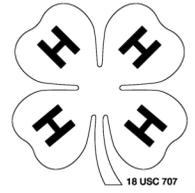


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Life Skills



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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New Federation Officers: Maggie Thompson, Secretary; Sue Ann Krause, Vice President; Beth Lee, President; Deb Primmer, Treasurer.



- **Approved minutes** of the 4-H Federation can be found on our website, <http://vernon.uwex.edu>. Hard-copies are also available at the Extension Office.
- **Proposed mission statement for the Federation:** *The mission of the Vernon County Leader Parent Federation is to promote learning and leadership opportunities to empower Vernon County 4-H youth to reach their full potential, to make the best better.* This item will be discussed at the March meeting, join us and voice your opinion.
- The Federation is interested in your ideas to generate income through the use of our new foodstand. Contact a Federation officer or the Extension Office with your ideas.



Vernon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors Winter Fun Day!

Grab your jacket and join us at Living Waters Bible Camp - just outside of Westby (www.lwbc.org) on Sunday, February 24th 1 - 5 p.m. For just a \$ 5 entry per person (or \$20 family maximum) you can enjoy an afternoon of tubing, broomball, cross country skiing, and ice skating, with lunch and hot chocolate included. Equipment provided. Youth Ambassadors ---any 4-H youth 7th grade and older who wants to do things beyond their 4-H club--will get together at 1:30 to plot out the fun and adventures in the months to come and then enjoy the winter fun! You need to RSVP by Tuesday, February 19th by sending an e-mail to cdaniels@vernoncounty.org or call our office, 637-5276, to say, Yes! I want to be a part of the youth ambassadors fun, count me in! A minimum of 10 participants is required.

VERNON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER!

Application due in Extension Office by: 4:00 p.m., March 1, 2013
Eligible applicants: 2013 graduating seniors & 2012 or older graduates



Checklist Class of 2012:

Vernon County 4-H Scholarship Application (3 pages)

Essay

Two Photographs

High School Transcript

Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation (___ one from 4-H Leader)

Checklist Post-high School Applicant:

High School and/or College Transcript

Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation

**Complete guidelines and applications available at the Extension Office and on the
Vernon County UW-Extension Website <http://Vernon.uwex.edu>.**



4-H Club News



Retreat Ramblers— Brendon Knutson

January—A meeting of the Retreat Ramblers 4-H club was held on the 12th day of January in the year of 2013. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM at the Retreat Community Center, Retreat, Wi. The roll call was called by Lauren Volker to account for members in attendance and the treasures report was given by Charlie Marley. Upcoming events include Art Festival which sign up is due on February 8th. Feb. 10th and 24th Living Water Bible camp snow fun day, Westby Wi. A motion was made by Adam Williams and seconded by April Hawkinson to deliver salt to elderly and handicap in the Retreat area. After discuss it was decided that it is dangerous this time of year for the elderly and handicap to haul around salt and fill there water softeners. If you live in the Retreat area and would like to order salt for your softener at cost then contact our club leader Joe Marley. Phone (608) 675-3122, e-mail: jmarley@mwt.net. This project would take place on the third day of February in the year of 2013. The day will be known as “Supersalt Sunday” as well as “Superbowl Sunday”. During the second half of the meeting our clover buds worked on a paper art project with JoAnn Schultz. Following the meeting refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on the ninth day of February in the year of 2013 at the Retreat Community Center, Retreat Wi., at 10 am.

Enterprise Eagles – Issac List

January—Meeting of the Enterprise Eagles was called to order at 1:00 PM at the Chaseburg Village Hall on January 6, 2013. The pledges were lead by Christine and Brigitta. Roll call was taken, and minutes were tabled to the next meeting. Savannah gave the treasure’s report, which was approved by Johanna and seconded by Jackson. **Old Business:** *Awards Banquet* - Our club will be hosting the awards banquet along with several other clubs from the area. The banquet will be held at the Coon Valley Village Hall on January 13th from 1-3 PM. Members are reminded to R.S.V.P. to the 4-H office by Monday. *Trailer Update* - The club has purchased a trailer that will be used to transport cans from the Hamburg dump to Alter Scrap Metal in La Crosse. The trailer will replace our existing bin at the dump. *Winter Party* - The club will be attending the Living Waters winter camp on February 10th from 1-5 PM. We will participate in activities including ice-skating and cross-country skiing. The club motioned to pay \$3 for each child who attends to offset the cost. Jackson made the motion and Sabrina seconded it. **New Business:** *Chaseburg Trail days Parade* - Our club annually participates in the Chaseburg Trail Days parade, as we will this year. The parade is scheduled for January 20th at 1:30 PM. We will be walking and riding a float, and our mascot, Ernie Eagle will be there. Members will be wearing green to represent 4-H. *Ice Fishing* - Our club has expressed interest in going ice fishing sometime in the near future. We discussed possibilities for a location, and tabled the idea to the next meeting. *Arts Fest* - Some of the club members will be performing at the Arts Fest at Westby High School on March 2nd. Activities range from drama performances to music to poetry. Sabrina motioned to adjourn the meeting and Simon seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be at the winter camp at Living Waters on February 10th. Our next regular meeting will be held on March 3rd. Morgan will teach us the art of balloon animal making. Sabrina led us in a 4-H trivia game after the meeting.

Seas Branch Smithies - Brendan Buros

January - Our guest speaker was Karlee Mikkelson. She talked about her trip to El Salvador and her experience. She spent her time working with children in an orphanage. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Courtney Moser. The 4-H pledge was led by Alex Saleska, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kaitlyn Holtz. The secretary's report was read by Kayla Buros. The motion was made and seconded by Alex Saleska, Kaitlyn Holtz to accept the Secretary’s report. The motion carried. Old business: A winter fun day was discussed. We decided on Ice skating from 3-5 at the Viroqua ice rink on January 20. A motion was made by Alex S., seconded by Alex B., to have the club pay the fee. Everybody pays for their skates and snacks and may bring friends. New business: Leader awards banquet January 13 - register by January 7. 4-H Art Beat for grades 3-5 and parents/ leader. Art beat north is March 8-9, and Art Beat South is March 15-16. Arts fest is March The entry deadline is February 6. A motion was made and seconded by Alex Burke, Kaitlyn Holtz to adjourn the meeting.

Rainbow Reachers—Paula Fanta

January—On January 6th the Rainbow Reachers 4-H club met at the Franklin Town Hall at 6 o’clock. We talked more about the Garden Expo, and out what is happening each day, what some of the seminars and demos are going to be about and if we are going to eat at the Expo or at a restaurant. On January 13th Hassen Fortney received the Special Leader Award at the annual 4-H banquet at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Arts Fest is coming up in March and we talked about if anyone wanted to do anything and if the club wanted to do a play/skit. If you want to do something at Arts fest the entry page is due February 8th. The next meeting will be on February 3rd. The club will talk more about the Garden Expo and Arts Fest. Carl and Allen Fortney have the activity for the February meeting.

Springville Superstars—Acting Secretary, Jeremy Lee

January— The meeting of the Springville Superstars was called to order at 7 o’clock by President J.J. McClelland. The Crick and Daines families led the Pledge of Allegiance this month. J.J. led icebreakers. Treasurer Josie McClelland was absent so J.J. gave the Treasurer’s report. Joseph Roethel moved the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Matthew Hall seconded it. Motion carried. Beth Lee gave the Parent Leader Federation report, as well as the Club report. Maya Cade gave a report about “Ringing the Bell” for the Salvation Army. President J.J. announced that the club received a \$150 grant from the Parent-Leader Federation to go towards our speaker, author Craig Kunce, in June. For new business, we talked about donating money to Cornerstone Christian. Jansen McClelland moved a motion to donate \$75, and Austin Hall seconded that. Motion carried. We also talked about a club sledding day at the Westby High School. Joseph Roethel made a motion to go sledding at the Westby hill from 1-4 pm on Saturday, January 19th, and that was seconded by Matthew Hall. Motion carried. The Hall, and Kupczak families have meeting set-up and clean-up for our next meeting which is February 4th at 7 o’clock. The activity is going to be presented by the Habitat for Humanity program. Wesley Oldenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jansen McClelland. Angela Frye then presented on cake decorating for the Educational component of our meeting.



April 2013



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7	8	9	10 <i>L/P Federation Meeting</i> 	11	12 <i>Vernon Co. Fair Mandatory Beef Weigh-In</i> 	13 <i>Vernon Co. Fair Mandatory Beef Weigh-In</i> <i>Monroe Co. Fur, Fin & Feather Show</i>
14 <i>Youth Ambassadors</i>  <i>Camp Counselor Training</i> 	15	16	17	18 <i>Space Camp</i> 	19 	20 
21 <i>Vernon County Horse & Pony Project Meeting</i> 	22 <i>Return from Space Camp</i> 	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Richland Co. Rabbit Show</i> 	29	30				



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation

Approved 2/13/13



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting
January 9, 2013

Present: Executive Board: President-Jim Hawthorne- Nerison, Deb Primmer, Tammy Sherry-MM/Rt 56, Beth Lee-Springville Super Stars, Leaders: Cathy Sagler Enterprise Eagles, Joanne Hornby- DD/BB, Heather Dregne- East Ridge Beavers, Betty Nigh-Lucky Clovers, Kyle Moser-Youth: Cordell Sagler- Enterprise Eagles, Joe Marley-Retreat Ramblers, Sue Ann Krause-Enterprise Eagles, Ann Marie Elwing-Lucky Clovers and Colleen Pulvermacher – 4-H Youth Development Educator.

President Jim Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Pledges were recited.

Secretary's Report of November 14, 2012 was handed out and read by those attending. A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Beth Lee and, seconded by Cordell Sagler. Motion carried. Joanne Hornby will talk about attendance recommendation at the Leaders Retreat on Feb 2.

Correspondence: We received three thank you notes and they were from Katherine Larson thanking us for helping sponsor her trip to the National 4-H Congress. She had a great time and got to see and do lots of great things. Katherine's favorite experience was to tour CNN and meeting new people. Johanna Schuh sent a thank you for making it possible to attend the North Central Regional Volunteer Forum. She said it was great to meet other people from the midwest who are involved in 4-H and looking forward to putting into practice what she learned during the different breakout sessions. Colleen and Joanne received a thank you note from Diane Stojanovich thanking them for all the notes and photos of all the 4-H activities that her fund has allowed the youth to attend. Diane commented that "it brings back many memories of 4-H gatherings and how much is shared and learned and all of which will be used in future years."

Treasurer's Report. The Account Balances and Transaction Report for the month of November and December was handed out and gone over. The November Treasurers Report was approved as read, Beth Lee made a motion to approve and seconded by Joanne Hornby. Motion carried. The December Treasurers Report was approved as read, Kyle Moser made a motion to approve and seconded by Betty Nigh. Motion Carried. Bills presented to be paid for the month. Cordell Sagler made the motion to approve the bills to be paid, seconded by Heather Dregne. Motion carried. There are still two scholarships left to be paid out. President Hawthorne had a conversation with the electrician about an itemized list and has not heard anything from him. The cement check was cashed.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee: At this time we have Sue Ann Krause for Vice President and still searching for a new Secretary. Several telephone numbers were given out to contact.

Recognition Committee: Vice-President Beth Lee recommends that we stick to the quotas that were proposed in the budget. There will be a preference to first time applicants and then by weighted scale of their scores. We budgeted 10 youth going to the State Youth Conference and only seven are new and eight are returning. The seven will receive the 50% of cost and the eight that are returning will have to pay full price. A motion was made by Deb Primmer to take the money budgeted for the three open spots not filled by the new and divide it by the eight who are returning. That will give the eight returning \$41.25 each towards their trip or and seconded by Heather Dregne. Motion carried. We received ten new applications and one returning for Space Camp. Space Camp - the first six will receive the budgeted amount of \$200.00 and the others will have to pay full price. The returning space camp applicant will have to pay full price. The applications for space camp were date stamped as they came into the office and that will be how the first six are picked.

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Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting
Approved January 9, 2013 Minutes Continued

Finances are just not there this year to help with the extra money for the youth. If there are any questions please contact Colleen Pulvermacher.

Banquet Committee: Everything is good to go for the banquet that will be held on January 13, 2013 at the Coon Valley Town Hall. They are within the budget with lots of donations or price reductions. There will be a basket for donations. The Retreat Ceramics helped with the cost and donated a couple of the cowboy boot center pieces. An x on your plate will get you a door prize. Sue Ann Krause brought a couple of boots to show us the wonderful dried flower arrangements that she did for them.

The Budget Meeting will be held Monday January 14, 2013 at the extension office at 5:00pm
Colleen asked about advertising for the Summer Intern Agent, which is done in February. After discussing the finances for the coming year we will not have one because of budget constraints and maybe next year we will have the money for a summer intern agent. A motion was made by Beth Lee that we will not hire a Summer Intern Agent this year 2013, but will review for the following year and that was seconded by Heather Dregne. Motion carried. We will have to make use of our new food stand this year to help raise money beyond the fair and calendar raffle tickets.

Old Business: Baby Basket- will be brought up at the Leader's Retreat in February and recommendations brought back to the February Federation meeting.

New Business: Memorials – Discussion of what to do when someone who has been a 4-H volunteer has passed away. A motion was made by Cordell Sagler to have a generic note in the Broadcaster once a year during National 4-H week in October honoring all those who have volunteered and passed away and seconded by Kyle Moser. Motion carried. Colleen asked for a clarification on purchase of promotional items. Adults feel that they do not need gifts and Vice President Beth Lee felt with the budget concern that we did not need them.

Food Stand Income – Discussion on new ways to use our new food stand to help raise money for all the things that youth do in our county and for extra things the food stand still needs. We will need help with a Pancake Breakfast, the stand open during the two night truck and tractor pull in July and any other thing that comes to mind so please volunteer to help when the time comes.

Educators Report - updates: Newsletter went out Friday and still hasn't been delivered by the post office; it was e-mailed to families and it is posted on our website. Leader Retreat is coming up February 2nd at Living Waters Bible Camp – potluck. Topics include: welcoming a new 4-H club, youth leadership, chartering simplified, 4-H jeopardy, youth speakers at club meetings, national 4-H week promotion. I was contacted by the State 4-H office as many corrections needed to be made to the charters that were submitted. This happened in every single county. I am working hard to try to develop a streamlined volunteer-friendly system. A former Vernon Co. 4-Her, Josh Goede, has been selected as the Monroe County 4-H Educator. I will be serving on the mentor team for Josh. Youth Ambassadors are meeting Sunday after the banquet with the main task being planning for 2013. I am going to suggest a monthly meeting – with different youth taking the lead each month. I also will ask the YA's to commit to putting together a youth leadership (officer training day).

Next meeting will be on Wednesday February 14 at 7:00pm at the extension office.
Heather Dregne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cordell Sagler.

Meeting adjourned by President Hawthorne at 8:47 pm. Respectfully submitted, Tammy Sherry, Secretary



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting
2012 Annual Meeting
January 13, 2013
Draft



Meeting was called to order by President Jim Hawthorne at 2:23pm. Thanks go out to East Ridge Beavers, Enterprise Eagles, Lucky Clovers and Mississippi Steamers for being our Banquet Hosts this year. The meal was served to about 109 people. The 4-H Youth Ambassadors handed out the project disks this year. We had special guests from the Vernon County Board. President Jim Hawthorne talked about the past year. Election of officers is as follows: Vice-President Sue Ann Krause. Floor was opened for additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made by Joy Moser for a unanimous voted for Sue Ann Krause as Vice-President, seconded by Joanne Hornby. We have a Secretary - Maggie Thompson. Floor was opened for additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. Lousie Kelsy made a motion for a unanimous vote for Maggie Thompson as Secretary. Motion carried. Secretary's Report from January 15, 2012 was read by Tammy Sherry. Motion made by Maggie Thompson to accept, 2nd by Cheryl Rebhahn. Treasurer's Report was read by Deb Primmer. Deb gave the balance of each account and what we have paid out for the new food stand, paid out for youth trips, scholarships and the summer youth agent. Motion was made by Raymond Lisk to accept the treasurer's report. Joy Moser 2nd. Motion carried. The food stand and the raffle tickets are our main fund raising revenue for what the youth in our county do. We had the introduction of the new officers President Beth Lee, Vice- President Sue Ann Krause and Secretary Maggie Thompson. Cheryl Rebhahn made the motion made to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Simon Lisk. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:40

Respectfully Submitted
 Tammy Sherry, Secretary

VERNON COUNTY 4-H LEADER/PARENT FEDERATION
Monthly Meeting
February 13, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Erlandson Office Bldg. – 1st floor conference room
A G E N D A

Call to Order/Roll Call

Pledges

Minutes of January 9, 2013

Approval of published minutes

Installation of officers

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Review and approval of bills

New Executive officers signatures

Treasurer best practices

Committee Reports

Constitution - Constitution/Executive Officer responsibilities and revisions

Budget/Finance

Recognition – Awards packet and deadlines

Scholarship

President's Report – policies; vision statement

Unfinished Business:

Foodstand Income Ideas

Banquet reflections

4-H Week Promotion

New Business:

Budget Approval

Mission Statement development

Raffle Configuration

Money Management account

Educator's Report

Adjourn

Animal Project News

Horse & Pony Project



Horse and Pony Project Minutes from 1/20/13

Attended the meeting: Kerbie Brose, Emilie Brose, Taylor Cowden, Deacan Carpenter, Angie Harnish, Trula Clark, Drew Dravis, Josie Wiltrout, Jessica King, Natalie Bolstad, Elias Bolstad, Casey Fremstad, Becca Seelow, Mycanzie Foster, Hope Petersheim

Old Business: Comment cards on last year's events were handed in. A thank you card to the Wild West Days Committee for their donation to the horse and pony project was passed around and signed by members.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

President: Joselyn Wiltrout

Vice Pres: Rebecca Seelow

Secretary/Treasurer: Mycanzie Foster

2013 Contract will be mailed out to all members and is due June 1st. Along with that the 2013 Vernon County 4-H Project Requirements check off sheet will be sent out and this is turned in with member's fair registrations.

2013 Calendar:

May 4th— Spring Show (no rain date) at Three Witches

The following date's/activities are tentative pending conformation of location:

June 8th & 9th—Overnight clinic at the Vernon Co. Fairgrounds

June 9th—Fun Show at the Vernon Co. Fairgrounds

June 29th—2nd Annual Trail Ride at Duck Egg

July 13th—State Qualifying Show/Open Show at Vernon Co. Fairgrounds (Rain Date: July 14th)

Sep. 28th—Trail ride at Wildcat Park (Rain date: 29th)

Gymkhana Nights—Circle V Grounds and Retreat Grounds (Wiltrout and Brose scheduling)

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17th at 1:00 in the 4-H Extension Office.

Reminder!

All Horse & Pony Project members must meet and fulfill certain requirements in order to show under 4-H at the Vernon County Fair. A mailing will be going out to all project members which will include a copy of the following:

1. Cover letter from Vernon County Horse & Pony Project Leaders
2. 2013 Vernon County 4-H Horse Project Requirements Acknowledgement form
(To be signed and returned to the Extension Office on or before June 1st)
3. 2013 Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Requirements Conformation form
(To be signed, completed and returned to the 4-H Horse & Pony Project Leader on or before Aug. 1st)
4. Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Safety Check List



VERNON COUNTY HORSE & PONY PROJECT 4-H FUN SHOW



(For Vernon County Horse & Pony Project Members Only)

WHERE: THREE WITCHES STABLE

(Rain or shine!)

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

STARTS: PROMPTLY AT 10:00AM

JUDGE: TBA

Required Safety Checks Will Be Performed That Day!

**COGGINS PAPERS REQUIRED-BOTH THE ORIGINAL
AND COPY FOR OUR FILES**

HELMETS AND BOOTS REQUIRED

1. PONY HALTER 56" UNDER
2. HALTER 56" OVER
3. SHOWMANSHIP (3-5)
4. SHOWMANSHIP (6-8)
5. SHOWMANSHIP (9-13)
6. OPEN BAREBACK W/T
7. *BEGINNER WESTERN/ENGLISH W/T
8. ENGLISH PONY PLEASURE under 56"
9. ENGLISH HORSE EQUITATION over 56"
10. ENGLISH EQUITATION (3-5)
11. ENGLISH EQUITATION (6-8)
12. ENGLISH EQUITATION (9-13)

* (May not enter canter class at this show)



LUNCH BREAK

13. WESTERN PONY PLEASURE under 56"
14. WESTERN HORSE PLEASURE over 56"
15. HORSEMANSHIP (3-5)
16. HORSEMANSHIP (6-8)
17. HORSEMANSHIP (9-13)
18. TRAIL CLASS
19. OPEN EGG & SPOON
20. OPEN PLUG RACE
21. OPEN CATALOG RACE
22. OPEN BARREL RACE
23. OPEN POLES

**COST -
\$10 ALL DAY SINGLE
\$20 ALL DAY FAMILY OR
\$2 PER CLASS**

The exhibitor is the only person allowed to ride their animal while at the fun show. No one under grade 3 is allowed to handle or ride an animal at any time. Boots with a 1/2" cutout heel and ASTM/SEI approved helmet, buckled, are mandatory while mounted. NO EXCEPTIONS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT : GAIL BOLSTAD - (608)788-8806
EXTENSION OFFICE 637-5276



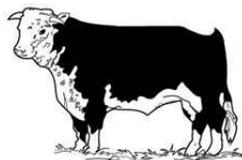
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Meat Animal News

Vernon County Beef – Sheep – Swine– Weigh-in 2013

- * An exhibitor is allowed 6 entries per species at weigh in. Over this limit is \$2 per head for the eartag.
- * 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 is scheduled for Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, for beef exhibitors who intend to participate in the Meat Animal Sale at the 2013 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.

What weight should the feeder steer be at weigh-in? If we target a market weight at fair time of 1250 pounds for a medium frame steer (such as an Angus or Angus cross) the days on feed are 151 days, the average daily gain (ADG) will make the final determination. Below are a few examples of the calculation with a number of different ADG rates:

2.5 # ADG x 151 days on feed = 378 # of gain
1250 (estimated market weight) – 378 # = 872 # feeder to weigh in.

3.0# ADG x 151 = 453. 1250 – 453 = 797# feeder

3.5# ADG x 151 = 529. 1250 – 529 = 721# feeder

To be able to sell your steer in the sale at the fair, it must have a minimum ADG of 2.0#, minimum weight of 1100#, at least low choice, and not more than a yield grade 4.0.

Carcass Value Added per Day on Feed Award

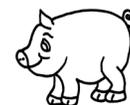
Q. What will it take to win this contest?

A. To win this contest, you will need to weigh in a steer that is on the lighter side and have it gain weight efficiently during the feeding period. Again, look at the numbers from above. A 1250 pound live steer at an average dressing percent of 62% says the carcass weight will be 775 #, right in the middle of the carcass weight requirement.

Q. What are the carcass requirements for the contest?

A. The carcass weight range is 650 – 850#. The carcass must grade at least low choice, have a yield grade less than 4.0 and a minimum ADG of 2.2#.

Hog Weigh-in



The Mandatory Hog Weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, May 17, from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 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 2013 Meat Animal Sale at the Vernon County Fair.

Trying to decide what weight of feeder pigs to weigh in this year? The following examples might help.

There are 123 days on feed from the time of weigh-in to the fair. Industry says target for an end market weight of 270#. The ADG for the past few years has been 1.7. So, if you use 1.7 ADG and 123 days on feed, you would get 209# of gain. Two hundred seventy (270) pounds at end of market weight minus the gain of 209# equals the feeder pig weight at the weigh-in of 61#. If you would achieve 2.0 ADG, and you buy a 61# feeder pig, your end fair weight would be 307#.

REMEMBER: to be able to sell your hog in the sale at the fair, it must have a minimum ADG of 1.5#, minimum weight of 235# and be a U.S. #1 or #2.



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 2013 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.



Junior Livestock Entry Deadline:

June 5th (1st Wednesday of June) – postmark for those wishing to enter by submitting a paper entry and pay fees with a check/money order.

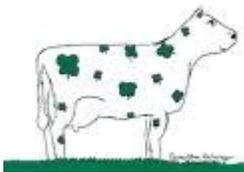
June 19th (3rd Wednesday of June) for those wishing to enter online and pay with a credit/debit card.

New for 2013! – Junior exhibitors will now submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair either on-line or via the mail. Local County Extension Office/4-H Leader will still be informed of State Fair youth programs but will not be involved in the entry process. Junior exhibitors must be a member in good standing with an approved youth organization (see www.wistatefair.com for approved youth organizations) by March 1st in order to be eligible to participate in Junior Fair programs.

After the June 19th entry deadline, Wisconsin State Fair will verify participant eligibility with the respective approved youth organization and local County Extension Agent or Fair Boards.

Questions regarding entering the 2013 Wisconsin State Fair can be emailed to: entryoffice@wisconsin.gov or call 414.266.7000

State Fair Dairy Meeting



All Vernon County 4-H dairy project members age 12+ (as of January 1st) and their parents are encouraged to join us for a Dairy State Fair meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office building, 1st floor conference room. This important organizational meeting will focus on fundraising ideas and general information related to State Fair. Contact Teresa Gutenberger at 634-2077 or the Extension Office, 637-5276 if you have any questions or are unable to attend this meeting. Teresa will be stepping down as State Fair Dairy Coordinator after the 2013 State Fair. If you or someone you know, might be interested in this very important position, this is an opportunity to take notes and see what steps are taken to insure our youth have a safe and successful experience at Wisconsin State Fair!

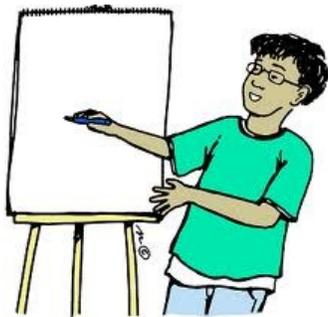
2013 Vernon County 4-H Celebrates...



FESTIVAL of Arts



Saturday, March 2, 2013
Westby Area High School
(Snow Date: March 9th)
Check-in time for Photography
and Arts & Crafts—8:30 a.m.





Adult volunteers are essential to the success of Arts Fest!

Twelve volunteers are needed in one hour shifts throughout the day. Each club must provide adult volunteers to assist in various areas. Please refer to the schedule below and contact the Extension office at 637-5276 before Wednesday, February 27th with names of volunteers who are willing to help make sure this exciting and fun event takes place as efficiently as possible so that it is enjoyed by all who attend and participate!

2013 Arts Fest Volunteer Schedule

8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
LIBERTY POLE BOOSTERS MISSISSIPPI STEAMERS ROUTE 56/MAPLEDALE MOTIVATORS	KICKAPOO RUSTLERS NERISON RETREAT RAMBLERS	DAVIS DGRS/BEL BLDRS. HILLSBORO HOTSHOTS TEWALT TOILERS
11:30 a.m.—12:30	12:30—1:30 p.m.	1:30—2:30 p.m.
ENTERPRISE EAGLES SPRINGVILLE SUPERSTARS	EAST RIDGE BEAVERS LUCKY CLOVERS	RAINBOW REACHERS SEAS BRANCH SMITHIES

2013 Wisconsin 4-H Adventure Trips

Upham Woods is again offering open-enrollment adventure trips for Wisconsin 4-H members!

Devil's Lake Rock Climbing Camp, June 9-12

JOIN US FOR THIS FOUR-DAY, THREE-NIGHT EXCITING INTRODUCTION TO ROCK CLIMBING. DEVIL'S LAKE IS THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER ROCK CLIMBING AREA. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO BELAY A CLIMBER AND BASIC CLIMBING TECHNIQUES. WE WILL CAMP AT DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK IN A GROUP CAMPSITE. DURING THE FOUR DAYS, PARTICIPANTS WILL CLIMB, BELAY, BOULDER, REPEL, AND ALSO ENJOY SWIMMING, HIKING, CAMPFIRES, NATURE ACTIVITIES, AND GROUP GAMES. DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF PARTICIPANTS IS AT DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK NEAR BARABOO.

Cost: \$300; cost includes staff instruction, food, and use of all necessary climbing and camping gear.

Ages: 13-18 at the time of the trip

Experience: No previous rock climbing experience is required.

Number of Participants: 15

Porcupine Mountain Beginning Backpacking Trip, August 11-15

MILES OF TRAILS AWAIT US IN PORCUPINE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, LOCATED IN THE U.P. OF MICHIGAN. THICK FORESTS, LAKE SUPERIOR, AND BEAUTIFUL STREAMS WILL BE OUR SCENERY FOR FIVE-DAYS AND FOUR-NIGHTS. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN BASIC BACKPACKING SKILLS, BACKCOUNTRY COOKING, TEAMWORK, AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS. WE WILL HIKE FIVE TO SEVEN MILES EACH DAY WITH PACKS WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 30-35 POUNDS. ENJOY NIGHTLY CAMPFIRES AND EXCELLENT NATURE VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES. WE TRAVEL AT A RELAXED PACE ON THIS TRIP WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO HIKE SIDE TRAILS AND EXPLORE AROUND OUR CAMPSITES. DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF PARTICIPANTS IS AT UPHAM WOODS, WISCONSIN DELLS.

Cost: \$425; cost includes transportation to and from the Porcupine Mountains (from Upham Woods), backcountry fees, food, and use of a backpack, lightweight sleeping bag, sleeping pad, cooking and eating gear, water filter & bottles, and a backpacking tent.

Ages: 13-18 at the time of the trip

Experience: This trip is good for beginners wishing to try out backpacking and for those who desire a relaxed paced adventure.

Number of Participants: 10

Call Toby Grabs, Upham Woods Assistant Director, at (608) 254-6461 or e-mail toby.grabs@ces.uwex.edu with any questions you may have.

6th Annual La Crosse County 4-H Archery Invitational

Friday or Saturday - March 22nd & 23rd, 2013

Registration deadline: **Friday, March 15th**



Website: <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-activities/shooting-sports/>

All events will be held indoors at La Crosse Archery, 1231 Oak Forest Drive, Onalaska, Wisconsin. Mail this registration & fees to: **UW-Extension La Crosse County, 400 4th Street North, Room 3140, La Crosse WI 54601.**

Entries require signature of a Vernon County Shooting Sports Instructor or 4-H Educator. Make sure and allow time to obtain this signature and have form to La Crosse County Extension Office on or before the: Friday, March 15th registration deadline!

Event entry fees: \$7.00 for first event (\$3.00 late fee applies after 3/15) \$5.00 for each additional event

Junior Division
(grades 3-5)

_____ Barebow
_____ Bow without release
_____ Freestyle

Intermediate Division
(grades 6-8)

_____ Barebow
_____ Bow without release
_____ Freestyle

Senior Division
(grades 9-13)

_____ Barebow
_____ Bow without release
_____ Freestyle

Your division is determined by the current grade in school for the 2012 - 2013 school year. See match rules for definitions of Barebow, Bow without release and Freestyle. All participants will receive a participation award. The top three scorers in all divisions will receive special awards. **If you sign-up for more than one event list a separate time for each.**

Complete entry information and tournament rules and guidelines are available at the Extension Office.



**23rd ANNUAL
MONROE COUNTY 4-H
FUR, FIN & FEATHER SHOW
APRIL 13TH, 2013**

9:00 a.m.

**Sparta Barney Center
1000 E Montgomery St. Sparta, WI
LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE**

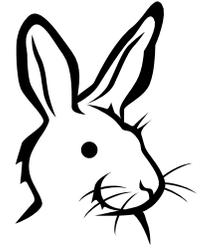
Entries are due April 1, 2013

Complete entry information is available at the Extension Office!





Third Annual Calumet County Small Animal Swap



SAT. MAY 4, 2013
SWAP TIME: 6:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

CALUMET COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS IN CHILTON, WI

ADMISSION \$2 PER PERSON 12 AND UNDER FREE

OUTDOOR VENDORS \$5 INDOOR VENDORS \$10
(VENDOR SPACE INCLUDES ONE PAID ADMISSION)

Complete entry information is available at the Extension Office.

RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H RABBITS R US RABBIT SHOW

Sunday, April 28, 2013

REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.—JUDGING: 9:00 a.m.

The NEW Richland Center Community Center
(New Community Center located in Krouskop Park)
1050 N. Orange St., Richland Center, WI 53581

SHOW IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH, GRADES 3 thru 13
DO NOT HAVE TO BE A 4-H MEMBER

*Complete entry information is available at the Extension Office.
Entry Deadline—April 22nd*



Questions? Call Becky Gobin, 608-536-3448 (after 5:00 p.m.) or Cell Phone 608-604-3449.



Here's What's Cookin'
February/ March Recipe
*From the Kitchen of Amy Hardy
Liberty Pole Boosters 4-H Club Leader*

Bar BQ Sauce

*2 cups ketchup
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1 Tbsp liquid smoke*

Mix and pour over meatballs, or beef.

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Wed	Feb 13	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Thurs	Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day!		
Friday	Feb 22	4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon—Registration Deadline	9:00 a.m.	UW– Madison
Friday	Feb 22	4-H Youth Winter Fun Day! Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Saturday— Sunday	Feb 22-23	Statewide 4-H Arts Workshop		Upham Woods 4-H Camp, Wisconsin Dells
Sunday	Feb 24	4-H Youth Winter Fun Day!	1:00—5:00 p.m.	Living Waters Bible Camp, Westby
Friday	March 1	4-H Camp Counselor Application—Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Friday	March 1	Vernon County 4-H Scholarship—Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Saturday	March 2	4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon	9:00 a.m.	UW– Madison
Saturday	March 2	2013 Vernon Co. 4-H Arts Festival	8:30 a.m.	Westby Area High School, Westby
Friday	March 8	IW2K! Science Camp—Registration Deadline		Upham Woods 4-H Camp, Wisconsin Dells
Saturday	March 9	Arts Festival—Snow date if needed	8:30 a.m.	Westby Area High School, Westby
Wednesday	March 13	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Friday	March 15	6th Annual La Crosse County 4-H Archery Invitational –Reg Deadline		UW-Extension Office, La Crosse County
Sunday	March 17	Vernon Co. Horse & Pony Project Meeting	1:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Sunday	March 17			
Friday	March 22	6th Annual La Crosse County 4-H Archery Invitational		La Crosse Archery, Onalaska, Wi.
Saturday	March 23	6th Annual La Crosse County 4-H Archery Invitational		La Crosse Archery, Onalaska, Wi.
Friday	March 29	Good Friday—Office Closed		

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