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Youth Ambassador Report

On Sunday Jan 13, 2013 4-H leaders, members and families attended the annual recognition banquet at Coon Valley Village Hall. The banquet hosts were East Ridge Beavers, Enterprise Eagles, Lucky Clovers and the Mississippi Steamers. The clubs provided us with a scrumptious lunch. A big thank you to the hosts. It was a great honor for the Youth Ambassadors to present the 4-H Youth Leadership Project Activity Discs. Congratulations to everyone for your hard work and achievement on your 4-H projects. After the banquet the Youth Ambassadors (YA) gathered for a brief meeting. The YA voted to pay half the cost ($24.50) for those who attended the December Youth Leadership Conference in WI Dells. We all agreed that we need to have a regular meeting time. Different options were discussed. We voted on having a YA meeting every other month. Our primary task at the next meeting will be establishing our calendar for the year and who will do what. Watch the 4-H newsletter for upcoming information. Correspondence: A thank you note from Johanna Schuh was received in appreciation for funding part of the Regional Volunteer Forum in Wichita.
Respectfully submitted, Emma Penchi Secretary

Vernon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors

The Vernon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors met recently at Living Waters Bible Camp and discussed the upcoming year and events. The group meets every other month, with the next gathering scheduled for Sunday, April 14th 2:00 p.m. The group will meet at Borgen’s Café and then do geo-caching, organized by Ben and Jessica King. RSVPs for this event are needed on or before April 10th.

To learn more about 4-H youth ambassadors, contact the UW-Extension office, 637-5276

Looking for a way to serve our 4-H Youth? Adult representatives are needed to serve on both the Recognition and Scholarship Committees. Members of these committees review and score applications, and conduct interviews if applicable. The commitment is for 3 years and generally less than 8 hours per year. For more information contact Colleen at the Extension Office. To avoid conflict of interest, committee members may not score applications of their children or grandchildren.

Retreat Ramblers 4-H Club have fun weaving rugs at their March meeting!

COMING THIS SUMMER! TEAMS OF 5 YOUTH FROM A CLUB TO COMPETE IN OUR OWN VERNON COUNTY 4-H AMAZING RACE HOSTED BY MAPLEDALE MOTIVATORS/ROUTE 56 4-H CLUB! THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE VERNON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW. PLEASE STAY TUNED AND WATCH YOUR 4-H NEWSLETTERS FOR DETAILS!
Rainbow Reachers—Paula Fanta
February 3, 6:00 p.m. - Our club met at the Franklin Town Hall. Addie led the American pledge and Ella led the 4-H pledge. Arts Fest entries are due to Pam by Friday. The club talked about who was going to the Garden Expo in Madison. We talked about buying tickets early and if we wanted to buy insurance. The club agreed to not buy tickets ahead of time, but we did agree to buy insurance. Members that went to Garden Expo are going to talk about what they went to at the next meeting. The club listened to Pam talk about the Leader Retreat that she went to at living waters bible camp. Chris is going to talk to Nelson Agri-Center to see if they are any slots open for a brat sale. The people who filled out peach sheets got their sheets back and their plaques/discs. We had a visitor named Ben who came to watch what we do as a 4-H club. Fortney’s had the activity and snack for the February meeting. For the activity the club members made valentines for some of the residents at Maplewood. The next meeting will be on March 3rd, 2013 at 6 o’clock at the Franklin Town Hall. The Fanta and Bringe families have the snack and activity for the March meeting.

East Ridge Beavers - Landon Klinge & Heather Dregne
March—6:02 meeting was called to order by Mark Leis. Old Business - Discussion of Art Fest, our club needs to provide bars & 6 volunteers. Also started a Flower & houseplant project for the fair. New Business - Voted on & passing having a bowling party in April, will also be starting a woodworking project for the fair in April. Art Fest participants displayed what they took & shared 1 project that we got to ask questions about. Colored Easter egg pictures for Norseland Nursing home to display for Easter. Working on getting the Vernon County K-9 unit for April or May. Snack was provided by the Helgeson family who brought brownies & punch. Next meeting will be Monday April 8th at 6pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Retreat Ramblers—Brendon Knutson
March—A meeting of Retreat Ramblers 4-H club was held on the 9th of March at the Retreat Sportsman’s Club. Roll call was taken. Reading and approval of last month meeting minutes was completed. Treasurer Report was given by Charley Marley. Old business Bingo day and officer in-service was discussed. We discussed sharing proceeds with the De Soto 8th grade class. We believed that if we do this in conjunction with 8th grade class we will have a better community turn out and result to a higher profit for are own club as opposed to doing it on our own. We also discussed the possibility of doing bingo along side with the steak fry in DeSoto. Motion by Adam Williams 2nd by Ben King to do that if possible. Motion approved. New business project for April meeting. Options of second project from gardening. Announcements: JoAnn Schultz received an award as she completed her 1-year as a leader. County Dairy Breakfast at the Johnson’s on June 1st (7:00-11:00am) we’ll be helping serve food. Reminder Beef weigh-in April 12th,13th. Hog and sheep weigh-in May 17th&18th.

4-H Club News
Motion to adjourn by Charley Marley and seconded by Adam Williams. Adjourned at 10:40.

Following the meeting we started seed nurseries and the cloverbuds also weaved small rugs made from old t-shirts.

The next meeting will be April 13th. We’ll be transplanting our started plants and building bluebird houses.

Lucky Clovers—Rachel Falkers
March 4th—Zion Church: Jessica Bomkamp talked about the service grant. Rachel Nigh and Rachel Falkers talked about the Arts Fest. Mitchell Bass shared about the Valentine delivery. Our club decided to make 12 May baskets. List of upcoming 4-H events: Roller skating on March 23 from 2:00-4:00 in Richland Center. Beef weigh-in is April 12 and 13. Hog/sheep weigh-in is May 17 and 18. Science camp registration is due March 8, camp itself is April 12 and 13. State Fair meeting is March 25. Parent meeting on March 27 at Dr. Elwing’s house. International Foods Fest is next meeting. Next meeting (date, place, time): April 1st (International Foods Fest) at Zion Church at 7:00 and Falkers will be serving.

Springville Super Stars—Jessica Nelson
March—March 4, 2013 meeting of the Springville Super Stars was called to order at 7:00 pm by President JJ McClelland. The John and Wendy McClelland families did the 4-H pledge and the pledge of Allegiance. Jessica Nelson did ice breakers. Jessica Nelson read the Secretary’s report. Amber Nelson moved a motion and Caleb Crick seconded it. Motion passed. Jozie McClelland read the treasurer’s report. Joseph Roethel moved a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Austin Hall seconded it. Motion passed. Beth Lee gave the parent leader federation report. Julie Larson gave the club leader report. Under unfinished business Juliene Sloane gave a report on the March activity for a movie night at Vernon Square Cinema, to the movie “The Croods”. It will take place on March 23. We were going to look into the movie times and send an email out the week of the movie. Amber Nelson moved a motion that the club pay half of the price and Joseph Roethel second it. It was passed. Julie Larson is collecting the hoard’s dairy judging sheets. Olivia Coon talked about the Winter Fun Day and the Youth Ambassadors. Emily Nelson gave a report on the Vernon County Arts Fest. Emily Nelson handed out ribbons for the play. JJ McClelland read a thank you letter from Bethel Buttik. Under new business, Cornerstone school will be holding a baked potato/chili supper on April 26th from 4:00 to 9:30. Members please support, as a thank you for letting us have our meetings there. Joe and Darcy McClelland/ Mowery/ Rumpie/Naumann families are responsible for the next meeting clean-up and set-up, on Monday, April 1st at 7:00. The featured education for that meeting is the poultry project by guest presenter Paula Fanta. Matthew Hall moved a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Amber Nelson second it. Meeting was adjourned. The featured education was presented by, Pete Taylor owner of the Blue Dog Cycle. The club members performed their play called, ”Teacher, Teacher, Teacher.”
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**May 2013**
2013 Vernon County 4-H Arts Festival

Congratulations to all of our talented artists and performers that participated in the 2013 Vernon County 4-H Festival of the Arts! THANK you to all of the volunteers that helped make this day happen!

*Arts & Crafts Selected For State Youth Conference
Congratulations!
Kellyn Mauer & Rachel Nigh

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

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Group Performances

Mini Drama
Springville Superstars
Performance - "Teacher, Teacher, Teacher"
Cast: Deacan Carpenter, Elisabeth Coon, Caleb Crick, Hannah Crick, Jasmine Green, Austin Hall, Brianna Hall, Krista Hall, Jonah Jepson, Annika Kupczak, Trent Mowery, Amber Nelson, Lydia Olson, Joseph Roethel, & Trista Rumppe
Directors: Sheri Hall & Emily Nelson

Vocal Performance
Nerison - "Round On A Well Known Text" & "How Merrily We Live"
Performers: Hannah Falter, Teresa Falter & Emily Palm

Instrumental Performance
Nerison - The Admiral String Quartet & Mozart String Quartet K.159 in B
Performers: Agnes Falter, Dominic Falter, Hannah Falter & Teresa Falter
Animal News

Meat Animal Reminder!
Vernon County Fair
Beef – Sheep & Swine
Weigh-in 2013

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.

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.

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.

Dairy Judging

Calling all 4-H Youth interested in Dairy!
Please consider joining the 4-H Dairy Judging Team as we prepare to represent Vernon County at the Area Animal Science Days Dairy Judging Contest, all while learning valuable life skills and enhancing your ability to evaluate dairy cattle! Mark your calendars for Friday, June 14, 2013 as the date of the contest. Please be sure to watch your email soon for the full practice schedule. We will try to set up practices for Wednesday evenings, starting at 7:30pm from May 8 – June 12, along with two Saturday practices. If you have any conflicts with Wednesday evenings, or the date of the June 14th contest, please contact Chrissy Meyer at 608-512-9140 or chrissymeyer1@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Backyard Poultry Seminar
Saturday, April 20
10am-Noon
At Nelson Agri-Center

Come learn all you need to know to successfully raise poultry in your own backyard!

• Seminar Topics & Speakers: Poultry 101
  Adam Hady, Richland County UW-Extension Agent
  Organic Flock Feeding
  Charley Fisher, Nature’s Grown Organics

• Just for Attending: Receive Special Pricing
  Savings on chicks, poultry supplies & feed!
  Sign up to Win Door Prizes Including FREE chicks!

Nelson Agri-Center
217 N. Center Ave., Viroqua, WI
(608) 637-3192
Mon.-Fri. 7am-6pm, Sat. 7am-5pm,
Sun. 7am-4pm
www.nelsonagricenter.com
I have two rabbits that I would like to donate to a 4-H youth who might be interested in having a rabbit for a project. The rabbits are:
(1) Male Rex—Tortoiseshell
(1) Female Lop—Black
One or both include cages.
If interested, please call Allison Anderson, 608-632-0852.

Vernon County Horse & Pony Project

Midwest Horse Fair
Our Horse & Pony Project will be traveling to the Midwest Horse Fair on Saturday, April 20th. We will be leaving at 6:30 a.m., from the UW-Extension Office Parking Lot. If you are interested in signing up for this event or if you have questions, please contact Gail Bolstad at: gailandaaron@yahoo.com or via phone (608)788-8806. Please include your name, parent’s/guardian’s name (s) and a contact phone # with your registration.
Gail Bolstad,
Vernon County Horse & Pony Project Leader

Reminders/Save The Dates!
Horse & Pony Project Meetings:
Every 3rd Sunday, unless otherwise noted
(Please note: Because of the trip to the Midwest Horse Fair, our April meeting will be April 28th)
May 4th: Spring Fun Show, 3 Witches Stable
June 1st: 4-H Project Acknowledgement of Requirements Form Deadline
June 8-9th: Overnight clinic/Fun Show—Vernon County Fairgrounds
June 29th: Trail Ride—Duck Egg
July 13th: State Qualifying/Open Show Vernon County Fairgrounds
(Rain Date—July 14th)
August 1st: Project Conformation of Requirements Form Deadline
August 16th, 17th & 18th: Wild West Days and Horse & Pony Project Fundraiser
September 11th-15th: Vernon County Fair
September 12th-15th: State 4-H Horse Expo
September 28th: Trail Ride at Wildcat State Park
(Rain date—September 29th)

2013 Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports Activities

Whitetails Unlimited Banquet: Wednesday, April 10, 2013, Westby Rod & Gun Club. Proceeds from this event will benefit Vernon County 4-H Youth Shooting Sports program. For further information call Denise Bakkum-452-3370.

Required Annual Orientation: Sunday, June 9th, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Badgerland Pheasant Farm. This meeting is for all shooting sports project 4-H members, parents & leaders. Food will be provided and a tour will take place.
Directions: S2047 East Ridge Rd, Westby. Heading north on highway 14 through Westby, turn right on East Park Street which becomes East Ridge Rd. Farm is located approximately two miles outside of Westby. Call the UW-Extension Office, 637-5276 or email cdaniels@vernoncounty.org with your RSVP today!
Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 5th. Please include the following information with your RSVP: Youth name, parent attending meeting, phone # and club name.

4-H Shooting Sports Project Save The Dates
Practice Shoots:
6:00pm: June 16th, July 14th & Aug. 11th

Other Dates:
Sun., July 21—17th Annual 4-H Shoot
Sun., Aug. 25th—Vernon Co. Fair Premium Shoot

Please Note: All practices, 4-H competitions & the Vernon County Fair Premium Shoot will be held at the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Vernon County 4-H 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 Aug.25th.

Vernon County Dairy Princess Contest

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17th ANNUAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013
Sponsored by Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports
(Vernon, 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 - $5 or $15.00 For Family Over 3
Must be 4-H Shooting Sports Project Member
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 16, 2013
(Registration Cost Day of the Shoot - $8.00)

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 .22

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.

DOOR PRIZES AT END OF DAY!
(1) 22-20 Gauge Shot Gun Combination
(2) Bow Gift Certificate
(3) MANY smaller door prizes!

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

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 ______, 2013
___________________________________________
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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Attention 4-H Campers!
Mark your calendars for July 31st-August 2nd
Registration forms are due June 1st.
(See page 10 of this newsletter)

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

Outpost Camp, Mirror 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 or on our website http://vernon.uwex.edu. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 637-5276.

2013 4-H High School Seniors in the Spotlight

Alexis Dunnum—Seas Branch Smithies
High School: Westby
Graduation Date: June 1, 2013
Years in 4-H: 13
Parent(s): Craig and Vickie Dunnum
Plans after graduation: Attend University of Wisconsin – Madison for Agribusiness
In Alexis’s own words:
Throughout my 4-H career I have been able to participate in many events that have been both enjoyable and helped me become a more confident person. I began 4-H when I was just in kindergarten in 1999 and have been active in my club ever since. I have held the officer positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and of course President for a number of years. The projects I have enjoyed the most through the years have been my club’s community service projects and showing beef and swine at the Vernon County Fair. Over the last few years I have enjoyed being a camp counselor and traveling to Washington DC for the Citizenship Washington Focus 4-H trip. Both were very good opportunities to meet new friends from across the state and country.

Other than being a member of Nerison 4-H, I am very active in other clubs at Westby High School. I have participated in numerous bands and choirs, FFA, FCCLA, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), volleyball through school and club, Track & Field, Forensics, Musicals and I volunteer my time and tutor. I am also the 2012 Westby Syttende Mai 1st Attendant and attend many local events and speak at nearly every one of them; I wouldn’t be as comfortable with public speaking if I hadn’t been in 4-H. The advice I would like to give other 4-H members would be to take full advantage of the opportunities 4-H gives you as a member. Through this wonderful organization, I have made many friends and traveled to places I wouldn’t normally see as a high school student. 4-H has been a very great addition to all of the activities I have participated in and I wouldn’t be the same without the amazing experiences 4-H has given me.
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.

All activities are supervised by Upham Woods staff, adult chaperones and 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 Mirror 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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VERNON COUNTY FAIR
JUNIOR DAIRY MANAGERIAL PROJECT AGREEMENT

Forms due at the Extension Office on or before June 1st
Complete information is available on our website
http://vernon.uwex.edu or at the Extension Office.

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. Ownership 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.
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.

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,
Mike Fowell, Erica Hoven & Paul Marshall
Other Volunteers
Implement Dealers:
Horizon Equipment, Westby
Hundt Implement, Cashton
Portland Implement, Cashton
Trophies provided by: Vernon County Rural Insurance

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.
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.
Camp Counselor
Operation Military Kids

Would you or someone you know, make a great enthusiastic counselor? Operation Military Kids Summer Spectacular camp is looking for both female and male counselors for August 17-21. You would be able to work with kids from military families in the beautiful and fun environment at Upham Woods 4-H camp outside Wisconsin Dells. This is a great opportunity for you to get experience for resumes and you will also receive a small stipend. If you are interested visit the fyi.uwex.edu/wiomk website, where you can find and fill out the counselor application materials. If you have any questions please email Jackie Mastny at Jackie.mastny@ces.uwex.edu or Laura Matysik at laura.matysik@ces.uwex.edu.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Announces New Member

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce that Thomas Strutt, Green Bay, Wis., has recently joined the board of directors. Strutt, along with 22 other directors from across the state, is responsible for the fiscal health of the organization which raises funds to support nearly 350,000 4-H youth throughout Wisconsin. “The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has an important role in raising funds to keep 4-H affordable for all Wisconsin youth,” says Valerie Johnson, president of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. “Tom Strutt has strong business skills and an extensive professional network which will help the Foundation in accomplishing this goal.”

Sauk County Poultry Fun Show
May 11, 2013 at 9:00 am
Sauk County Fairgrounds
Baraboo, WI

Classes for all breeds of poultry plus showmanship for all ages!

AWARDS FOR ALL!
Support Poultry in Sauk County!
Auction & Drawings at 11:30am
Contact your local extension office or email kindschi@wicw.net for an entry form.

Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2013.

April 2013

Opportunity for Leaders, Students, Teachers, Parents, Community Members

Month of the Military Child

http://fyi.uwex.edu/wiomk
Animal Health Exhibition Update for 2013
Bernie O’Rourke—Extension Youth Livestock Specialist

**Swine:**
Find below **NEW** information regarding the 2013 swine exhibition year as it relates to Swine Influenza and PRRS (Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome). This is important information as it relates to swine purchases, travel across state lines and health management. The H3N2 swine influenza strain was a concern at some county fairs and state fairs within Wisconsin and other states in 2012. Because of this concern for this year, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) released recommendations for the 2013 exhibition season to reduce the risk of transmitting the influenza virus. (See DATCP Recommendation for 2013 exhibition season). **http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Animals/pdf/2013%20Exhibition%20Rec%20final%20v2.pdf**. Swine exhibitors can utilize a swine influenza vaccine to assist in protecting swine during these coming summer exhibitions. This is not a mandatory request, however it is one of many recommendations from DATCP to reduce risk of transmitting the influenza virus. A webinar was held in February where swine influenza vaccination was discussed. Here are some items to think about when considering a swine influenza vaccine for your project animals: It takes 2 doses. The first dose is at roughly 5 weeks of age. Repeat with the second dose roughly 3 weeks later. The last dose should be a minimum 30 days before exhibition at the fair. If your purchasing project pigs, make sure you ask the producer if a 1st dose was given. After the 2nd dose it takes roughly 2 weeks before it is fully effective. 21 day withdrawal period for most vaccines. Read the label of the product you are using. The vaccine comes in 50 to 250 dose bottles. Your county might be coordinating a vaccination effort due to the size of bottles. Also contact your local veterinarian for the availability of single dose injections. After the 2nd dose the duration of immunity is roughly 6 months. Vaccines for H3N2 are roughly 60% effective. Read the vaccination label that you are using for information, cautions and warnings.

- **NEW** Importing swine into Wisconsin: Statement on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and import permit disclosing the PRRS status of the herd (if known) is now starting March 1, 2013.
- If the status of the herd is unknown, write on the CVI and permit application “PRRS herd status unknown”
If the status of the herd is known, the status can be identified by the categories listed here or by “PRRS Positive” or “PRRS Negative”. PRRS is not a condition that prevents an import, so animals from a PRRS-positive herd or a herd of unknown status are eligible to enter Wisconsin. For the rest of the swine rules go to: **http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Swine/index.aspx**

**Beef:** All exhibition or event cattle (including steers) are required to have one form of official identification.
ID requirements for cattle entering Wisconsin as of March 11, 2013:
- All sexually-intact animals of any age, including calves at side, must have one form of official identification.
- All dairy breed feeder cattle of any age, including steers born after March 11, 2013, must have one form of official identification (see section below). The certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) must include the official individual ID for all intact animals. For steers, either the official individual ID or a statement on the CVI indicating the animals are officially identified is acceptable. All beef breed feeder cattle of any age, excluding steers, must have one form of official identification (the steer exemption does not apply to animals from TB Modified Accredited zones, Modified Accredited Advanced states or zones, or states Wisconsin treats as Modified Accredited Advanced because of current positive tuberculosis cases or investigations - see each state’s specific requirements for details).
- All steers moving for rodeos, recreational events, shows, or exhibitions must have one form of official identification.
- The following are official ID:
  - USDA metal ear tag number that are part of the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as “Brite” tag)
  - USDA "840" button tag number (includes the visual number and/or RFID)
  - 15-digit animal ID number with the first three digits/letters USA, 980, 982 or 985 (accepted as ID through March 11, 2015)
  - A backtag will work as ID for animals going directly to slaughter
Effective March 11, 2013, the following forms of identification will no longer be valid for movement into the state of Wisconsin:
- breed association tattoo number
- breed association registration number
Some of the provisions in the USDA’s traceability regulations do not apply in Wisconsin, such as brands as identification for interstate movement and age exemptions for certain classifications. For the rest of the rules regarding beef movement go to: **http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison/Import_Requirements/index.aspx**

**Sheep and Goats**
**http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Sheep_Goats/index.aspx**
For the rest of the animal health rules for fairs & exhibitions go to: **http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Fairs_Shows/index.aspx**

**Special note:** Animal health guidelines can change at anytime, therefore utilize the DATCP website for updates and changes.
The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program can be found by going to **https://fvi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock**. To receive email updates of information related to beef, sheep, swine and meat goats, on the right side of the page, add your email address and click subscribe. You can also connect with us on Twitter at **https://twitter.com/wiyouthlivstk** or on facebook, **http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Youth-Livestock-Program/308375924101**
Reviewed by Dr. Paul McGraw, DVM, Assistant Veterinarian DATCP and Dr. Warren Wilson, DVM, Swine Technical Services, Merck Animal Health.
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 Wednesday, April 24, 2013. 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 award application can be found online at http://uwsaddlesirloin.com/award-applications-and-documents. For any additional information on the Swine Project Awards, please contact Saddle & Sirloin Swine Project Award Chair Nicole Bangart at (920) 522-2977 or nbangart@wisc.edu.

Buy Wisconsin First” Swine Directory Available

The Wisconsin Pork Association would like to announce that the “2013 Buy Wisconsin First” Directory is now available on-line. This directory features several top quality Wisconsin show pig and seed stock producers from across the state. The directory is posted on the Wisconsin Pork Association website at www.wppa.org. It is a great resource for youth who are involved in 4-H or FFA pig projects who are beginning to look for their project animals.

Featured breeders include:
Roger Baur Family Hogs, Mosinee—Cherney-Nuttleman Show Pig Sale, Bangor
G&G Showpig Sale, Whitehall—Graff’s Show Pigs, Juneau—Tom Knauer Family, Avalon
Krebs Farms, Rio—Krueger Farm, Campbellport—Magolski Farms, New London
Posthuma Show Pigs, Brandon—Schroeder Yorkshires, Sauk City—UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, Platteville
Walsh Farms, Beloit—Wehrle Farms, New London—WinMor Farms, Janesville

For more information, contact Wisconsin Pork Association at 1-800-822-7675 (in-state only) or 608-723-7551.

State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

The State Contest consisted of evaluating classes of hams, beef, pork and lamb carcasses, and 2 retail cut classes. The youth also identified 40 retail cuts of beef, pork or lamb and graded 5 beef carcasses. The team from Grant County took top honors in the senior division of the State 4-H meats Contest held Feb 16 at University of Wisconsin Madison Meat Laboratory. Team members were Lena Frank, Amber Patterson, Cordt Esser and Charlie Connelly. They were coached by Dennis Patterson. These 4-H members will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest to be held this fall in Kansas City.

The second place senior team, which will represent Wisconsin at a contest in Denver, Colorado, was from Columbia Co. Team members included Lea Parker, Becky Starkenburg, Chase Richards, Chance Richards. The team was coached by Todd Taylor. The top ten senior individual’s judges, in order, were: Lena Frank, Grant; Rylee Black, Polk; Cordt Esser, Grant; Ashley Zimmerman, Marathon; Lea Parker, Columbia; Amber Patterson, Grant; Jessica Taylor, Columbia; Becky Starkenburg, Columbia; Chase Richards, Columbia; Charlie Connolly, Grant. The top junior team was from Marathon County. Team members were: Katelyn Zimmerman, Emma Walters, Emilie Pauls and Cortney Zimmerman. The team is coached by Mark Zimmerman. The second place junior team was from Columbia County. Team members were: Emily Taylor, Max Ripp, Zach Mickelson and Justin Taylor. The team is coached by Todd Taylor. The top ten junior individual judges, in order, were: Katelyn Zimmerman, Marathon; Paul Connolly, Grant; Dillin Meier, Grant; Emily Taylor, Columbia; Emma Walters, Marathon; Max Ripp, Columbia; Zach Mickelson,
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THANK YOU—Springbrook Assisted Living, Onalaska, who has generously donated a like new refrigerator to our 4-H Foodstand. Many thanks to Kathy Sagler who coordinated this donation!

April Recipe For Here’s What’s Cookin’
From the Kitchen of Pam Fanta
Rainbow Reachers 4-H Club Leader

**Raspberry Angel Cake**

**Ingredients**
- 3 Cups Boiling Water
- 2 pkg (3 oz each) Raspberry Jello
- 1 pkg (12 oz) Frozen Red Raspberries (not thawed)
- 1 pkg (7.5 oz) Round Angel Food Cake Cut Into 21-24 Thin slices
- 1 Cup Thawed Cool Whip Topping

**Instructions**
Add boiling water to jello in medium bowl. Stir 2 minutes until dissolved. Add raspberries and stir until thawed. Pour into 9” round pan sprayed with cooking spray. Arrange cake slices in concentric circle over gelatin with slices overlapping as necessary to completely cover gelatin. Refrigerate 3 hrs or until firm. Unmold on plate. Top with cool whip.