

Save the Dates!



Considering Volunteering? 4-H Adult Volunteer Orientation- June 8th, 6:30 p.m., for those who have completed pre-registration. For complete information contact the UW- Extension Office 637-5276.



Upham Woods 4-H Summer Camp ! July 20-22, 2017—Youth Grades 3rd—8th Registration Deadline, Monday, June 5th See page 9 of this newsletter !



Chaperones are needed!



4-H Leader Retreat! Thursday, June 22nd - 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. UW-Extension 1st Floor Conference Room Please RSVP on or before Friday, June 16th

Summer Salad Supper: Please bring your favorite salad or dessert. Beverages and table service will be provided. (Don't forget your recipe card!) Topics: Fair Entries Update—Bring your Ipad/laptops etc.



Davis Diggers—Genesee Goltz

April—Club met on April 2, 2017. We had a short meeting and afterwards Dan Goltz gave a talk on Bald Eagles. In the meeting we discussed Arts Fest that was held in the Westby High School last month. We also discussed our upcoming brat sales. We will have a sale on April 8th at the Nelson Agri Center from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m, and another one on August 18th at the Nelson Agri Center from 10:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be on May 7th at 1:00 p.m and we will be bowling at the Nordic Lanes bowling alley.

Mapledale Motivators/ Rt 56—Ricky Wagner

March 12, 2017: Meeting was called to order. Pledge and creeds were said. Role call was taken. Everyone had to answer the question: what are you looking forward to do in spring? Secretary's report was read. Kate Quackenbush motioned to accept it and Regan Cary seconded it. Motion was passed unanimously. Treasurer's report was read. Tyler Quackenbush motioned to accept it and Regan Cary seconded it. Motion was passed unanimously. <u>Old Business:</u> Josh, Carson, and Allison did a great job at the 4-H Arts Fest. Josh will be taking his Sofa Table to the State Fair. Cheryl turned in receipts for leather crafting (\$49) and Jeopardy prize (\$78). Michal Wagner motioned to reimburse Cheryl for these expenses and Charlie LaMere seconded it. <u>New Business:</u> Raffle tickets should be here by May Meeting, as one of only two county 4-H fundraisers, we need to work hard to make a good profit. Discussion was had about the Weekend for the Railway Trip. It will probably be April 23 or the beginning of May. Fair Project enrollment Deadline is June 1. Please confirm desired projects are enrolled on-line. Next meeting will be April 9, 2017 at 1pm at VMH community rooms. Michal Wagner motioned to adjourn meeting. Tyler Quackenbush seconded it. Motion was passed unanimously. Potluck and a rousing game of 4-H Jeopardy was enjoyed by the club.

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Nerison 4-H— Payton Sawyer

March—Michaela Palm called the March 27th Meeting to order. Roll call taken and pledges were said. Payton Sawyer gave the secretaries Report. Motion made to approve the report was made by Agnes Falter, seconded by Bridget Palm. The treasures report was approximately \$875.00 dollars including the money made from Arts Fest. Motion made by John Falter to approve, seconded by Jenna Jolin. Motion passed. Participation in the Syttende Mai Parade was considered. Claire Hawthorne made motion to table it to April meeting, seconded by Mark Leis. Motion passed. Additional information given on the Dairy Breakfast. There will be two shifts, that still need help. Arts Fest participation & awards discussed along with proceeds generated of about \$270 working the concessions. New business discussed included club t-shirts. John Falter made a motion to have the club pay for all of the shirts, seconded by Jenna Jolin. Motion passed. Project Activity disc were handed out. Conversations had over the Parent Federation Meeting. Option of having the vice president go to event or the option of taking turns. Mrs. Bekkum has offered to attend the next meeting. Hoards Dairyman contest was talked over to see if anyone wanted to participate. No decision made. Next meeting will be Monday April 24, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., Coon Valley Village Hall. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bridget Palm, seconded by Jordan Sawyer. Motion Passed.

Rainbow Reachers—Abi Wileman

April—The Rainbow Reachers 4H Club had a meeting on April 2, 2017 at Franklin Town Hall. Addie Hillestad called the meeting into order at 6:00 pm. Jared Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance. Abi Wileman led the 4H Pledge. Tommy Jones did Roll Call and the Secretary's Report. We discussed buying new t-shirts for the club. Tommy Jones made a motion to have the 4H Club buy all of the t-shirts rather than have members buy shirts individually. Christine Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed. We also discussed having a fundraiser to pay for the shirts. Jared Jones made a motion to have a brat sale as the fundraiser. Tyler Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was passed. We decided that it would work out best to have the brat sale at Walmart in early August. We also decided who would bring what for the brat sale. We decided that the next 4H meeting will be on May 7. Christine Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Asher Fortney seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Springville Superstars - Erin Torgerson

April - Meeting was called to order by President Joe at 7:02 pm, held at Cornerstone Christian Academy. The 4H members then did the icebreakers for the evening with Erin Torgerson in charge of activity. Secretaries report was then given by Erin Torgerson, approved by Gabby and seconded by Anna Solverson. Treasures report was given by Trista Rumppe with \$361.49 in our account. Motion was made by Ben Roethel to approve and Elaine Nemes to second. Club Leader report was given by Angie Roethel, with an update on the Ceramics workshop date of Sunday June 4th and more info to follow. 4H camp for grades 3-8 will be in July—4H stem camp is for grades 6-8. The county 4H trip will be to the Eagles center this year.—Beef weigh ins are held the weekend of April 8th—Tractor Safety class is coming up as well. The group would like to thank everyone for bringing food for the food pantry donation and also thank the Peterson family for delivering the items for our group. Next we would like to announce that our Brat Sale will be held at Nelson Agri-Center on Saturday April 15th beginning at 9am. If you are not able to attend/participate you are asked to donate \$20.00 to the club, as this is our main fundraiser for the year. The Club would like to thank Vernon Square Cinema for a having our group for Movie in March in which 28 members attended. Our April meeting speakers were Heath and Tammy Gilkes who spoke and showed a video on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Thank you so much for your time and information and items you had for display. New Business: Cornerstone Chili Supper will be held April 21, 2017 from 4-9pm please try to attend and support them as they let us use the building for our meetings, we owe them a big thank you in return. Our guest speaker for the Month of May will be Sue Campbell, speaking on the topic of biology. The Campbell/Rumppe families are in charge of set up and clean up. The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Gabe Engh and seconded by Casey Kowalczyk at 7:54 pm.

4H Calendar			June 2017			4H Calendar
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Anoneh			l Horse & Pony Project Contracts & all other 4-H Project Enroll/ Changes	2	3 Dairy Breakfast Sree Fishing Weekend
4 Free Fishing Weekend	5 DEADLINE Upham Camp Registration	6	7 State Fair Entry	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 H&P Project Clinic
18 L/P Federation Mtg.	19 Tractor Safety	20	21	22 Leader Retreat!	23 AASD Southern District—Dodge County County Camp Counselor	24 H&P Project Trail Class Clinic Training
25	26 State 4-H Youth Conference, Madison	27 4-H & Youth	28 NSIN CONFERENCE	29	30 Raise Your Hand Alumni Activation -	

NISC®NSIN STATE FAIR AUGUST 3-13 🛠 US Cellular

Junior exhibitors will submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair either online or via the mail. Questions regarding entering the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair can be emailed to: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7000.

Complete entry and housing information can be found on the state fair website: http://wistatefair.com/competitions/



Junior Beef (August 7 – 10, 2017) 2017 Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID Animal Identification

Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID Commercial Heifer/Non-Registered Junior Show Beef Breeding Stock identification deadline (postmark):

Beef: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 *Entry Deadlines:* **June 7, 2017**: Postmark for mailed entries **June 7, 2017 – 7 pm** (Central Time): Online entries close at regular fees **June 14, 2017 – 7 pm** (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



Junior Dairy (August 2 – 6, 2017)

Entry Deadlines:

June 7, 2017: Postmark for mailed entries

June 7, 2017 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries close at regular fees June 14, 2017 – 7 pm (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



Junior Goats (August 2 – 6, 2017)

Entry Deadlines: **June 7, 2017**: Postmark for mailed entries

June 7, 2017 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries close at regular fees **June 14, 2017 – 7 pm** (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



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Junior Swine (August 7 – 10, 2017)

2017 Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID Animal Identification

Youth interested in showing Junior Market Swine OR Junior Show Crossbred Gilts/Non-Registered Swine Breeding stock animals at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair will need to have

their animal projects DNA/RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) by the respective Wisconsin State Fair eligibility deadlines. Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID **Junior Show Market Animal identification deadline (postmark):** Swine: Mon. – May 8, 2017. Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID **Junior Show Crossbred Gilts/Non-Registered Junior Swine Breeding Stock identification deadline (postmark):** Swine: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 *Entry Deadlines:*

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Vernon County Horse Project Spring Fun Show Vernon County Fairgrounds Viroqua, WI May 20, 2017 – Show Starts 10:00 am Sharp! Pre -Registration Deadline, May 17th! Return registration form(s) and entry payment to Vernon County UW-Extension Office \$2.00/class or \$15.00 All Day or \$20.00 All Day Family						
Exhibitor Name:		ldress:				
Phone: Email:		Grade: Jan.1, 201	.7	Coggins Copy		
Please circle the classes that you are entering. *Pony height under 56"–If entered in walk/trot, may not enter canter classes!						
1. Open Pony @ Halter		23. Horseless Horse Ple	easure	Grades 3-8		
2. Open Horse @ Halter		24. Horseless Horse Ple	easure	Grades 9-13		
3. Pony Western/Hunt Showmanship	Grades 3-8	25. Pony Western Plea	sure	Grades 3-8		
4. Pony Western/Hunt Showmanship	Grades 9-13	26. Pony Western Plea	sure	Grades 9-13		
5. Horse Western/Hunt Showmanship	Grades 3-8	27. Pony Stock Seat Ec	quitation	Grades 3-8		
6. Horse Western/Hunt Showmanship	Grades 9-13	28. Pony Stock Seat Ec	quitation	Grades 9-13		
7. Horseless Horse Showmanship	Grades 3-8	29. Horse Stock Seat E	quitation	Grades 3-8		
8. Horseless Horse Showmanship	Grades 9-13	30. Horse Stock Seat	Equitation	Grades 9-13		
9. Open Bareback (walk/trot)		31. Horse Western Plea	asure	Grades 3-8		
10.Open Bareback Pleasure***		32. Horse Western Plea	Grades 9-13			
11.Horseless Horse Walk/Trot (Hunt/We	stern) Grades 3-8	33. Open Western Riding				
12.Horseless Horse Walk/Trot (Hunt/We	34. Open Trail Class 35. Open Egg & Spoon					
13. Hunt/Western Walk/Trot Beginner *						
14. Hunt Walk/Trot Beginner**	36. Poles	la l				
15. Pony Hunt Pleasure	Grades 3-8	37. Keyhole Race				
16. Pony Hunt Pleasure	Grades 9-13	38. Ribbon Race		m having a great		
17. Pony Hunt Equitation	Grades 3-8	39. Barrel Race	1	time! Me too!!!		
18. Pony Hunt Equitation	Grades 9-13	40. Double Bowtie	For more	information or if		
19. Horse Hunt Equitation	Grades 3-8	41. Jumping Figure 8		questions, contact:		
20. Horse Hunt Equitation	Grades 9-13	42. Sack Race	Sally Bro UW-Exte	se 606-4756 nsion Ofc 637-5276		
21. Horse Hunt Pleasure	Grades 3-8	43. Plug Race				
Reminder! Individual entry form ne	eded for <u>each exh</u>	<u>ibitor</u> . You may issue (1) p	payment fo	or multiple entries.		
Total Due: \$2.00 Xclasses = Check # Check Tot	\$15.0 al \$	00 all day single:	\$20.00 all	day family:		
I, Vernon County 4-H Spring Fun Show a described activities may be hazardous a and do not hold the Vernon County Hors 4-H Members Signature: Parent Signature	s a Vernon County and agree to assume se & Pony project no	Horse & Pony project membe any and all risks of bodily inju- or the Three Witches Farm res Date:	r and am a ury, death c	ware that the above or property damage		

Exhibitor #:_____ (Issued day of show)

Dairy Project News



<u>4-H Dairy Judging Season Soon Here, Are You a 4-H Member?</u>

Vernon County 4-H youth who would like to participate in the Vernon County 4-H Dairy Judging Program get ready to go! We will start practices in May preparing for the AASD-Area Animal Science Days competition in June. **Remember you must be enrolled as a 4-H member prior to**

June 1st in order to be on the dairy judging team. Don't miss this outstanding opportunity! Stay tuned to your email and the Dairy Youth Facebook Page for more details in mid-April. Keep your Wednesday night's open--as of now that looks to be the best night for participation. If you have any questions, feedback or know of other coaches who would like to help out, please contact Julie Larson, 608.778.2459 or julie.larson@merial.com.

Dog Project

2017 Dog Obedience Classes

Registration night will be Monday, May 22^{nd} at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in the Hanson Arena from 5:30 – 6:15pm <u>without</u> dogs. First class will be Monday, June 5th <u>with dogs</u> starting at 6:00pm. Agility practice will start in mid-July.

A pre-registration form is required! Forms are available at the Extension Office and on the website: <u>vernon.uwex.edu</u>. Please bring the <u>completed</u> form with you to the Monday, May 22nd meeting. Cost for this program will be \$15 for 4-H member with a maximum cost of \$25 per 4-H family and \$25 for each non 4-Hmember. If you have questions contact Jenni Miller:634-7608, 625-6224, or 606-9600.

State 4-H Dog Show

The Monroe County 4-H Dog Project will be hosting the State 4-H Dog Show this summer. It will be held August 18-20 in Tomah at the Tomah Recreational Park. Entries will be due on July 1st. The show booklet and complete details will be posted on the 4-H Website when they become available.

Horse & Pony Project News



Next project meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7th, at 1:00 p.m., Vernon County Fairgrounds. We will be putting up the arena for the summer as part of our meeting that day. All project members and parents help is needed and appreciated!

2017 Schedule of project events:

May 6th All about the horse with Pat Stevens. Theisen's parking lot, Sparta. 10:00 am– 2:00 pm May 7th Horse & Pony Project Meeting, Vernon Co. Fairgrounds May 20th Spring Fuzzy Fun Show, Location Vernon Co. Fairgrounds (Pre-Registration required. See pg 6) June 17th Day Clinic @ Fairgrounds (Pre-Registration required) June 24th Pat Stevenson Trail Clinic @ Fairgrounds (Pre-Registration required) *June 30th–July 2nd WI 4-H Horse Assoc. State Over Fences, Dressage Clinic & Show (Pre-Reg. required) July 8th State Qualifying Show @ Fairgrounds July 29th Pat Stevenson Trail/Showmanship Clinic (Pre-Registration required) August 5th Rockton Trail Ride (Pre-Registration required) *September 9th & 10th 30th Annual WI State 4-H Gymkhana (Pre-Registration required) September 12th-17th Vernon County Fair *September 14th-17th 52nd Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo (Pre-Registration required) (*State events)

Sally Brose, Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Leader





Shooting Sports News



<u>Required Annual Orientation:</u> Sunday, June 18th, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Badgerland Pheasant Farm. This meeting is required for all **NEW** shooting sports project 4-H members. Experienced 4-H shooting sports project members and parents are also welcome to attend. 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 *<u>Wednesday</u>, June 7th*. 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

Event Dates: Noon: Sun., July 23rd —21st Annual 4-H Shoot Noon: Sun., Aug. 20th—Vernon County Fair Premium Shoot

Practice Shoot: 6:00pm: August 13th

Please Note: All practices, 4-H competitions & the Vernon County Fair Premium Shoot will be held at the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Crossbows will not be allowed at practice shoots or competitions. Vernon County 4-H members that participate at the practice shoots, annual competition and premium shoot, can put their name in drawing for a gift certificate toward the purchase of a .22, or a bow.



July 20-22, 2017

Camp Upham Woods

Youth Grades 3-8

- Go swimming and play water games in the Wisconsin River with an Upham Woods lifeguard.
- Explore the water and woods through fun nature activities.
- Songs, stories, skits and s'mores around the glowing campfire!
- You will sleep in a cabin with new friends your age and awesome youth camp counselors.
- Black Hawk Island—hang out on the island and see caves and rock formations.
- Peanut Butter Mountain
- Circle dancing!
- Make new friends from 3 counties!



Chaperones Essential! We Need:

- Camp Nurse
- Craft Leader
- Dining Hall Leader
- Archery Leader
- Photographer

CAMP COSTS INCLUDE:

- Transportation from Vernon County to camp and back.
- ◊ Lodging at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.
- **o** Camp t-shirt and name button.
- ♦ All food and snacks.
- Activity Supplies and equipment.
- Cost: \$70.00 for Vernon County 4-H members, \$140.00 for non-members.

4-H Car	np Registration Form:
	Monday, June 5th!
Name	Grade Gender
Email	Address
Phone	City, State, Zip
4-H Club Member (Circle One) YES NO	T-shirt Size: (Youth) S M L XL (Adult) S M L XL
Parent/Guardian Contact during Camp: Name	Phone:
List any special dietary needs	
☐ Yes, I'm interested in being an adult volunteer NameAddre	
If necessary, please indicate below what accommodati	on (s) your child would need, and for which activities:
Parent Signature Send registration form by <i>MONDAY, JUNE 5T</i> Vernon County UW-Extension Office, 318 Fair Make check payable to: Vernon County 4-H (\$*	lane Dr., Suite 392, Viroqua WI 54665

Refunds are at the discretion of the 4-H Leader/Parent Federation.

An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please make request for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.





We are delighted you are interested in volunteering at 4-H camp! Please complete and return this form and we will follow up with you.

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Email:			Adult T-Shirt Size:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	County	·
Please indicate ye	s or no:		
Are you an er	rolled 4-H volunteer?	_CPR Certified?	lifeguard?
Archery leader?	EMT/LPN/RN?_		
Describe past camp	and/or chaperoning expe	riences	
What interests you	about chaperoning? What	are your expectations	?
What contributions	will you bring to 4-H camp	?	
Adult volunteers are	essential to a successful cam	p! Please note areas yo	ou would like to help:
Please place a check	mark by any position(s) you a	are willing and able to se	erve at camp:
as needed du Craft Coordin Photographer Dining Hall Co and clean-up	uring the day. ator: Assists in the developm : Take quality picture during pordinator: Is in charge of me	ent and supervision of c camp. Organizes camp eal procedure during car	
Please send you	ir completed application to Co	olleen Pulvermacher, U\	N-Extension, 318 Fairlane Drive

Suite 392, Viroqua, WI 54665.

Applications Due June 30, 2017

Considerations for Camp Chaperones

*<u>Time commitment:</u> There is a camp counselor-chaperone teleconference (about ½ hour) a week prior to camp. You will be sent connection information. Camp itself is July 20-22, 2017.

*<u>Transportation</u> is provided to and from camp

*Your cost of camp is covered by the leader's associations of our tri-county camp

*Your role is to support the efforts of camp counselors, who are trained for their duties

*<u>Housing:</u> While camp chaperones stay in the cabins, they do have down time each day of camp *Meals are provided – coffee included!

*<u>Activities:</u> We anticipate you'll want to engage in most camp activities (except the nurse, who needs to stay at base camp).

*You will serve as a role model, for both counselors and campers

*<u>Fun</u> is included!

Expectation Agreement for Crawford, Richland & Vernon County Camp Chaperones

If selected as an Adult Camp Staff I understand and agree that:

I understand that my role at camp is to provide a positive, nurturing, fun environment for campers and counselors.

- I will present a positive role model to campers and counselors at camp
- I will treat other staff, counselors and campers with dignity and respect.
- I will not allow or participate in any kinds of initiation activities (skits, pranks, jokes) during camp that participants have not agreed to in advance.
- I will attend all meals, campfires and evening programs unless assigned other duties by the Camp Directors.
- I understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs is cause for instant dismissal.
- I understand that verbal, sexual or physical abuse towards other people; including staff, counselors or campers is cause for instant dismissal.
- I will only use my cell phones for personal use when away from campers and counselors.
- I will remain at Upham Woods during camp sessions, unless approved by Camp Director.
- I understand that decisions made affecting campers or counselors should also be made after talking with a Camp Director.
- I will follow all rules and regulations set forth by Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center.

I understand that if I break any of the expectations listed above that my actions could result in:

- \checkmark My early departure from camp.
- ✓ Removal as a leader in the Wisconsin 4-H program.
- ✓ Additional county action including inability to participate in some or all county activities.

Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification



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

Please bring a sack lunch.

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

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/ AffirmativeAction 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.

CERTIFICATION COURSE June 19th, 20th & 21st 2017 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) **Vernon County Fairgrounds** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Name Address City Zip **Parent's Name Phone Number Birth Date** Age at Time of Course **School Name Grade Completed** Male Female 4-H Club or FFA Chapter (Circle One) (If applicable) **Circle Below** Youth lives in or on: Town (10-15K) Farm Rural **Ethnicity:** White Black American Native Other:

TRACTOR AND MACHINERY

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 <u>Monday, June 5th</u> (First come-first served with preference to Vernon Co Youth)

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 Mollie Collins Crawford Co Vocational

Agriculture Instructor: Kally Bockenhauer

Implement Dealers: Horizon Equipment, Hundt Implement

Portland Implement

Other Volunteers:

Viroqua Police Department,

Viroqua Fire

Department, Tri-State Ambulance

Trophies provided by:

Vernon County

Rural Insurance

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 selfpropelled 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.

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 n 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.

2017 4-H High School Seniors in the Spotlight









Claire Hawthorne

Roxanna Haakenson- Retreat Ramblers

High School: De Soto—Graduation Date: May 26, 2017 - Years in 4-H: 11

Parent (s): Mark & Sheryl—Plans after graduation: Attend UW-La Crosse Some projects I have enjoyed were making bread, planting pots of flowers, raising and teaching a steer to lead. Memorable club activities I have participated in were the Vernon County Fair and road side cleanup where we make our local roadside better. Along with 4-H, I have been active in school softball and volleyball, and in my community by helping the local Lions club in De Soto and our local church with fundraisers. My advice to others in staying active in 4-H until graduation is to keep striving to create change to make your community better and to better yourself.

Aimee Harnish– Lucky Clovers

High School: Homeschool Years in 4-H: 13

Parent (s): John & Mary Jane—Plans after graduation: I plan to take a gap year and after that I hope to go into Nursing!

Projects I have really enjoyed that have taught me life skills are: Woodworking, Vegetables, Flowers, Chicken, Swine and Beef projects! In the past five years, I have played the roles of: Club Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Vice President and President! Memorable club activities for me have been: A play we performed at the state fair, hosting a Halloween dance, the dairy breakfast, farm tours, veterinary science, ski trips, canoe trips, roller skating etc. Activities I have been active in besides 4-H are: Sports, Gymnastics and Volleyball. I took hunter safety class, and a baby sitter safety class. I have been involved in church youth group activities and trips. Bible quizzing in Middle School, Health class and health fair. Recently I got my CNA! I highly advise being active in 4-H as long as you can! 4-H teaches you many skills that you will find yourself applying in your future. 4-H taught me about being a leader, using teamwork, (with all ages) raising animals, farming, gardening, and most of all motivating myself and others!

Claire Hawthorne—Nerison

High School: Westby High School Graduation Date: May 26, 2017 Years in 4-H: 9 Parent (s): Jim & Kim—Plans after graduation: Attend Iowa State University/Agriculture Education The past nine years in 4-H have been a life changing experience. In those years, I have held many offices in the Nerison 4-H Club, most recently the position of Secretary. 4-H has pushed me to grow as a person and become more involved with agriculture. My dad bought our first Angus cow when I was four. I started showing my bred and owned cattle at the age of six in open shows and in junior shows at the age of nine through 4-H. Showing across the state of Wisconsin and at the Wisconsin State Fair has been my favorite part of my beef project. Other activities through 4-H have been memorable also. Each year my club makes Christmas Stockings to donate to Bethel Butikk during the holidays and plants flowers in the Coon Valley park. These have been some of my favorite club activities because I am able to spend time with other members. I am also the President of the Westby FFA Chapter, as well as the President of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association. During High School I have been a part of the Track and Field team and the Powerlifting team. Being a part of these organizations has had a huge impact on my future plans, and I will continue to be a part of agriculture in my future.



Sam Krause—Mississippi Steamers

High School: Westby—Graduation Date: May 27, 2017 - Years in 4-H: 11

Parent (s): Ann & David—Plans after graduation: Ag Power at Southwest Technical College 4-H has given me opportunities that I may never have had the chance to participate in if I was not a member. Attending 4-H Camp at Upham Woods, Space Camp, 4-H Congress in Madison and state and local activities. Working with the dairy project was the activity that brought me the most enjoyment. Kept me busy throughout the year as well! Our dairy judging coach is a great leader, our team has done very well and we enjoy working together. The local farmers allow us to visit their farms so we can train each year. This opportunity allowed us to not only learn about dairy judging, we learn about the farms, and how they are caring for their animals. I have also enjoyed showing and raising animals. I have been going to the Vernon County Fair working with my older brothers showing cattle since I was very young. It was always my goal to own a registered dairy animal, so I could participate at State Fair. Registered Animals are the only ones you can show at State Fair. I started out in the Managerial Program through 4-H, which enabled me to show my first calf at State Fair in 2014. In 2015 I purchased my own calf with funds I raised through the dairy ribbon sales. I was able to show my Ayrshire calf for two years at the Wisconsin State Fair, along with showing her at the Sate show for Ayrshire and Guernsey's. Brent Clements was a 4-H member several years ago in Vernon County and he was able to give back to Vernon County in 2015 and 1016. Vernon County youth were given the opportunity to write essays about their dairy experiences and why they would appreciate a registered Guernsey calf. I happened to have been one of those recipients. I have shown my Guernsey calf at several local fairs along with parish show, state show and state fair. I hope to have the opportunity to give back to Vernon County 4-H once I have graduated from college and I am established back in Vernon County in a few years.

Trent Mowery—Springville Super Stars

High School: Westby-Graduation Date: May 27, 2017 - Years in 4-H: 10

Parent (s): Steve & Dawn Rumppe and Mike & Amy Mowery—Plans after graduation: Attend Southwest Technical College for Ag Power

Throughout the years I have really enjoyed showing my dairy cows. I have always been there to make sure our part of the barn stays clean. I have taught the younger kids how to get better when showing. I am also a member of the Westby FFA, where I have participated in dairy judging and dairy products judging. I will always remember showing cows with some great people. My advice would be to be a good team leader so that the younger kids look up to you.

Crystal Noble—Davis Diggers and Kickapoo Rustlers

High School: Viroqua—Graduation Date: May 27, 2017 - Years in 4-H: 5

Parents (s): Jean & Richard—Plans after graduation: Attend UW Platteville for Criminal Justice w/minor in Coaching

Hi, I'm Crystal Noble. I have been President of the Davis Diggers 4-H for the past two years. Some projects I have done are arts & crafts, sewing, rabbits, photography, plants & soil, cooking and dairy. The one I like the most is dairy. I love showing Jersey's. I've shown Jersey's at the County Fair, Jersey Spring Spectacular and the Parrish 4 Show. Showing Cattle has taught me a lot about the cows themselves as well as patience, time management and how to socialize. I am a three sport athlete in school, I babysit, love camping and fishing. I am also a part of my church youth group. 4-H has been a wonderful experience. It has taught me dhow to do many things and broaden my knowledge on so many things. Plus, you get to do many activists like bowling, skating and caroling. You get to make new friends. I would recommend joining a 4-H, it is worth your time!

Vernon County Dairy Breakfast Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

Join us for the 37th Annual Vernon County Dairy Breakfast, to be held at Hamburg Hills Farms, E2560 Hamburg Ridge Rd., Stoddard.



Breakfast will be served from 7am-11am and will consist of: pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, juice, ice cream & cheese. Cost: Adult \$6 Children \$2 (under 10)

Vernon County Dairy Princess Contest



The Vernon County Dairy Promotion Committee is again sponsoring the Dairy Princess contest. The applicants must be 15 years old as of January 1, 2017. They must be a resident of Vernon County and able to travel in Vernon County throughout the year. The Vernon County Dairy Princess represents the dairy industry in the county

at events throughout the year. Major activities will include dairy product promotion, breed twilight meetings, banquets and shows and speaking at club and civic group meetings. The Dairy Princess will receive a \$100 savings bond and the Dairy Attendant, a \$50 savings bond. Entry blanks and contest information are available at the University Extension Office. *Entry deadline is Wednesday, May 24th. Contest will take place on Wednesday, May 31st.* The coronation will take place at the Dairy Breakfast on the Farm on Saturday, June 3rd.

Monday	June 5	Tractor Safety - Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Monday	June 5	4-H Summer Camp—Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Saturday & Sunday	June 3-4	DNR Free Fishing Weekend!		
Thursday	June 1	Horse & Pony Project Contract Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Thursday	June 1	4-H Project and Enrollment Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Wednesday	May 31	Dairy Princess Contest	4:00 p.m.	UW-Extension, Erlandson Building
Wednesday	May 24	Dairy Princess Contest Entry Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension
Wednesday	May 24	State Fair Dairy Meeting	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension, 1st Floor Conference Rm
Monday	May 22	Vernon County 4-H Dog Obedience Classes Registration	5:30—6: 15 p.m.	Vernon County Fairgrounds
Sunday	May 21	Leader/Parent Federation Mtg	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension, 1st Floor Conference rm.
Saturday	May 20	Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Fun Show	10:00 a.m.	Vernon County Fairgrounds
Friday & Saturday	May 19- 20	Vernon County Fair Sheep/Swine Weigh-in	4-8pm Fri. & 8am- noon Sat.	Vernon County Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena
Wednesday	May 17	Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Fun Show—Pre registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Monday	May 8	State Fair Sheep/Swine DNA/RFID Deadline		
Sunday	May 7	Horse & Pony Project Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Vernon County Fairgrounds
Saturday	May 6	All About the Horse - Pat Stevens	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Theisen's parking lot, Sparta

Grilled Cheese and Fruit Sandwich





Fruit and raisins add sweetness and texture to this dish.

- 8 slices cinnamon raisin or whole wheat bread
- 2 tablespoons soft margarine spread*
- 4 slices American cheese
- 2 small apples or pears (thinly sliced)

Spread one side of each bread slice lightly with margarine. Place four slices of bread on a griddle or skillet (margarine side down). Top each with one cheese slice. Arrange fruit slices over the cheese. Top with remaining bread slices (margarine side up). Place griddle or skillet over medium heat. Cook 2–3 minutes. Turn and cook 2–3 minutes more or until bread is golden and cheese is melted.

*Low-fat margarine or butter with no trans fat



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