Summaries are required. There will be three for all members. Your age will be taken into consideration when scoring these. There are more options to display your learning from our events.
- Hour Tracker: Will be part of each project that you submit. Some projects will have a project completion certificate that you can use in place of the hour tracker.
- There will be a monetary award for 3rd—8th grade members. A 4-H "Savings Account" will be established for each successful record book. A deposit of \$50 will be added. This money can be used for 4-H events throughout your 4-H career.

Remember that record books are ultimately for you to use as a record of your involvement in 4-H. What you write may help in filling out college forms, or applying for scholarships and jobs, let alone reminiscing when you are an adult.

Find the forms and instructions at: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>



Treasurer & Secretary Books

DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-1-2024

Each year the Treasurer and Secretary for each chartered club and group in 4-H is required to turn in a collection of reports and information. These documents are used to help in Monroe County's Charting process. The process by which clubs have permission to function as 4-H. So they are important!

Please do your best on these reports. They will be used strictly for their administrative purpose. All forms can be found at: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>

Here is a list of what goes in each book:

Secretary:

1. Club Evaluation Form- updated online
2. Monthly Club Meeting Minutes- Please list months where no meeting was held
3. Club Activities – Clubs should have been able to do 2 activities this year.
4. Club Attendance Record – Write "NM" in the date if the club didn't meet.
5. Club Directory - I am mailing all leaders 2 copies of this report.

Treasurer:

1. Monthly Treasurer's Reports - Please list months when no meeting was held.
2. Receipts – attached to sheets
3. Deposits – attached to sheets
4. Bank Statements – July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 from all banks and accounts
5. Ledger – can be hand written, spreadsheet or copies of checkbook

If you have trouble completing your officer's book please let your club leader know or contact Jason at the office by calling 608-269-8722 or email him at Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu.

My Suitcase

Draw what you need to put in your suitcase to go to Grandma's for two days in the summer.

