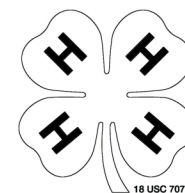


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4-H Focuses on.....

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Relating to Others
- Planning and Organizing
- Learning to Learn
- Communicating with Others
- Leading Self and Others
- Relating to Change
- Applying Science & Technology
- Developing Self

Mental and Physical Health



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Announcing Our 2012 Summer Assistant!



My name is Tjark Sattler, and I'm attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, majoring in Agriculture Education. Throughout my three years at UW-Platteville, I have been involved in several different areas on campus. I am currently serving as a Resident Assistant in McGregor Hall for the second year, a member of the Alpha Zeta Agriculture Honor Society, and I have been involved in Badminton and Soccer intramural sports.

My interest in Agriculture Education and becoming a 4-H Youth Development Educator started on our family farm in Chilton, WI. My family raises Suffolk Hampshire Crossbred Ewes, and I have helped with every aspect of the farm including feeding, breeding, lambing, and showing the sheep. Throughout my 13 years in 4-H, showing lambs at the Calumet County Fair was my favorite project. Some of my other projects included woodworking, speaking, demonstrations, and youth leadership. Outside of the county, I participated in the Wisconsin State Fair, 4-H and Youth Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and was a member of the Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leaders Council.

Returning to Vernon County has me energized for another excellent summer. As a future educator, I am interested in working with the Camp Counselors to develop an excellent camp program. Being a past camp counselor, I know how rewarding camp can be for the campers, and I hope to provide the counselors with useful strategies to making camp enjoyable. I am also looking forward for the opportunity to learn about the different logistics of planning clothing revue, tractor safety, and especially Area Animal Science Days. Having never participated in Area Animal Science Days presents a unique opportunity to learn about a completely new program. Throughout the summer, I wish to visit as many 4-H clubs as possible, and I'm excited for the opportunity to work with the youth and adults involved in the Vernon County 4-H Program.

To schedule a 4-H club visit with Tjark, e-mail him at tjark.sattler@vernoncounty.org

Vernon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION 
OF RESPONSIBILITY

Wondering who Youth Ambassadors are?

Wondering what Youth Ambassadors do?

Wondering how to get involved?

Wonder no more! Coming to your mailbox soon, full details of Youth Ambassadors including planned events, program structure and expectations.

**Save
the
Date**



**2012 AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE
DAYS**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2012
Vernon County Fairgrounds!**



**2012 4-H UPHAM WOODS CAMP
Sunday—Tuesday, July 29th-31st, 2012
See pages 12 & 13 of this newsletter!**



*Volunteers are needed for
Area Science Days Food
Stand! Please contact Deb
Primmer at: 625-4484 or
primmerdj@gmail.com*



4-H Club News



Springville Superstars—Lily Lepke

March— Meeting of the Springville Superstars 4-H Club was called to order by President Brandon Lee at 7:00 p.m. The pledges were led by the Hall and John and Wendy McClelland families. Brianna Hall read the secretary's report and took roll call. Brandon Lee gave the treasurer's report. Beth Lee gave the Parent-Leader Federation Report and Julie Larson gave the Club Leaders Report. The Lohr family gave a report on bowling and a motion was passed that the club should pay half of the cost for bowling which is \$2.50. This includes two games and shoes. The club decided to go bowling on March 25th at the Colonial Bowl in Sparta. Families should meet at the bowling alley at 1:30. If anyone would like to car pool, contact Julie. Joseph Roethel and Sean Nelson reported on the Constitution and Bylaws committee. They suggested how the club should change some of our bylaws. Club members are also allowed to shadow an officer of their choosing in the future. The club thanked Emily Nelson and Sheri Hall for putting together a play that the members performed during the meeting. They received a merit ribbon on their performance at the County Arts Fest and will be performing at the Wisconsin State Fair in August. The Hall's and John and Wendy McClelland families were the lead families for this month and the Joe and Darcy McClelland and Daines family are next month's lead families. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next month's meeting will be Monday, April 9th and our project activity will be Dog Obedience. After the meeting, Larry Wruck led the club in a woodworking project where we put together 20 bird houses to put up at the Jersey Valley walking trail.

Lucky Clovers—Aimee Harnish

March—Meeting was called to order by president Emil Walleser. Ann Marie gave the vet science updates. Rachel Nigh, Rachel Falkers and Andrew Falkers shared about their time at Art Fest. The Falkers shared about Super Saturday. Laura Schmidt and Julie Falkers offered to be in charge of planning another Bingo event at Maplewood. After the meeting our club did ceramics with Lynn and Terry Nelson. We had a great time! Upcoming events: Food Fest for next meeting. The club will be sampling food from different countries. Club members picked which country they would represent. Zion Church clean up is planned for the end of April. Next meeting will be at Zion Church on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Retreat Ramblers—Casey Fremstad

March—Sam Marley called the regular meeting of the Retreat Ramblers to order at 10:00am on Saturday March 10th, 2012. The club made plans for a bingo/dinner at the Retreat Sportsman Club. The tentative date and time for the event is Sunday March 25th from 4 to 7. The club also planned for their annual roadside clean-up on April 28th, 2012. The club also discussed the Mt. Olympus Waterpark 4-H discount day on April 14th. Most members of the club would like to go but it was left up to parents to take them or not. Roxanna Hakkenson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40pm and it was seconded and approved. Following the meeting, the club played one game of bingo for prizes and then took part in a trick photography session presented by Patti Stilwell. The next regular meeting will be April 14th at 10:00am at the Retreat Community Center

Nerison—Jordan Lucas




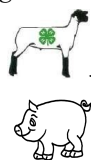




February— 4-H monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 in the Coon Valley Village Hall on Monday, February 27, 2012 by Allison Hawthorne. The pledges were lead. The secretary's report was read by Jordan Lucas. Emily Palm made a motion to accept it and Eva Gajewski seconded. Treasurer's report was read by Becca Seelow and John Lucas made a motion to accept it and Michaela Palm seconded.

Old business Brittany and Becca talked about the Super Saturday that the Youth ambassadors put on and what they did there. Project activity discs were handed out and if you need a plaque see the leaders. Cow Judging forms if you would like one you needed to get it at the meeting and send it in to the address on the form. **New business** March 3, 2011 the Art fest, Adults were needed to help from 9:30-10:30, they were covered by adults from the club. Look at the due dates in your newsletter for trips and fun activities, and if you need help with extra funding for these trips you can call the extension office they can help! Shooting sports updates: if you didn't hear about it see Jen Lucas for details. The raffle ticket sales will go on again and each member will be asked to sell 3 raffle tickets, this sale helps pay for different activities throughout 4-H. The next meeting will be on March 26, 2012 at the Coon Valley Village Hall at 6:30. The servers will be Moilien, and the Bergs. Abby Stafslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Natalie Bolstad seconded.



May 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Leader/Parent Federation Mtg 	10	11	12 NASCO Clinic 
13 	14	15	16	17	18 Hog/Sheep Weigh-In 	19 YA Syttende Mai Bike Tour  Horse & Pony Project Mtg 
20	21	22	23  4-H News Summer Assistant Begins	24	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31		



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation

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Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting—March 14, 2012

Present: Executive Board: Jim Hawthorne-Nerison, Beth Lee-Springville Superstars, Tammy Sherry-MM/Rt 56, Deb Primmer-MM-Rt 56, Leaders: Cheryl Rebhahn- MM/Rt 56, Mary Jo Bringe-Rainbow Reachers, Cindy Sikora- Enterprise Eagles, Colleen Pulvermacher – 4-H Youth Development Educator. President Jim Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Pledges were recited.

Secretary's Report of February 8, 2012 was reviewed. The Secretary's Report was approved as read and Deb Primmer made motion to accept, seconded by Beth Lee. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Deb handed out the Account Balances and Transaction Report for the month of February. The Investment Center Fund will be closed and moved to the General Checking Fund Account. Beth Lee asked for the Executive Boards signatures that she needed to move the money. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read and Beth Lee made motion to accept and seconded by Tammy Sherry. Motion carried.

Educator's presentation – Colleen shared photos from two successful recent events -- Super Saturday (great day/youth led/28 youth here) and robotics regional training—45 total. There is interest in robotics w/ parental support, so I will pursue it in coming months. Arts Fest went very well, good feedback on judges. Three candidates for the summer assistant position will be interviewed on Friday. Space camp delegation from Vernon County is 13 – the most statewide! Along with three advisors – Forrest Krause, Betty Nigh and I. Update from the State 4-H office: 4-H clubs are not to have club funds in excess of \$1,000 over their expenditures unless the money is being saved for a specific purpose, documented and approved by the county 4-H youth development educator. The State 4-H office proposed changing the due date for club charters to October 1st. Educators statewide balked at this requirement as a charter due that early will not reflect newly elected officers or educational activities planned for the upcoming 4-H year. At this point this deadline is being reconsidered.

Food Stand Committee: Please thank the Viroqua Area School Construction Class for the work that they did on the new food stand. They have gotten it as far as they could and now we need volunteers to help finish the building. The Food Stand Committee met at the fairgrounds Monday March 19 and scoped out the new building and what needs to be done. Measurements were taken of the new used equipment that was bought and seen how they would fit in the kitchen and lunch area. **IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED IN HELPING please contact Jim Hawthorne or Deb Primmer to see how you can help get this project finished.** What needs to be done is electrical, some painting, cutting new stool seats (56) and put together with the new bracket ware, countertops and lighting just to name a few things. We have the Animal Science Days here in June and we would like to get as much done as possible.

Old Business: The Award trip Committee presented their recommendations, discussion followed. This item was tabled until the April meeting.

New Business: There was discussion on having a stand at the Farmers Market in Viroqua to help individual clubs to sell wares to raise money for their club. Tabled to April meeting.

A scholarship committee reader is needed. This is a 3 year commitment. No action taken.

Beth Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tammy Sherry. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by President Hawthorne at 8:20pm. The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Sherry, Secretary



NEW 4-H FOOD STAND



WORK HAS PROGRESSED NICELY ON THE FOOD STAND AND WE PLAN ON BEING IN WORKING ORDER ON OR BEFORE AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS, JUNE 20TH! WE ARE HOWEVER IN NEED OF A CERTIFIED ELECTRICIAN WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DONATING SOME TIME. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH THIS 4-H PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 637-5276.



Congratulations to all of our talented artists and performers that participated in the 2012 Vernon County 4-H Festival of the Arts! All of you did a spectacular job. I am proud of you. I would like to THANK all of the volunteers that helped that day. You all made it a great day for those who performed. I appreciate all of you more than you will ever know!

Deb Primmer, Arts Fest Chairman

**Individual Performances—Arts & Crafts—
Photography—Vernon County Fair Music &
Demonstration Entries**

Bakkum, Nicole	Mickelsen, Mariana
Bentzler, Lukas	Moser, Courtney
Bentzler, Noah	Nelson, Jessica
Brey, Ali	<i>Nigh, Rachel *</i>
Bringe, Kaitlyn	Palm, Christopher
Dach, Max	Palm, Emily
Dach, Samantha	Palm, Michaela
Dregne, Anna Marie	Palm, Bridget
Falkers, Andrew	Penchi, Ella
Falkers, Hannah	Penchi, Emma
Falkers, Joseph	Rebhahn, Joshua
Falkers, Rachel	Reese, Sasha
Falter, Agnes	Rem, Brigid
Falter, Dominic	Rem, Maura
Falter, Hannah	Roethel, Bethany
Falter, Teresa	<i>Roethel, Joseph *</i>
Fanta, Paula	Saleska, Alexis
Fortney, Ella	Schipper, Hayley
Fremstad, Casey	Schipper, James
Haugen, Martha	Schipper, Rebecca
Haynes, Branden	Schultz, Raina
Haynes, Jonathan	Sherry, Chris
How, Trevor	Stafslie-Dumale, Abby
Howe, Erica	Stafslie-Dumale, Derek
Jepsen, Eli	Stafslie-Dumale, Mari
Jepsen, Jonah	Stilwell, Madeline
King, Ben	Titel, Erik
King, Jessica	Tunks, Samantha
Kumlin, Drake	Tunks, Savannah
Kumlin, Madison	Wagner, Darby
Larson, Katherine	Wagner, Michael
Lind, Jacie	Wagner, Ricky
List, Isaac	Wagner, Savannah
List, Simon	Wileman, Rebecca
Manders, Taylor	Williams, Iver
Mauer, Ethan	Williams, Owen
Mauer, Kellyn	



****Arts & Crafts Selected For
State Youth Conference
Congratulations!***

Rachel Nigh & Joseph Roethel

**Group Performances
Selected to Perform at Wisconsin State Fair
*Congratulations!***

Springville Superstars

"The Story Goes Like This"

Cast: Nicole Bakkum, Caleb Crick, Hannah Crick, Austin Hall, Brianna Hall, Krista Hall, Matthew Hall, Trent Mowery, Amber Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Sean Nelson, Trista Rumppe & Emma Schlesner

Director: Sheri Hall & Emily Nelson

Liberty Pole Boosters

"Holka Polka" by D.M. Larson

Cast: Ethan Ackman, Logan Ackman, Tyrel Ackman, Claire Anderson, Jared Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Bekka Bast, Austin Christianson, Britany Deaver, Brynn Deaver, Abigail Diehl, Rachel Diehl, Steve Diehl, Erica Howe, Damien Mikkelsen, Deven Mikkelsen, Rebecca Wileman, Abigail Wileman, Gracie Wagemaster

Directors- Deb Deaver and Karen Ackman - Parent
Helpers – Suzie Howe and Renae Diehl

Other Merit Awarded Group Performances

Nerison - String Quartet

G Major K 156 by Mozart

Performers: Agnes Falter, Dominic Falter, Teresa Falter & Hannah Falter

***Nerison - Magnificent and
Dona Nobis Pacem***

Performers: Hannah Falter, Teresa Falter and Emily Palm



ANIMAL PROJECT NEWS



Horse Project—Casey Fremstad Secretary

February—The meeting was called to order at 1pm Sunday February 19th, by Kristen Cowden as chair of committee. Nominations from the previous meeting and current meeting were closed and the ballots were accepted. The officers are as listed:

President-Jessica King, Vice President- Josie Wiltrout, Secretary- Casey Fremstad, Treasurer- Taylor Cowden, Historian- Natalie Bolstad.

There was a motion made by Natalie Bolstad to accept the January meeting minutes and Christy Depooter seconded. Motion carried. **Old Business:** The State Qualifying show's location was discussed and was changed from Retreat to the Fairgrounds. This show will be held July 22nd, 2012. The motion was made by Casey Fremstad and seconded by Natalie Bolstad. Motion carried.

For this years Area Animal Science Days we have 2 geldings for the judging, but if you, or you know someone who would like to volunteer we'd love to know. Jessica King made a motion to add the model horse classes to Area Animal Science Days and Josie Wiltrout seconded. Jessica King made a motion to change English Equitation Class to English Pleasure. Natalie Bolstad seconded the motion and the motion carried. Motion carried. Taylor Boardman will be judging the model horses at the Area Animal Science Days and she will bring some examples of model horses and explain more at the upcoming meeting. We also discussed that we have to have monitors for the Hippology and model horses at Area Animal Science Days. **New Business:** The spring show will be held in Retreat instead of Wild West Grounds Sunday April 29th, 2012. A spring trail ride at duck egg is being planned.

Casey Fremstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jessica King seconded. After the meeting we practiced Hippology, had snacks, and watched a halter video. Next meeting will be Sunday March 18th, 1:00 p.m., UW-Extension-1st Floor Conference Room.

Horse Project—March

Horse & Pony project Meeting Minutes

March 18th, 2012 – Present: Natalie Bolstad, Taylor Cowden, Christine De Pooter, Drew Dravis, Mycanzie Foster, Casey Fremstad, Jessica King, Annika Kupczak, Hope Petersheim, and Rebecca Seelow.

Before the meeting started the members formed teams by pairing younger members with older members. They tested their Equine knowledge and worked through the Hippology Boards. Prizes were awarded to all teams. Top scores were able to pick first from a variety of donated horse blankets and other horse related items. While the members did the Hippology Boards the adult leaders and parents ironed, organized, and took inventory on the Horse and Pony Project's ribbons and trophies. Thank you to all who helped with this large task!

March Continued—

President Jessica King called the meeting to order. Then members did a get acquainted activity. **OLD BUSINESS: A.A.S.D.** – More Volunteers are needed. At the arena for the Horse Judging: Gate person, Runner, Judge Helper, Announcer, and Score card Markers. For Hippology: Timers are needed. Volunteers will also be needed to help set up the Poster and Photo area. Joann will get an update on the Model Horses from Taylor Boardman and will present that at the next meeting. Patty Stilwell volunteered to judge the Photography/Poster Contest. Reminder was made that registration for participation will be due April 9th. Joann was going to contact Cindy Daniels to obtain more information on registration and will forward that to the members. **TRAIL RIDE:** Changing the date was discussed. There may be conflicts with the May 20th date since that is Syttende Mai weekend. The motion was made and carried to have the trail ride at Duck Egg Sunday, June 3rd and ride out at 11am. Potluck afterwards. More information will be available about pre-registration and meeting spot.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: April – If Fun Show is rained out the Horse & Pony Project will still hold their monthly meeting at the Extension office @ 1pm. May – Motion was made and carried the meeting will be Saturday, May 19th @ 10am and held at the Fairgrounds by the horse arena area. After meeting group will set up horse arena. Many hands make for a light work. Please come and help sporting your work clothes, gloves, boots, etc. June – Meeting will be held during the potluck after trail ride on June 3rd. It was discussed that we may want to still have a short meeting on June 17th before A.A.S.D.

NEW BUSINESS: MIDWEST HORSE FAIR:

Reminder that it will be held April 20th -22nd. It is a great event for all Horse & Pony Project members to experience. **TREMPEALEAU COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP:** Casey and Jessica shared their experiences and discussed some of the activities that were available at the camp. It will be held June 8th, 9th and 10th at the Galesville Fairgrounds. Registration is due by May 1st and copies were available at meeting. **T-SHIRTS:** Minimum to place an order is 20 shirts. If you want to place an order please contact Kristen or Joann. **HIPPOLOGY TEAMS:** Creating teams were discussed. There are a few members interested. Pam mentioned that the top 4 scores from each age group at A.A.S.D. could be a team. There will be a State Hippology Contest May 12th at UW-Marathon in Wausau if members are interested. **FACEBOOK:** Please join Vernon County Horse and Pony Project on Facebook. It is a great way for the members to share ideas and upcoming events. Motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting.



Meat Animal News

Reminder!

Vernon County Beef – Sheep – Swine– Weigh-in 2012

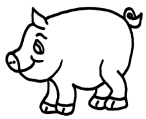
* All meat animal exhibitors and their parent or legal guardian will be required to sign a “Statement of Origin” at the Weigh-in.

* If you are purchasing your feeder animal from out of state, you can pick up your RFID ear tags from the UW-Extension office and send them to the seller to apply to the animal. The RFID tag will serve as the official tag to cross state lines.



Steer Weigh-in

The Mandatory Steer Weigh-in in scheduled for Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, for beef exhibitors who intend to participate in the Meat Animal Sale at the 2012 Vernon County Fair. It will be held at the fair grounds in the Livestock Show and Sale Arena from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to NOON on Saturday.



Hog Weigh-in

The Mandatory Hog Weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, May 18, from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to NOON. The weigh-in will take place in the Livestock Show and Sale Arena at the fair grounds. You **must** have your hogs weighed if you intend to participate in the 2012 Meat Animal Sale at the Vernon County Fair.



Sheep Weigh-in

The MANDATORY sheep weigh-in will be held at the same time and location as the hog weigh-in (please read the above article). You **must** have your lamb weighed and identified if you intend to participate in the 2012 Meat Animal Sale at the Vernon County Fair. You can fill out your “sheep registration” form at the time of weigh-in. All lambs that are to be weighed-in **MUST** have their scrapies ear tag.



Dairy Judging

Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 pm
First floor Conference Room
UW- Extension Office

Please join us for the first 4-H Dairy Judging practice!! All junior and senior dairy judges, and anyone simply wanting to learn more about dairy judging are encouraged to attend this first practice. We'll start practicing now to proudly represent Vernon County at the Area Animal Science Days, which will be held right here in Vernon County on Wednesday, June 20!

We can't wait to see you there! If you have any questions, or are an adult who is interested in helping coach the dairy judging team, please contact Chrissy Meyer 608-512-9140 or wendorf1@uwalumni.com.

Be sure to watch the May newsletter for dates and times of the remaining practice times and locations.

Vernon County Dairy Princess Contest



The Vernon County Dairy Promotion Committee is again sponsoring the Dairy Princess contest. The applicants must be 16 years old as of January 1, 2012. They must be a resident of Vernon County and able to travel in Vernon County throughout the year. The Vernon County Dairy Princess represents the dairy industry in the county at events throughout the year. Major activities will include dairy product promotion, breed twilight meetings, banquets and shows and speaking at club and civic group meetings. The Dairy Princess will receive a \$100 savings bond and the Dairy Attendant, a \$50 savings bond. The princess' and attendant's mileage traveling in the county will be reimbursed from the Dairy Promotion Committee. Entry blanks and contest information will be available at the University Extension Office. Entry deadline is Tuesday, May 15th.



2012 Seniors in the Spotlight

Nikki Barker—Seas Branch Smithies

High School: Cashton

Graduation Date: May 26, 2012

Years in 4-H: 5

Parent (s): Sheryl Barker

Plans after graduation: Attend Western Technical College Medical Assistant Program

In Nikki's own words:

As an active member of my 4-H club, I have held the positions of President Secretary and Historian. Our musical group, where I had a solo, was invited to compete at the State Fair competition and received a merit award. My 4-H projects have generally focused on photography and art such as jewelry and ceramics. In addition to 4-H I have been involved in my community in many different ways. As a Girl Scout I have received my Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. I have been a representative of Cashton Royalty as Miss Cashton, Junior Miss Cashton and Little Miss Cashton. Promoting our village at many different events during the year improved my public speaking and ability to interact with people I have not met before. I have also volunteered at our church as an Altar Server. Sports teams I have been involved in during High School include Cross Country, Softball, Cheerleading and Gymnastics. I have competed at the state gymnastics meet as part of our team. I am very excited to attend Western Technical College this fall to obtain my Medical Assistant Certificate through their one year program. I plan to live in the residence hall in order to receive the complete college experience. Health care interests me and I am considering continuing my education after receiving my certificate next year in the nursing field. The best experiences for me in 4-H came from supporting my club as an officer. I recommend everyone fill an officer position at least once. It will give you new skills and is a great way to give back to your club.



Sasha Reese—Hillsboro Hotshots

High School: Hillsboro

Graduation Date: May 25, 2012

Years in 4-H: 12

Parent (s): Amy & Steve Reese

Plans after graduation: Attend Southwest Technical College Culinary Program

In Sasha's own words:

The projects I have enjoyed are sheep rabbits, crafts and photography. The leadership roles I have had in my club are president, secretary, photographer and reporter. The most memorable club activity I have participated in was when my club went bowling last year for our winter fun day. My memorable county activities are showing at the Vernon County Fair and going to Art Beat where I learned a lot at both. Other activities I have been active in are basketball, track and forensics. The advice I would give to others is you can learn new things and meet new people every year you are in 4-H and it is fun to be in 4-H!

Cassondra Mae Roach—Retreat Ramblers

High School: DeSoto

Graduation Date: May 25, 2012

Years in 4-H: 5

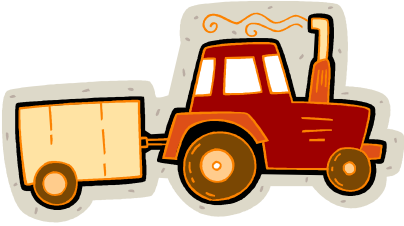
Parent (s): Greg & Jean Roach

Plans after graduation: Attend UW-Platteville Mathematics-Secondary Education

In Cassondra's own words:

4-H has been a great experience that I would recommend to any young student. It offers many leadership opportunities and is a fantastic extracurricular activity. I really enjoyed doing my projects, such as Photography and Ceramics. At club meetings I have enjoyed working with the younger members on activities and doing the club projects. Being an older student is very important, especially in our club, where there is many Cloverbuds who often could use some help. Along with being involved in 4-H, I have been involved in softball, volleyball, basketball, forensics, FFA, NHS and SAC among others. Though these activities keep me very busy, I always try to make time for 4-H because I feel it is important for the young members to see older kids involved in 4-H so they are more likely to stay involved with it themselves.

Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program



An educational program to enhance the safety knowledge and skills for youth operating tractors and machinery on Wisconsin farms

The Federal Law . . .

Since 1970, Part 570 of the Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1, has provided exemption related to hazardous tasks for youth age 14 and 15 for employment on farms other than those operated by their family through tractor and machinery certification programs.

The Wisconsin Law Act 455. . .

Effective July 1, 1997, no person may direct or permit a child under age 16 years to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on a public road unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery certification course. This does not apply to operation of a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on the road when crossing perpendicular to the direction of the road. Youth must be 12 years of age to enroll in the training program.

What this means . . .

The law means that youth operating tractors or self-propelled machinery for their own family on public roads will be required to have certification. Persons violating may receive a \$20 fine for the first offense and fines not to exceed \$50 for each subsequent offense. To provide youth with the necessary State and Federal certification, the WI Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification programs are being offered throughout the state.

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as soon as possible prior to the program activity so that proper arrangements can be made. An EEO/Affirmative Action Employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and DA. Extending the resources and knowledge of the University of Wisconsin system to the people of Vernon County.

TRACTOR AND MACHINERY CERTIFICATION COURSE

June 6th, 7th, 8th 2012
(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Vernon County
Fairgrounds
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Name

Address

City

Zip

Parent's Name

Phone Number

Cell#

Youth's Birth Date

School

4-H Club or FFA Chapter
(if applicable)

**Please include the \$40 registration fee
with this form. Make check payable to:
Vernon Co Rural Youth Comm**

**Return to: UW-Extension
318 Fairlane Dr., Ste 392, Viroqua WI 54665**

Please bring a sack lunch. A \$40 fee to cover materials, fuel and other supplies will be charged for each student. First priority is given to students who live or attend school in Vernon County, based upon the age at the time of the training. Older students have higher priority. Please note deadline, who to make the check out to, and where to send it. Class size is limited to 40 participants.

Vernon County UW-Extension, would like to thank the following for their efforts in developing this program.

**Vernon Co Vocational Agriculture Instructors:
Ron Von Glahn, Lloyd Hardy, Brian Kast,
Paul Marshall, Nathan Papendorf & David Wright**

**Other Volunteers
Implement Dealers:
Horizon Equipment, Westby
Hundt Implement, Cashton
Portland Implement, Cashton**

Trophies provided by: Vernon County Rural Insurance

Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program

This program will:

- provide youth 12 years of age with the necessary requirements to be certified for compliance under Wisconsin Act 455.
- meet the federal requirements for Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E- 1 "Occupations in Agriculture Particularly Hazardous for Employment of Children under age 16".

The 24 hour program includes:

- hands on instruction for tractors and farm machinery operation;
- hazard recognition and correction;
- general farm safety knowledge and
- stresses the importance of a positive attitude towards safety.

To successfully complete the course, youth must:

- attend 24 hours of instruction and
- pass written and driving exams.

Wisconsin Act 455 stipulates that the state program is to have the equivalent requirements to the federal tractor and machinery certification. Therefore, this course will be taught at a level for 14 to 15 year old youth.

Who should attend?

- Youth 14-15 years of age who need the federal certificate of training for employment on farm in accordance with Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1.
- Youth 12 years of age who will be operating tractors or self-propelled farm machinery on public roads for their own family.
- Youth desiring tractor and machinery safety instructions.

Where and When are the programs offered?

This varies by county. These programs can be offered through the county University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension office or the local agricultural education instructor. In many counties a program is offered once a year as a cooperative effort between UWEX and the county agricultural education instructors.

Program dates vary throughout the state but most are conducted between January and June. To find out when the program will be held in your area, contact your local county UWEX office or local high school agricultural education department. All counties may not offer the certification program but could provide assistance in locating an available program.

Should your child attend this program?

It is your responsibility as parents/guardians to determine if your child is ready to attend a Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification program.

Some facts for you to consider:

- 82% of fatalities involving youth under age 16 result from agricultural equipment.
- Youth under age 14 are involved in nine times as many accidents per exposure hour of tractor driving than tractor operators 25-44 years.

- Youth under age 15 have higher accident rates for operating tractors on public roads.

Common factors in these accidents were inexperience and lack of maturity to handle the situation. Being capable of reaching the pedals will not help if the child can't recognize a hazard or anticipate a danger. Generally, youth under age 14 do not have the ability to anticipate danger, realize the danger and react in order to prevent an accident. Ask yourself the question "Is my child ready to drive a semi-truck?"

Assessing your child's ability to drive a tractor or operate machinery:

1. Age of child

2. Physical Abilities

- Can the youth sit securely in the operator's seat and fully depress clutch and reach all controls?
- On seats with seatbelts, the child should be able to reach all controls.
- Does the child have the strength needed to shift, steer or hook equipment up to the tractor?
- Is the child able to turn and check behind them for traffic and still keep the tractor in control?

3. Cognitive Abilities

- Is your child able to recognize dangerous situations like driving too fast or turning too sharp?
- Is he/she able to think through situations quickly to avoid hazards?
- When given directions does the child follow them?

- If the child has difficulty paying attention for 15 minutes in a class, what could happen if his/her mind wanders while driving down the road?

4. Emotional maturity

- Does peer pressure cause him/her to show off or attempt things beyond their ability?
 - Does the child become easily upset when he/she is unable to do something that he/she want to do?
- Every child is different. Preventing injury to your child may mean saying no and waiting until the child's abilities develop.

Summer 4-H Campers!

Be sure to send in your 4-H camp registration form!

Mark your calendars for July 29-31, 2012

Forms are due June 1st!



Don't miss this year's 4-H Camping opportunities! We will be heading to Base and Outpost Camp **July 29-31**. Learning, friendship and fun are at the heart of all 4-H Camps. Parents - please register and send fees with enrollment form. We always need adults willing to help at camp...contact Colleen if you are interested!

Once all youth are registered, you will receive camp details, packing lists and health & expectation forms.

Base Camp, Upham Woods, WI Dells 3rd - 6th Grades

Travel to the heart of scenic WI Dells for two nights and three days of adventure, fun and learning. Set along the banks of the WI River, Camp Upham Woods features cozy cabins, a quality nature center, main lodge, craft center and more! Programs in recreation, crafts, canoeing, archery, nature exploration, swimming and our camp theme are offered for all youth. Base Camp is open to campers in grades 3-6. Bus transportation to and from camp is provided. Cost is \$65 for Vernon County 4-H members, (Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation covers 1/2 of the camp fee) and \$130 for non 4-H members.

After all registrations are in, campers will receive camp details and bus information.

Outpost Camp, Devil's Lake, WI Dells 7th and 8th Grades

The wilderness is calling...are you up to the challenge of two nights and three days of outdoor adventure and fun? Tent camping, campfire cooking, canoeing, fishing, and hiking are just a few of the exciting experiences that await campers at Outpost Camp. *A spirit of adventure, flexibility and a willingness to try new things is essential!* There is running water, shower and bathroom facilities available. Outpost camp is open to the first 20 campers. Transportation to and from camp is provided. Cost is \$65 for Vernon County 4-H members, (Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation covers 1/2 of the camp fee) and \$130 for non-4-H members. Chaperones will be needed. Contact Colleen for more information.

If you would like to rock climb for ½ day of one of the days, include an extra \$15 (\$90 total). There is a minimum number of climbers needed.

Please note: One registration form is needed for each camper! Additional forms are available at the Extension Office and on our website vernon.uwex.edu so that you can make your own copies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension Office at 637-5276.





**4-H Summer Camp
July 29-31, 2012
Camp Upham Woods
Crawford, Richland & Vernon Counties**



- * Swimming & waterfront games (lifeguard supervised)
- * Campfires, games, songs & fun!
- * Nature hikes, lessons and crafts
- * Sleep in cabins

Costs of Camp:

The Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation covers 1/2 of the camp fee for Vernon County 4-H members. Friends of 4-Hers are charged the full amount.

4-H members - \$65.00

Non 4-H - \$130.00

All activities are supervised by Upham Woods staff, adult chaperones and/or teen counselors.

4-H Summer Camp takes place at Upham Woods, north of Wisconsin Dells. The main lodge, nature center, craft building and swimming and fishing area are located at the base of a hill. The cabins are located at the top of a hill with a separate shower/bath area. All water activities take place on the Wisconsin River. Youth are assigned to cabins by gender and age (3rd & 4th graders bunk together and 5th & 6th graders bunk together). Seventh and eighth graders tent camp at Devil's Lake. Each cabin includes teen counselors and adult chaperones. *If your child needs accommodations to fully participate in any part of the camping experience, please indicate on the registration form below. We want each child who attends to enjoy camp!*

(Please keep this top part for your information)

4-H CAMP REGISTRATION – Due June 1st

Name _____ Grade _____ Gender _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____

4-H Club Member (Circle One) Yes No T-shirt size (Adult) S M L XL (Youth) S M L XL

Parent/Guardian Contact during Camp: Name _____ Phone # _____

List any special dietary needs _____

_____ Yes, my parent/guardian would like to be a camp chaperone T-shirt size _____
(must complete Volunteer Orientation)

****If necessary, please indicate below what accommodations your child would need, and for which activities**

Parent Signature _____

Send registration form by June 1st to:

**Vernon County UW-Extension Office,
318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392
Viroqua, WI 54665**

Make check payable to: 4H Leader/Parent Federation

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Attention all potential market animal exhibitors!

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 2-12 Presented By U.S. Cellular

New Market Animal Self Identification Procedures: BARROWS

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit junior market barrows at the 2012 Fair will need to self-identify their animals with an official RFID ear tag and submit a DNA hair sample between April 1st and May 10th. Animal identification request forms are available at www.wistatefair.com. Request forms must be sent or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair with proper fees. Upon processing identification requests, Wisconsin State Fair will send RFID (Allflex) identification tag(s), identification documentation and DNA sample submission envelopes to each exhibitor. The exhibitor must self-identify his/her animals by placing the official WSF RFID ear tag in the animal's ear, collecting a DNA sample (hair) and completing the animal identification documentation form. DNA samples with the identification documentation must be postmarked by May 10th and or returned to Wisconsin State Fair no later than 4:30 pm on May 10th. Barrows must be identified in the exhibitor's name or in an immediate family member's name. If barrows are identified in the immediate family name **all siblings' names MUST appear on the top of the form**. Family identified barrows need only to submit one form and pay for one DNA sample per barrow identified. *Youth who fill out an individual form can only show the barrows identified on the form; they will not be eligible to show their siblings' barrows if they are not identified in the family name.* **Cousins are not considered immediate family and may not co-identify the same barrow. NOTE: Open exhibitors do NOT need to self identify any barrows shown in the Open Show.**

The cost for each animal to be identified is \$15. Allflex ear taggers and a needle nose plier (to extract hair DNA) may also be purchased from Wisconsin State Fair if needed.

Identification Timeline:

April 1st – April 30th DNA request forms available at www.wistatefair.com.

Wisconsin State Fair will send identification supplies via mail.

May 1st – May 10th DNA request forms available on website but identification supplies will only be available by pick up at Wisconsin State Fair.

May 10th at 4:30 pm Last day DNA samples may be submitted. Must be postmarked or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair Park no later than 4:30 pm, on May 10th.

New Performance Division Identification Sites:

Exhibitors wishing to enter the performance division must take their barrows to one of the following identification sites to get weighed. **Performance barrows must have been identified by May 10th with a WSF RFID ear tag and have submitted a DNA sample.** There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for eligibility.

Do NOT go to Performance Weigh-In Sites without official Wisconsin State Fair RFID tags placed in the barrow (s) ear(s).

May 12th – 9 to 11 am

Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth
Contact: Walter Taylor 920.980.7865
Wisconsin Valley Vet Service – Wausau
Contact: Kevin Schmoll 715.370.2064
Jackson County Fairgrounds – Black River Falls
Contact: Rick Olson 715.896.3771
Rock County Fairgrounds – Janesville

May 19th - 9 to 11 am

Kuehne Auction Market – Seymour
Contact: Tom Henn 715.758.8372
Dunn County Fairgrounds – Menomonee
Contact: Bill Beyer 715.495.2245 or 658.1555
Walworth County Fairgrounds – Elkhorn
Contact: Gerry Glade TBA
Arlington Agriculture Research Center – Arlington

Other 2012 Changes:

Show Weight Declaration: Barrows will be shown by declared weight. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to submit a weight card at State Fair declaring their barrow's weight. Barrows will be broken into show classes based on breed and this submitted weight. Each barrow must be within 5% above or below the declared show weight; any barrow out of its weight range will receive the lowest ribbon group placing, will not be reweighed and will be ineligible for champion classes. The remaining barrows will move up one placing in their existing ribbon group. There will be no weigh-backs for breed champion or grand champion classes. A minimum of two official scales will be available for exhibitors to check the weight of their barrows while at the Fair. More details are available in the Junior Swine Entry information posted on www.wistatefair.com.

Attention all potential market animal exhibitors!



New Market Animal Self Identification Procedures: LAMBS

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit junior market lambs at the 2012 Fair will need to self identify their animals with an official RFID ear tag and submit a DNA hair sample between April 1st and May 10th.

Animal identification request forms are available on www.wistatefair.com. Request forms must be sent or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair with proper fees. Upon processing identification requests, Wisconsin State Fair will send RFID (Allflex) identification tag(s), identification documentation and DNA sample submission envelopes to each exhibitor. The exhibitor must self-identify his/her animals by placing the official RFID ear tag in the animal's ear, collecting a DNA sample (hair) and completing the animal identification documentation form. DNA samples with the identification documentation must be postmarked by May 10th or returned to Wisconsin State Fair no later than 4:30 pm on May 10th.

Lambs must be identified in the exhibitor's name or in an immediate family member's name. If lambs are identified in the immediate family name **all siblings' names MUST appear on the top of the form.**

Family identified lambs need only to submit one form and pay for one DNA sample per lamb identified.

Youth who fill out an individual form can only show the lamb identified on the form; they will not be eligible to show their siblings' lamb if they are not identified in the family name. **Cousins are not**

considered immediate family and may not co-identify the same lamb.

The cost for each animal to be identified is \$15. Allflex ear taggers and a needle nose plier (to extract hair DNA) may also be purchased from Wisconsin State Fair if needed.

Identification Timeline:

April 1st – April 30th DNA request forms available at www.wistatefair.com.

Wisconsin State Fair will send identification supplies via mail.

May 1st – May 10th DNA request forms available on website but identification supplies will only be available by pick up at Wisconsin State Fair.

May 10th at 4:30 pm DNA samples are due. Must be postmarked or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair Park no later than 4:30 pm, on May 10th.

New Performance Division Identification Sites:

Exhibitors wishing to enter the performance division must take their lambs to one of the following identification sites to get weighed. **Performance lambs must have been identified by May 10th with an official RFID ear tag and have submitted a DNA sample.** There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for eligibility.

Do NOT go to Performance Weigh-In Sites without an official RFID tags placed in the lamb(s) ear(s).

May 12th – 9 to 11 am

Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth

Contact: Walter Taylor 920.980.7865

Wisconsin Valley Vet Service – Wausau

Contact: Kevin Schmoll 715.370.2064

Jackson County Fairgrounds – Black River Falls

Contact: Rick Olson 715.896.3771

Rock County Fairgrounds – Janesville

Contact: Randy Thompson 608.921.9981

May 19th - 9 to 11 am

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Contact: Bill Beyer 715.495.2245 or 658.1555

Walworth County Fairgrounds – Elkhorn

Contact: Gerry Glade TBA

Arlington Agriculture Research Center –

Arlington

Other 2012 Changes:

Show Weight Declaration: Lambs will be shown by declared weight. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to submit a weight card at State Fair declaring their lamb's weight. Lambs will be broken into show classes based on breed and submitted weight. Each lamb must be within 5% above or below the declared show weight; any lamb out of its weight range will receive the lowest ribbon group placing, will not be reweighed and will be ineligible for champion classes. A minimum of two official scales will be available for exhibitors to check the weight of their lambs while at the Fair. More details are available in the Junior Sheep Entry information posted on www.wistatefair.com.



UW-MADISON SADDLE & SIRLOIN BADGER BONANZA LAMP SHOW

Mark your calendar for this year's Badger Bonanza Lamb Show on May 6, 2012! As in prior years, the double-header show will take place at the Public Events Center in Arlington, WI.

Each year, the UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club hosts the Badger Bonanza Lamb Show. The show draws youth and their lambs from Wisconsin and surrounding states. The Badger Bonanza Lamb Show provides youth with a chance to get their lambs into the show ring early in the season.

The Badger Bonanza is a sanctioned show by the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association (WCLA). The show is also open to non-WCLA members. For more information on WCLA sanctioned shows visit

www.wisconsinclublambassociation.com.

The UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club hopes to encourage youth, teach them responsibility and generate interest in animal agriculture through hosting the show.

The grand and reserve champion lambs from each show will be awarded cash prizes. Class payouts will be similar as past years and showmanship classes will be offered with prizes awarded to the winners of each age category.

For more information contact Amanda Veum at veum@wisc.edu or 608-289-3124.

SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB OFFERS UP TO FIVE \$100 AWARDS FOR BEGINNING 4-H OR FFA SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club is announcing the annual Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards. Up to five awards of \$100 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members.

The Swine Project Awards were introduced to help beginning 4-H or FFA members get started in the swine industry. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first or second year swine project member, 9-18 years old, and a Wisconsin resident. The completed application is due postmarked on or before Friday, April 20, 2012. Applications must be submitted by mail; no applications submitted via email will be accepted.

The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects. Winners may also be asked to supply a photo of themselves and their pigs for the Saddle & Sirloin Club's Annual Scrapbook.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Madison students interested in the livestock industry. The club serves to provide leadership and learning experiences for these students. The club's main activities include sponsoring a variety of livestock shows, including the Badger Kick-Off Classic Steer and Heifer Show, The Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, Bucky's Spectacular Swine Show, the Little International Horse Show, and the Kickin' Up Dust Speed Show. The group also sponsors a national meat animal evaluation contest and the Club 101 Livestock Show for college students as well as service activities. Proceeds from Saddle & Sirloin activities are used for member scholarships, travel grants, and to fund other club activities.

The award application can be found online at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/saddle-and-sirloin-information/>. For any additional information on the Swine Project Awards, please contact Saddle & Sirloin Swine Project Award Chair James Downey at (920)901-6587 or jpdowney@wisc.edu.

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Friday	April 6	Good Friday—Office Closed		
Friday	April 6	4-H Adult Shooting Sports Certification Registration Deadline		
Saturday	April 7	Richland County Family Fun Day		Mt. Olympus Wisconsin Dells
Monday	April 9	AASD - Pre Registrations Due	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Wednesday	April 11	Whitetails Unlimited Coulee Country Chapter Banquet	5:30 p.m.	Westby Rod & Gun Club, Cty Hwy P, Westby
Friday	April 13	Vernon Co. Mandatory Steer Weigh-in	4:00—8:00 p.m.	Vernon County Fairgrounds— Livestock Arena
Saturday	April 14	Vernon Co. Mandatory Steer Weigh-in	8:00 a.m.— Noon	Vernon County Fairgrounds— Livestock Arena
Monday	April 16	L/P Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Saturday	April 14	Richland County Family Fun Day		Mt. Olympus Wisconsin Dells
Thursday— Monday	April 19- 23	Space Camp		Huntsville, Alabama
Sunday	April 29	Vernon Co. 4-H Horse & Pony Project Spring Fun Show	10:00 a.m.	Retreat Sportsmen's Club Arena—Retreat
Sunday	April 29	Richland County 4-H Rabbit Show	8:00 a.m.	Richland Center Community Center



Here's What's Cookin'

April Recipe

From the Kitchen of Sattler Farm Lamb - Tjark D Sattler

Hawaiian Lamb Chops

10 lamb chops
 2 can of pineapple, drain and reserve syrup
 2 tablespoon of shortening
 2 teaspoon of cornstarch
 1 ½ teaspoon of dry mustard
 ½ - ¾ cup of soy sauce
 ½ - ¾ cup of vinegar
 ¾ cup of brown sugar, packed

Place the chops in a 9 by 13 glass baking dish. Stir the pineapple syrup, soy sauce, vinegar and mustard together and pour the mixture over the chops. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 4 hrs, turn the chops occasionally. Drain chops and reserve the marinade. Melt the shortening in a large skillet. Brown the chops over medium heat. Mix the sugar and cornstarch in a small saucepan and stir in the remaining marinade. Heat it until it is boiling. Put the chops and marinade in baking dish. Add the pineapple chunks. Bake for 1 ½ hours at 350 degrees.

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