



MONROE COUNTY 4-H CLOVERLINK

The Newsletter for 4-H Families & Friends



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Dear 4-H Friends,

The Making of Friends

If nobody smiled and nobody cared
and nobody helped us along.
If every moment looked after itself and
good things always went to the strong:

If nobody cared just a little about you
and nobody cared about me,
and we stood alone, in the battle of life,
what a dreary old world this would be.

Life is sweet, just because of friends we have made
and the things which in common we share.
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
but because of the people who care.

It is doing and giving for somebody else
on which all of life's splendor depends.
The joy of this world, when you've summed it all up,
is found in the making of friends.

By Dr. James Robert Rowe-Loy

As we gear up for spring and summer, try to remember why we joined 4-H, "to make the best better" and "for larger service; for our club, our community, our country and our world." Be sure to make friends along the way and enjoy the people you are in 4-H with! Check out the entire newsletter to learn more about all the opportunities 4-H has to offer in the upcoming months.

Dori Stowell
4-H Youth Development Educator, Interim



Calendar of Events

May

- 4 - .22 and Shotgun, 6:00 p.m., Cataract Rod & Gun Club
- 4 - Dog Training, 6:30 p.m., fairgrounds, Tomah
- 4 - Fair Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., F&M Bank, Tomah
- 5 - Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., ACT Meeting Room, 901 Kilbourne Ave, Tomah
- 7 - Dog Project Brat Sale, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Burnstad's, Tomah
- 10 - Dog Training, 6:30 p.m., fairgrounds, Tomah
- 11 - .22 and Shotgun, 6:00 p.m., Cataract Rod & Gun Club
- 12 - State Fair Chaperone Meeting, 7:30pm UW-Extension Office
- 15 - SWINE AND SHEEP ID SHEETS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY 4:30 P.M.**
- 15 - HORSE ID SHEETS DUE**
- 17- Jr. Leaders Meeting, Community Garden, Sparta, 1 p.m.
- 18 - Leaders of All Sorts Meeting, 7:30 p.m., F&M Bank, Tomah
- 20 - Newsletter submission deadline



June

- 6 - Dairy Breakfast, Menn Family Farm, Norwalk
- 11-14 - Butterfest
- 16, 17 & 18 - Tractor Safety
- 20 - Newsletter submission deadline
- 25-28 - Elroy Fair
- 26-28 - Tractor Pull
- 29 - Clothing Preview, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Auditorium, Rolling Hills
- 30 - FAIR ENTRIES DUE**



July

- 1 - Foods Revue, Warrens Lions Log Cabin
- 4 - Dog Project Brat Sale, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Burnstad's, Tomah
- 8 - Monroe County All Breeds Jr. Dairy Club - Showing and fitting demo and meeting
- 29-Aug 2 - Monroe County Fair

August

- 6-16 - Wisconsin State Fair
- 9-12 - 4-H Summer Camp, Upham Woods

The 2009 Monroe County Fair Book can now be accessed ONLINE at http://www.monroecountyfairwi.com/images/Exhibitors_Handbook.pdf or click on the Monroe County Fair button on the Monroe County 4-H website!



Forms, newsletters, and information available online at
www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/monroe or www.co.monroe.wi.us

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you would like more information on these items, please contact the Extension Office at 269-8722 or email wevans@co.monroe.wi.us.

- ⇒ **Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship** essay contest submission deadline is May 27th.
- ⇒ **Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Golf Classic and Silent Auction Tour**, June 1 & 15. For brochure contact the Extension Office.
- ⇒ **WLBA 29th Annual Spring Preview Show**, June 6-7th at the Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson. Entries are due May 15th.
- ⇒ **Barron County Horse Project Open Fun Show**, June 27th in Rice Lake. For more info call 715-651-1213.
- ⇒ **WLBA's "Wisconsin Summer Spectacular"**, August 21-22nd at the Marathon County Fairgrounds in Wausau. Entries are due Aug 1st. Info and applications can be found at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com or by email at wlba@centurytel.net.
- ⇒ **"Buy Wisconsin First"** Swine Directory available by calling 1-800-822-7675 or emailing wppa@wppa.org.
- ⇒ Funding is available for 4-H Arts programs through the **Peter Talen 4-H Arts Endowment Fund**. The application form is available online at <http://www/uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/highlights/newboard.cfm>.

ANIMAL SCIENCES

CATTLE & LIVESTOCK

MONROE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

Anyone selling beef, swine, sheep, poultry, or rabbits at the Monroe County Fair must attend at least one junior livestock meeting. Upcoming meeting: **June 9th (tentative), Sparta**

Remember swine and sheep ID sheets are due to the Extension Office by May 15 at 4:30 p.m. Minimum eligible weight for swine has been changed to 235 lbs.

JUNIOR HEREFORD BREEDERS SPONSOR OPEN JACKPOT SHOW

The Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association (WJHA) is sponsoring the WJHA Open Jackpot Show on June 6-7, 2009 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

The WLBA Spring Preview Show will be held Saturday morning, June 6. The WJHA Junior Preview Show, which is limited to WJHA members, will be held on Saturday in conjunction with the WLBA show.

The WJHA Open Jackpot Show will take place on Sunday, June 7 starting at 9 a.m. Champion heifers and steers will be eligible for a \$100 jackpot with \$640 in total premiums to be awarded.

Entries must be postmarked by May 22, 2009. To request an entry form and schedule of events, please contact BJ Jones, WJHA Advisor, at 608-776-2813 or docjones@centurytel.net. Youth wishing to participate in the WLBA preview show on Saturday, June 6 must submit separate entries for that show. Entries for the WLBA show can be obtained by contacting the WLBA at 608-868-2505. For more information contact the Extension Office.

ST. CROIX COUNTY BREEDING STOCK 4TH ANNUAL SHOWMANSHIP SHOW & YOUTH CLINICS

Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Location: St. Croix County Fairgrounds, Glenwood City, WI

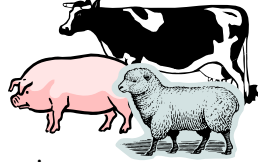
Time: Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., clinic sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. Showmanship Show begins at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 per entrant maximum \$10.00 per family

Open to all counties. For more information, call Sue Mason (715) 265-4006 or email Susie_4h@yahoo.com or contact the Extension Office.

BADGER LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Mark your calendars for the 4th Badger Livestock Judging Camp to be held on Tuesday, June 16 at the Arlington Research Station in Arlington, WI. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with market and breeding beef, swine and sheep. There will be a separate Beginner Track and an Advanced Track for youth to learn the basics of selection, oral reasons and answering questions. Livestock coaches are also invited to attend. The cost of the camp is \$25 which includes lunch, refreshments, and materials. Pre-register before June 8. Questions regarding this event contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at 608-263-4304 or borourke@ansci.wisc.edu. For registration form and more information contact the Extension Office.



CATS

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CAT SHOW

The Central Wisconsin Cat Club is proud to announce its upcoming 20th Annual Purebred & Household Pet Spring Cat Show. The show will be held on May 30 & 31, 2009 in the Newman Middle School gym, 225 South 28th Avenue, Wausau, WI. Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Special group rates are available to 4-H clubs. The show is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. A special feature of this year's show is Saturday there will be a Cat Costume Contest in keeping with the show theme, "Brotherhood of Cats!" If you would like to enter your purebred or household pet cat or kitten in the show, please contact Patti Day at 952-448-4933 after 5:00 p.m. or at pattidayclerk@juno.com. Deadline for entries is May 19, 2009.



LLAMAS

LLAMA PROJECT FUN DAY

June 6, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
 Monroe County Fairgrounds
 The event will include: obstacle course, showmanship classes, and educational classes on grooming and handling. For more information, call Tracy McGinnis at 378-4519 or Kristy Brown at 269-3292. No registration required.

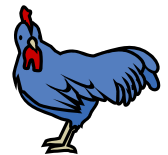


POULTRY

CERTIFIED PULLORUM TESTER

AVAILABLE:

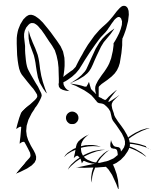
Carrie Sullivan-Flock is available to do Pullorum testing. She can be reached at 654-7483.



RABBITS

RABBIT WORKSHOP

Trempealeau County is hosting a rabbit workshop on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Pietrek Park which is located on Hwy 93 between Arcadia and Independence. Erik Bengston, an official ARBA judge will be conducting the workshop. He will be going through selecting a rabbit, care and grooming a rabbit, showmanship and answering any questions 4-Her's might have. The workshop will last approximately 2 hours. There will be many different breeds of rabbits on display for the kids to view and ask questions about.



Elroy Fair - June 25-28

The Elroy Fair is open to Monroe County in the following departments: Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry, and Llamas.

ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

4-H ARTS CAMP



The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is scheduled for October 3-4, 2009 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art, juggling and MORE! Camp is \$60.00 which includes a camp t-shirt. Fill out the application now and return it to the 4-H Youth Development Staff as soon as possible. Contact the Extension Office for application. Join us for this exciting time with the arts!

LEADERS

LEADERS OF ALL SORTS MEETING

If you are a project, general, or county leader of any sort, mark your calendar for the **May 18th** meeting at 7:30pm at the **F&M Bank in Tomah**. This is a great opportunity for you to network with other leaders in the county and be in on decision-making for Monroe County 4-H.

STATE FAIR

STATE FAIR CHAPERONES

There will be an informational meeting for the chaperones for State Fair on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30pm in the UW-Extension office. Please plan to attend this meeting if you would like to be a Chaperone this year.

SPECIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One Volunteer from each species attending the State Fair is needed to help put together the State Fair Binders. If you can help out after June 1st to assemble the binders for 1-2 hours, please contact the Extension Office.

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

LA CROSSE COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Intermediate Barebow

1st Place - Navarone Nemec

Intermediate Bow without Release

2nd Place - Stacey Ebert

Intermediate Freestyle

3rd Place - Hailley Steines



13TH ANNUAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION

Sunday, July 26, 2009, Westby Rod and Gun Club
Air Rifle, Archery, Shot Gun, Muzzle Loader
Pre-registration entry fee - \$3.00
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2009
(Registration cost day of the shoot - \$5.00)
Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.
All entrants must be enrolled and received instructions in Shooting Sports in their club or county.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in international hosting there are many Japanese and Korean youth and chaperones who need homes (July 26-August 21) and Mexican youth and chaperone (July 2-26). Also needed are homes for year long FLEX students from the former Soviet states. If you are interested contact the Extension Office.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Monroe County Health Department is looking for service organizations to sponsor a Pack N Play crib to provide to low-income families to reduce unsafe infant sleep practices and reduce the occurrence of SIDS. If your club would like to donate to this cause the cost of each crib is approximately \$55, including shipping. Checks can be made out to MCHD-Cribs for Kids and sent to: 14301 Co Hwy B, A18, Sparta, WI 54656. For more information call the Monroe County Health Department at 372-8666/269-8666.



PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES

STATE 4-H PLANT SCIENCE DAY

Plan now to be part of the State 4-H Plant Science Day to be held Thursday, July 9 at the Hancock Research Station in south-central Wisconsin.



Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography and speaking contests. The contest for participants will be held in the morning, and the afternoon will provide educational tours and workshops for all.

Come learn how to identify trees and shrubs or how to design a prize winning floral arrangement. Tours of the research station and its production will also be available.

The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00, which includes all materials, handouts, and lunch. For more information and registration forms contact the Extension Office. Registration Deadline is June 25, 2009.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

The Operation Military Kids program is coordinating a camp this summer at Upham Woods for military youth grades 3-5, August 23-25 and youth grades 6-9, August 26-29. We're looking for **stellar camp counselors** who might be interested in spending a week serving as role models and mentors and leading and participating in activities like campfires, archery, orienteering, arts and crafts, flag ceremonies, games, swimming, and much more! A camp counselor training will be held June 19-20 at Camp Upham Woods. **Counselors must be able to attend all components, June 19-20 and August 23-29.** Contact the Extension Office for more information.



2009 JUNE DAIRY PROMOTION

CONTEST

This June, celebrate eating locally and promote REAL dairy all month long with the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (WMMB). This year's theme is "Eat Local. Eat Dairy."



All participating 4-H clubs will receive a \$35 gift certificate for WMMB promotional materials, while the winning club in each county will receive a \$60 gift certificate. Each participating club should concentrate on **one** dairy promotion activity. Please refer to the Score Card for judging criteria (available on the county 4-H website). All 4-H reports and picture will be due at the Extension Office by <date>. For more information contact the Extension Office.



4-H SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!

WHEN: AUGUST 9TH - 12TH

WHERE: CAMP UPHAM WOODS,
WISCONSIN DELLS



COST: \$58 /4-H MEMBER

\$48 / SECOND FAMILY MEMBER

\$115 / NON- 4-H CAMPER



LOOK FOR MORE INFO IN THE
NEXT CLOVERLINK NEWSLETTER!

CALLING ALL YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative invites youth to enter its Wild and Woolly Photo Contest. The contest features a special division for youth photographers who are 18 years old and younger. The contest is open to everyone, including non-WSBC members and regardless whether they raise sheep. Entries must be post-marked by August 15.

New to this year's contest is a grand prize, sponsored by Woodman's Markets, for \$50 in photo-processing services. Visitors to the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival will vote for their favorite photographs, and the grand prize will be awarded to the photographer of the single photo receiving the most votes. Premiums will be awarded in all of the contest's four divisions.

Photographers may enter 8x10 color or black-and-white non-mounted photos in the following categories: Scenic, Kids and Sheep, Any Other Sheep or Wool Photo, and Photo Taken by Youth.

For complete entry information, visit the Festival's website at

www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com or contact the contest's chairman, Jane Metcalf, at tjmetcalf@centurytel.net or 608-868-3268.

FROM THE EXEC BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear 4-H Families,

On March 5th the Monroe County 4-H Executive Board, along with other groups, met with the Monroe County Agricultural Society. This meeting was set up to discuss the Fair Board's decision to implement a fee to enter projects at the Monroe County Fair. Information has been posted in our monthly newsletter regarding this. After several hours of discussion it was determined a fee was needed to help keep the fair going financially.

On March 16th the Monroe County 4-H General Leaders meeting was held. At that meeting a motion was made to give the Monroe County Agricultural Society a donation of \$2,000.00 to cover the costs of the entry fee for the Jr. Fair & Sr. Fair categories for the 2009 Fair. It was also decided to revisit this discussion following the Fair at the September meetings.

After this motion was made the 4-H Executive Board felt this issue was over and no more discussion was needed to take place until the Sept. meeting.

Holding a fair on our own would take several thousands of dollars and is not something our organization is financially able to do.

If you have been told the Monroe County 4-H organization will be holding its own fair please know this is just a rumor and we will continue to participate in the Monroe County Fair annually.

Thank you,
Kelly Murray, President
Monroe County 4-H Executive Board



TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE



June 16, 17 & 18, 2009

The Tractor Safety and Certification Course will be held on June 16, 17, and 18, 2009. On June 16 and 17, the course will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with written exam. The third day will be First Aid (8:00-12:00), followed by driving practice and driving exam until 4:00 p.m. The location for June 16, 17, and the first half of June 18 will be the Sparta High School Ag Room. Driving practice will be at De-genhardt Implement in Norwalk.

The purpose of this course is to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Hazardous Occupation Order for youth under 16 and the new Wisconsin Law Act 455. The federal law applies to youth who are at least 14 years old but less than 16 and who intend to work on farms not owned or

run by their parents. The new state law applies to youth under age 16 operating tractors on public roads. All youth under 16 operating tractors on public roads. All youth under 16 who intend to operate tractors on Wisconsin public roads must have this state certification. Youth must be at least 12 years old to take the course.

Participants must pre-enroll by contacting the Monroe County University Extension Office. A registration fee of \$25.00 per person will be charged to cover the materials and expenses. This may be paid the first day of the program. Each person should bring a sack lunch.



FUN WITH CERAMICS GLAZE DAY



Friday, May 15 & Saturday May 16

3 CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED: One 6:00 pm class will be offered on Friday & two classes, 10:00 am & 2:00 pm will be offered on Saturday. \$8 non-refundable fee.

Glazed and stained pieces can be done.

Call Kathy Grabitske at 654-7372 for piece needs.

Glaze Day Registration Form

Name _____ Club _____

Parent Name (if planning to attend and complete a project) _____

Phone _____

Circle your preferred class time: Friday 6:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. Saturday 2:00 p.m.

Thank Yous, Reminders & Items of Interest for Monroe County 4-H

BUY - SELL - TRADE - GIVE AWAY

FOR SALE: Monroe County 4-H Junior Leader Cookbooks. Great Mother's Day gift! Just \$12 & \$15. Available in the Extension Office.

The Cloverlink offers to publish information that is project related which you, your club or your project area may have to sell, trade, give away or are looking to purchase that will benefit other 4-H members. If you have anything you may want listed, please make it brief, and include phone #, name (first and/or last) and if it is buy, sell, trade or give away.

"Thank you to the Monroe County 4-H Leaders Association for your donation for the Junior Fair Members!"- Valle-Ville 4-H, Leaders—Amy & Kathy Schmitz



Wisconsin Dells coupons are available at the Extension Office. Save up to 35% on attraction tickets.



BRAT SALE

The Dog Project is having a brat sale, Thursday, May 7 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Burnstad's in Tomah.


Stop by and help out the Dog Project!



Junior Leader News

Join us for the next Junior Leader meeting:
 Sunday, May 17th, 2009
 1:00 p.m. at the Sparta Community Garden next to Wesco.

*Bring your gloves, gardening tools, and plants to donate. If you are in 7th-13th Grade, plan to attend this fun community service activity!





4-H CLUB NEWS



- GIVING YOU THE 4-H HIGHLIGHTS -

Hoppy Trails - Our club met on Saturday April 11. We discussed old business like Festival of Arts. Then we talked about Fur, Fin and Feather which was April 18. Our club set up the tables and rugs. We also made our plans and set up duties for the food stand at Fur, Fin and Feather. We went through the Tractor Pull and Fair schedule and decided on our work times. Butterfest is coming up so we want to do a float again. Everyone with ideas should bring them to the next meeting on May 8. We are doing the Dells fundraiser again this year. We welcomed Josh Tuttle as a new club member this year.

Jolly Joiners - Our monthly 4-H meeting was April 5, at 1:30 p.m. We met at the Cashton High School. Roll call was taken by saying your favorite spring activity. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read with no corrections. Old business: We voted on a Fair slogan and we are going with "The Jolly Joiners rocks." Congratulations to the members who received merits at Area Festival of Arts, and to everyone who participated. We will be visiting the Sparta greenhouse on April 18 at 10:00 a.m. for our greenhouse visit. Photography Day is set for May 16 at Bosshard Park in Sparta at 10:30. High school members and parents are encouraged to help with the environment project on April 25 at 9:30. We will be cleaning up the woods in the Cashton Park with the FFA. New business: We are going to talk more about planting flowers at the 4-H park and at the welcome signs at the next meeting. Remember after the meeting the host families need to clean up floors, tables, etc. The Leaders Association is paying for all junior fair exhibitors' entry fees. The Jolly Joiners will be donating \$200 to the Friends of the Fair Fund. The Fair Board is only printing 500 copies of the fairbook. If families can they should use the website for information. If you need Faye or Annette to ID your fair animals do not wait until the last minute. Announcements: April 30 - Leaders' training at 7:30 p.m. in Room 220 at Rolling Hills. May 15 - Swine and Sheep ID sheets are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Next meeting: May 3

at 1:30 p.m. at the Cashton High School.

Respectfully submitted by Megan Hemmersbach

LaGrange Tunnel-Lites - The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. at the LaGrange Fire Station on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Pledges were led. One member told about her trip to Camp Art Beat. Please make sure you are checking your calendars to see who is assigned to the various duties each month. The fair books aren't in yet but we will get them as soon as possible. It was decided that this year for the spring clean up each family will clean the road near their home. Take a picture of what you clean up and bring it to the next meeting. Due to Mother's Day, the next meeting will be on Sunday, May 17 at the fire station.

Leon Livewires - Vice president, Courtney Elliot called the meeting to order. Pledges were led by Kayla Kelsey. Roll call was to say a word that rhymes with your name. The secretary report was given and the treasurer report was read by Kevin Cox. Kevin also reported on the chili feed which was a great success. Much discussion was again given to our open house/card party, which will be held on April 25, beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be a short program at 6:00 p.m. and cards will begin at 8:00 p.m. This will also kick off our annual cheese sale. Road clean-up will be on April 26, we will meet at Community club at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Calling and snack committee will be the Kowitz family and another family.

Respectfully submitted by Jordan Schroeder, Club Reporter

Norwalk Clovers - The Norwalk Clovers April 4-H meeting was called to order at the Norwalk Village Hall. Roll and pledges were said. Treasurer's report was read. New business: Our club picked to work the 9:00 - 11:15 shift for the dairy breakfast at the Menn farm. Sign up for roadside clean-up went around to the parents. Our club decided to donate \$150 to Friends of the Fair. Barb Ornes is going to talk to the Village Board about where and what kind of tree our club is going to plant. Junior Leaders

and Leaders reports were reported on. Announcements: April 20, 27, and May 4, 11 are shotgun, .22, and muzzleloading meetings at the Cataract Sportsman Club. May 17 is the next meeting at the Norwalk Village Hall at 6:00 p.m. with scrapbooking at 5:00 p.m. Victoria Dodge and Brittany Nusse have demonstrations next month. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Brittany Nusse

Star Gazers - The April meeting of the Star Gazers 4-H was held Sunday, April 19 at the Town of Lincoln Fire Station, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the president. For roll call, members were asked to bring pop tabs and food donations for the Tomah Food Pantry. Committee reports were given. Adopt-a-Highway will take place on May 16, following a short meeting. It was reported that this week is Tornado Awareness Week. A statewide drill will take place on Thursday. For Conservation, it was reported that burning permits have been suspended due to the dry conditions. For Recreation, the club chose June 19 as the date they are interested in going to Noah's ark for the Club Trip. Someone reported on attending the Warrens Community Easter Breakfast. Our club provided colored eggs for it. Members chose dates for working at the 4-H food stand for the Tractor Pull and the Fair. Planning was started for the Dairy Window and the Memorial Day Service at the Warrens Cemetery. The next meeting will be May 16 at the Tank Park in Tomah, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Roll call will be to bring a t-shirt design. After the meeting, members will do the highway clean-up.

Stepping Stones - The Stepping Stones 4-H met on Sunday, April 5 at the Kendall Fire Department. The food stand that was held on Saturday for the Auction in the Kendall Community Hall was talked about. Bekah and Lori Cleaver shared about Fun with Ceramics. Pieces were shared with the group. Cloverbuds Megan Retzlaff, Daniel Retzlaff, and Luke Wohlrab shared their bird feeders and bird watching books that they made at their recent meeting. Someone shared about tubing at Fort McCoy. Patrick Kelly sent a fishing lure display to Festival of Arts. The club decided to donate \$40 to the Elroy fair for ribbons and trophies. The club

also decided to donate the plants needed for the next Junior Leaders' meeting. The plants will be bought from the Royall Greenhouse. The club will take one week of the watering duty for the Kendall flower barrels this summer. Project area times were given. Monroe County fair dates were discussed. Our next business meeting will be on May 17 due to Mother's Day on the second Sunday. Submitted by Bekah Cleaver, Club Reporter

Trailblazers - The Trailblazers' club meeting was held on March 22 at the Gloria Dei church from 4:10-5:15 p.m. The president called the meeting to order. The pledges were led. The roll call item was a nonperishable item for the food pantry. The secretary's minutes for the February 22 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. There were no committee reports. The president reminded the club to bring warm clothing, rakes and bags to the clean up next month. We discussed our lawns and ways in improving them. We were reminded that our next meeting on the 26th is at Recreation Park in the green building. We start the clean up at 3:00 p.m. and have a meeting and potluck at 4:00 p.m. A motion was made and seconded. The next meeting is on April 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the green building at the fairgrounds.

West Beaver Creek - The West Beaver Creek 4-H club held its monthly meeting on April 2, 2009 at Saint Patrick's Church basement. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledges were led. Roll call was to bring in pop tabs. The secretary's report was read. The treasurer's report was read. New business was discussed. It was decided that the club will be getting new T-shirts. The design will be worked on by the older Junior Leaders. The summer trip will be on June 19 at Noah's Ark. We welcomed many new families into the club. They included members of the Janzen and Parish families as well as others. Talks and demonstrations were given by Caleb Schauf and others. Refreshments were served. A special guest speaker, Mr. Ken Elliot and his wife Becky gave a very interesting talk on deer antler sheds. We were able to see many of the sheds they have collected. Our next meeting will be on May 4.



Hey Horsey people,

It's been a quiet month for the horse project, but we will be in full swing of all things horses starting this month. Mounted practices start on May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Tomah. Please try to be there early enough to get you and your horse ready and warmed up by 6:00 p.m. so that we can make the most out of these practices. Also, please let Sara (valleysend@centurytel.net) or Joan (kenrose@rosesarabians.com) know which practices you can attend so they can get an estimate of how many will be participating.

ID sheets and Coggins tests are due no later than May 15. You can turn in your ID sheets the night of our business meeting, May 14. If you don't turn in the ID sheet and Coggins results, you will not be able to show at the Fair. Remember to attach photos of your horse. Photos need to be of each side and the front of your horse.

Also for the May 14 meeting, don't forget to bring the addresses of your sponsors, as we will be making out Thank You cards to send to them. Also bring pictures of you and your horse to include in the thank you. The Horse Project will provide the thank you cards, envelopes and postage.

For the month of June, we will be having the mounted food drive in Tomah. Please meet at the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. on June 20. Please let Michelle know if you are able to make it. June 27 is the photography clinic at the Swaitly farm. Contact Michelle or Sara to register. We hope you are able to participate and enjoy the fun!

Also, if anyone has any gently used trophies that they would like to donate to the horse project, it would be greatly appreciated. This will keep our costs down of having to buy new trophies. If you or anyone you know has trophies they would like to donate, please let any one of the board members know or bring them to the May meeting.

Enjoy the warm weather and having fun with your horse!

Kris Bauer
Secretary



4-H Draft & Driving Clinic

May 23, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wausau Boot & Saddle Grounds

Open to ALL Wisconsin 4-H Youth Horse
& Pony Project Members! Cost: \$10 per

4-H youth. All youth must be pre-

registered by May 20, 2009. For more

info contact Marilyn Krueger at 715-675-

7016 after 6pm.

Monroe County 4-H Cookbook Selling Contest

We have a lot of old and new cookbooks from Monroe County 4-H Jr. Leaders. In an effort to get rid of these, we are offering a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place prize for the top Youth Sellers in the month of May! You must sell at least 5 cookbooks (old or new) and report your number to the extension office by June 5th to qualify!

Old cookbooks are \$12 and new ones are \$15. Checks can be made out to the Monroe County Leader's Association.

1st Prize — 4-H Lawn Chair

2nd & 3rd Prize — Bag of 4-H logo Merchandise



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