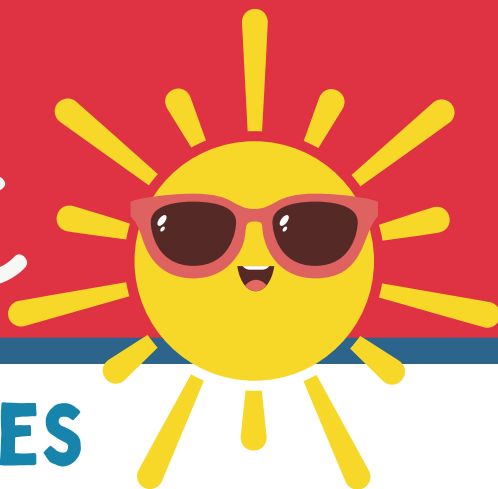


JULY - AUGUST

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TRANSITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Big transitions and opportunities are happening here at the office, obviously the newsletter for one! We're using new software for our newsletters so the look and feel will be different. One main reason is to make it scan-reader friendly, for those with visual impairment. Along with this transition, our website will be changing as well. Many changes behind the scenes have already happened with this, and in the coming months, the visual layout will become apparent.

Learning new software and implementing a new layout to the website is my opportunity to grow. I told myself in January 'this is the year I embrace change and leave my fear of the unknown behind'. Man, I had no idea how much change was ahead of me!

I am asking for your patience, kindness and understanding while I work through all of this with the new Educator. SHE will start on July 7th!

Have a great summer!

Vicky



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UW-MADISON EXTENSION
Monroe County

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Fri., July 3** - Office Closed for Holiday
- **Wed., July 15** - Foods Revue, 6:30 p.m., Leon Community Center
- **Sat., July 18** - Fairgrounds Clean Up, 9 am, Tomah
- **Wed., July 22-28** - Monroe County Fair
- **Tues., August 4** - National Night Out, 5-8 pm, Sparta Memorial Park & Tomah Veterans Memorial Park
- **Fri., August 7** - Set up luminaries for Sparta Area Cancer Support, 10 am, Bosshard-Evans Park
- **Tues., September 1** - Deadline for Annual Authorization for 4-H Clubs

THANK
you

A BIG thank you to the Tomah Area Credit Union for raising funds on behalf of Monroe County 4-H. We received \$2,746!! We will use some of these funds for improvements to the Food Stand.



FT MCCOY WEEKEND PICS

Members
showing
their silly
side



Cooking hot
dogs by the fire
on Friday night,
after tie-dying
t-shirts

*Pictures submitted
by Jaden Dumont*



Everyone had a good time fishing



FOODS REVUE

WHO: Youth grades K+ interested in preparing food and presenting it in a creative way!

DATE: Wed., July 15, 2026

TIME: 6:30 pm set up, 7 pm judging

LOCATION: Leon Community Center

REGISTER BY: Monday, July 6!

Visit here for a registration form and more information:

<https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/files/2026/06/Foods-Revue-2026-Info-Form.pdf>

Remember to add this to your fair entry form, Dept. 25, in the correct Class and Lot # to receive your fair premium.

FAIR GROUNDS CLEAN UP

July 18 at 9 a.m. - Please bring shovels, brooms, and blowers to help get ready for the fair. We will also be putting up gates and prepping pens, so bring tools and ladders!

NO DOG SHOW

Unfortunately there will not be a dog show offered at the 2026 Monroe County Fair. Dog Project members can still enter posters or items they made for their dog under Department 10.



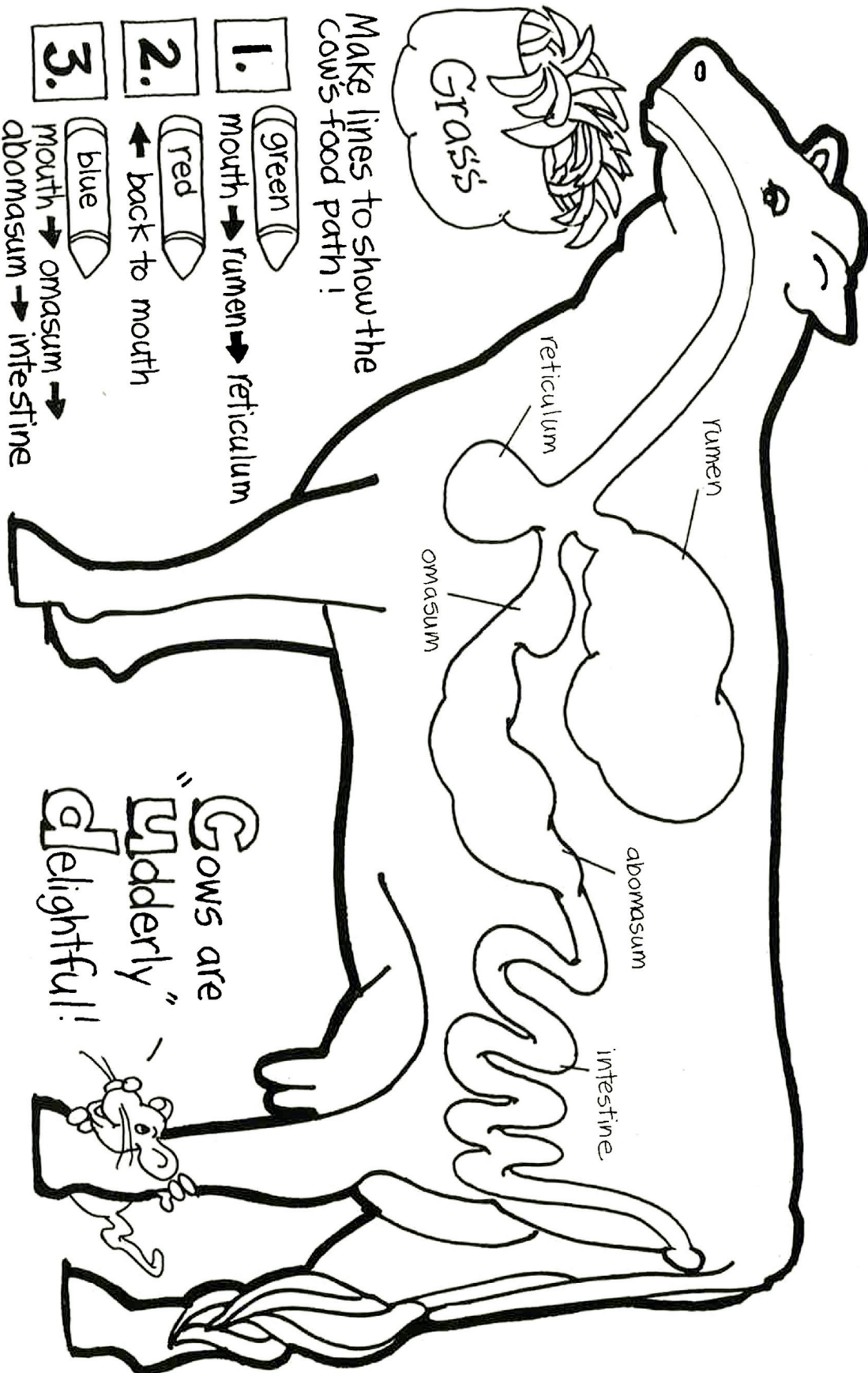
FOOD STAND NEWS

Monroe County 4-H members will host a fund raising food stand for the Fair from July 22-26. 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 part of the calculation, but parents and grandparents are welcome to work a shift. Please be sure to put the CLUB NAME in the sign up so we can give credit to the correct club.

Club Name	# of members	% of Total Membership	# of shifts FAIR
Clovers & Cranberries	11	4%	14
Denim 'n Dust	11	4%	14
Dragonflies	13	5%	16
Hill-N-Valley	13	5%	16
Jolly Joiners	21	9%	26
LaGrange Tunnel-Lites	36	15%	45
Leon Livewires	53	22%	66
Norwalk Clovers	38	15%	47
Sparta Sprockets	21	9%	26
Stepping Stones	19	8%	24
Valle Ville	10	4%	12
	246	100%	306

The SignUpGenius form will be released at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026. Please watch your email for the link.

Down the hatch!



Make lines to show the cow's food path!

1. (green) mouth → rumen → reticulum
2. (red) ← back to mouth
3. (blue) mouth → omasum → abomasum → intestine

"Grows are
Udderly
delightful!"

RECORD BOOKS 2026

DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-8-2026

It's 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 can still report on what you did accomplish. 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.

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 RECORD BOOKS

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 Chartering process. The process by which clubs have permission to function as 4-H. So they are important!

These record books are different and independent from a regular member's record book.

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/>

If you have trouble completing your officer's book please contact your club leader. We recommend keeping last year's Secretary and Treasurer's Books as it is helpful to the new member taking over these duties.

DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE 9-1-2026

FAMILY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars and join us at the Family Celebration on Saturday, November 14 at the Tomah American Legion at noon. This event recognizes the top record books and all the accomplishments of our members and leaders throughout the 2025-2026 4-H year.



SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

We're sad to say that we will not be able to have a Shotgun or .22 Rifle Shooting Sports program this year due to conflicting schedules and not having enough certified leaders to run this program safely. If you're interested in becoming certified in one of these disciplines, WE NEED YOU! To see the upcoming training schedule go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/projects/outdoor-education/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/> . The 4-H Adult Leaders Association will reimburse you for the training fee and mileage to the location.

IMPORTANT CHANGES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & CHARTER RENEWAL

I have great news to share! To help simplify the 4-H Club and Group renewal process, the Annual Financial Report previously due in September and the Annual Charter Renewal previously due in November have now been combined into one document with only one signature! I hope this streamlined process will make annual reporting easier and more convenient for your 4-H Club or Group.

As part of the annual process for all 4-H Clubs and Groups, the new Annual Authorization must be completed by **September 1** in order to continue using the 4-H Name and Emblem. The form can be found at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/annual-authorization-for-wisconsin-4-h-clubs-and-groups/>

If your 4-H Club or Group needs additional time to complete the application, please contact me so we can discuss options. **IMPORTANT:** Annual Authorizations submitted late without prior approval may jeopardize the 4-H Club or Group charter.

To maintain authorization for a checking and/or savings account, 4-H Clubs and Groups must complete and submit the following documents:

1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Authorization
2. A copy of the June or July bank statement(s) for all accounts. These statements help ensure that funds are being managed appropriately.
3. A current inventory of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or more.

Federal regulations require that any funds raised in the name of 4-H remain publicly accountable and be used solely for 4-H educational purposes. In addition, all 4-H Clubs and Groups that handle funds must submit an annual summary of their financial holdings to maintain federal income tax-exempt status under the University's Group Exemption Number for 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Thank you again for the positive difference you make in the lives of young people. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need assistance completing the Annual Authorization.