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Dear 4-H Leader,

We welcome your **submissions** for the 4-H Friday **newsletter**!! Please send your articles and photos to go.wisc.edu/2665ok

The **Silent Auction** is in the planning stages. The auctions have generated thousands of dollars for the Fond du Lac County 4-H Endowment Fund. In turn, the interest from the Endowment Fund supports the activities of 4-H members. Each club is asked to donate an item to the silent auction, volunteer to help man the area, and secure donations from three businesses in your area. Let Cindy Koffman know ahead of time how your club will be involved, so space for auction items and volunteer time slots may be allocated. Call her at (920) 477-5006. Sign up to help man the silent auction tables at go.wisc.edu/49m4rj.

Adult Leaders Raffle - The raffle tickets were distributed to clubs at the April 30 Adult Leaders Meeting. The raffle drawing will take place at the Adult Leaders Meeting on August 20. Tickets are due Friday, June 27th to the Extension Office. If you have unsold tickets at this time and someone else would like to sell more we can redistribute them. This is a primary source of money to build programs for our 4-H youth. If you have not picked up raffle tickets for the club, please stop in at the Extension office. The tickets as well as **Cloverbud Pumpkin Seeds** are located in the club mailboxes. Please **arrange a pick up** if you haven't grabbed these items.

Summer Camp Update - We are seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the 2025 Day Camp Committee. If you know of individuals who would be a great fit for Cloverbud Day Camp, Art Day Camp, LEGO Camp, Foodie Camp, STEM Camp, Around the World Camp, or Cardboard Day Camp opportunities, please contact Tracy at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu. The planning for these opportunities is done over the next couple of months. More information on camps can be found at: <https://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/events-activities/>.

Foods Revue Registration - Registration is open now through June 7 in [4HOnline](#). All 4-H members in the Foods and Nutrition, Cloverbud, and Exploring projects are invited to participate. Blueberry is the theme for 2025!

When: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Where: TBD

Schedule:

5:00 - 6:00 pm check-in and set up

6:00 - 7:30 pm Judging and Awards

7:30 - Plant Identification results and comments

Age Groups:

Cloverbud - Grades K-2

Grades 3-5

Grades 6-8

Grades 9-13

Summer is here. Below are Wisconsin 4-H policies regarding water safety:

- Lifeguards are required when youth are swimming or participating in water-related activities including canoeing, kayaking, and boating. This includes all swimming such as at camp, a club-sponsored activity, at a hotel, lake, or personal residence.
- Lifeguards must be certified.
- A lifeguard must be at least 16 years of age and have the appropriate current certification (Lifeguard Training, First Aid, and CPR/AED).
- Beach lifeguards need to have water safety instructor certification from the American Red Cross or equivalent instruction.
- One lifeguard is needed for every 25 people in the water.
- One adult (not necessarily lifeguard certified) for every 10 youth is needed for overall supervision.
- The best practice is to swim where lifeguards are provided by the facility or site.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required for all when canoeing, kayaking, and boating.

Parade Policy: Wisconsin 4-H is committed to providing safe and healthy environments for youth and adults participating in 4-H programs and activities. Preparing floats and participating in parades can be a fun way to promote 4-H, AND there are risks associated with these activities. The 4-H Parades Policy outlines expectations for managing risk associated with vehicles used in parades, as well as youth and adults riding on vehicles or walking in the parade: go.wisc.edu/pq92nl

More information can be found here for 4-H policies: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

Fond du Lac County Fair Updates & Information

Fair Entry Information: As of June 3 the fair entries haven't opened yet, and the **fair entry deadline is 11:59 pm, Monday, June 17**. Pre-fair judging will be Thursday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 15 1-7 pm. No late entries will be accepted. All entries must be made online. To sign up for judging days please call the fair office. The 2025 Fair Book has been updated and posted on the website: go.wisc.edu/1gr9m4

Office Information: The office will open on June 9. Office hours the week of the June 9-13 are: Monday, June 9: 8am- 3:30pm; Tuesday, June 10: 9am- 5:30pm; Wednesday, June 11: 8am- 3:30pm; Thursday, June 12: 9:30am- 6pm; Friday, June 13: 8am- 4:30pm. Hours after that week will be communicated at a later date. Contact the fair office at 920-929-3168 or office@fonddulacountyfair.com

Create Club Potted Plant Displays: Large potted plant displays at the fair provide great visibility for your club, always look great, and are a big hit with the public at the fair. Clubs can also potentially earn cash prizes. **Entries should be made online under the club's name**. Complete details for club pots can be found in the Fair Book. Be as creative as you wish when designing your pot.

4-H Graduation and Recognition Ceremony will be held in the Expo Building at the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 20, at 2:00 pm. Key award winners and scholarship recipients will also be recognized. Please encourage 4-H youth in grades 12 & 13 to fill out the graduation survey to help the Extension staff plan and prepare for graduation: go.wisc.edu/2p3385

Foodstands- Adult Leaders & TLA: Please review the available slots for the Adult Leader Stand and click on the button in Sign-up Genius to select a shift: go.wisc.edu/6535pp. To view schedule of selected club slots, visit go.wisc.edu/jq89df. Proceeds from the Adult Leader Food Stand support annual countywide 4-H Programs and scholarship opportunities. These include: Family Learning Day, Summer Camps, Trips, and Scholarships. Thank you for helping staff the food stand. To sign up for shifts to work the TLA Foodstand (located in the Rec Building) please visit: go.wisc.edu/rqj3nq

Annual Financial Report: Checking or Savings Accounts for 4-H Clubs and Groups*

All 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete the Articles of Organization and have an Employee Identification Number before any accounts can be opened.

In addition, 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must annually complete and submit the following documents to the 4-H Program Educator by **September 1**:

1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups [Annual Financial Report](#)
2. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups [Audit Checklist](#)
3. A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30
4. A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
5. A current [inventory](#) of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or greater.
6. Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report and supporting documents by the due date could result in loss of tax-exempt status and forfeiture of all financial assets.

**Please note that 4-H Clubs and Groups are not required to have a checking and/or savings account.*

Resources

- [NEW Annual Financial Report webpage:](#)
- [Audit Instructions](#) provide general guidance on how to conduct an audit.
- [How to Save a Fillable PDF Form](#)

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: Community service opportunities - Fond du Lac Senior Center

The Fond du Lac Senior Center has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities at the Center – everything from occasional project work, offering an educational program, card writing, or volunteering at our receptionist area. We are always looking for people that are willing to share their talents. Whether it's a cooking, art, or health & wellness class, or an idea we haven't even thought of – let's chat! We also have a volunteer Outreach Program that works to address social isolation and loneliness in our community. Please call the Senior Center at 322-3630 or visit www.fdl.wi.gov/senior-center/ to download our Volunteer Application if you are interested in volunteering.

For other community service ideas visit:

- <https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/community-service-project-ideas>
- <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/serviceideas>

Upcoming Events/Activities:

June:

- 4 **New Family Fair Orientation**, 5:45 pm, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
- 5 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 7 **Registration Deadline for Foods Revue** - Register through 4-Honline
- 12 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 16-18 **Foodie Camp**, 9 am- 3 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 17 **Fair Entries Due**
- 19 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 16-19 **Summer Academy**, UW Madison, register through 4-H online by April 27
- 23 **TLA Meeting**, 6:45 pm
- 24 **LEGO Club**, 6:30-8:00 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus- **LAST MEETING until Sept**
- 26 **Cloverbud Day Camp: Fun on the Farm**, 9 am- 3 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 26 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 24 **Foods Revue**, 6:00 pm, Location TBD
- 27 **Raffle Tickets** due back to Extension office
- 30 **Around the World Camp**, 9am-3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 30 **Area Animal Science Day**, Calumet County

July:

- 1-2 **Around the World Camp**, 9am-3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 4 **Extension Office Closed**
- 8 **Small Animal Project Showmanship Clinic**
- 10 **Dog Obedience Classes** 5:00 pm Beginners, 5:45 pm Returning, Fairgrounds Cow Palace
- 11 **Pre-Fair Judging**, 1-7 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds
- 13 **Market Livestock Prefair Meeting**, 1 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds
- 13 **Market Livestock- Club Barn Set up**, 8 am – 5 pm
- 14 **Market Livestock- Club Barn Set up**, Barns will be open 8 am
- 15 **Market Livestock Prefair Meeting**, 3 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds
- 16 **Pre-Fair Judging**, 1-7 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds
- 16-20 **Fond du Lac County Fair**
- 20 **4-H Graduation**, 2:00 pm, Fairgrounds Expo Building
- 23 **Cloverbud Day Camp: Out of this World**, 9am-3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 22 **Beef Carcass Show**, 7 pm, Becks Meat Market
- 23 **Swine Carcass Show**, 7 pm, Loehrs Meat Market
- 29-31 **STEM Day Camp - CSI**, 9 am- 3 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus

Sincerely,



Tracy Keifenheim

4-H Program Educator

UW-Madison Division of Extension, Fond du Lac County

cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisors, Horse Project President

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