

April 2004



LEADER LETTER



TO: Monroe County 4-H Leaders

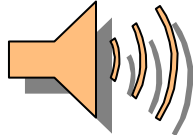
FROM: Helen C. Graves
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Extension Agent

RE: Upcoming Events

****!!!READ ME FIRST!!!****



We are announcing two changes in policy:

1) For those 4-Hers showing animals at the State Fair of West Virginia:

Livestock activity books (for example: Dig Into Dairy or Bite Into Beef) must be complete and will be scored on project scoring day instead of in September. The Record Guides will still be checked after the fair. State fair entry forms will not be signed unless the activity books are complete and the record

guides are up-to-date.

2) For clubs that provide club scholarships for their members to attend 4-H camp:

We are asking that club leaders give scholarship money to each 4-Her rather than writing one check to the 4-H Leaders' Association to cover all of the scholarships – this should make our bookkeeping more direct and prompt.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 10 Camp Planning Meeting,
7:30 p.m., Monroe Health Center LC.

Come join us as we plan our 2004 camp. Or you may give any suggestions to Helen and Janice in the Extension Office (772-3003). Helen is the "go-to" person

for camp staffing, scholarships, and finances; Janice for camp programming.

May 11 Holiday, Extension
Office Closed.

May 13 Regional Lamb Tail
Measuring Training, State Fair of WV,
Fairlea, 4:00 p.m.

All 4-H youth and parents involved in showing lambs at the Greenbrier-Monroe Youth Livestock Show and at the State Fair of WV are encouraged to attend. This program is offered only as training and is not a debate session.

May 18 4-H Frozen Food Pick-up,
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. behind Union
Fire Hall.

May 25 4-H Leaders' Association
Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Monroe County
Health Center Learning Center.

If you have items for the business agenda, please contact Delene Larew, President (832-6410) or Helen Graves (772-3003.)

May 31 Holiday, Extension
Office Closed.

June 5 Farmer's Day, Union.

Monroe 4-Hers will assist the Cattleman's Association in serving B-B-Q sandwiches. Please be willing when called to help.

June 5 State 4-H Day and Dog
Skillathon, Lewis County High School,
Weston.

June 11 "This is 4-H Day" Camp,
Hans Creek Community Building on the

banks of beautiful Hans Creek.

This date has been changed since the original date was set up, please check your calendars

A yearly event planned to help 1st year 4-Hers learn about camp. But, it's not just for the greenhorns...there will also be some project workshops to help older 4-Hers. We also need the older campers to participate in the mock council circle to show the new ones how it works.

Please promote this event in your club. This year hosts are the Handy Hans 4-H Club. The time will be announced. Contact Ange Kaluk (753-9429) or Janice (772-3003) if you have questions.

June 14-19 State Conservation Camp,
Cowan. Registration deadline for
receiving county and state scholarships,
May 13.

June 20-26 Southern District 4-H
Horse Camp. **IMPORTANT NOTE:**
Camp applications will be accepted
starting on May 1st. Southern District
4-H Horse Camp has limited space. To
ensure that all 4-H'ers have an equal
opportunity to be one of the 80 campers
accepted to attend this camp, camper
applications will be accepted on a first-
come first-served basis. The final
registration deadline (if space still
permits) is May 15th.

June 20-26 Older Member's State
4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill. Registration
deadline for receiving county and state
scholarships, **May 19.**

June 21, 22 Tag and Bleed Market
Hogs & **June 23** Tag Market Sheep and
Goats, WV State Fairgrounds, Fairlea.

4-Hers enrolled in these livestock projects will be sent information.

July 1 Enrollment deadline, Ham, Bacon and Egg Project.

Enrollment cards will be sent to the Monroe 4-H & FFA Swine for the purpose of enrolling 4-Hers in Ham, Bacon and Egg projects (only). If other clubs have 4-Hers who plan to enroll in these projects and show/sell in March 2005, please call and request enrollment cards. Note: this is an intense project and the 4-Her must have a 4-H Leader(s) or advisor who knows the process.

July 5 Holiday, Extension Office Closed.

July 6-7 Monroe County 4-H Project Scoring and Leader Recognition.

July 8 State 4-H Judging Day (Livestock, Land, Horticulture), Morgantown.

July 11-16 Alpha I State 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill.

Registration deadline for receiving county and state scholarships **June 16.**

July 17 Hand Delivered Entries Deadline, WV State Fair, 12 Noon.

July 18 4-H Camp Counselor Workshop, 5:00 p.m., Camp Summers.

July 18-23 Alpha II State 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill.

Registration deadline for receiving county and state scholarships, **June 16.**

July 19 – 23 Monroe County 4-H Camp, Camp Summers, Forest Hill

Excitement is building for our '04 camp. If you know of 4-Hers who need more scholarship money than your club can provide, please call Helen (772-3003).

July 25 Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Show, WV State Fairgrounds, Fairlea.

Here is an opportunity for 4-Hers to practice showing their beef, sheep and swine projects in preparation for the state fair. Questions? Call Brian at 772-3003.

July 30 - Aug 1 State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Weekend, Shooting Sports and Instructors Training, and Mini-Society Training, Jackson's Mill.

Theme for this exciting conference this year is "Volunteer More in 2004." The conference will include leadership learning sessions, shooting sports instructor training, entrepreneurial training, outstanding leader recognition and fun.

This weekend is planned by 4-H leaders for 4-H leaders...you're missing a great opportunity if you don't attend!

Registration Deadline for receiving county and state scholarships **June 28.** Pick up your registration materials in the extension office or go onto the Web at <http://www.wvu.edu/%7Eexten/infores/pubs/fyres/vlwconf.pdf>.

August 13-22 State Fair of West Virginia, Fairlea.



OTHER LEADER NEWS

SALE SURVEY

All 4-H leaders, parents, and youth who are enrolled with or who are selling animals in the Greenbrier-Monroe Youth Livestock Sale should fill out the enclosed survey. The results of the survey will help determine how the sale will operate in 2004.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Monroe County 4-H All-Stars have established guidelines for Monroe County Camp scholarships in memory of former 4-H All-Stars. The guidelines are as follows:

- 1) 4-H member must have consistently maintained very good to outstanding project work.
- 2) Member must have demonstrated leadership qualities such as holding an office (currently or in the past) and volunteering to help with community projects and club fundraisers.
- 3) Member must have been active in county activities, such as project judging, public speaking, achievement night, etc.

A 4-H All-Star committee will select applicants who have met the most of the

criteria for available scholarships. Four-H organizational leaders should send their nominees (with a short paragraph explaining how the nominee fits the above criteria) to the Extension Office by June 16th. First person to call the Extension Office wins a 4-H t-shirt!

Monroe County 4-H Leaders' Association Policy on Driving

In county:

Club / Local Events: No county policy. (Community clubs should have their own policy.)

Out of county:

- A. Parents may approve their teen to drive with only siblings as passengers.
- B. Only persons 18 years or older may transport non-siblings as passengers and then only with written permission of their parents/guardians and the parents of the underage passengers.

Out of state:

- A. Same as out of county.
- B. Teens will not transport out of state guest 4-Hers.

Note: Transporting of 4-Hers is at the risk of the driver and his/her insurance company. This policy does not imply that insurance coverage is provided by the Monroe County 4-H program or West Virginia University Extension Service or the State of West Virginia.

4-H PLATE

Check out the Web site <http://intranet.ext.wvu.edu/intouch/esgovern/4hplate.htm> to learn about the Homer Laughlin 4-H plate. These plates are being sold to support continuing to provide free 4-H project books to our 4-Hers.

A Most Important Lesson

While reading this, think about all the people in your life that may be on the fringes yet should be acknowledged; even if it's only to say "hello". Think about the difference you can make by showing people that they are noticed and needed.

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who

cleans the school?" Surely, this was some kind of joke.

I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

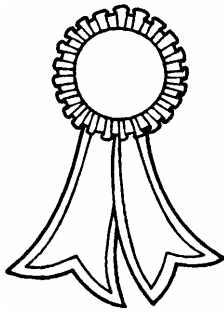
Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor.

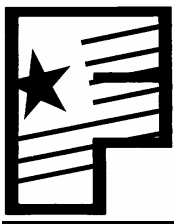
"In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and

care, even if all
you do is smile
and say 'hello'."
I've never
forgotten that
lesson. I also
learned her name
was Dorothy.

By: Author Unknown



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