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MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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September 2024

WRAPPING UP & STARTING NEW

Hello Monroe County 4-H Families,

Summer is starting to wind down, and the camps, fair and road trips are complete! Now we can begin to look forward to school starting, the sports that go with that and the new 4-H year.

September is the official start of the 4-H year and 4HOnline will be ready to take enrollments on the 1st. The State will be rolling over to the new year on August 31st, so make sure not to re-enroll before then.

October leads us into National 4-H Week, October 6-12. This year's theme is Beyond Ready. Remember when you were a kid? Discovering all you can do, while learning to love who you are. Finding your spark, and igniting passion in others. Stepping into your independence, but realizing you don't have to do it alone. Dealing with the pressures of the world, while finding a way through the storm. These moments haven't changed, but the world has - and it's coming at us faster than ever. In the next column is a manifesto of sorts that the State shared with us.

Here's to looking forward,

Jason & Vicky

Monroe County Extension Staff

120 years ago, we were ready.

Ready to get our hands dirty,
Ready to learn by doing,

Ready to push the power of youth forward.

And as our inspiration grew, so did we.

When we expanded into every corner of America,

We were ready.

Ready to ask questions about the world,

To show up for our community,

To become the leaders we were always meant to be.

And when we evolved into the unstoppable force we are today,

We were ready.

Ready to open our arms to every opportunity,

Every path,

And every child—

Generation after generation.

Over six million of us have been inspired by 4-H.

It's time to inspire six million more.

We were ready then. We're beyond ready now.

After all, it's always been in our DNA.

Beyond ready for school.

Beyond ready for work.

Beyond ready for life -

And everything that comes with it.



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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

Newsletters and information available online at: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Sun., Sept. 1, 2024

New 4-H Year Begins!

Go to: <http://wi.4honline.com>

Mon., Sept. 9, 2024

Record Books Due by 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Extension Office

Tues., Sept. 10, 2024

Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Brookwood High School

Mon., Sept. 16, 2024

Leader's Association Meeting, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Leon Community Center

OCTOBER

Sun., Oct. 1, 2024

4-H Charter Paperwork Due Online

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

Oct. 6-12, 2024

National 4-H Week

Thurs., Oct. 31, 2024

HALLOWEEN!



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

Hello 4-Hers,

I am here to say farewell and thank you for an amazing summer, it is hard to believe that it is already September. As I go back to my last year of college I will be taking back all of the skills and knowledge that I have learned through this position and from all of you to use in my future classes. Through this position I have applied so many skills that I have learned when I was a 4-H member myself. I can see how both the skills and the knowledge from being a 4-H member and a student have come full circle.

Again I would like to thank you all for an amazing summer filled with programs and trips! I would also like to thank the staff at the Extension office for giving me this opportunity. I hope you all have a great rest of your summer and good luck at school!

Bonita

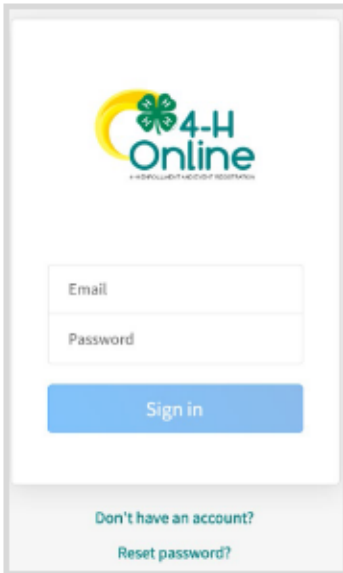


Fair Wrap Up Reminders

- ◆ Remember to cash or deposit your 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 Extension 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 appreciation for their sponsorship and to encourage them to continue sponsoring at our fair in the years to come.

2025 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 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.

DEADLINE TO RE-ENROLL IS NOVEMBER 15, 2024 !



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.
- Do I have to enter the Fair if I am in a 4-H club?
 - > No. Fair is not a requirement of 4-H membership. The Fair is a place where you can show off your 4-H projects that you worked on during the year.
- When is the last date I can enroll in 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair?
 - > **NOVEMBER 15, 2024 - this date is earlier than previous years.**



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Officer Training

Are you interested in being the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary of your club? Then plan on attending the Officer Training on October 11 at the Sparta Barney Center at 6 p.m. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Training will end at 8 p.m.

Let your Club Leader know you are interested in attending. Please sign up so we can have enough materials on hand <https://forms.gle/GgZiDR2CEaJH7vtB9>



2024 Jr. Leaders Schedule

September 14 - Meet at Cashton High School at noon for a short meeting then we'll be heading over to the Vernon County Fair.

October 11 - Meet at the Sparta Barney Center at 7:45 p.m. and walk over to the House of Shadows. Feel free to come at 6 p.m. and help out with the Officer Training. Please register at <https://forms.gle/9iqMbFUjuw7YCbSq7> if you plan on coming to the haunted house and/or officer training. We need a head count for tickets to the haunted house.

November - TBD

December 7 - Meet at Evans Bosshard Park for the 7-9 p.m. shifts to help with Holiday Lights.

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.

Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting

September 10, 2024
7 p.m.
Brookwood High School



Family Celebration

Mark your calendars for November 9th at the Wilton American Legion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plan to come celebrate all your 4-H achievements from the 2023-2024 year!

Summer Road Trip Pics

The road trip to the Cave of the Mounds in Blue Mound, WI on Thursday, August 22nd was super fun! We explored the caves, had a picnic and hiked around the area.



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2024 Photo Contest - Greeting Card RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to these members with the top 10 photos:

1. Azaria Carpenter, Norwalk Clovers, Bird
2. Zachiah Carpenter, Norwalk Clovers, Farm Animal
3. Zaida Carpenter, Norwalk Clovers, Flower
4. Katherine Beebe, Way Finders, Sunset/Landscape
5. Vanessa Ornes, Norwalk Clovers, Farm Animal
6. Lane Paulson, Leon Livewires, Pet
7. Mariah Semann, Norwalk Clovers, Pet
8. Zachiah Carpenter, Norwalk Clovers, Bird
9. Lane Paulson, Leon Livewires, Sunset/Landscape
10. Zaida Carpenter, Norwalk Clovers, Pet

We had 34 amazing photos entered in the contest and had 129 people attending the fair vote for their favorite picture.

We are currently working with the print company on the details for the greeting cards. The cards will make great Christmas presents for anyone! More info in the next newsletter.

Foods Revue RESULTS

Congratulations to all who entered in the 2024 Foods Revue. The place settings were beautiful and the food was delicious!

Merit winners include: Kasen Watring, Leon Livewires; Aleda Moseley, Clovers & Cranberries; Malachi Frost, LaGrange Tunnel-Lites.



Special thanks to Carol Las who judged the contest this year, and to Superintendent Jennie Marx and to Bonita Hanley who helped judge the Dairy Promotions contest.

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Arts Camp

October 5-6, 2024, Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells

We are excited to extend a special invitation to you for an **exclusive event, Arts Camp**. This is a unique opportunity for you to explore your art spark, connect with peers from across the state, and build your artistic skills. Arts Camp participation is open to 4-Hers in grades 6-8.

Youth grades 9-12 can apply for one of our Arts Camp Youth Leadership roles. To participate, please complete this registration form before **September 16**:

<https://24wi4hartscamp.4honline.com>

Arts Camp

At Arts Camp, you will be immersed in a world of arts activities. You can try your hand at various Expressive Arts, including Drawing, Painting, Theater, Dance, Culinary, and Music. This is your opportunity to explore new artistic territories. But that's not all! Arts Camp is also about having a blast with activities like a talent show, Gnome hunt, color group competitions, and much more.

Arts Camp is an overnight event at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells, October 5-6. Campers arrive Saturday morning and wrap up with events in the early afternoon on Sunday. This is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and the arts all at the same time.

Camper Registration

This year, we are trying a new tiered pricing structure for Arts Camp. This pricing structure will allow families flexibility to select the level of payment that best fits their needs. Simply choose the registration level that best suits your family. You can choose one of three pricing options that's right for your family. Simply choose \$100, \$120 or \$140. All payments are confidential and all youth will receive the same great Arts Camp experience.

What does this mean?

We value and encourage participation in the arts, and it is difficult to put a price on youth programming. As we prioritize keeping this event affordable for families by offering three pricing options, \$120 closely represents direct costs for arts camp programming but doesn't truly account for continued program growth. Thank you for paying what you can to make future 4-H youth programming possible for all Wisconsin youth. Adult chaperone registration fees are \$60.



Fall Forum on November 2-3, 2024 Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI



Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth (grades 7-13) 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. Registration will open after September 3rd on [4HOnline](https://4honline.com).

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

For more information on the event, please go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

National 4-H Week October 6-12, 2024

National 4-H Week is a time to celebrate everything 4-H and take pride in your club. We will have daily activities to participate in and a chance to win prizes! Details will be in the October Cloverlink.

Again this year we hope to have the newspaper do an article on Monroe County 4-H. Please send your club stories and pictures to Jason at Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu by September 16th.

If your club has plans to do something special to celebrate, please let the office know so we can share that with other 4-H clubs and our community.

Something new this year - the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) is proud to be organizing and promoting a Statewide Service Project during National 4-H Week, October 6-12, 2024.

WLC will be offering a zoom on Sunday, September 8th to talk more about the project. We encourage members and volunteers to join us for that zoom to share ideas, learn about how to report their impact and some tips for conducting a service project. You'll need to register for the Zoom in order to receive the link - <https://go.wisc.edu/cv99m2>

IGNITE YOUR SPARK
FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

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Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.




Sign up for Service Projects:

<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>

Stay tuned for more National 4-H Week activities



 **FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD** 

The Friend of 4-H Award is presented by the Leaders' Association to a person, group, or business who has shown outstanding support (time, money, supplies, etc.) to the Monroe County 4-H program. This award is not presented to current 4-H leaders.

Information about the Candidate:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Describe the contributions for which the nominee has been nominated on a separate sheet.

Signature of Nominator: _____

Return to the Monroe County Extension Office, 206 South K Street, Sparta, WI 54656 by **October 1, 2024.**



4-H ALUMNI AWARD

The 4-H Alumni Award is presented by the Leaders' Association to someone who was once an active 4-H member (Within the U.S.) They will be recognized for their current outstanding accomplishments and dedication to the Monroe County 4-H Program. This person can be a current 4-H Leader.

Information about the Candidate:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Describe the contributions for which the nominee has been nominated on a separate sheet.

Signature of Nominator: _____

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4-H's Long-reaching Effects
Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

- 4x** more likely to contribute to their communities
- 2x** more likely to be civically active
- 2x** more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices

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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.

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



Key Leadership & "I Dare You" Awards



These are the two most prestigious awards given in 4-H. Any adult can nominate a youth for these awards.

The **Key Award** is open to members in grades 10 - 13. Youth who have done outstanding things in the realm of leadership and project work should be considered for this award. This is for members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

The **"I Dare You" Award** is 4-H members, who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility. Those nominated for this award should be "emerging" leaders - those youth who have the qualities and the abilities to lead, but who may not yet recognize or act on their leadership potential. This award is designed to be given to a member in grades 8 - 10 and can only be received once during their 4-H career.

Nomination Form on Page 10.

4-H is a **community** of **young people**
 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.



Key Leadership & "I Dare You" Award Nomination Form



Year: _____

The Key Award provides special recognition to 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H Program, who have developed their leadership abilities and who have actively served their club and community.

4-H Members must be entering their junior year of high school the year they are nominated. This form must be completed by a non-related 4-H Leader. Return this form to the Monroe County 4-H Office, 206 South K Street, Sparta, WI 54656, by October 1, 2024.

4-H Member Name _____ Nominated for Key Leadership or "I Dare You"

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Club _____ Birthdate _____ Years in 4-H _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Nominated Member Phone Number _____

Name of Nominating 4-H Leader _____

Phone Number of Nominating 4-H Leader _____

Please list 3 names and phone numbers of individuals who have been instrumental in the youth's leadership development. (These individuals may be contacted to help present the award.)

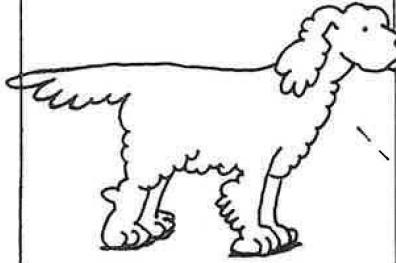




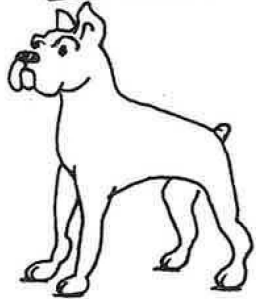
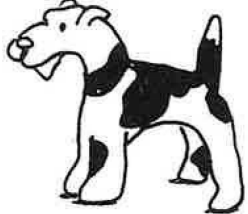
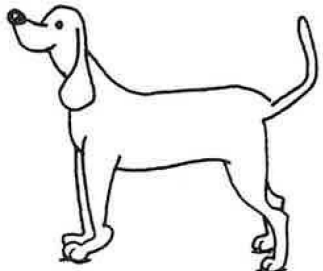
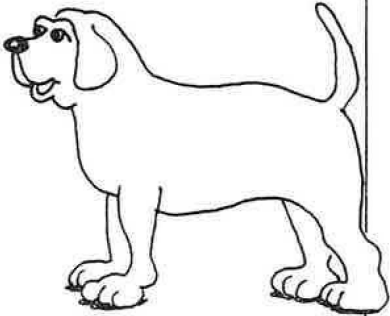
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Pick the parents

Look at ears, tails, face shapes and bodies. Draw lines from each puppy to its parents. Tell why you made these choices.

Moms	Pups	Dads
	   	   



ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY!
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER
2025!

GRADES:
10-12

REGISTER:
SEPT. 4-30

TRAVEL DATES: FEB. 15-22

A MINIMUM OF 36 YOUTH ARE REQUIRED FOR THE EXPERIENCE

 
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We are excited to offer the Advanced Space Academy next year for youth in grades 10-12. Advanced Space Academy is a weeklong educational experience where youth will travel to Huntsville, AL via coach bus and get the opportunity to train like an astronaut, learn team building skills at the Space Camp Challenge Course, participate in SCUBA diving at the underwater astronaut trainer, and learn a ton more about Space and STEM!

This year, Wisconsin 4-H is traveling to Advanced Space Academy from **February 15-22, 2025**. The total cost for participants is \$2,700 per youth. The cost includes travel, meals, lodging, and programming costs. Some state scholarships are available to help offset costs (see the website below). Youth will travel via coach bus and will stay in the dormitories at Space Camp with the exception of the first and last nights being at a hotel in route to Space Camp. **Registration will be open in 4HOnline from September 4-30th, 2024** for youth in grades 10-12 for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Additionally, there is a **minimum number of youth participants of 36** – if this experience does not reach the minimum number of participants, it will be cancelled.

For more information on Advanced Space Academy, please check out our website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/advanced-space-camp/>. Additionally, you can reach out to Seth Harrmann at seth.harrmann@wisc.edu with additional questions.

We hope to see you with us as we blast off for Advanced Space Academy in February!