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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

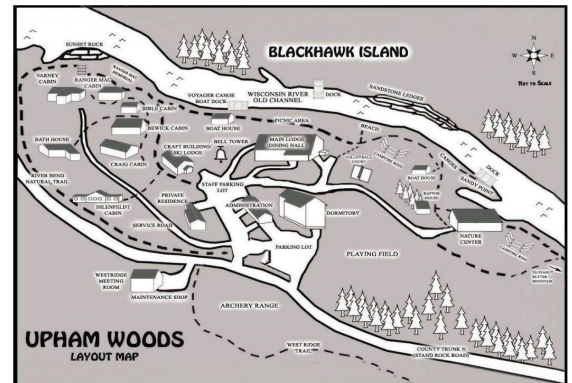


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Saturday, March 7th
Westby Area High School



Our summer camp has grown!
We welcome La Crosse and Monroe Counties
in joining us this year for the summer fun!

**CRAWFORD, LA CROSSE, MONROE
RICHLAND and VERNON COUNTIES!**
Upham Woods 4-H Camp — July 23– July 25, 2020

*Watch for registration
information coming soon!*



Emery's Update

I hope that this newsletter finds your family feeling well and enjoying the snow. Our family has been struggling with sickness, and we are looking forward to spring by pouring through seed magazines and getting ready for kidding season with our goats. At this time of year, there is much to look forward to and dream about for summer. We are always looking forward—to see what events we might host and making sure we get registrations out on time. I wanted to happily announce that we are seeing a great deal of registrations for summer programming already. Our numbers are up as far as youth committing to go on state and nationwide trips! We have many attending space camp in Alabama and several going to Washington D.C. As you look forward to summer months, keep us in mind. Within this month's newsletter are applications for older youth to go to our state youth conference and to sign up to be a camp counselor. For younger youth, the dates are out for camp this year, with an application to follow in our next newsletter. Here's to fingers crossed for record numbers for summer events, and warm sunny days in general!

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Enterprise Eagles—Gina Klum

December 2019—Last meeting was held December 1st 2019 at 1:00p.m at the Chaseburg Village Hall. 14 members were present and Nicole Klum called the meeting to order. Brady Jorstad and Wyatt Jorstad said the pledges and Nicole Klum said roll call. Brittany Misliveckl said the Treasurer's Report. Jed Olson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Gretchen Gettleman seconded it. Nicole Klum then said the Secretary report. Marissa Klum made a motion to approve the Secretary report and Wyatt Jorstad seconded it. Then we discussed Old Business which was the cookie walk. We then moved on to the leader update with Jessica Jorstad, which was about the upcoming bread factory tour and how we are going to sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser. Then we moved on to New Business which was the Snow Trailers parade on January 19th. We are going to pass out pens and candy. Abrosia Wojahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clover Wojahn seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:13. After the meeting we did a cookie walk and made cookie dough in a jar. Our next meeting will be January 11th for the bread factory tour.

Springville Super Stars—Jonah Jepsen

January—Trista Called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Rumppe and Jepsen families led the 4H pledge and Pledge of Allegiance. We had one new member, Bridgette Palm join our club. Bailey Nelson led icebreakers There is a manadatory YQCA training class that has to be taken if you are showing animals at the fair. 1st class is January 25 cost \$3 in person, and \$12 if you want to take the class online. Arts Fest is March 7th, with registration due by January 17th 2020 The January activity is ice skating at the Viroqua Arena Jan 18th from 6-8pm during open skate times. RSVP by January 10th if you are attending the Parent Leader Federation Banquet on Jan 19th at 1pm. Cody moved a motion to adjourn the meeting and Weston seconded it. Our guest speaker for the night was Karl Solverson talking about his role as a Veterinarian.



Sunday March 15th @ Liberty Bar, 5-9 p.m.

We will be discussing:

- 1. Electronic payments with Bill Marohl for fair.**
- 2. Brainstorming new activities & guest speakers for club visits.**
- 3. Implementing Youth Leadership Project.**

The Leader/Parent Federation Meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Please RSVP on or before March 11th by phone 637-5276 or email cynthia.daniels@wisc.edu

VERNON COUNTY 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-John Quincy Adams



The Vernon County Youth Leadership Project is open to grades 8-13. The goal of this project is to help you learn leadership skills through a variety of experiences. Work on exclusive service opportunities, explore the world through meeting new cultures, represent Vernon County on trips and meetings. This project meets virtually to plan, learn and discuss--then in person to experience and explore.

- Tour universities
- Disaster clean up
- Technology advances in Vernon County
- Meet international scholars
- Lead project meetings, plan county events
- Volunteer in local programs
- Travel to educational destinations

All while earning schoalarships for university from our Leader Parent Federation!



Join us on Zoom! Our virtual meeting place! To join the project:
CONTACT 4-H COORDINATOR, EMERY BORK VIA EMAIL: EMERY.BORK@WISC.EDU



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 4-H & Youth Conference Reg. opens on 4honline	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Camp counselor & WI Youth Conf. registration deadline!	16	17 Rabbit Day Camp Reg. Deadline! Steer Weigh in ←→	18 Midwest Horse Fair 17th-18th & 19th
19 Midwest Horse Fair Ends L/P Fed Mtg	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Swine RFD tags at Extension Office	2 Rabbit Day Camp
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Sheep Weigh in →	16
17 L/P FedeMtg	18	19	20	21	22 Swine RFD registration deadline	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**The 2019 4-H
Leader/Parent
Federation
4-H Youth and
Adult Volunteers
Recognition
Banquet**



Above: Members of Banquet Hosts, Riverside Badgers 4-H



Above: Members of Banquet Hosts, Retreat Ramblers 4-H Club and Joanne Hornby discussing awards presentation.



Right: Joanne Dach is congratulated by Joanne Hornby.



Left:
In the middle is Jenni Miller 4-H Volunteer of the Year Recipient and her sons Jesse & Judd



Left:
Friend of 4-H Ag-Consulting & Products: Steve Wagemester & Emery Bork 4-H Coordinator

Right: Joanne Hornby, Joanne Dach & 4-H Coordinator Emery Bork. Joanne Dach was recognized for her 50 years of being a 4-H Adult Volunteer



Right:
Awards & Welcome Display Table



Highlights of The Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation 4-H Youth and Adult Volunteers 2019 Recognition Banquet!

ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

WI 4-H Foundation "Volunteer of the Year" Award

Jennifer Miller

Friend of 4-H

Ag-Consulting & Nutrition: Steve Wagemester

Jared Severson—John Waters—Lisa Servais

Sleepy Hollow Auto: Lavon Felton

Special Leaders

1-3 Years

Kari Defliger

4 + Years

Jill Jarzowski

Debra Primmer

LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEERED YEARS

First Year

Enterprise Eagles

Ann Schlicht

Maple Dale Motivators/Rt 56

Emery Bork

Liberty Pole Boosters

Amy Weaver

Lucky Clovers

Jennifer Goede

Seas Branch Smithies

Brook Strangstalien

Five Years

Seas Branch Smithies

Thomas McCauley



Ten Years

Retreat Ramblers

Lenay Kumlin

Riverside Badgers

Rebekah Gehrke

Fifty Years!

Maple Dale Motivators/Rt 56

Joanne Dach

Special Recognition

Receiving Five & Ten Year Pins

Maple Dale Motivators/Rt 56

Deb Primmer

YOUTH SPECIAL AWARDS

Cecil Chapin Photography Award—Andrew Farrell

James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award—Ty Harbaugh

Merle E. Primmer Award Crocheting & Knitting—Anika Nemes, Crocheting

Rhonda A Wrobel Lilyquist Memorial Youth Leadership Award—Rebecca Schipper

2019 Activity Recognition Disc Recipients

Davis Diggers

Dane Cade

Leah Cade

Elizabeth Colburn

Landen Colburn

Hank Everson

Stella Everson

Andrew Farrell

Tully Farrell

William Farrell

Genese Goltz

Hazel Goltz

Austin Petersheim

Rebecca Schipper

Olivia Turben

Caleb Woodhouse

Hayley Woodhouse

Liberty Pole Boosters

Gracie Caley

Kendall Caley

Lily Caley

Alana Christianson

Austin Christianson

Lexi Christianson

Abigail Diehl

Angela Diehl

Trista Diehl

Caitlyn Hohfelder

Kenna Hohfelder

Axell Lepke

Brie Michniak

Arina Weaver

Lucky Clovers

Ian Bass

Mitchell Bass

Tanner Bass

Ivy Clark

Trula Clark

Andrew Falkers

Catherine Falkers

Lucky Clovers Cont.

Hannah Falkers

Joseph Falkers

Sarah Falkers

Georgia Goede

Gus Goede

Ruby Goede

Harlee Harbaugh

Ty Harbaugh

Aria Larson

Emma Larson

Ella Lysne

Arianna Pratt

Ethan Pratt

Isaac Pratt

Levi Pratt

Matthew Pratt

Cooper Tryggestad

Ellie Tryggestad

Kaylie Tryggestad

Mississippi Steamers

Emily Berra

Maggie Berra

Matthew Berra

Cooper Hanson

Mississippi Steamers Cont.

Josie Hanson

Henry Levendoski

Grady Nicklay

Reid Nicklay

Grady Nicklay

Mckinley Stenslien

Mia Theobald

Nerison

Elias Bolstad

Natalie Bolstad

Natalie Jolin

Joel Lucas

Michaela Palm

Retreat Ramblers

Alex Boardman

Charlotte Hanson

Kyle Jarzowski

Madison Kumlin

Chelsie Meyer

Ardyn Pierce

Selvie Pierce

Seas Branch Smithies

Hunter Anderson



Hillsboro Hotshots

Jordan Amerman

Cole Defliger

Carson Gajeski

Logan Gajeski

Niko Kaeo

Abigail Wright



**CRAWFORD, LACROSSE, MONROE
RICHLAND and VERNON COUNTIES
4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

Open to Youth in Grades 9-13
Camp Counselor Application Due—**April 15th**
Counselor Training—July 6th
4-H Summer Camp — July 23– July 25, 2020

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Current Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

T-Shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Suggested Camp Theme: _____

Why do you want to be a camp counselor? What do you hope to learn from the experience?

What level of swimming instruction have you received, if any?

Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginning _____ Other _____

Organization examined by: Red Cross _____ Other _____

What level of first aid instruction have you had, if any?

Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginning _____ Other _____

I prefer to work with this age group: Grades 3-4 _____ Grades 5-6 _____ Grades 7-8 _____

Describe leadership experiences you have had, especially those involving younger youth:

Have you ever attended camp as a camper? *(Include 4-H camp and other camps)*

Year

Name of Camp

If you have been a camp counselor, please complete the following:

Year

Name of Camp

Duties you were responsible for:

The 4-H camp staff works as a team at camp. Describe the skill you will bring to the team:

Describe what parents of 4-H campers expect of 4-H Camp staff when they send their child to 4-H Camp:

Many parents have concerns that their children will be safe at 4-H camp. What things would you do to help 4-H campers feel safe?

Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Circle all that apply)

Arts and Crafts

Water Activities/Swimming

Campfire Programs

Music/Singing

Games and Recreation

Nature Activities

Flag Ceremonies

Science Activities

Others

(describe _____)

NEW CAMP COUNSELORS MUST INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. (Should describe ability to work as a team, Work with younger youth, etc.) A letter of recommendation is not required for returning counselors.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15th TO:

**Vernon County Extension Office
318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392
Viroqua, WI 54665**

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 early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

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4-H & Youth Conference

JUNE 22-25, 2020

UW-Madison Campus



If you would like to attend, sign up via your 4HOnline account. Registration is open April 2-15 and is first come, first serve. Vernon County Leader Parent Federation will pay half your regular registration fees (\$150) to go. Please fill out the financial contract and submit to the Extension Office no later than April 20th in order to get funding. If you do not submit the contract by the deadline, we will assume you will pay 100% of the cost.



VERNON COUNTY 4-H LEADER/PARENT FEDERATION
 318 Fairlane Dr., SUITE 392
 VIROQUA WI 54665
 (608)637-5276

2020 State Youth Conference Contract

Applicant Name: _____

Dear Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation:

I understand that with my signature on this letter, I am accepting the award of the **State 4-H & Youth Conference**, at UW-Madison, June 22-25, 2020. I also understand this letter of acceptance must be received at the Extension Office by the **deadline of April 20th, 2020**. The cost of this award trip is **approximately \$300**. **Additional seminar fees may be applicable and will be the responsibility of attending youth**. Our 4-H Leader/Parent Federation will pay 1/2 of trip cost which would be \$150.00 for youth who are attending the State 4-H & Youth Conference for the 1st time. By signing and returning this document, I am making a financial commitment as a 1st time attendee to pay the remainder cost, which is **approximately \$150.00**, plus any additional seminar fees.

I agree to:

- Register for this trip through my 4honline account, which is open April 2nd – 15th.**
- Return this completed and signed document to Vernon County Extension Office on or before April 20th.**
- Write an article about the trip for the 4-H newsletter.**
- Make a presentation to the Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation, Pie and Ice Cream Social in July, my local 4-H club, and other 4-H clubs as requested when I return.**

*Failure to follow these expectations will affect your award trip or recognition (key award, scholarship, youth leadership) application for the following year.**

Payments to cover my portion of trip expenses should be made out and mailed to:
Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation, 318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392, Viroqua, WI 54665

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>
Checks sent: _____		\$50.00	Feb.15
_____		\$50.00	Apr. 20
_____		\$50.00	May 20
Additional Payment _____		\$ _____	Fee's Amount Due

I have read, fully understand, and will comply with the obligations that come with accepting this award trip.

Make a copy of the completed commitment letter for your records. There will not be a monthly reminder of payments and balances due. All payments must be completed prior to the trip.
 *updated 1/23/2020

Discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, creed or religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, veterans' status, arrest or non-job or program related conviction record or qualified disability is prohibited.

 4-H Member's Signature

 Parent's Signature



Vernon County YQCA Training Date (Additional trainings will be held, DTBD)

YQCA Training has been scheduled in Vernon County to take place on February, 29th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center. 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, rabbits, and poultry at our 2020 Vernon County Fair and or the Wisconsin State Fair you must complete YQCA training.** 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 Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center-Vernon County training. 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.** 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.



Horse Project News

We had our first project meeting on January 19th. Attendees were as follows: Gabby Olson, Caden Strangstalien, Bridget Palm, Alyssa Brown, Ella Simonson and new member Lilliana Garley. Since we had a small group, we decided to have our elections and event scheduling at our February meeting. We did however, schedule two events. Saturday, June 13th we will be inviting Pat Stevenson back for his all time favorite trail clinic and August 8th will be our State Qualifying Show (Summer Show). We will be having a day clinic this year. Some of the disciplines that we will be instructing will be Western/English Pleasure, Equitation, Halter, Showmanship, Horse Health, Trail, and how to get ready for a show. If there are any other disciplines that you would like, please bring those ideas to our February meeting.

The last topic for the day was introducing the idea of having committees for each event where all members and parents will be getting involved. For examples, during a show, we need people for registration, gate handlers, announcers, ring leaders, and ribbon holders.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 9th at 1:00pm and the extension office 1st floor conference room. Hope to see more members attend! See you then!

Sally Brose,
Project Leader



Rabbit & Poultry Project News

The next project meeting will be Saturday, February 15th from 1-3 p.m., 1st Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Building (behind Vernon Manor). We will be meeting to talk about fair numbers for turkeys and help families to submit their orders. We will also learn about Malay, Liege Fighter, and game chickens from a local breeder and about tattooing rabbits. If you would like to have your rabbit tattooed that day, please let me know. Finally, we will host a fundraiser to earn more money for our poultry cages and any other updates to the barn in general.

Our rabbit project members are travelling to Tomah to compete/observe in a professional rabbit show on Saturday, February 29th. It will be at the Monroe County Fairgrounds (1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI 54660). The facility is heated, bathrooms, food stand, etc. If you plan on attending the show and spending the day, bring snacks, camp chairs and cash. If you want to show your rabbits in the youth show, please contact Emery at the Extension Office for rules and what needs to occur pre-show. If you are showing, you will need to arrive around 7:00 a.m. in order to get set up and register. Entries close at 8:45 a.m. and judging will begin at 9 a.m. Entries are \$3.00 per rabbit per show. It is a double show, so you can enter in both shows. There will be a lot of opportunities to watch rabbits being judged professionally, buy breeding stock, check out some rare or new breeds, and buy rabbitry cages and supplies. It's also a great time to chat with breeders, get advice, and spend time together!

Our Rabbit Day Camp is scheduled for May 2nd! (See below) This camp is for beginner/intermediate youth. We are looking for several parents to volunteer to help with providing food, if you're interested let me know. Please note: Registration deadline is April 17th. Space is limited!

Pam Fanta, Project Leader
and
Mrs. Emery Bork M.Ed
4-H Coordinator

Vernon County 4-H Rabbit Project Day Camp

Saturday, May 2 @ Coon Valley Village Hall
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
With ARBA Judge #914 Michelle Wojcik

- Showmanship
- Nutrition
- Breed Tips and Advice
- Mock Judging

Free lunch and snacks will be provided.
Space is limited, deadline to register is April
17th.

Sign up by calling the Extension Office: 608-637-5276



Lindsey Vaught
PHOTOGRAPHY



Vernon County Beef, Sheep 2020 Weigh-In & Hog Identification Information

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

Steer & Sheep Weigh-in Dates

Steers: April 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and April 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Sheep: May 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Swine: *RFID identification tags must be picked up and will be available starting May 1st at the Extension Office.* The method for identification will remain the same as last year. Detailed instructions for submitting photos will be given out when tags are picked up. **All Swine must be tagged and pictures turned in by May 22nd.**

Greetings 4-H Livestock Families,

I have been making it a point to attend Jr Livestock Committee meetings in order to make connections, represent 4-H, and have the most up-to-date information to share with you, some which is noted below and continued on page 14 of this newsletter. 4-H has typically not attended these meetings in the past, however, I find it valuable to connect with this group on your behalf. I come from a livestock background and deeply value the positive impacts that raising livestock has on youth.

We have many new and returning 4-H youth that are considering participating in the Junior Livestock Sale. This can be a complicated process, particularly if you've not gone through it before. I've worked with the committee to come up with an etiquette document that outlines a timeline for interested families. If you have participated in the livestock sale before, you will need to also read this document. The committee has implemented changes in the process of receiving your payout checks, and don't forget the new YQCA requirement.

There have also been other changes, which I've highlighted below. These are my notes only and these changes will be **officially** listed in the fair book. Please seek the new fair book and read it thoroughly from cover to cover so that you understand the changes. That is the Jr Livestock Committee's official mode of communication of policy and changes—what will be followed at the fair and sale, and it will be posted online within the next few months.

Beef Sale Requirement Changes: Beef must be choice or better standard and yield grade 4 or better to sell at the Jr Livestock Sale. They will be shaved for ultra sounding.

Swine Sale Requirement Changes: Hogs must have a minimum of 50% muscling. The maximum weight is 310 pounds, anything over is not eligible for the auction.

No updates on sheep and goats.

Silent auction for poultry and rabbits: Will continue. If you are interested in auctioning rabbits and poultry, that project will have specific information and meetings concerning that. It will not be listed in the fair book as it is still under pilot status.

Again, thank you for working hard on your livestock projects. I am looking forward to seeing your animals at the fair and working with you throughout the summer. Parents, I am always looking for leaders within the livestock areas to step up and take on these projects or help me plan educational events. I am working on putting together a Swine Clinic for fitting and showing, and we have a Rabbit Clinic coming up in May. I am open to more educational events, but need parent/volunteer support and knowledge to lead them.

If you have any questions about the sale or the committee, please forward them to Lloyd Hardy, the president. If you have questions about the timeline on page 14, I am able to answer those.

Kindly,
Emery

Junior Livestock Auction Instructions

+1 year-8 months Pre-Auction:

1. Make sure that you are in good standing in order to exhibit at the fair, check with your club leader concerning your attendance and review your projects to make sure you are enrolled correctly by June 1st.
2. Make sure to read all fair book rules for your livestock entry thoroughly: go through with a highlighter and make note of disqualifications, etc. Forward questions to superintendents listed in the fair book.
3. Decide what animal/animals you'd like to bring that are eligible to auction, if that animal requires 1+ year to prepare, make sure you are on the correct timeline to meet requirements with that animal.

8 months to 1 week Pre-Auction:

1. Raise animal, consider conditioning and nutrition, etc. to make sure animal is on target to fair book standards
2. Make sure your animal has the proper ID tags, vaccinations, etc. required for entry
3. Attend required weigh ins: sheep and beef
 - * Pigs must follow RFID registration, and submit photos. You must also have an official health certificate from your veterinarian prior to fair.
4. Attend required YQCA training either online or in person, print several copies of your completion certificate
5. If you do not have one, you must obtain your premise ID number from DATCP.
6. Submit your fair entries. Make sure to register the animal in the correct classes, as well as enter into showmanship.
7. Rabbit & Poultry projects require specific age times on meat animal entries. Breed animals to make sure on target to fair book standards.
8. Write personal, handwritten letters to several businesses politely asking them to attend the auction and bid on your animal, and thank them for doing so in the past, if they have.

Fair Week and Auction Day:

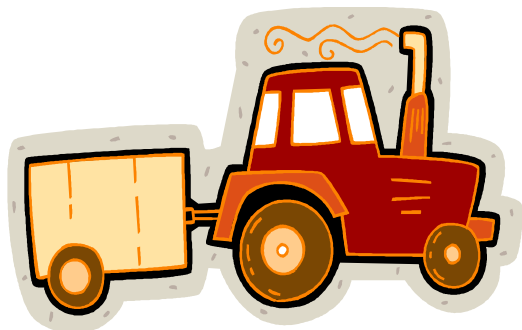
1. Prepare for animal check in: you must have your animals' health certificates/records, tag information, YQCA certificate, Premise ID # and fair paperwork. If you do not have this paperwork, you will not be admitted. If your animal is exhibiting signs of infection or illness, keep it home.
2. Prepare your animal to be shown, go through the scales and ultrasound as soon as you arrive in order to check the first step of sale eligibility via ultrasound results. Rabbits & Poultry will use scale only.
3. Compete in the correct classes and showmanship. If you complete these and are still able to participate in the sale based on placings and ultrasound results, please let your fair superintendents know which animal you will sell.
4. At Auction, greet businesses, and dress well. Make sure your animal is clean and presentable. Please exit and enter the ring in a timely manner. The rabbit and poultry silent auction participants will meet before the sale in the rabbit and poultry barn.
5. After your animal sells, and the buyer is not currently bidding, approach them in person and shake their hand and verbally thank them for purchasing your animal.

Post-Auction:

1. Take the time to acknowledge them publicly on social media, etc. immediately after the sale if you have that option. It is suggested to take a photo with your buyer and share that with them.
2. In order to receive your auction check, you must come to the Extension Office with a handwritten (in youth's hand) thank you card, in an addressed and stamped envelope. You will exchange this for your check. If you do not bring your thank you card, or you mail it before the Extension Office can verify it, you will not receive your check at that time.

This is just a general review, make sure an review the fair book for complete information.

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

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

Vernon Co Vocational Agriculture Instructors:
Lloyd Hardy
Brian Kast
Mike Fowell
Erica Hoven
Mollie Biermier
Hillary Bark
Crawford Co Vocational Agriculture Instructor:
Kally Bockenbauer

Implement Dealers:
Coon Valley Dairy Supply
& 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

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

Action Employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and DA. Extending the resources and knowledge of the University of Wisconsin system to the people of Vernon County.

**TRACTOR AND MACHINERY
CERTIFICATION COURSE**
June 22nd, 23rd & 24th 2020
(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 Extension Office
Return to: Vernon County Extension
318 Fairlane Dr., Ste 392
Viroqua WI 54665

Registration Deadline
Monday, June 8th
(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.

Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination

In recognition of the Wisconsin 4-H Centennial, an inaugural 4-H Hall of Fame was started in 2014. A 4-H Hall of Fame provides statewide recognition for individuals and external organizations with significant contributions to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program on every level, preserve Wisconsin 4-H history and development, and has the potential to increase awareness of the 4-H Youth Development program. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders and retired Cooperative Extension staff.

Implementation Framework

Number of Recipients	Approximately 5-10 honorees selected per year
Nomination Process	Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination for consideration. Nominations due May 20, 2020.
Selection Process	Selections made by state level committee based on submitted nominations (signature of UW-Extension educator required on the nomination signature page)
Selection	Nominator must electronically submit photo and 250 word bio describing the honoree's qualifications.
Recognition	Recognition in conjunction with an existing event, such as State 4-H Youth Conference or Fall Forum; virtual 4-H Hall of Fame annually updated with photos and bios of the honorees. Wisconsin 4-H may share the contact information of the nominee and the nominator with local media.

Guidelines

The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame will use criteria consistent with the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Any group or individual is eligible to submit a nomination to the state selection committee.

All nominations must include the signature of a county or state UW-Extension educator.

Complete nominations include the nomination cover page, nomination signature page, and one-page Microsoft Word document outlining nominee's qualifications based on the 4-H Hall of Fame criteria, a digital head and shoulder photograph and a brief (no more than 250 words) biography.

UW-Extension staff members must be retired for three or more years before being eligible for nomination.

Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated for future consideration. *The criteria document should be revised to increase possibility of being selected.*

Honoree Qualifications

4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired UW-Extension staff who have benefited from, and attribute their success to 4-H, or those who have made significant contributions of time, energy, and/or resources to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program on any level exemplifying the following criteria:

1. Citizenship as exemplified by being active in civic, community, state, regional and national public service activities evidencing impact on youth, families and communities including 4-H.
2. Leadership impact as exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, community, professional and business-related activities that directly or indirectly benefit 4-H.
3. Career Accomplishments as exemplified by accomplishments and success in his/her chosen career and as a mentor or role model.
4. Character as exemplified by evidence of the influence of 4-H involvement in the nominee's life and/or his or her commitment to 4-H is critical to the nomination.
5. Other Beneficial Information that would be helpful to the selection committee.

Further information can be found at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hhof/>

All nominations must be submitted electronically to: cynthia.blackburn@wisc.edu no later than **May 20, 2020**

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Feb. 9	Sunday	4-H Horse & Pony Project Mtg	1:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm, Erlandson Building
Feb. 14	Friday	Happy Valentines Day!		
Feb. 15	Saturday	1st Award Trip Payment Due		Extension Office
Feb. 15	Saturday	Rabbit & Poultry Project Meeting	1:00—3:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm, Erlandson Building
Feb. 15	Saturday	Adult Advisor Deadline		Via 4honline—For CWF, Space Camp, NCG
Feb. 21	Friday	4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest-Entry Deadline		5:00 pm. Registrations must be emailed.
Feb. 16	Sunday	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Extension Office, 1st Floor Erlandson Building
Feb. 29	Saturday	Mandatory YQCA Training (see page 11 of this newsletter)	1:00 p.m.	Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center, La Farge
Feb. 29	Saturday	Tomah Rabbit Show	7:00 a.m. check-in	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah
March 1	Sunday	4-H Scholarship Deadline!		Extension Office, 2nd Floor Erlandson Bldg
March 7	Saturday	Arts Fest!	8:30 a.m.	Westby High School Cafeteria
March 7	Saturday	4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest		UW Madison Animal Sciences Building
March 15	Sunday	4-H Leader Retreat	5:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.	Liberty Bar, Hwy 56 Viroqua
March 15	Sunday	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:15 p.m.	Liberty Bar, Hwy 56 Viroqua
March 16	Monday	2nd Award Trip Payments due!	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office
March 28- April 2	Saturday- Thursday	National 4-H Conference		National 4-H Center Washington D.C.
April 2-15	Thursday - Friday	4honline 4-H & Youth Conference Registration timeline		https://wi.4honline.com/
April 17	Friday	4-H Rabbit Project Day Camp Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office, 2nd Floor Erlandson Bldg
April 17	Friday	Steer Weigh-in	4:00—8:00 p.m.	Meat Animal Sale Arena, Vernon Co. Fairgrounds
April 18	Saturday	Steer Weigh-in	8:00—11:00 a.m.	Meat Animal Sale Arena, Vernon Co. Fairgrounds