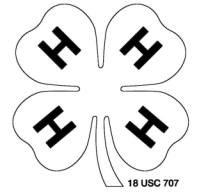


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Life Skills 4-H Focuses on.....

- 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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2012 Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Scholarship

The scholarship awards committee advised their decision was very difficult with many deserving scholarship applicants this year!



Congratulations to our 2012 recipients!

*Thomas Larson, Springville Superstars 4-H Club
 Brandon Lee, Springville Superstars 4-H Club
 Jacob Leum, Seas Branch Smithies 4-H Club
 Cassandra Roach, Retreat Ramblers 4-H Club*

Vernon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors Schedule of Events!



| Date/Time | Activity | Reg. Deadline | Comments |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|---|
| 5/12/2012 TBA | youth fishing day Genoa Fish Hatchery | 5/4/2012 | help younger youth fish -- only need 5-6 Youth |
| 5/19/12 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. | manning rest stops at Syttende Mai Bike Tour | 5/1/2012 | need 8 YA at various checkpoints on bike tour |
| 6/2/12 8 - 11 a.m. | Vernon County Dairy Breakfast | 5/25/2012 | help as needed |
| 6/2/12 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | foodstand work day | 5/25/2012 | Leader: Jim Hawthorne - painting, light carpentry |
| 6/15 - 6/16 noon - noon | canoe & campout | 6/1/2012 | parent coordinators needed |
| 6/20/2012 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Area Animal Science Days | 6/13/2012 | help in various areas |

4-H youth ages 7th grade and up interested in joining Vernon County Youth Ambassadors contact the Extension Office at 637-5276 or cpulvermacher@vernoncounty.org

Save the date reminders!



**2012 Clothing Revue
 Monday, June 18th
 Vernon County Fairgrounds, Youth Activity Building**



**2012 Area Animal Science Days- Wednesday, June 20th
 Vernon County Fairgrounds
 Volunteers are needed for Area Science Days Food Stand!
 Please contact Deb Primmer at: 625-4484 or primmerdj@gmail.com**



**2012 4-H Upham Woods Camp
 Sunday—Tuesday, July 29th-31st, 2012
 Registration Deadline—June 1st!**



4-H Club News



Springville Superstars—Brianna Hall

April—The April 9th meeting of the Springville Superstars 4-H Club was called to order at 7:08 by President Brandon Lee. Brianna Hall gave the secretary's report. JJ McClelland gave the treasurers report. Both reports were approved. Beth gave the Parent-Leader Federation report and Julie gave the club leaders report. Under unfinished business, Julie talked about the brat sales on June 9th the Coons and Halls families are heading them up. Zach and Vanessa Lohr gave a report on bowling. Joseph Roethel and Sean Nelson gave a report on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws. Joseph Roethel moved a motion to make the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Matthew Hall seconded it. The club decided to put up the bird houses that we made at the last meeting on April 21st at 10:00 am at the Jersey Valley walking trail. Members should meet at Jersey Valley. Under new business, we encouraged members to attend the Cornerstone Chili & Baked Potato fundraiser as a thank you for allowing us to use their school. Beth showed how to use the 4-H 4 me website. Joseph Roethel presented his song that he sang at the county arts fest. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sean Nelson and it was seconded by Amber Nelson. Motion passed. The Daines family had treats for this month and the Joe and Darcy McClelland family have cans for this month. We will not have a meeting next month but the Devine family has cans for next month. Our next meeting will be June 4 at the new exhibit hall at the fairgrounds. The Carpenter, Dobbs and Crick will be the lead families. The Dobbs and Crick family have cans and Carpenters are in charge of refreshments. After the meeting we had a presentation on dog obedience by Mrs. Jenni Miller, the Vernon County Dog Obedience Leader.

Lucky Clovers—Aimee Harnish

April—Meeting was called to order by President Emil Walleser. Rachel Falkers shared about their time playing bingo with the residents at Maplewood. We talked about the May Baskets our club is making for elderly people that still live at home. Each family shared about the food they brought for the food fest. Upcoming events planned: Nordic Creamery tour on Sat. April 7th at 10:00a.m. for vet science members. Zion Church clean up at next meeting on April 29th, 6:30 p.m



Sunday, May 13th

Springville Superstars 4-H Club to Host Folk Dancing Program

All Vernon County 4-H Clubs Invited

The Springville Super Stars 4-H Club will host a Folk Dancing Program and invite all Vernon County 4-H members, including Cloverbuds and parents to join us! The funding for this program was made possible through a grant from the Vernon County 4-H Parent-Leader Federation. The date will be Monday evening, June 4th from 7:00-8:00 at the new Commercial Exhibits hall at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. This will be held before our regular monthly club meeting and is available free of charge. Other 4-H clubs are also welcome to meet after the presentation as well. The presenter will be Sue Hulsether who has provided similar programs to schools in Vernon and Monroe County. She will share with the youth several different folk dances, instruments that are used in the folk dancing and the history that goes with the dances. Participants will get to use their coordination, memory and balance skills for the presentation. Musicians may be present to provide a band type atmosphere for the youth. Please **RSVP by June 1st** to Julie Larson at 634.3439 or julie.larson@merial.com with your name and the number attending. We look forward to seeing you there!

Be Part of the Upham Woods Legacy !

Make your donation by July 1st to get your name on a brick at the campfire circle!

At the end of last year, an announcement was made about the Legacy Campaign at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, a \$4 million project launched to upgrade and reinvest in its aging facilities (check out our big plans at fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods). To help recognize donors, the campaign received a very generous in-kind donation worth over \$10,000 from the Bruce Company of Middleton, to transform the main campfire circle into the Legacy Campfire Circle. Here are the details...

Recognition level (brick size) is based on either a one-time donation **OR** up to a three year pledge to the campaign.

Donation levels are \$500—4"x8" brick, \$1000—8" x 8" brick, \$5000—12" x 12" brick. Donors will be contacted for engraving information prior to the installation. After the Legacy Circle is completed, a brick path will continue toward the canoe beach to recognize additional donors through 2014. Donate or pledge at one of the above mentioned levels by July 1, 2012, and feel good about helping future generations of youth and families have the opportunity to learn, grow, and explore at Upham Woods! Donate at the website or contact Jessica Jens, Upham Woods Director (jessica.jens@ces.uwex.edu; 608.254.6461, ext 202) *Thank you to our Current 4-H Donors! We can't tell you enough how much your support means!*



June 2012



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| | | | | | <p>1 4-H Camp Forms Due!</p>  <p>Dairy Managerial Forms Due!</p>  | <p>2Vernon County Dairy Breakfast</p>  <p>4-H Food Stand work day 1-3 pm</p>  |
| <p>3 Horse & Pony Project Trail Ride</p>  | <p>4 Dog Obedience Classes Begin</p>  <p>Springville Superstars Folk Dancing</p>  | | | <p>7 Tractor Safety</p>  | | |
| | <p>11 Camp Counselor Training</p>  | <p>12 Training</p>  | <p>13 L/P Federation Meeting</p>  | | <p>15 Youth Ambassadors Canoe & Campout</p>  | |
| | <p>18 Clothing Revue</p>  | | <p>20 Area Animal Science Days</p>  | | | |
| | <p>25 State Fair Entry Forms Due</p>  <p>4-H State Youth Conference</p> | | | | | |



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation



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April 16, 2012 Meeting

Present: Executive Board: Jim Hawthorne-Nerison, Tammy Sherry-MM/Rt 56, Deb Primmer-MM-Rt 56, Leaders: Mary Jo Bringe-Rainbow Reachers, Cathy Sagler- Enterprise Eagles, Jen Lucas- Nerison, Kevin Larson-Springville Superstars, Youth: Cordell Sagler-Enterprise Eagles, Kathryn Larson- Springville Superstars, Colleen Pulvermacher – 4-H Youth Development Educator .President Jim Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Pledges were recited.

Correspondence: We received thank you notes from Thomas Larson and Cassandra Roach for receiving the Vernon County 4-H Scholarships.

Secretary's Report: of March 14, 2012 was read by those attending. The Secretary's Report was approved as read and Kathryn Larson made motion to accept, seconded by Cordell Sagler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb handed out the Account Balances and Transaction Report for the month of March. The Investment Center Fund move is still in progress. The Treasurers Report was approved as read and Mary Jo Bringe made motion to accept and seconded by Kevin Larson. Motion carried.

Food Stand Committee: Work day will be Saturday April 21, 2012. A finishing estimate was given for the food stand. The seats will be painted if they are ready. Plumbing is under control, but we still need an electrician to do the electrical work. Supplies will be provided. We will work with Corner Stone to fix the walkway between the two stands. Our goal is to have everything finished by June 1st. We have the Animal Science Days here on June 20th and we would like to get as much done as possible.

Old Business: Discussion of the Award Packets and they will not be ready by May 1. A discussion followed on the Reimbursement of trips. It was recommended from those present that the youth selected only pay their half of the trip not the whole amount. A motion was made by Cathy Sagler that those who are Award Trip Recipients that when they have been selected to go on the award trip and they have accepted, they will pay their half of the trip up front or use the payment plan. But their half of the trip must be paid before they go and requirements met. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Bringe. Motion carried. Kevin Larson made the motion that Space camp will be an award trip with applicants having to do an interview process. Jen Lucas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mary Jo Bringe made a motion to approve a Service Grant for the Springville Superstars. They would like to hold Folk Dance with Sue Hulsether at the New Fair Building, seconded by Cordell Sagler. Motion carried. The Constitution for the Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation was revised and updated. It will be reviewed and voted on at the July 11 Pie Social. Copies of the revised Federation By-laws will be available at the Ext. office.

Educator's Presentation: NA

Kathryn Larson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jen Lucas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by President Hawthorne at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Sherry, Secretary

Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Trail Ride



Sunday, June 3, 2012
Duck Egg County Forrest
Located approximately 9 miles west of Viroqua, along
Irish Ridge Road off of County Trunk Hwy Y
We will meet at the Upper parking area
Check-in 10:00 a.m. – Ride out 11:00 a.m.
Cost: Members \$2.00—Non 4-H Members \$4.00

Open to Vernon County 4-H & Non – 4-H Members & Friends

Potluck—Bring Dish to Pass
Project Will Provide Hot Dogs, Beverages & Paper Products

All Riding participants **must**: Wear helmet when mounted (adults included) & boots- provide current coggins (original & copy) - Parent/Guardian **must** accompany youth.

For further information contact: Kristen Cowden—637-2057 or UW-Extension Office 637-5276

Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Trail Ride Registration Form Registration Deadline—Friday, May 25th, 2012

(Must complete individual registration form for *each* participant. May send one check for multiple participants.)
*Make checks payable to Vernon Co. Horse & Pony Project and mail them to:
Vernon Co. UW-Extension Office, 318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392, Viroqua, WI 54665.*

I, _____ (Participant), acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this event either as a Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony project member and or a non 4-H Member. I am aware that the above described activities may be hazardous and agree to assume any and all risks of bodily injury, death or property damage and do not hold the Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project responsible.

Print Name: _____

Youth Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

4-H Member? Yes No If no what 4-H member are you a guest of? _____

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2012 4-H Dairy Judging Schedule

Thank you to the dairy producers who are opening their farms to host this year's 4-H dairy judging workouts. We couldn't offer a 4-H dairy judging program without you!! All workouts will start at 7:30 p.m. and the first practices will be at the following locations:

Wednesday, April 25 – Vernon County Extension Office, 1st floor

Thursday, May 3 – Ralph & Sheila Petersheim, Viroqua, 675.3893

Wednesday, May 9 – Steve & Kay Holte, Westby, 634.4545

Wednesday, May 16 - Paul & Darlene Buhr, Viroqua 637.3480

Wednesday, June 30 - Area Animal Science Days Contest - VERNON County Fairgrounds

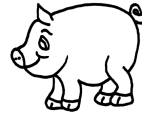
The remainder of the schedule will be handed out at the first practices. If you need directions to the farms, please call them directly as the phone numbers are listed. More details on the judging practices and contest will be provided at the first workout. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chrissy Meyer at [608.512.9140](tel:608.512.9140) or wendorfl@uwalumni.com



Vernon County Dog Project News Obedience Classes

Registration night will be Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in the Hanson Arena from 5:30 to 6:15pm **without** dogs. First class will be on Monday June 4th **with dogs** starting at 6:00p.m. Agility practice will start in Mid July. **A pre-registration form is required! Forms are available at the Extension Office and on the website: vernon.uwex.edu. Please bring the completed form with you to the Monday, May 21st meeting. Cost for this program will be \$10 for 4-H member with a maximum cost of \$25 per 4-H family and \$25 for each non 4-H-member. If you have questions contact Jenni Miller: 634-7608, 625-6224, or 606-9600.**

Vernon County Fair Weigh-in Reminder!



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.

Beef Project News

Black River Spring Thaw Show



Allison and Claire Hawthorne attended the 2012 Black River Spring Thaw Beef Show, April 14-15 at Black River Falls, WI. Junior showmen from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin participated in the showmanship contest Saturday afternoon. Claire and Allison placed 2nd. and 3rd. in the intermediated age division. Sunday started with classes for breeding stock followed by steers for the 148 head of cattle judged by Mark Core from Iowa.

Receiving Reserve Champion Angus Heifer was Allison Hawthorne with her July Angus Heifer and Claire Hawthorne placing 3rd, with her January Angus Heifer. Competing for the Top 3 overall steers was Allison Hawthorne with her Champion Angus steer.

Congratulations to Allison and Claire with a great start for the show season!

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS
Southwest District
Wednesday, June 20, 2012
Vernon County Fairgrounds



To be eligible for Area Animal Science Days, pre-registration must have been sent to the host county by the April 15th, 2012 deadline. In addition, the individual must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA and must be between the ages of 8 through 19.



If interested in volunteering to help with the many tasks required for this event to take place, please call the Extension Office 637-5276, email cdaniels@vernoncounty.org or call Deb Primmer 625-4484, email primmerdj@gmail.com.

If you have not registered to “participate” on a team or as an individual, this is a perfect opportunity to *check it out* and see what takes place at Area Animal Science Days!



TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE
All contests will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

8:00 – 9:00 am Registration
9:00 am Orientation in respective areas
 Showmanship Contestants Report
9:15 am Dairy Showmanship Contest Begins
 Dairy Judging Begins
 Livestock Judging Begins
 Dog Project Demonstrations
 Horse Project Activities begin
 Horse Judging Begins
 Poster Judging Begins

11:30 am Lunch (Served on grounds)
 1:00 pm Hippology
 Horse Project Activities Continue
 Oral Reasons - Senior Dairy & Livestock Judges
 Junior Dairy & Livestock Educational Activity (Reasons)
 3:00 pm Awards (Respective Areas)

Educational Theme Sessions throughout the day by species!

In addition to the standard areas of judging Vernon County will include:
Meat goats as part of the livestock judging.
Horse photography and breyer model horse competition.
Dog project demonstration.



Final planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th, UW-Extension Office, 1st Floor Conference Room, 7:00p.m. All areas should be represented!



16th ANNUAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012

Sponsored by Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports

(Vernon, Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe & Richland Counties)
Coon Valley Conservation Club, S1005 Knudson Lane, Coon Valley
Directions: 2 miles west of Coon Valley on Hwy 14 - Turn left on Hwy 162 –
Drive 2 ½ miles – turn left on Knudson Lane. Look for signs!

PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE - \$3
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 18, 2012
(Registration Cost Day of the Shoot - \$5.00)

- Air Rifles - Must furnish own guns and ammo (Eye/Ear Protection Required)
- Archery - Field points only. Must furnish own bow and arrows
- Shot Gun - Must furnish own guns and ammo. (Eye/Ear Protection Required)
- 22 Rifle - (Eye/Ear Protection Required) Must furnish own firearm and ammunition.

*** * Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. * ***

Competition to begin at Noon

HUNTER SAFETY REQUIRED FOR SHOT GUN AND MUZZLE LOADER

Snacks will be served on grounds - Hot dogs, Chips, Candy Bars, Pop
All entrants must be enrolled and received instructions in Shooting Sports in their club or county

Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Participation ribbons for all others.

*** COMPETITION ***

DOOR PRIZES AT END OF DAY!

- (1) 22-20 Gauge Shot Gun Combination
- (2) Bow Gift Certificate
- (3) MANY smaller door prizes!

- * All Around Top Shooter – Plaques
- * Team Trophy - 4 members per team
1 in each event

NAME _____ PHONE# _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUB _____

SPORT _____ COUNTY _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned on behalf of him/herself, his/her heirs, successors, assigns, plus the undersigned parent, parents, or legal guardian of _____ hereby specifically agrees to hold Vernon County, Wisconsin, its agents, representatives, volunteers, employees and elected officials harmless from any and all liability for injury, death, or property damage which may occur as a direct or indirect result of participation in the Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports Project and Activities. This release is binding on the participant, his/her heirs, successors and assigns and if the participant is a minor, this release is binding on the participant, parent, parents, or legal guardian and heirs, successor or assigns of the same.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012

Parent/Guardian Signature

Make check payable to Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports and mail registration form to:
Vernon County Extension Office, 318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392 - Viroqua WI 54665



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Shooting Sports News

4-H Shooting Sports Required Orientation For Parents, 4-H

Members & Shooting Sports Leaders

Attention all families with 4-H members enrolled in the *4-H Shooting Sports Project*. The annual state required orientation for all parents, 4-H members & shooting sports leaders is being planned. Date and time is still being determined, but the location will again be Badgerland Pheasant Farm outside of Westby, (Corky & Jerry Roethel Farm). This meeting is to inform the members and their families about the 4-H Shooting Sports project leaders, various disciplines, events, regulations and about the shooting sports project waiver and code of conduct form which requires a parent or guardians signature. There will be a tour for the 4-H members of the Pheasant Farm and refreshments will be served. Thank you to the Roethel's for allowing this event to once again take place at their farm. Please watch for further information regarding this state required annual event in the June 4-H newsletter, via a 4-H email blast and on our website vernon.uwex.edu.

4-H Shooting Sports Project Save The Dates

Practice Shoots 6:00pm: Sundays June 10, July 15, & August 12. Will practice with .22 (scopes are allowed). Bring your own firearm. Ear & eye protection is provided.

Other Important Dates: Sunday July 22—16th Annual 4-H Shooting Sports Competition
Sunday August 26th—Vernon Co. Fair Premium Shoot— Reminder: To receive your Vernon County Fair premium you must enter this event on your fair entry forms.

Vernon County 4-H shooting sports project members that participate at the practice shoots, annual competition and premium shoot, can put their name in a drawing for a .22 gun. Drawing will be held at the premium shoot on August 26th.

Please Note: All practices, 4-H competitions & the Vernon County Fair Premium Shoot will be held at the Coon Valley Conservation Club.



2012 Seniors in the Spotlight

Jacob Leum—Seas Branch Smithies

High School: Westby

Graduation Date: June 2, 2012

Years in 4-H: 13

Parent (s): Tom & Donna

Plans after graduation: Attend UW—Platteville, for a degree in Animal Science with emphasis in Dairy.

In Jacob's own words:

I remember when my sister first joined 4-H and all that I wanted to do was become a member. I loved everything about being a member of my county 4-H club. I was active in the musical, participated in speaking contest and showed dairy at the fair. The love for dairy has not changed since the first time I walked into the ring. 4-H has taught me almost all I know about the dairy industry and what it has to offer me. Besides working on my dairy project, I helped plan one of the most successful Super Saturdays that Vernon County has ever had. We brought 125 K-6 age potential 4-H members to a county park that we had reserved not to be open that day and taught them the importance of the outdoors, wildlife and the joy one can have through the natural beauty of our earth.

When it was time for the participants to sign up for the event, the list filled up to full capacity in three to four days total. At the county fair, I help the younger exhibitors with the fitting or showing questions they have. I enjoy teaching them what I have learned over the years through my experiences and trials. The state fair is a time when I am able to teach the first year exhibitors the basics of a larger show like how to do the bedding pack properly, what to be doing when on barn duty and how to interact with the public so the dairy industry isn't given a negative image. I also am able to show them the other side of showing, that winning isn't everything and working as a team to get the task at hand done will make life easier for all. In the fall I plan to attend UW-Platteville and major in Animal Science with an emphasis in Dairy. The skills that I have obtained will help me receive a job for an A.I. company like Accelerated Genetics, ABS Global, Semex, Alta, Tarus or Select Sires. I would like to become a heard manager for a large farm so I can get the feel of a large farm operation, so that in the future I can have a farm of my own. No matter what I end up doing for my career, I will keep with the dairy industry in some way, shape or form.

Jacob Leum—Continued

Without 4-H I would have never decided to pick a career with in the field of agriculture. I love working with cattle and breeding them to be the best they can be. I would not have developed this love, if it wasn't for my 4-H project at the Vernon County Fair. My heart and soul truly lie within the dairy industry. I am willing to do whatever it takes to learn and to try to achieve the impossible, which is trying to change an industry that is changing faster than time itself. I am trying to reach the impossible by learning as much as I can about the industry. My project has led me to view different farms that have the latest and greatest in dairy technology. I take notes of all of the positives and negatives and like the best forms of government; I mix all of the ideas together and come up with a hybrid solution I will use on my farm someday. I would like to carry on the legacy of 4-H throughout my life by continuing to teach younger youth, especially 4-Hers by teaching them what I have learned. Not all of today's youth have been as lucky as I have been by being exposed to the farm industry or simply being raised on a farm. I understand that in order to preserve the history and passion behind the dairy industry, I must offer myself in whatever form is necessary. This may simply be by offering managerial calves to those who will not have the chance to experience 4-H the same way I have.

Thomas Larson—Springville Superstars

High School: Viroqua

Graduation Date: May 26, 2012

Years in 4-H: 10

Parent (s): Julie & Kevin

Plans after graduation: Attend UW—Madison

Majoring in Biological Systems Engineering

In Thomas's own words:

The 4-H projects I have really enjoyed include dairy, rocketry and crops/vegetables. The leadership role I have had in my 4-H club include that I have served as treasurer for 2 years and have been a youth project leader in rocketry and dairy. The most memorable club activity in the last few years has been leading the rocketry launches at last summers 4-H meeting and helping all of the members learn more about rocketry. I have been on the county dairy bowl and dairy judging teams that advanced to state competitions and I have exhibited at the Wisconsin State Fair for several years.

Thomas Larson—Continued

I have been involved in the Viroqua FFA chapter, National Honor Society, Skills USA, Viroqua High School golf team, Vernon County and Wisconsin Jr. Holstein Associations and St. Mary's church. It is important as older 4-H members that we help and serve as mentors to the younger 4-H members. When I was just starting 4-H, there were older members that helped me and now it is my time to give back.

Karlee Mikkelson—Seas Branch Smithies

High School: Westby

Graduation Date: June 2, 2012

Years in 4-H: 9

Parent (s): Kent & Renae

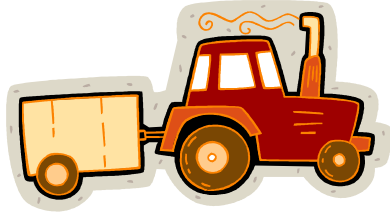
Plans after graduation: Either attend UW-Stout to major in Elementary Education with emphasis in Physical Education and Minor in Photography or do a 3-4 month volunteer Abroad program and start attending college in January 2013.

In Karlee's own words:

Since starting 4-H over 9 years ago, I have taken many projects and have enjoyed all of them. Much to the surprise of my parents, my swine project has been one of my favorites. I had the opportunity to learn from former 4-H members in the project and in turn in the past few years have been able to help our younger members in the same way. Photography is my passion! I have had success in photography and can say that I owe it to 4-H. From getting guidance in my club attending Arts Camp to learn more skills and then hearing constructive advice from judges during the fair have all contributed to what will be a the very least, a lifelong hobby. During my time in 4-H I have held the role of Reporter and Treasurer. Again, I learned skills that only helped me in school and in daily life. During my High School years I have been in cross country, softball and statistician/manager/photographer for our wrestling team. During my junior year, I was the 1st attendant for Westby's Syttende Mai and needless to say, that was an active time and turned out to be a truly amazing experience. If you are considering joining 4-H or are currently a member, be sure to explore all of your options and take advantage of all 4-H has to offer. Balancing your interests and other activities can be a real challenge sometimes, but like me, you will discover it was well worth your time and effort!



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

NOTE DATE CHANGE!
June 7th, 8th & 9TH 2012
(Thursday, Friday & Saturday!)
Vernon County Fairgrounds
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Youth enrolling in tractor safety that attend Viroqua Area Schools, must contact the High School or Middle School Office prior to the start of the tractor safety course to obtain an excused absence for the last day of school.

| | |
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| 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 Committee
Return to: UW-Extension
318 Fairlane Dr., Ste 392, Viroqua WI 54665
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 25
(First come-first served with preference to Vernon Co Youth)

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

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



**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 Information ***During*** Camp:

Name _____ Phone # _____ or _____

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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VERNON COUNTY FAIR
JUNIOR DAIRY MANAGERIAL PROJECT AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop character, knowledge and a sense of responsibility in the dairy project.
2. To maintain or increase the number of youth carrying a dairy project.
3. To maintain or increase the number of dairy exhibited at Vernon County Fair.
4. To provide the opportunity to work with dairy animals for non-farm youth and farm youth.
5. To increase the credibility of The Junior Dairy Managerial project.

RULES

1. The managerial project pertains to the junior dairy show department. **It is available for registered and grade classes.**
2. The program is available to any member, hereafter referred to as the Lessee, in good standing in a Vernon County Fair approved youth organization.
3. The owner will jointly determine with the Lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the Lessee. The responsibilities will be recorded on the Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement and will list items such as:
 - a. When the animal stays on the owner's premises, that Lessee shall enter into an Agreement with the owner regarding Lessee's responsibilities as to the care of the animal or the group of animals it is a part of.
 - b. When the Lessee has possession of the animal, they shall enter into an Agreement with the owner regarding the allocation of responsibilities for feed, veterinarian care, breeding and insurance.

4. Managerial vs Ownership Requirements:

Ownership of an animal by a junior exhibitor is established when the animal is registered in the name of the exhibitor. Co-ownership is allowed between immediate junior family members (i.e. brother, sister). Animals owned by parents, the family farm or others are considered managerial. Ownerships dates are: cows- January 1st of current fair year and calves and heifers June 1st.

Managerial forms are not required when the managerial animal is owned by the junior member's immediate family (brother, sister, parent or family farm). These family-owned animals should be entered as managerial at the Fair, but they do not require the filing of a form. For all other leased animals, a form must be completed.

Managerial forms are required: If the exhibitor is showing an animal which is co-owned or owned by someone other than immediate family (mother, father or legal guardian).

5. ***The Vernon County Fair Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement must be signed and received in the Vernon County UW- Extension Office by June 1*** of the project year for eligibility at the Vernon County Fair. Managerial identification forms need not accompany the animal to the Fair but **MUST** be kept at the County Extension Office until 30 days after the completion of the Fair.
6. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of a registered managerial animal will remain in the possession of the owner.
7. The owner will make the animal available to the Lessee during the period of the Vernon County Fair Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement. **The owner does NOT retain the ability to exhibit the identified managerial project animal during the period of the agreement in shows prior to and after the Vernon County Fair if it meets the guidelines of the said show(s).**
8. The owner of the managerial animal agrees not to hold the Lessee liable for any financial loss from injury or death to the managerial animal.
9. The owner is not responsible for injuries to the Lessee and participation in this project will require Lessee and Lessee's parent/guardian to hereby release from liability the owner and all other persons and entities involved with this project, (see Release of Liability form).
10. The Lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal, such as veterinary, transportation, grooming, feed and other miscellaneous expenditures. The Lessee may keep any premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.
11. The Vernon County Fair Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party. This Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as:
 - a. Failure of Lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined in this agreement
 - b. Changes in the farming operation of the owner.
12. The owner, Lessee, a parent or legal guardian of the Lessee and dairy project leader or general leader, must sign the Vernon County Fair Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement.
13. The managerial project is limited to up to four animals per exhibitor. The animals' maybe calves, heifers or cows.

**VERNON COUNTY FAIR
JUNIOR DAIRY MANAGERIAL PROJECT AGREEMENT**

This Managerial Project Agreement is entered into on (Date: mm/dd/yyyy) _____ between

Owner: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Youth (Lessee): Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

The owner hereby agrees to lease to the aforementioned Lessee listed above the following animal(s):

| Animal Name | Breed | Registration Number |
|-------------|-------|---------------------|
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**The owner and the Lessee mutually agree upon the items stated below:
In return for the privilege of working with the above referenced managerial animal(s), the Lessee agrees to:**

1. Assume responsibility for care and management of the project animal.
2. Read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the lease and agree to abide by the stated requirements of the managerial program.
3. Read and understand the release of liability and have signed the same.

Youth (Lessee): _____ **Date:** _____

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement and agree to abide by the requirements of the managerial program in the Wisconsin State Fair rules and regulations.

Owner _____ **Date:** _____

I have read and understand the contractual agreement entered into by the Lessee and owner and agree not to hold the owner liable for any injury or financial liability that the Lessee may incur during this contractual agreement. I will be responsible for any damages or loss because of the lack of care by the Lessee.

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

The Lessee is a member in good standing of our respective youth organization and has a Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement on file in the County UW- Extension Office.

4-H County Extension Agent, Agriculture Education Instructor, Breed Association Advisor or Other Approved Youth Group Leader: _____ **Date:** _____

JUNIOR DAIRY MANAGERIAL PROJECT RELEASE OF LIABILITY

A RELEASE OF LIABILITY for Vernon County Fair Junior Dairy Managerial Project Agreement as follows:

I, _____ as Parent/Guardian of Participant, _____ hereby acknowledge that I am aware that working with animals and related equipment and being on the premises of an operating farm poses certain risks of injury, including but not limited to, being stepped on, kicked, knocked down or against equipment and structures, struck by moving equipment, gates, falling objects, such as bedding, feed stuffs and equipment, as well as exposure to various types of materials which might cause allergies or other reactions.

Recognizing these possibilities of danger and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Vernon County Junior Dairy Managerial Project, I agree to release _____ (Owner) and all other persons and entities associated with the ownership or management of the animal and farm in question from all liability resulting from any injury of any nature whatsoever based on the Managerial Project Agreement.

It is my specific intention that this release is on-going and is effective for the entire project year and is effective not only on the farm of origin of the animal but at all other places where I am working with said animal.

I further hereby release Vernon County Fair and Youth Dairy Managerial Project, including, but not limited to, its officers, agents, employees, volunteer workers, and all other entities and persons working with the Project, without limitation.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Participant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

| DAY | DATE | ACTIVITY | TIME | LOCATION |
|-----------|--------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Tuesday | May 1 | Trempealeau Co 4-H Horse Camp— Registration Deadline | | Connie Guza, Independence, WI |
| Thursday | May 3 | Dairy Judging Workshop (additional site information on page 7) | 7:30 p.m. | Petersheim Farm, Viroqua |
| Wednesday | May 9 | 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | UW-Extension, 1st Floor Conference Rm |
| Saturday | May 12 | NASCO Clinic | All Day | Ft. Atkinson |
| Saturday | May 12 | YA Volunteer @ Youth Fishing Day | TBA | Genoa Fish Hatchery |
| Sunday | May 13 | Happy Mothers Day! | | |
| Tuesday | May 15 | Vernon County Dairy Princess— Entry Deadline | 4:30 p.m. | UW-Extension Office |
| Friday | May 18 | Mandatory Hog/Sheep Weigh-in | 4:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. | Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds |
| Saturday | May 19 | Mandatory Hog/Sheep Weigh-in | 8:00 a.m.— Noon | Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds |
| Saturday | May 19 | YA Volunteer @ Westby Syttende Mai Bike Tour | Morning | Multiple Check Points |
| Saturday | May 19 | Horse & Pony Project Meeting and Arena Set Up | 10:00 a.m. | Vernon County Fairgrounds |
| Thursday | May 24 | AASD Final Planning Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | UW-Ext Office, 1st Floor Conference Rm |
| Friday | May 25 | Horse & Pony Project Trail Ride— Registration Deadline | 4:30 p.m. | UW-Extension Office |
| Friday | May 25 | Tractor Safety Registration— Deadline | 4:30 p.m. | UW-Extension Office |
| Monday | May 28 | Memorial Day | | Office Closed |



Here's What's Cookin'
May Recipe
From the Kitchen of Joann Schultz
Retreat Ramblers 4-H Club & County Horse Project Leader

Bacon Rapped Weiners

Ingredients

2 lbs Little Smokies Sausages
1 lb Bacon
(Real bacon, no turkey or maple flavored)
2 C Light Brown Sugar

Instructions

Line large baking sheet with foil (makes clean up easier). Cut bacon into thirds, resulting in several 3" strips. Wrap each weiner with bacon and line them loosely in the pan as you go. Cover with brown sugar, it seems like a lot of sugar but it will cook down. Bake at 375 for 45 minutes. Broil at the end until top is crisped. Enjoy!

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