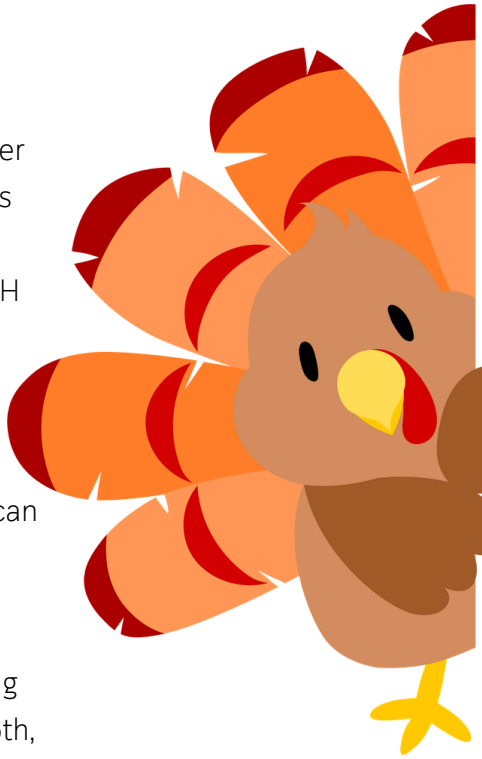
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GIVING THANKS

Is anyone else wondering how it's already November? The month of October was surprisingly busy here at the Extension Office–between National 4-H Week at the beginning of the month, club leader and officer training at the end, and the ongoing process of member enrollment, there was always something happening.



We're excited, though, to see so many people getting involved in 4-H this year. Whether it was the 45 attendees at our club leader and officer training, or the over 250 people who have already enrolled for the 2026-2027 4-H year, the energy has been fantastic. Thank you all for participating and for being so welcoming to me during my first few months! Just a reminder: if you haven't enrolled for the new 4-H year yet, the deadline is November 15th, so don't wait too long!

Even as 2026 begins to wind down, there's still plenty coming up in November and beyond. To start, the annual Family Celebration is just around the corner, happening on Saturday, November 14th, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Tomah American Legion. There's a link to RSVP later in the newsletter, so be sure to check it out if you haven't already.

We're also gearing up for some exciting events in December and beyond, including the Jr Leaders volunteering at the Sparta Holiday Lights on Saturday, December 5th, Winter Project Day on Tuesday, December 29th, and the first session of shooting sports practices beginning near the end of February in 2027. See the rest of the newsletter for more details on all of these!

As the temperatures cool down, the days grow shorter, and the holiday season approaches, I hope you're able to spend some quality time enjoying the season, giving thanks, and relaxing with friends and family. Have a great rest of the month, and don't forget to take in the fall colors while they last!

Emily

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sun., November 1** - Deadline to submit photos for the new 2027 plat books
- **Sat., November 14** - Family Celebration, Noon - 2 pm, Tomah American Legion
- **Sun., November 15** - Deadline to re-enroll in 4-H to be eligible for the 2027 Monroe County Fair (this will be the last newsletter)
- **Thurs. & Fri., November 26-27** - Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
- **Sat., December 5** - Jr. Leaders will be helping with donations at the Sparta Holiday Lights in the Evans-Bosshard Park from 5-9 pm.
- **Thurs. & Fri., December 24-25** - Merry Christmas! Office Closed
- **Tues., December 29** - Project Day, Noon - 4 pm, Leon Community Center

2027 DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Southwest: Jolly Joiners, Leon Livewires
Clean Food Stand Before Tractor Pull

Southeast: Hill-N-Valley, Norwalk Clovers, Stepping Stones
Clean Food Stand After Tractor Pull

Northeast: Clovers & Cranberries, LaGrange Tunnel-Lites, Valle Ville
Clean Food Stand After County Fair; Family Celebration

Northwest: Denim n' Dust, Dragonflies, Sparta Sprockets
Clean Exhibit Hall Before County Fair



2026-2027 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year has begun! 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.

4-H Online:
wi.4honline.com

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, 2026!

WINTER PROJECT DAY

Winter Project Day will be held at the Leon Community Center on ***Tuesday, December 29th!*** Registration will start at 11:30 am, with the project sessions running from noon to 4 pm.

Current projects include birding and environmental education, candy making, sewing, cooking, and STEM! More details (along with the link to register) will be included in the December newsletter!



JUNIOR LEADERS

The Junior Leaders will be volunteering at the Sparta Holiday Lights in Evans-Bosshard Park on ***Saturday, December 5th*** to help with collecting food donations! There will be two shifts available, either 5-7 pm or 7-9 pm, and members can plan to meet at the Extension office 15 minutes before their shift so that everyone can walk over together.

If you plan on attending please sign up at the link below no later than Wednesday, December 2nd and make sure to dress for the weather the night of the event!
https://forms.gle/zDMTea1Jx4AXwpAm8

SAVE THE DATE: 2027 SHOOTING SPORTS

Dates have officially been set for our winter archery and air rifle sessions! Mark your calendars for 6-8 pm on Monday evenings with practices running ***February 22nd through March 29th***. Additionally, the first session on February 22nd will have a mandatory safety training from 5-6 pm before the main practice. Look for the link to sign-up in our December/January newsletter! **If you haven't signed up for the project yet, it's not too late - log into 4-H Online and add the project to your profile.**

Adults - We are looking for people to help supervise these practices since we need one volunteer for every 10 youth participating. You do not need to be a certified shooting sports instructor to sign up. Click the link to let us know which dates you'd be avilable to help: https://forms.gle/GPQUHsaiyK9dQAkw7

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Drum roll please . . . the date for Festival of Arts has been set for ***Saturday, February 27, 2027*** at the Cashton High School. Never been a member of a play or drama? This is the place to try it out! Talk to your club members about participating in one this year. Details and guidelines will be in the December/January newsletter and on our website.



FAMILY CELEBRATION

It's not too late to register for the Family Celebration on ***Saturday, November 14th*** at the Tomah American Legion starting at noon. A taco bar, hot dogs and ice cream are on the menu. Here is the link to RSVP:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45ADAE23A5F8C70-66084731-4hfamily

DON'T MISS OUT!

This will be the ***last 4-H newsletter*** you will receive if you haven't registered for the 2026-2027 4-H year by November 15th. Don't miss out on all the great activities and opportunities that 4-H provides!

For more detailed information on how to enroll see Page 2 of this newsletter or give the the Extension Office a call at 608-269-8722.

IMPORTANT!

RECORD BOOK UPDATES

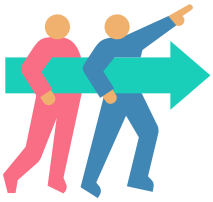
In order to make completing a record book more accessible for all, we have made a few changes to the record book forms for 2027. The main change that you will notice is that instead of having separate Project Report Forms for each individual project, we have consolidated them into an "Animal Project Report Form" and a "Non-Animal Project Report Form". Additionally, we created a 4-H Story form since there was not one previously. These changes are reflected on our website, but if you have any questions as you start working on your record book, please feel free to reach out to the Extension Office!



IS YOUR PASSION IN COMPUTERS?

Would you be interested in exhibiting a computer project at the Monroe County Fair? A suggestion was made to do a survey to see if there would be any interest in adding a Computer Science Department. Some exhibit entries could include: diagram parts of a computer, create a presentation, create a 3-D printed item, report on AI and its effect on our lives, create a database, etc. Please email emily.engberg@wisc.edu to let her know you would be interested in having a Computer Science Department at the Fair.

CLUB LEADER AND OFFICER TRAINING



Club Leader and Officer Training happened on Sunday, October 25th at Strike Zone in Tomah, and we wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who participated! We had over 45 youth and volunteers attend the meeting, and we hope that you all were able to take away some useful resources to use in your clubs this year!

If you were not able to attend, Emily has emailed out the slideshow and resources that were used at the meeting. However, we also have folders for each youth officer position, and we are happy to send those out if needed. Each folder includes a description of the respective officer duties - in addition to general information about taking on a leadership role in a 4-H club - so we highly recommend that all officers have one regardless of if they were able to attend the meeting or not. BONUS - the Treasurer and Secretary folders have all the forms you need to make a record book for your club. To request a folder, call or email the Extension Office, or stop by to pick one up if you are in the Sparta area!

2027 STATE EVENTS

Here are some upcoming events for 2027.
Details can be found on the WI State 4-H website.







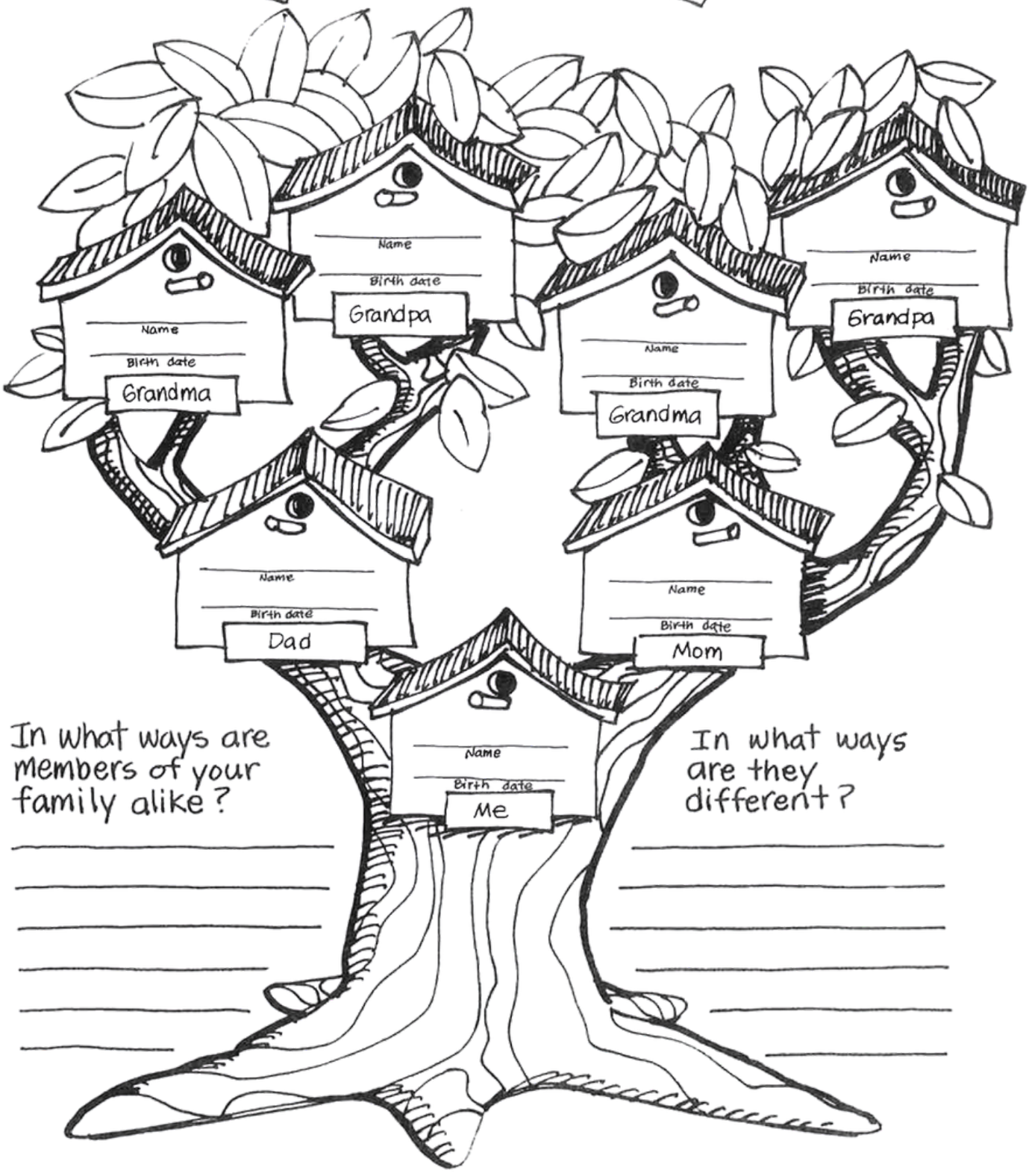




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My Family



In what ways are members of your family alike?

In what ways are they different?