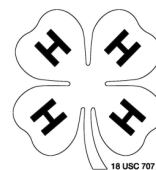


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4-H Focuses on.....

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

Life Skills



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CRAWFORD, RICHLAND and VERNON COUNTIES

Upham Woods 4-H Camp — July 30– August 1, 2019

Registration on pages 14 & 15 of this newsletter!

Small Animal Committee News:

We had our first meeting on Saturday, March 16th at the Erlandson Building, and had over 20 people in attendance. We decided to set our meeting times on the 3rd Sundays of the month, at 6:00 p.m., when we need to meet all together as a group. Project members will be informed via email when we do need to meet all together. We talked about attending the auction in Black River Falls, but it has been cancelled. The sheep project members got together and gave an overall synopsis of the timeline of getting sheep ready to show and how the fair works. The poultry project checked egg fertility and learned about hatching. Rabbit members learned about breeding and that now is the time to start breeding for babies to show at the fair. We have no set large group meetings scheduled for April and May, however, individual projects are working on putting together some educational opportunities and information for those will be emailed ONLY to families that have the projects selected in 4HOnline. If you'd like to be a part of the Small Animal Committee, which hosts the sheep, goat, poultry, and rabbit projects, all you need to do is add the project in 4HOnline. You'll start getting emails that will invite you to various events, meetings, or educational meetings.

Emery's Updates

Happy Spring, finally! I've been outside getting our farmette ready for the bounty of summer! Hopefully you have been out and doing the same. Among feeding chicks and picking through seed catalogs, I've been preparing a fun-filled summer for our 4-H youth. Plans are in the wind for Super Saturday, camp, and hopefully a summer field trip. I'd like to take a few moments to deeply encourage you to go back online and revisit what projects you/your children have signed up for this year. Scroll through the list and select anything that you may have an interest in. Selecting a project doesn't lock you into any commitment, but it does allow you access to any emails being sent out by leaders of those projects. Those emails are your connection into the project. Being enrolled in a project also means that you can show in that area at the fair or at Arts Fest. In addition to all of the fun and exciting adventures taking place this summer, our Parent Leader Federation will be hard at work reviewing our county's 4-H policies and procedures. We will be updating many things and reviewing traditions. If you would like to be involved in this process, we highly encourage you to attend our meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Wishing you all an excellent spring!

Emery



June 1st is the deadline for 4-H Enrollment and project additions or changes. You must be active in a project in order to participate in that project at our Vernon County Fair. Junior Fair entries are to be printed and a copy provided to your 4-H Club Leader.

If you participated in Arts Fest and/or plan on participating in the Premium Shoot on Sunday August 25th, make sure to include your classes on your fair entry!

This year the fair entry deadline is Wednesday, August 7th, 2019. No late entries will be accepted. On-line entry information can be found at www.vernoncountyfair.com

**Nerison 4-H Club Enjoys
4-H Chemistry Kit!
Nerison—Payton Sawyer**



having one. Tractor safety sign- and times were said. 4-H camp anyone interested. Small animal March 17th. Federation meeting be Monday, March 25th, 2019 at are the Christianson family. adjourn the meeting. Jordan showed Arts Fest projects.

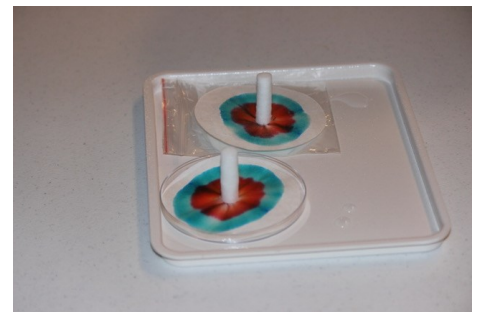
March—Agnes Falter called the Jen did roll call. Jenna Jolin gave secretaries report. Natalie Jolin made a motion to approve the report seconded by Jordan Sawyer. Jen Lucas gave the treasures report. Motion was made by Michaela Palm, seconded by Luke Jolin. Everyone who participated in Arts Fest shared their results. Jen gave us an update on the parent federation meeting. We were informed on the new Driftless Lego Club that also includes stem starting in Viroqua. First meeting is April 4th at 6pm at the McIntosh Library. The May meeting falls on Memorial day again so Joel Lucas made a motion to move it a week ahead. Next meeting is Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Servers will be the Sawyer family. Joel Lucas made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Luke Jolin.



February—Emma Leis called the February meeting to order. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. Secretaries report was said by Payton Sawyer. John Falter raised his hand and made a motion to approve the report. Bridget Palm seconded. Motion passed. Treasures report was given by Emma Leis. The total was \$791.65. Mark Leis made a motion to approve, and Joel Lucas seconded. We received an update on the sewing project, and discussed door monitors for Arts Fest. More activity disc were passed out. Cindy Daniels sent us newsletters and they were handed out to anyone who was interested in

up was brought to our attention. Dates counselor applications were shown for committee was explained. It was held was mentioned. Next club meeting will the Coon Valley Village Hall. Servers Michaela Palm made a motion to Sawyer seconded. After the meeting we

meeting to order. Pledges were said and the



Springville Super Stars—Eli Jepsen



Harper Solverson talked about arts fest and what she presented and how she was judged. The club will have a brat sale at Nelson Agri-Center on April 6th. Anna Solverson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ryan Kowalczyk. The Westby's robotics team Thorbots, led by coach Ed Pedretti, brought their robot to show kids what they did and what robotics teams do.

March—The Springville Superstars March 4th meeting was called to order at 7 PM. The Solversons led the pledges. We had two new members, Jacob Michaels and Maddie Michaels. Reporter Elijah Jepsen led icebreakers playing a game of human knot. Treasurer Lydia Olson gave the treasurer's report. It was moved by Ben Roethel and seconded by Harper Solverson. Secretary Bailey Olson gave the Secretary's report. It was moved by Cody Campbell and seconded by Gabby Olson. Club member





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					H & P Project Contracts / Project Enrollment & Changes	1 Super Saturday Reg Deadlines! Dairy Judging
2	3 1st Night of Dog Obedience With Dogs	4	5 Dairy Judging Tractor Safety & Upham Camp Reg. Deadline!	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Dairy Judging	13	14	15 Dairy Breakfast!
16	17 Tractor Safety	18	19 Dairy Judging 	20	21	22
23 Practice Shoot 	24	25	26	27	28 AASD Grant County	29
30 Cashton Show						



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 4-H Day Trip (More information coming)
21 Invitational shoot	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Camp Upham Woods	31	August 1		



**ANNOUNCING THE 2019
VERNON COUNTY DAIRY
BREAKFAST- JUNE 15, 2019**

*Host Family--Dale, Brenda, Erin,
Katy, and Myle Torgerson Farm*



E8003 Upper Maple Dale Rd., Viroqua



*Missed the 4-H Grilled
Cheese Contest at
the 2018 Dairy
Breakfast?*

*Plans are in the making
for a rematch!*

Yum & Fun!





Join Us for a Great Day of Fun and Learning
About Your Project or Areas of Interest!
June 8th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Vernon County Fairgrounds

June 1 is the deadline for registering for projects that can be entered into the county fair in September. Please take the time to check as many projects as possible on your 4HOnline accounts, whether you plan on entering a project or not. It does not lock you into a commitment. After you have added all the possible projects that you think you are interested in, plan to attend our Super Saturday where you can explore and learn! Parents are deeply encouraged to attend with their youth. The cost is \$5 per person, with a family maximum of \$20. This will help cover food costs. If you cannot afford the costs, please let us know by checking the box below. Attendance in each workshop is limited please RANK your choices, with 1 being your first choice and 4 being your last choice. You'll be given your customized schedule when you arrive.

9:00: Welcome, Nametags, Schedules (VMH Building)

9:15-10:15: SESSION 1

- ☐ Getting Your Dog Ready to Show: Grooming Tips
- ☐ Knitting and Crocheting
- ☐ Getting Fruits and Veggies Ready for Fair
- ☐ Beef Cattle Showing 101
- ☐ Cloverbud Session 1: Rabbits 101

10:30-11:30: SESSION 2

- ☐ Horse Tack Cleaning Tips and Tricks
- ☐ Swine Feeding and Nutrition
- ☐ Beef Feeding and Nutrition
- ☐ Jams and Jellies
- ☐ Cloverbud Session 2: Trees and Bugs Scavenger Hunt

11:30-12:15: LUNCH

12:30-1:30: SESSION 3

- ☐ Selecting Show Chickens
- ☐ Designing Your Fair Posters
- ☐ Arranging Flowers
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Cloverbud: String Art/Craft

Super Saturday Registration Form:

Due Saturday, June 1 2019

Name _____ Grade _____ Gender _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

4-H Club Name : _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____ Attending event: Yes No

List any special dietary needs _____

Cost is: \$5.00 Per Person maximum per family \$20.00

Make check payable & mail to: Vernon County 4-H, 318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392, Viroqua, WI 54665

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Dairy Judging 2019

4-H Dairy Judging Season Will Soon Be Here! Are You a 4-H Dairy Project Member?

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 on May 15th preparing for the AASD-Area Animal Science Days competition on June 28th. Remember you must be an active Vernon County 4-H member and enrolled in the dairy project prior to June 1st in order to participate 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.

Practice Schedule

Dairy judging practice will be held from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the below locations on Wednesday evenings. Please note Saturday practices and times. Thank you to these farmers for hosting us. We appreciate you!

- May 15th Welcome to Dairy Judging Night at the UW-Extension Office. Erlandson Building 1st floor conference room located at 318 Fairlane Dr. Viroqua, WI. We will go over handouts, meet coaches and discuss the 2019 Judging Season!
- May 22nd Alana Peterson-S3667 Peterson Ln, Viroqua, WI (Jerseys)
- May 29th No practice
- June 1st SATURDAY Workout 9:30 a.m.- Ralph & Sheila Petersheim - E5633A Sag City Rd, Viroqua (Holsteins) and 11:00 a.m.- Jason and Bailey Kearns- 21542 Thistle Ln, Gays Mills (Holsteins)
- June 5th Grant & Jenny Rudrud – E7814 Traastad Rd., Viroqua
- June 12th Lirr Farms-the Nigh Family -E4550A State Highway 82 Viroqua, WI (Holsteins)
- June 19th Rob & Gail Klinkner – S7304A State Hwy 27, Viroqua (Jerseys, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn)
- June 26th TBD
- June 28th (our competition date-Area Animal Science Days, Lancaster, Grant County)

There may be a Saturday, June 8th practice in La Crosse County judging Guernseys and Brown Swiss! Please keep that date open during the morning. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Coach Ashley Olson, 608-385-2607.



Vernon County Dog Project **2019 Obedience Classes**

Registration night will be Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in the Hanson Arena from 5:30 to 6:15pm **without** dogs. First class will be on Monday June 3rd **with dogs** starting at 6:00p.m. Agility practice will start in Mid July.

A pre-registration form is required! Forms are available at the Extension Office and on the website: vernion.uwex.edu. Please bring the completed form with you to the Monday, May 21st 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-H-member.

If you have questions contact Jenni Miller: 606-9600, 625-6224, or 634-7608.



Horse & Pony Project News

We had a very good turnout for our March meeting. We started off the meeting by electing our 2019 Horse & Pony Project Officers which are as follows: President: Natalie Bolstad, Vice President: Raina Schultz, Secretary: Emilie Brose and Treasurer: Gabby Olson. Contracts have been mailed to all 4honline enrolled Horse & Pony Project members, so please watch for these. Reminder, the contract (1st page) will need to be sent to Cindy Daniels at the Extension Office, or Sally Brose no later than **June 1st**. We also finalized the dates for 2019 events. July 13th will be a day clinic. Disciplines to be covered include Trail, Pleasure, Equitation, Halter and Showmanship. Please watch for further details on this. August 10th is our Summer and State Qualifying Show. This will be held at the upper arena at the fairgrounds. Registration begins at 8 am and show will begin at 9:00 am sharp. We are also looking into getting a new judge for the Qualifying show as well as the fair. However, we do not have the final say for who the judge may be at the Fair Show, but we can throw suggestions to the fair board. Other news: Chaseburg Saddle Club will be having their first meeting for the year on Tuesday, April 2nd. They will be discussing the clean-up of the Duck Egg trails. This annual event is again one of our Mandatory events, so please watch your email and FB to find out when this will occur. If you will not be able to attend the Duck Egg clean-up, you will have another opportunity to receive credit for your mandatory event which is at the Cashton Show on June 30th. They will be needing help with gates, passing out ribbons, walking results to the announcement stand, ring leader, etc.....in exchange, they will donate monies to our Horse & Pony Project. This is a great opportunity to volunteer, receive credit on your requirement sheet (2 for 1!), to show at an open show, and to receive money for the project!! Please help out if possible. You can help out for an hour to two or all day if you wish! If you are competing, you still can volunteer in between classes!!

Sally Brose,
Horse & Pony Project Leader

2019 Schedule of Events:

April 12-14 Midwest Horse Fair

April-May: Mandatory Event – Duck Egg Cleanup (date and time TBD at a later date)

Every Sunday starting in May (Weather & Trails permitting): H&P Sunday Trail Ride Location: TBD at that time

June 1: Horse & Pony Project Contract DEADLINE!

June 30: Mandatory Event: Cashton Horse Show: (in return, they will donate half of the money to pay for judge at the State Qualifying show)

July 13: Day Clinic, Location: Fairgrounds Upper Arena

August 1: Requirement Sheet DEADLINE!

August 10: State Qualifying Show, 8:00 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. show starts

September 6: Box stalls will be assigned

September 7-11: Barn open for decorating

September 12: County Fair Horse Show, 9:00 a.m. Sharp

September 11-15: Vernon County Fair

2019 Horse & Pony Project Officers from Left to Right:

Treasurer: Gabby Olson

Secretary: Emilie Brose

Vice President: Raina Schultz,

President: Natalie Bolstad



Meat Animal News

Vernon County Beef, Sheep & Hog 2019 Weigh-In & Identification Information REMINDER!

Steer and Sheep market animals must be weighed and identified by the meat animal sale committee in order to be eligible for the meat animal sale at the Vernon County Fair.



Steers: April 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and April 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Sheep: May 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Swine: There will be no hog weigh –in again this year. ***RFID tags must be picked up and will be available starting May 1st at the Extension Office.*** The method for identification will be a photo with the ear tag in place. More detailed instructions for submitting photos will be given out when tags are picked up. **All pigs will need to be tagged and pictures turned in by May 24th.**



Vernon County YQCA Training Date Set

YQCA Training has been scheduled in Vernon County to take place on April 16th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. 1st floor conference room of the Erlandson Building. YQCA stands for “youth for the quality care of animals”. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth. **If you are planning on showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry at 2019 Wisconsin State Fair you must complete YQCA training and have certification by the May 17th, 2019 deadline.** You must register for this training by going to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/>. Once you are on the registration page you have the choice of registering via 4-H online or by creating your own independent account. If you wish to participate in the in person training, select the Vernon County training – Ashley Olson. The cost for this training is \$3. If you choose to take the online training, the cost is \$12. Payment must be made at the time of registration for either type of training via a credit card or coupon code. **Please note: If you are ages 19-21 the training is only available online. Starting in 2020, anyone showing animals at the county level will be required to take the YQCA training.** Please contact Ashley Olson Vernon County Agriculture Educator if you have further questions at the Extension office, 637-5276 or by email at ashley.olson@wisc.edu.



Shooting Sports Project News



4-H Shooting Sports Project Save The Dates

2019 Event Dates:

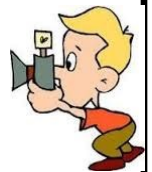
June 23rd Practice at Coon Valley Conservation club 6-8 pm

July 21st Invitational shoot registration 11-noon, completion starts at noon

Aug 25th Premium shoot registration 11-noon, completion starts at noon

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.

***Congratulations to all of our 2019 participants in the 2019 Festival of Arts
and the Vernon County Fair
Music and Demonstration Competitions!***



**VERNON COUNTY 4-H
2019**

MUSIC MATTERS!



FESTIVAL of Arts



Harper Solverson, Seas Branch Smithies member with music judge Jacinta Henden.



Hunter Anderson, Seas Branch Smithies 4-H Club member and one of the selectee's for State Youth Conference Arts & Crafts Exhibit.



Tullen Farrell Davis Diggers 4-H member with music judge Jacinta Henden.



Have you ever wondered...

What is the meaning of the 4-H Emblem?



“The 4-H Name & Emblem is a highly valued mark within our country’s history. As such, it was granted a very unique and special status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic Emblem. This federal protection makes it a mark into and of itself with protection that supersedes the limited authorities of both a trademark and a copyright. As a result, responsibility and stewardship for the 4-H Name & Emblem were not given to the U.S. Patent Office but were given to a higher level of the federal government, a member of the Cabinet, the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary has responsibility for the 4-H Name and Emblem, at the direct request of Congress. The ’18 USC 707’ is the statement in the United States Code that outlines the protection of the 4-H Name & Emblem.” — From National 4-H Headquarters

What are the 4-H Colors?



Green represents life, growth and youth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

What is the 4-H Pledge?



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

***Head** stands for decision making, planning, organizing, problem solving and using knowledge throughout life.

***Heart** stands for strong personal values, positive self-concept, concern for others, cooperation and communication.

***Hands** stands for volunteering, community service, preparing for the world of work, science and technology literacy, and useful skills.

***Health** stands for healthy lifestyles, character, ethics, stress management and disease prevention.

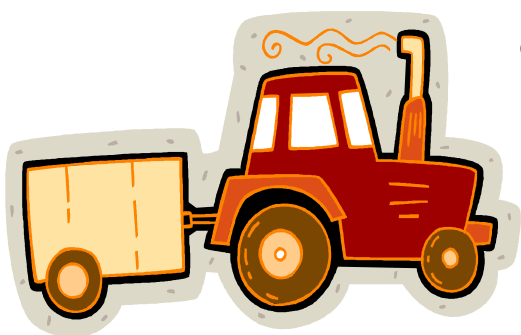
What is the 4-H Motto?



"To Make The Best Better"

“To Make the Best Better” – The 4-H motto encourages each member to do his or her best and improve the next time, so their “best” becomes “better.” Members stretch their abilities and capacities to reach their full potential.

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

Each day 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/Affirmative

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

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& Implement Company Inc.. Coon Valley
Portland Implement, Cashton
Tractor Central, Westby

Other Volunteers:
Viroqua Police Department,
Viroqua Fire Department,
Tri-State Ambulance

Trophies provided by:
Vernon County Rural Insurance

**TRACTOR AND MACHINERY
CERTIFICATION COURSE**
June 17th, 18th & 19th 2019
(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:

Farm Rural Town (10-15K)

Ethnicity:

White Black American Native
Other: _____

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

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.

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.



Craford, Vernon, Richland County Youth, Grades 3-8
Registration Ends June 5th

4-H SUMMER CAMP

Swim in the Wisconsin River - Get Hands On with Local Wildlife - Enjoy Campfires with Entertainment - Craft with the Best - Explore Caves - Make Tons of New Friends - Learn How to Canoe - Sing Songs All Day Long - Eat Great Food!!
SPECTACULAR FUN!

JULY 31- AUGUST 2, 2019

Adult chaperones are also needed to support our high school counselors. You will sleep with your group in a cabin, and help guide the counselors through the daily schedule. You'll have time to take a break and enjoy nature, but are also expected to help get your groups to activities and help in any first-aid situations. if you are interested in helping counsel, please fill out the application. It's free for you.



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4-H Camp Registration Form: Youth

Due Wednesday, June 5, 2019

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_____

If necessary, please indicate below what accommodation (s) your child would need, and for which activities

Make check payable to: Vernon County 4-H (\$75 for Vernon County 4-H members, \$150 for non-members)

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

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4-H Camp Registration Form: Adult Chaperone

Due Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Name_____

Mailing Address_____

Email_____ Adult T-Shirt Size_____

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____ County_____

Please indicate yes or no:

Are you... an enrolled 4-H volunteer?_____ CPR Certified?_____ Lifeguard?_____

Archery Leader?_____ EMT/LPN/RN?_____

Describe past camp and/or chaperoning experiences_____

What interests you about chaperoning? What are your expectations?

What contributions will you bring to 4-H camp_____

Please send your completed application to: UW-Extension, 318 Fairlane Drive Suite 392, Viroqua, WI 54665

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
April 12-13	Friday— Saturday	Steer Weigh—In (see page 9 of this newsletter)	Fri. 4 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.	Vernon County Fairgrounds
April 12-14	Friday— Sunday	Midwest Horse Fair		Alliant Energy Center, Madison
April 14th	Sunday	L/P Federation Mtg	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm
April 16th	Tuesday	YQCA Training (see page 9 of this newsletter)	6:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm Erlandson Bldg
April 19	Friday	Good Friday—Ext Office Closed		
April 21	Sunday	Happy Easter!		
May 17	Friday	State Fair YQCA Certification DEADLINE		
May 17-18	Friday— Saturday	Sheep Weigh—In (see page 9 of this newsletter)	Fri. 4 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.	Vernon County Fairgrounds
May 19	Sunday	L/P Federation Mtg	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm
May 20th	Monday	Dog Obedience Classes Registration	5:30 p.m.	Hanson Arena, Vernon Co. Fairgrounds
May 24th	Friday	Swine Tagged & Pictures DEADLINE	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
May 27th	Monday	Memorial Day—Ext Office Closed		
June 1	Saturday	Super Saturday Reg. DEADLINE		UW-Extension Office
June 5	Wednesday	Tractor Safety Reg. DEADLINE	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
June 5	Wednesday	Camp Upham Woods DEADLINE	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Saturday	June 15	Vernon County Dairy Breakfast	7:00 a.m.	Torgerson Farm, Maple Dale Rd., Viroqua

May is grilled cheese month!

“Heartland” is a recipe from our Milk Marketing Board

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
 5 tablespoons butter, at room temperature, divided
 1 Vidalia or other sweet onion, thinly sliced
 Kosher salt & ground black pepper
 1 tablespoon water
 2 large beefsteak tomatoes or 16 cherry tomatoes
 8 slices whole-grain bread
 4 slices Wisconsin Aged Cheddar cheese
 4 slices Wisconsin Baby Swiss cheese



Cooking Directions:

Caramelize onions in large sauté pan over high heat, add olive oil and 1 tablespoon butter and then sliced onions. Stir to coat; cook without stirring for 2 minutes. Add pinch of salt and pepper, lower heat to medium and continue to cook for 5-8 minutes. Add water and stir to remove any brown bits from the bottom of pan. Transfer onions to a bowl. (Can be prepared to this point and refrigerated for up to 6 days.) Slice tomatoes 1/4-inch thick or halve cherry tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Heat skillet or large sauté pan over medium heat. Butter one side of each slice of bread. Place one slice butter-side down in pan and top with a slice of Cheddar, then a slice of tomato and some of the reserved caramelized onions, then a slice of Baby Swiss. Top with another slice of bread, butter-side up, and grill in skillet until bottom bread is lightly browned and cheese begins to melt; carefully flip the sandwich over and brown. Grill the remaining 3 sandwiches.

