



MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

THE NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS

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HERITAGE & HARVEST

Happy Autumn, Monroe County 4-H Families!

We hope this change of season brings our farming, foraging, and hunting families a bountiful harvest. We also wish all families the chance to enjoy the extended summer weather we've been experiencing, along with the beauty of the changing leaves!

Hopefully, our members had a fun Halloween, and we're excited about our first Halloween Open House at the Extension Office—every "boo"dy is invited! We'll have a special guest, the one and only Chris Clover, who will be helping promote 4-H in our community. Vicky did a fantastic job creating a Chris Clover puppet activity for the trick-or-treaters who stopped by. Check out the Cloverbud Corner page for your very own puppet, and keep an eye on our Facebook page for fun pictures!

We had a wonderful National 4-H Week last month, and we want to thank all the members who helped us celebrate and submitted their photos! Congratulations to our two grand prize winners, Trevor Weber and Jayce Blank!

When many think of November, they often picture colder weather, shorter days due to daylight saving time, trees losing their leaves, and the natural world preparing for winter. However, we also think about the start of the holiday season with Thanksgiving, quality time with family, and traditional celebrations. Let's begin the month with all three together at our Family Celebration and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 9th. Be sure to mark your calendars and sign up for the potluck lunch!

Aside from our 4-H Family Celebration and Thanksgiving, November offers many additional reasons to celebrate and commemorate. It is Native American Heritage Month, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, World Kindness Day, Giving Day, and Veterans Day. A special thanks to our Veterans and their families for their service.

We encourage our members to fully embrace November in the spirit of 4-H by honoring Native Americans and our American Veterans, or helping those in need, promoting kindness and generosity, or lending a hand to a local organization. Consider finding ways to express gratitude to your family, club, or community.

Here's a last reminder for all families: the enrollment deadline to register on 4-H Online to qualify for the Monroe County Fair is November 15th. Enroll today!

We hope to see you at the Family Celebration, and if not, we wish your family a wonderful November and a Happy Thanksgiving. Good luck to all our youth hunters—stay safe and enjoy your time in the woods with friends and family!

With thanks and appreciation,

Jason & Vicky

Monroe County Extension Staff



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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

NOVEMBER

Sat. Nov. 9, 2024

4-H Family Celebration, Noon– 2 p.m.

WHERE: Wilton American Legion

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A9AE29AAF4C16-51675244-4hfamily>

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 7, 2024

Wildlife Workshop, Noon-4:30

WHERE: Barney Center

Mon., Dec. 30, 2024

Project Day & Club Leader Training– TBD

WHERE: Leon Community Center

2024 Jr. Leaders Schedule

November - Virtual Meeting, Thursday, November 14th @ 7 pm. A Zoom link will be emailed to the members.

December 7 - Meet at Evans Bosshard Park for the 5-7 and 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.

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

December Project Day

We are having our Winter project day on Monday, December 30, at the Leon Community Center. The time and registration link will be included in the December Newsletter.

Project Volunteers Needed: in 4-H, we believe in providing learning opportunities to introduce youth to hands on projects and potentially sparking their interest in something new. If you have something you enjoy to do, a skill, hobby, or even want to try something new yourself, please consider becoming a Project Day Leader! Our youth's potential to thrive starts with caring adults who share their sparks!

Contact the Extension Office to sign up or to discuss project options.



Volunteers Needed

2025 Community Garden Project!



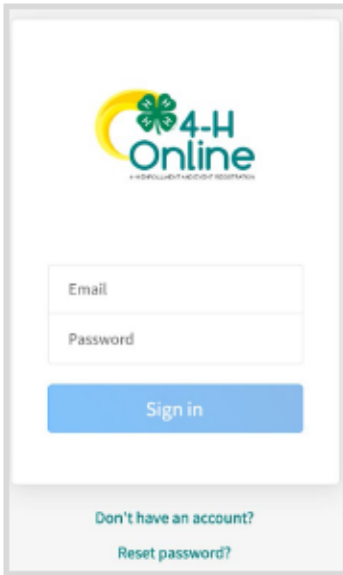
We are excited to partner with the Sparta Gardening Club to build Community Gardens this spring at the Extension Office and other areas around town!

If you enjoy gardening, or want to learn more gardening, there will be upcoming project days to help plant the seeds! We also hope to have woodworking project days to help build raised garden beds. We will keep you posted. 4-H grows here!



2025 4-H Enrollment

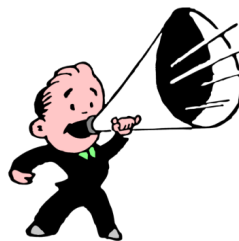
Enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H year begins September 1st. The State will shut down the system on August 31st for updates and it should be back up and running on September 1st. Your membership and profile information will roll over, but your projects will not. Below are instructions on how to log into 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.

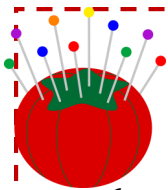
For more detailed information on how to enroll go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/start-here/4honline-for-families/> or call the office at 608-269-8722.

DEADLINE TO RE-ENROLL IS NOVEMBER 15, 2024 !



THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER . . .

If you do not enroll in 4HOnline before November 15, this will be your last newsletter. When we mail out December's newsletter, we will only use the current address list from 4HOnline.



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.



Photo Contest - Greeting Cards

The greeting cards are getting printed this week and will go on sale mid-late November. The cards will make great Christmas presents for anyone! Watch the website and Facebook page for details.

Project News & Information

Family Celebration

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9th at the Wilton American Legion from Noon to 2 p.m. Plan to come celebrate all your 4-H achievements from the 2023-2024 year! This is a potluck, so please sign up using this SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A9AE29AAF4C16-51675244-4hfamily>

A few notes about the sign up:

- If you bring barbeque, you don't need to bring buns. We have buns from the fair to use.
- NO soda can be brought into the facility, but it will be available for purchase for \$1 per can. If you sign up to bring a beverage, please bring milk, chocolate milk, lemonade, or your favorite think to drink.

Congratulations to the 4-H Members who had a safe and successful Youth Hunt. Here are Lane Paulson and Samuel Menn's Trophy Bucks!



Wild Game Workshop



Saturday, December 7th, 2024
Noon - 4:30 pm @ Barney Center

Register at <https://forms.gle/s6g5uk23AhtFZVcPA>

Do you enjoy the outdoors or interested in the outdoors? Join us for a day of learning, games, guest presenters, and a wild game feast!
Parents are welcome as well!

- ⇒ Photo Contest! Print and bring your best game camera or photo you took of any wildlife to be judged and voted on. Limit two pictures per participant.
- ⇒ Game Feast Potluck! Prepare and bring your favorite wild game recipe to share.
- ⇒ Deer Hearts Needed! Please consider saving and donating your deer hearts for an optional deer heart dissection and biology lesson.
- ⇒ Attention Outdoor Enthusiasts! Are you or anyone you know interested in helping, or sharing your unique experiences and skills as a guest presenter?

Call Jason at the Extension Office 608-269-8722, or email Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu

THANK YOU



FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MONROE COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS!

Enter your 4-H Hunter (under 15 y.o) into the Whitetails Unlimited Youth Deer Hunting Contest!
For details and to enter, go to www.whitetailsunlimited.com



Science & Fair Project: Leaf Collection

*Have you ever wondered why leaves change color?
Ever wondered what kind of trees make certain leaves or seeds?*



November is a great time to collect fallen leaves and complete a Leaf Collection Project to enter at the Fair:
Department 16- Natural Science, Class C- Forestry

Here is the science of why leaves change color to help get your project started!

Leaf color comes from pigments. Pigments are natural substances produced by leaf cells. The three pigments that color leaves are:

- chlorophyll (green);
- carotenoid (yellow, orange, and brown); and
- anthocyanin (red).

Chlorophyll is the most important of the three. Without the chlorophyll in leaves, trees wouldn't be able to use sunlight to produce food. Carotenoids create bright yellows and oranges in familiar fruits and vegetables. Corn, carrots, and bananas are just a few of the many plants colored by carotenoids. Anthocyanins add the color red to plants, including cranberries, red apples, cherries, strawberries, and others.

Chlorophylls and carotenoids are in leaf cells all the time during the growing season. But the chlorophyll covers the carotenoid - that's why summer leaves are green, not yellow or orange. Most anthocyanins are produced only in autumn, and only under certain conditions. Not all trees can make anthocyanin.

Here are the common native trees in Wisconsin autumn leaf colors: Oaks- red or brown. Hickories- golden bronze. Dogwood-purple/ red. Birch- bright yellow. Poplar- golden yellow. Maples- show a range of colors, Sugar Maple- Orange/Red, Black Maple-glowing yellow, and Red Maple-bright scarlet.

**For additional resources to assist with your leaf collection or tree identification, contact the Extension Office.*

Native American Heritage Month

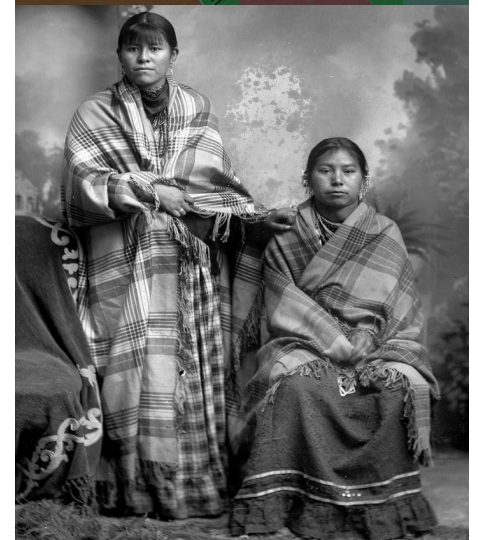
UW–Madison and Monroe County Extension acknowledge the land we occupy is ancestral Ho–Chunk land, a place their nation has called Teejop (day–JOPE) since time immemorial. In an 1832 treaty, the Ho–Chunk were forced to cede this territory. Decades of ethnic cleansing followed when both the federal and state governments repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, sought to forcibly remove the Ho–Chunk from Wisconsin. We acknowledge the circumstances that led to the forced removal of the Ho–Chunk people and honor their legacy of resistance and resilience. This history of colonization informs our work and vision for a collaborative future. We recognize and respect the inherent sovereignty of the Ho–Chunk Nation and the other 11 Native Nations within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.

The Ho–Chunk, also known as Hocaq, Hoocągra, or Winnebago are a Siouan–speaking Native American people whose historic territory includes parts of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. Today, Ho–Chunk people are enrolled in two federally recognized tribes, the Ho–Chunk Nation of Wisconsin and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Historically, the surrounding Algonquin tribes referred to them by a term that evolved to Winnebago, which was later used as well as by the French and English. The Ho–Chunk Nation has always called themselves Ho–Chunk. The name *Ho–Chunk* comes from the word *Hocaagra* (*Ho* meaning "voice", *cqk* meaning "sacred", *ra* being a definitive article) meaning "People of the Sacred Voice". Their name comes from oral traditions that state they are the originators of the many branches of the Siouan language.

The Ho–Chunk oral tradition states "We have always been here" and more than likely, we always be here. Our history is not told in history books, but spans back beyond possibly three ice ages.

*"Hocqk Wazijacira Hiżqkiişanq Hijnj Karagiwinq"
-The Ho–Chunk Nation greets each and every one of you.*

For more information on the Ho–Chunk Nation, visit www.ho-chunknation.com



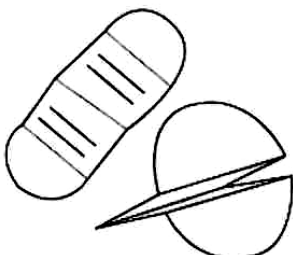
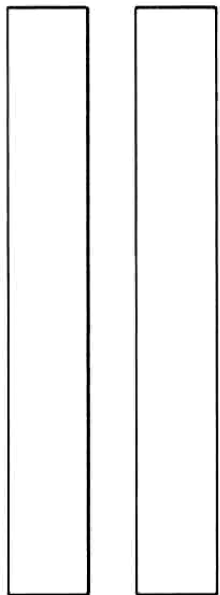
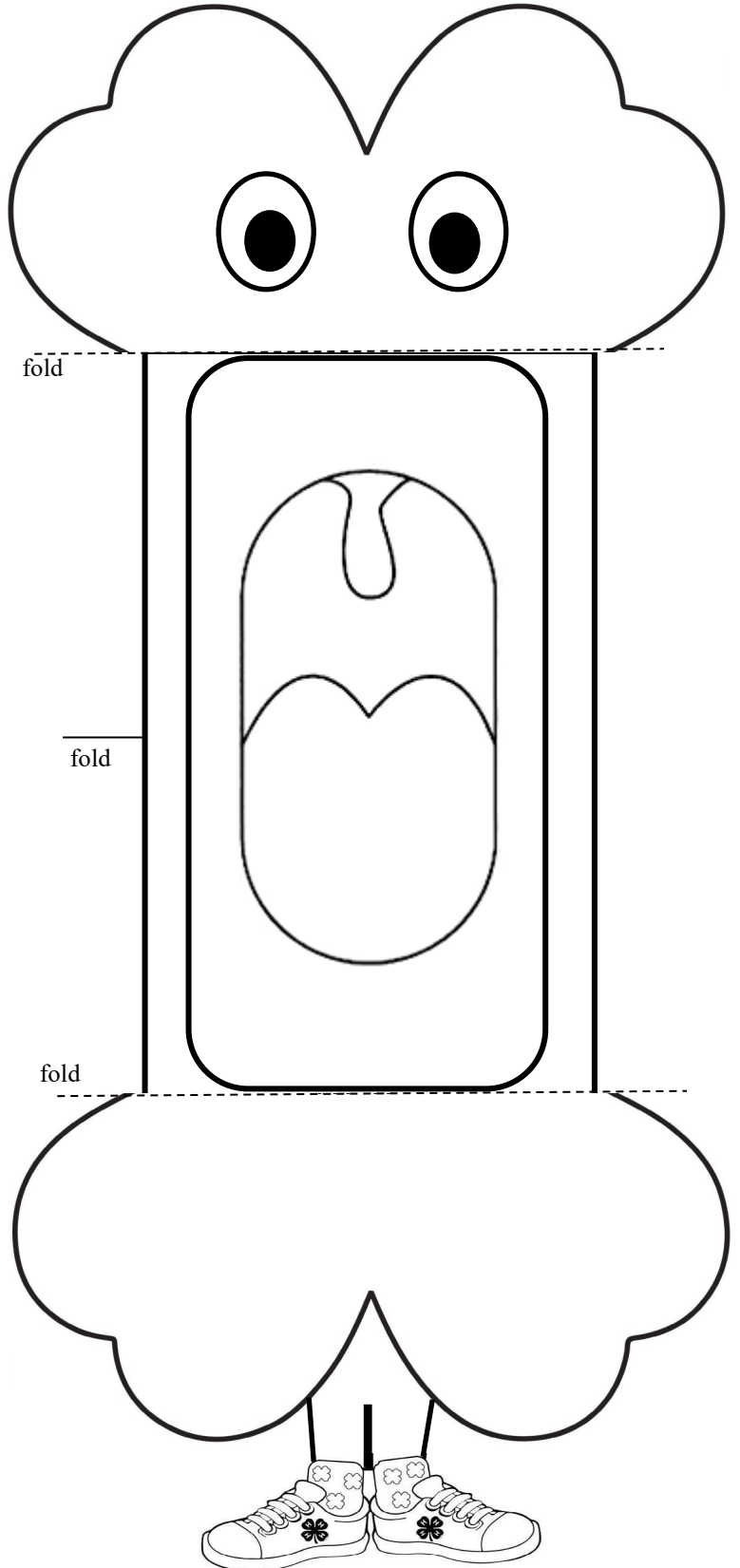
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PUPPET TIME!

TIP: For a more durable puppet, you may want to copy this sheet on a piece of cardstock before you begin.

1. Color and decorate puppet.
2. Then cut the image out and fold along the dotted line.
3. Cut out the two long strips of paper and tape them to the back of the puppet at the top and bottom to make a place for little hands to grip.
4. Have fun with your puppet!





Thank You to the 4-H Military Families and Monroe County Veterans for your Service!

Community Service Opportunity:

**Tomah VA Medical Center
500 E. Veterans Street Tomah, WI 54660**



Are looking for individuals or organizations interested in volunteering on an occasional basis, we have many special events throughout the year that we simply need extra volunteers for to escort our inpatients to (i.e. Memorial Day, June Dairy Days, Independence Day Celebration, Platoon Run|Car and Motorcycle Show, Veterans Day Programs, Holiday events, LIVE Music and more!

To request this schedule or to be added to our newsletter, please email us at VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov or call our office at 608-372-1727

Avila	Air Force
Bauman	Air Force
Beebe	Air Force
Deal	Air Force
Divyak	Air Force
Eastman	Air Force
Hammer	Air Force
Pope	Air Force
Shilson	Air Force
Skowronski	Air Force
Tiarks	Air Force
Zirk	Air Force
Adams	Army
Bess	Army
Bock	Army
Crandell	Army
Dejardin	Army
Edmond	Army
Fanell	Army
Greeno	Army
Holloway	Army
Horton	Army
Johnson	Army
Kirkeeng	Army
Kotten	Army
Moseley	Army
Olive	Army
Olsen	Army
Ontiveros	Army
Pierce	Army
Poff	Army
Preuss	Army
Sawruk	Army
Schaitel	Army
Schendel	Army
Schumacker	Army
Spaulding	Army
Thomas	Army
Tormoen	Army
Turner	Army
Brand	Marines
Walber	Marines
Gaunky	Navy
Lamb	Navy & D.O.D Civilian

Wisconsin State & National Educational Experiences

4-H ArtBEAT! - March 14-16, 2025



This is an introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H expressive arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. ArtBEAT provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience different art forms in a camping environment at the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells. The event offers a taste of several arts projects including music, visual arts, communication, and more!

Registration is through 4HOnline and will open in early December. Capacity is limited for this experience. The cost is \$120.00. For more details including scholarship information please go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/art-beat/>
*Limited County Scholarships Available for Youth. Application Link: <https://forms.gle/qQ1uwvhQsLgPMPxz9>



American Spirit - June 20-29, 2025

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada with youth-led content throughout the experience. Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred. The program is open to youth in grades 8-10. Registration will open in November and will be done through 4HOnline. The cost is @ \$2,900. For more details and scholarship information go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spirit-east/>.

Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) - June or July 2025



This is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C. our Nation’s Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States’ government and how these parts work together to form an effective Congress. This trip is open to 4-H members in Grades 10-12.

Registration is through 4HOnline and will open from December 1-31, 2024. Capacity is limited for this experience. The cost is @ \$2,500. For more details including scholarship information please go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/>

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