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Dear 4-H Leader,

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

The **Silent Auction** generates 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 businesses in your area. Email Cindy Koffman at cindy@koffman.org to let her know ahead of time how your club will be involved, so space for auction items may be allocated. Sign up to help at the auction: go.wisc.edu/49m4rj

Adult Leaders Raffle - The raffle tickets were distributed to clubs at the April 30th Adult Leaders Meeting. The raffle drawing will take place at the Adult Leaders Meeting on August 19. This is a primary source of money to build programs for our 4-H youth. Tickets and money are due back to the office on Friday, June 26th. Unsold tickets must also be returned. Extra tickets are available in the Extension office for anyone who would like to sell more. Each club should issue **one** check to the Adult Leaders Association for the ticket money collected.

Summer Camp Update - We are seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the 2026 Day Camp Committee, planning the camps and/or helping run camp activities. Youth in grades 9-13 can also volunteer as youth leaders. If you know of individuals who would be a great fit, please contact [Tracy](#). Camps are held at the Fond du Lac County Campus. More information on camps can be found on the Extension website: <http://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/events-activities/>

Foods Revue Registration - Registration is open through [4HOnline](#) under events. All 4-H members in the Foods and Nutrition, Cloverbud, and Exploring projects are invited to participate. Cherries is the Foods Revue theme for 2026! Not sure what Foods Revue is all about? Youth can also attend just to check it out!

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Where: Marian College Stayer Center

Schedule:

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

6:00 - 7:30 pm Judging and Awards

7:30 - Taste of Fond du Lac 4-H

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/pq92n/

Water Safety Policies - 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.

More information on 4-H policies: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

Find Your Fit in 4-H!

Join us for an engaging and informative session designed to help parents, caregivers, and community members explore the many ways to get involved in Fond du Lac County 4-H. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there are meaningful volunteer opportunities for every interest, skill, and schedule.

In this interactive session, you will:

- Learn about a wide range of volunteer roles—from one-time events to ongoing leadership
- Discover how your unique talents can support youth and strengthen our 4-H community
- Participate in a fun “Find Your Fit” activity to match your interests with opportunities
- Leave with clear, simple next steps to get involved

This session is designed for both in-person and virtual participants and will include interactive elements for all. **No experience needed**—just curiosity and a willingness to explore!

Please indicate which date you will be joining us at go.wisc.edu/findyourfitin4h

- **Wednesday, June 3**, 10-11 am, Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC)- Deadline to Register May 29
- **Sunday, June 7**, 7:30-8:30 pm, Virtually- Deadline to Register June 3
- **Tuesday, June 9**, 6-7 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC) - Deadline to Register June 5

*Details will be sent with your training confirmation. A minimum of 4 participants will be required for the training to be held.

The **Annual Financial Report and Charter** have been streamlined into an **Annual Authorization** that must be completed by **September 1st**. See the enclosed letter and form for requirements.

Annual Authorization Resources:

- [Annual Authorization fillable PDF form](#)
- [Audit Instructions](#) provide general guidance on how to conduct an audit.
- [How to Save a Fillable PDF Form](#)

Fond du Lac County Fair Updates & Information

Fair Premium Book Updates: A committee of dedicated volunteers spent a significant amount of time and effort reviewing and updating the premium book with the goal of creating excitement and attracting additional youth exhibitors by refreshing and modernizing entry options. This process included adding more current and relevant entry options, while removing entries that have become outdated over time. As part of the review process, exhibitor premiums were also increased to further support and encourage participation. We recommend reviewing the 2026 Fair Book now before entries open: go.wisc.edu/505g99

Fair Entry Information: As of May 28th 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 9 and Tuesday, July 14 1-7 pm. No late entries will be accepted. All entries must be made online. To sign up for judging please call the fair office.

Office Information: Contact the fair office at 920-929-3168 or office@fionddulacountyfair.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 19, 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/dr5ttt

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

Calendar of Events

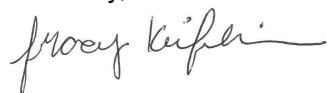
June

- 3 New Family Fair Orientation, 5:45 pm, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
- 4 Dog Project Class, 5:00pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Rec Center
- 11 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1:00-2:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 11 Dog Project Class, 5:00pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Rec Center
- 11 Wildlife Club, 6:00 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 12 Registration Deadline for Foods Revue - Register through 4-Honline
- 14-18 Summer Academy, UW Madison
- 15 Small Animal Project Meeting, 6:30pm, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn
- 15-17 Foodie Camp, 9am - 3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 17 Foods Revue, 5pm, Marian University
- 17 Fond du Lac County Fair Entries due by 11:59pm CST**
- 18 Dog Project Class, 5:00pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Rec Center
- 22 TLA Meeting, 6:45 pm, Rolling Meadows
- 23 LEGO Club, 6:30-8 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 24 Cloverbud Day Camp: Foodie Camp, 9am - 3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 25 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1:00-2:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- 25 Dog Project Class, 5:00pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Rec Center
- 27 Market Livestock Swine/Sheep/Goat barn pen set up, 7am
- 27 Mandatory Small Animal Barn Set Up, 9am, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn
- 29-7/1 Around the World Camp, 9am - 3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus

July

- 2 Dog Project Class, 5:00pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Rec Center
 - 3 Extension Office Closed
 - 7 Small Animal Project Meeting, 6:30pm, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn
 - 9 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1:00-2:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
 - 9 Pre-Fair Judging, 1-7 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds
 - 9 Dog Project Class, 5:00pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Rec Center
 - 12 Market Livestock Barn display set up, 8am-5pm (*time subject to change*)
 - 12 Mandatory Market Livestock Pre-Fair Meeting, 3 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds Cow Palace (*choose this date or July 14*)
 - 13 Market Livestock Barn display set up, Barns open at 8am
 - 14 Mandatory Market Livestock Pre-Fair Meeting, 3 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds Cow Palace (*choose this date or July 12*)
 - 14 Pre-Fair Judging, 1-7 pm, FDL Co. Fairgrounds
 - 15-19 Fond du Lac County Fair
 - 19 4-H Graduation, 2:00 pm, Fairgrounds Expo Building
 - 19 Market Livestock Wrap Up Meeting, 5:30 pm
 - 22 Cloverbud Day Camp: Superhero Camp, 9am-3pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
 - 23 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1:00-2:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
 - 27 TLA Meeting, 6:45 pm, Rolling Meadows
 - 28-30 STEM: Wizarding Day Camp, 9 am- 3 pm, Fond du Lac County Campus
- *NO LEGO Club in July**

Sincerely,



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cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisors, Horse Project President
enclosed: Annual Authorization letter and form