

### A BLUE RIBBON SUMMER

#### Dear Monroe County 4-H Members and Families,

It feels like we just started this 4-H year, and now the 4th of July and County Fair are already right around the corner and here is your last newsletter of the 2024-25 4-H year! **Please be sure to re-enroll through 4-H Online again after September 1st.**

Many of our members braved last week's heat wave to participate in the Elroy Fair—thank you for your dedication and for putting your animals' care first! We also held our Clothing Review this week. While a last-minute location change moved our runway to the Extension Conference Room, our talented seamstresses made the best of it and modeled their beautifully tailored garments like pros. Way to go, 4-H'ers!

We're excited to welcome back Bonita, our 4-H Summer Intern, now a UW-Stevens Point graduate and soon-to-be 2nd-grade teacher! It's a full-circle moment that speaks to the lifelong impact of 4-H—congratulations, Bonita!

A few big shout-outs to our amazing community partners that have recently helped contribute to 4-H:

- **Cataract Sportsman's Club** – Thank you for hosting our advanced archery, .22, and shotgun shooting sports sessions!
- **Tomah VA Medical Center** – Thanks to all who helped bring the farm to our veterans for a great community service event!

- **American Do It All Center** – Thank you for donating compost and a rototiller rental for our new 4-H Centennial Community Garden!
- **Pine Ridge Greenhouse** – We appreciate your generous donation of vegetables and flowers.
- **Sparta Gardening Club** – Thank you for helping beautify our community green spaces!

We wish we could hand out blue ribbons year-round for the incredible contributions from our members, volunteers, leaders, and partners. While we're thrilled with how this year has gone, there's still so much summer fun ahead!

As you prepare for the Fair, whether it's your first or your last, remember: it's not just about the ribbons. Smile, grab an ice cream from the Junior Leaders' stand, and make lasting memories with your friends, club, and family. Ribbons may fade, but your 4-H experiences will stay with you for life.

Make the most of your summer—let your hard work, heart, and memories be your biggest rewards. We can't wait to see you at the Fair and hopefully other 4-H events this summer!

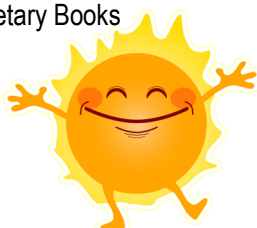
*Jason, Vicky, & Bonita*  
Monroe County Extension Staff



Picture taken at VA Dairy Days

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#### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Monthly 4-H Newsletter information is due on the **20<sup>th</sup>**.
- 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](mailto:Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu)**

## Calendar of Events

### JULY

**Fri., July 4, 2025**

**Office Closed for the Holiday**



**Fri., July 11, 2025**

**Garden Tour, 3-8 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Extension Office

**Wed., July 16, 2025**

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

**WHERE:** Warrens Log Building, 720 Pine Street, Warrens

**Sat., July 19, 2025**

**Fair Clean-Up, 9 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Tomah Fairgrounds

**Wed., July 23—Sun. July 27**

**Monroe County Fair**

**WHERE:** Tomah Fairgrounds



### AUGUST

**Mon, Aug. 11 & 12, 2025**

**Jr. Leader's Summer Road Trip**

**WHERE:** WI Dells

**Wed., Aug. 20, 2025**

**Record Book & Treasurer's Bk Help, 4-6 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Extension Office



## Jr. Leader's Summer Road Trip

Back by popular demand, we're heading back to Wisconsin Dells on Monday, August 11 & 12! We will be staying in cabins overnight and going to the Mt. Olympus water park.



## 3rd-6th Grade Road Trip

On Friday, July 18th we will head to Collaborate + Create Makerspace at UW-Stevens Point in Marshfield. Participants will be using the 3D printer and making some cool stuff! The trip also includes going to the Farm & Food Exploration Center in Plover where they will be learning about where food comes from and doing a Solar Exploration Dig-in experience. Lunch will be on your own, so pack a brown bag for the day. Space is limited to the first 16 who sign up. Register at <https://forms.gle/YZh6dMAtrL5en7T97>

## Record Book & Treasurer's Book Help

We're having a record book & Treasurer's Book help workshop days on Wednesday, July 16th, & August 20th from 4-6 p.m. at our office, 206 South K Street, Sparta. You can use this time to ask questions, work on your record books, or have us make copies. If those times don't work you can even call us and make an appointment to come in. Every year you enter a record book you earn money that you can use for local or State programs, or save it up and get a check at the end of your 4-H career.

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 15th is the tentative date for the **Achievement Celebration** at the Leon Community Center.



## 2024 - 2025

### District Responsibilities

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

**Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull**

**Northwest:** Denim N' Dust; Dragonflies, Sparta Sprockets

**Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull**

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

**Clean Exhibit Hall Before County Fair**

**Southwest:** Jolly Joiners; Leon Livewires

**Family Celebration**

**Clean Food Stand After County Fair**

## Project News & Information

### Clothing Preview Results

Congratulations to all who entered in the 2025 Clothing Preview! Everyone did a fantastic job. The Judge even commented that this is the best sewing she has seen within the three counties she has judged.

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

Make sure to stop by the Style Show "A Blue Ribbon Summer" at the Fair on Sunday, July 27th at 2:30 p.m.



Makenah Semann, skirt—Blue - MERIT  
 Margaret Britzman, dress/jumper—Blue  
 Daphne Arndt, jumpsuit, short or long—Blue  
 Azaria Carpenter, skirt—Blue  
 Mariah Semann, dress for general wear—Blue - MERIT  
 Miranda Arndt, nightwear or loungewear—Blue  
 Miranda Arndt, dress/outfit for gen. wear—Blue - MERIT  
 Ashley Jaeger, dress for party/formal wear—Blue



### Dog Project News

The dates have finally been set for agility: July 1, 7, 11, 14, 15, and 18. Set up will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Anderson's south of Sparta, 17159 Imperial. We will be lenient on obedience requirements this year as long as handlers show they are safe when running agility. Hannah Wilcox has agreed to hold obedience sessions in Tomah. Dates will be coming. Please sign up for the fair by June 30.

Please bring dog project registration forms with you to the first session you attend. A 6-foot leash (not chain, not retractable), flat collar (for agility) and a training collar (chain link) for obedience are needed. Find the form here: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/04/4-HDogProjectRegistration-19.pdf>

#### Other important dates:

**July 19**—Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. at hockey rink to set up obedience ring.

**July 23**—Obedience and showmanship show at the Monroe County Fair. 4:30 p.m. check in, show at 5 p.m. (unsure at this time if rally will be offered)

**July 27**—Agility Show at the Monroe County Fair. Set up by all participants at 8 a.m. Show at 9 a.m.





## Project News & Information

### Food Stand News

Monroe County 4-H members will again host a fund raising food stand for the Fair on July 23-27. 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 the Fair Food Stand will be released on Monday, June 30th at noon, so be sure to check your email.

Club Name	# of Mbrs Gr 3-13	% of Total Membership	Total # of shifts PULL	Total # of shifts FAIR
Clovers & Cranberries	12	5%	5	14
Denim 'n Dust	10	4%	4	12
Dragonflies	8	3%	3	9
Hill-N-Valley	10	4%	4	12
Jolly Joiners	19	8%	8	22
LaGrange Tunnel-Lites	41	17%	18	47
Leon Livewires	57	23%	25	66
Norwalk Clovers	34	14%	15	39
Sparta Sprockets	21	9%	9	24
Stepping Stones	24	10%	10	28
Valle Ville	9	4%	4	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>282</b>



### 2025 Monroe County Fair NEWS

**Wednesday, July 23 – Sunday, July 27**

Fair entries will be online again this year. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for updates. Deadline to enter is June 30th.

Club display themes will be picked by each club. There were awesome displays last year, and they keep getting better. We can't wait to see this years!

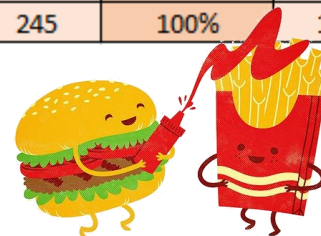
Remember: All animal exhibitors are expected to help at one of the fair clean-up days. Last scheduled day is for July 19 at 9 a.m.

### Monroe County Fair Spirit Wear 2025

Show your Monroe County Fair spirit by wearing one of these fabulous t-shirts, fleece crew or fleece hoodie!

Order from this website: <https://monroecountyfair2025.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

This store closes July 6th at Midnight. No late orders!



### Fair Clean Up Date

**July 19 at 9 a.m.** — get ready for fair, clean barns, set up gates &

**Have FUN  
at the fair!**



## Project News & Information

# 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](mailto:jason.hornickel@wisc.edu) or [vicky.kast@wisc.edu](mailto:vicky.kast@wisc.edu) or call 608-269-8722. Application is also online on our [website](#) under Forms & Applications.



# Record Books 2025

## DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-8-2025

\*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.

We've updated the [Record Book Guide](#), which explains what is needed and where to place things, so you have a successful record book. There are a few changes to what is scored in the book to make it easier and hopefully more fair.

- A Table of Contents document has been created for you to use, if desired. Feel free to create your own.
- Each member is asked to report on the projects completed this year, minimum of 1 for Jr., 2 for Inter., and 3 for Sr. These Project Report forms 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.
- 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.
- 'My 4-H Story' is a new part of the record book. Details are in the Record Book Guide.
- 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 9-2-2025

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](mailto:Jason.hornickel@wisc.edu).





# Our Flag

Draw and color the stars and stripes in the flag below. Circle each word in the word search game. Words go across and down.

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## 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.



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## 2025 Foods Revue

Wed., July 16th - 6:30 p.m. Registration, 7 p.m. Judging

Location: Warrens Log Building, Warrens, WI

Complete place setting includes: silverware, napkin, placemat, drink ware, plate/bowl. \*Creative Chef: Odd Years: Pork or fish, cheese, butter, yogurt, romaine lettuce, fresh mushrooms, fresh garlic, pineapple, water chestnuts, scallions, mango, rice, spinach, olive oil, 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. <u>Nutritionist</u> -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



## 2025 Monroe County 4-H Foods Revue, July 16, 2025



### REGISTRATION FORM

Registration 6:30 p.m. Judging 7:00 p.m.  
Contest entry with recipe due by: Monday, July 7, 2025

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:**

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