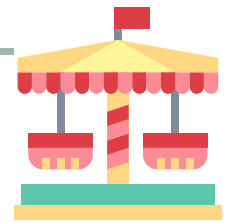


# The Voice of 4-H

*The Vernon County 4-H Family Newsletter*



VERNON COUNTY YOUTH AT VARIOUS STATE AND STATE QUALIFYING SHOWS: VERNON COUNTY STATE QUALIFYING HORSE SHOW, DAIRY SHOW AT WI STATE FAIR, STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY

## It's Time for Fair!

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Look at all those youth doing great things in the banner photos this month! Congratulations to all Vernon County youth who worked hard at state level competitions or competed at qualifying shows!

If you're like my family, our youth are busy wrapping up projects they've been working on all year for a chance to showcase them at fair. I thought in this newsletter, I would share some facts about our fair that you may or may not know!

Did you know that the Vernon County Fair isn't run by 4-H or UW-Extension, but actually by a group of very dedicated volunteers within a group called the Vernon County Agricultural Society (VCAS)? Their Board of Directors consists of 11 people that put their heads together year round to bring you the amazingness that is our fair! Subcommittees of volunteers also exist within the VCAS such as the Meat Animal Sale Committee, barn superintendents, etc. It takes a large group of people to make our county's fair a success!

4-H is just one of the many (and largest) youth groups to exhibit at the fair! We are very thankful to these volunteers for the opportunity to participate and show what our youth have worked on during the year.



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# Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

## Wednesday (9/15)

### 3:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Jill Jarzemski, Lauren Hanson, Sara Keenan, Kayla Schott, Mike Michniak

YOUTH: Kyle Jarzemski, Brie Michniak, Sarah and Catherine Falkers

### 7:00-10:30/11:30:

ADULTS: Lorna Vento, Katie Erickson, Brenda Torgerson, Melinda Benzing, Aaron Mithum, Jake/Becky Gehrke

YOUTH: Trinity, Angelo, Cecilia Vento, Sylvia Erickson, Erin Torgerson

## Thursday (9/16)

### 9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Jon Levendoski, Dave/Ann Christianson, Samantha Tryggestad, Jenny Goede, Adrian Wruck, Jennifer Harris

YOUTH: Lexi Christianson, Kayle/Ellie Tryggestad, Georgia Goede, William and Andrew Farrell

### 1:00-4:30:

ADULTS: Cary Christianson, Amy Baker-Oliver, Aaron Johnson, Kim Johnson, Alexis Vesbach

YOUTH: Clayton Christianson, Abby and Annabelle Oliver, Jason and Caleb Johnson

### 4:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Shelly Saegrove, Jason/Dana Hohlfelder, Sheena Cook/Fuglsang, Brenda Torgerson, Tolla Lepke, Bethany/Brandon Larson, Sarah Farrell

YOUTH: John Saegrove, Kenna Hohlfelder, Katy and Myle Torgerson, Axell Lepke, Aria Larson

### 7:00-10:30/11:30:

ADULTS: Linda Sousa, Jennifer Miller, Mike Sousa, Michelle Skaden, Amy Schilcht, Torri Farrar, Trever Farrar

YOUTH: Jenna Harrington, Genesie Sousa, Hunter Skaden, Madelyn Schilcht, Gianna and Maggie Bartovics, Kendall Andolsek

## Friday (9/17):

### 9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Kristin Berra, Cyndi Dobitz, Tamera Zink, Renae Diehl, Adrian Wruck, Justin Monroe, Betsy Johnson

YOUTH: Emily and Maggie Berra, Kayla Dobitz, Anatasia, Lillian, and Oscar Zink

### 1:00-4:30:

ADULTS: Jennifer Hanson, Elizabeth Caley, Deb Thompson, Julie Falkers, Ron Huebsch, Kathy Woodhouse

YOUTH: Josie Hanson, Gracie Caley, Abby and Rachel Diehl, Tyler Thompson, Hannah Falkers



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# Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

## 4:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Dusty Swenson, Katie Mossholder, Natalie Solverson, Deb Michaels, Jess Jorstad, Kari Defliger

YOUTH: Bryne and Declan Swenson, Logan Curtis, Jacob Michaels, Harper Solverson

## 7:00-10:30/11:30:

ADULTS: Jeff/Ashley Olson, Melony Hansen, Jess Jorstad, Tucker and Becky Gretebeck, Hollie Satona, Diane Colburn

YOUTH: Jed Olson, Wyatt Jorstad, Trent and Lana Gretebeck, Jared Satona, Bridget Palm

## **Saturday (9/18)**

### 9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Lenay Kumlin, Dana McCauley, Andrea Jochen, Myron Jochen, Amanda Jensen, Traci Moe, Jessie Cina

YOUTH: Madison Kumlin, Grant, Wyatt, Aliyah McCauley, Aubrey and McKenna Jochen

### 1:00-4:30:

ADULTS: Sarah Boardman, Jessi Nagel, Sam Geary, Gail Bolstad, Tucker Gretebeck, OPEN

YOUTH: Alex Boardman, Jayla, Jadence, and Jace Nagel, Lilly Geary, Cole Defliger

### 4:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Sally Lysne, Tracey Goltz, Allison Pierce, Charlotte Stephenson, Diane Colburn, OPEN, OPEN

YOUTH: Ella Lysne, Genesee Goltz, Hazel Goltz, Sylvie Pierce, Vivian Stephenson

### 7:00-10:30/11:30:

ADULTS: Nadine Foster, Lisa Schlicht, Cathy Laangard, Shelly Saegrove, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN

YOUTH: Kately Schicht, Rylee Schicht, Autumn Sommerfeldt, John Saegrove, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN

## **Sunday (9/19):**

### 9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Stephanie Nicklay, Kari Pedretti, Heather Stenslien, Kerry Woodhouse, Erica Nickelotti, Jill Krause, John Harrington

YOUTH: Grady Nicklay, Kenzie and Chelsea Pedretti, Nathan Woodhouse, Dylan Dobitz

### 1:00-3:30:

ADULTS: Anastasia Penchi, Billie Caley, Brook Strangstalien, Brian Huebner, Dan Frederick

YOUTH: Benjamin Penchi, Denali Huebner, Jaidyn Olson

Thank you all **SO MUCH** for signing up to support the food stand! The money we earn goes directly back into the youth and opportunities for them! You are great people and way to set an example to younger generations!! We still need people to fill in the OPEN slots, so please give our office a call. **Don't forget your 2 crusted pies!**



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# National 4-H Week!

*Join in on the fun activities planned for the week of October 4-9th!*

More info at <https://www.facebook.com/vernoncounty4h>

## PAINTED ROCK HUNTS MONDAY-FRIDAY!

Five local youth have each painted a rock and have hidden them in public places throughout the county. The youth have come up with clues that will be announced throughout the day via radio and Facebook. Venture out and find one of these unique rocks and claim your prize basket!

## VERNON COUNTY ROAD RALLYE!

**SATURDAY, OCT 9TH  
9 AM - NOON**

Find your driver and your navigator and jump in on this adventure! Pre-register your family to compete in our road rallye. Scour the countryside for clues as you navigate through our cryptic directions. The ending is a secret, but wherever it is at, there is free lunch!

## JOIN THE 4-H MOVEMENT SIGN CONTEST

Youth are invited to design either a yard sign or window with a 'Join 4-H' theme for National 4-H week. Youth should photograph their sign/window sign and submit to our office by Wednesday, October 6th. The winning sign/display will receive a prize! Show off that 4-H pride and help spread the news!



## WANT TO PARTICIPATE?! HERE'S THE SMALL PRINT!

### **Painted Rock Hunts:**

Youth have painted 5 rocks that have been hidden throughout the county in different public locations such as parks. The youth have come up with 3 clues that will direct participants to the location of the rock. Clues will be revealed each day, one rock per day. Clues will be announced via our Facebook page and the radio. We will be announcing one clue at a time on WVRQ 102 FM at approximately 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Each clue will reveal more and more about where the rock is hidden. If you arrive at the location and find the rock, please contact the Extension Office immediately so that we can announce that the rock has been found. Please then arrange a time to come up and pick up your gift basket as the winner. If you find a rock, you can still continue to look throughout the week for other rocks.

### **Vernon County Road Rallye:**

In order to participate in the Vernon County Road Rallye, you will need to pre-register by Wednesday, October 6th. Teams need a minimum of two people: a driver and a navigator. The driver must have a valid driver's license and the driver cannot change during the rallye. The rallye will begin in the parking lot of the Erlandson Building at 9:00. In order to get cars moving out of the parking lot, you are asked to arrive at 8:30. Cars will be released in 5-minute intervals to begin the course. The course has been pre-routed and tested for approximate time. There are 2 ways to win: cars that are closest to the approximate time, and earning question points.

**Time:** If you drive the course too quickly, you will have points deducted from your total score. If you drive the course too slowly, you will also have points deducted from your total score. You want to drive the course as close to the approximate time as possible. It is not in your advantage to drive quickly. No one knows where the end will be, it's a strict secret.

**Earning Question Points:** Before you depart from Erlandson, you will be given a packet with directions. They are not straightforward, and will take either sharp eyes or a bit of figuring out to know where to go. You will follow the directions, but along the way there are questions you must answer. You may need to resort in getting out of your car to look for an item, or you may be able to answer the question by looking out of your car. We have worked to make these questions both challenging, but also enjoyable for youth participants.

### **Other General Information:**

1. You will not leave the county. If you find that you have left the county, you have misread the directions.
2. If you are lost, in trouble, or need assistance, there is a panic envelope in your packet. In the envelope is a phone number that you can call—as well as the end destination, and receive assistance. If you open the panic envelope, then you are disqualified. Please come directly to the end, where you'll get your free lunch and share about your adventure!
3. Teams are encouraged to have team spirit and dress up. An award for the best team will also be given, in addition to best time, highest points for answers, and overall champion.
4. The end is a secret; however, we will be providing each family/team a a lunch at the end. Once you have been given the meal, your team is released from the confines of 4-H and what rule systems for Covid-19 we are currently following.
5. There will be two categories for teams: 4-H Families, Community Families. Sign ups will be both online and via paper.

### **Join The 4-H Movement Sign Contest:**

Youth are encouraged to take a front facing window of their home, or recycle an extra yard sign and create a design that passerby can see, illustrating the idea of joining/promoting 4-H to the public. Design ideas are open, and youth are encouraged to be creative! Signs will be judged by age category, Cloverbud, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-13. Photos are to be submitted of the sign from the road, showing the readability and design seen from someone passing by. Please submit photos via email to Emery (emery.bork@wisc.edu) by Wednesday, October 6th by 4:30 p.m. The winners will receive a prize!



# Road Rallye Registration Form

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Community Family \_\_\_\_ 4-H Family If 4-H Family, Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form by either mailing, or snapping a photo of it completed and email Emery in order to register. You can also complete the form online here:



Watch a fun YouTube video on our Vernon County 4-H channel of a recap of last year's Road Rallye and Rock Hunt!



## Fall Updates: What you need to know

**Trips:** Normally at this time of year, all trip eligible youth would be receiving an application packet for 2022. Youth need to pay attention to application dates if trips are announced, and be actively re-enrolled in 4-H.

**2021 Awards Recognition Banquet:** Each year, in January, we host a sit-down banquet, where we pass out award discs to youth members, and recognition awards to adult volunteers or organizations that have helped our county's 4-H program. This year, our hosts are Davis Diggers, Mapledale Motivators, and Enterprise Eagles. On page 8 you will find an application for each of your youth to fill out in order to receive their award discs for the year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this process, the award disc is a way to recognize an area where your youth learned/gained knowledge throughout the 2020-2021 4-H calendar year.



This is also when, if your youth served as an officer, for them to get their recognition pins. Youth build these award discs throughout the years, and place them on a plaque. If this is the first year that your youth has applied, please ask for a plaque. If your youth has filled their plaque and needs another, please let us know. These forms should be submitted to your club leader for review, so that they can return to our office by November 1. Finally, we ask that you consider any adult volunteers or organizations that your club has worked with this year and nominate them to receive an award from 4-H. Many times, we have not gotten nominations, so we highly recommend you submit them. If you prefer to submit electronic versions of these forms, you can find links to those via our Facebook page posts.



**Re-enrollment Begins Oct 1:** It's time to re-enroll! It's \$5 per youth (\$1 additional for both the horse and shooting sports projects), but after November 1st, there will be a penalty fee of an **additional \$5** per youth. When you re-enroll, please make sure that you have the correct, working email address entered so that you receive all communications from our office. That is our main, official way of communicating to our families.

**Youth Leadership Challenges Will Happen Again This Year:** Our Youth Leadership Project will be working to schedule challenges throughout the winter season for your clubs to compete in. Points will be earned and applied again for first rights to sign up for food stand shifts for the 2022 fair! Keep an eye out in your emails, club meetings, and newsletters for announcements.

**Office Status:** Please keep in mind that we do not have a support staff in our office currently. We are working to try to serve the community as best we can, but recommend that you email instead of calling--as there are times when both agents are out of the office on work programming. We are hoping to find one full-time person by mid-September and are continuing to ask the county to provide an additional half time staff.

## Club and Project Updates

**Horse and Pony Project:** We will be stall decorating on 09/12 at 3 pm at the horse barn @ fairgrounds. Pizza and pop provided!

**Poultry and Rabbit Project:** We will be hosting pullorum testing at the Erlandson Building for chickens/ducks/geese over 4 months on Sept 8th and 9th from 9 a.m to 4:00 p.m.. Testing is \$1 per bird, bring your own leg bands. Please refer to the specific email for testing you received a month ago on all your regulations and what needs to be tested.



## Botanical Boxes

Emery and summer intern, Charley sent out 40 Botanical Boxes all over the state of Wisconsin this past month. If your family didn't get a Botanical Box but would still like one, just email Emery to order. They're \$20.

The Botanical Box was Charley's capstone project. He and Emery will be presenting their work with the box at Fall Forum and their curriculum will be published for other Extension agents to use in the future. Charley is back at UW-Madison this fall, continuing his biochemistry degree. Each summer, we look for a local student that is currently enrolled at UW-Madison that is workstudy eligible. If you happen to know someone that fits that criteria for the 2022 summer, please let us know!



# Vernon County 4-H Project Activity Report/Disc & Volunteer Nomination Form

Name of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of January 1, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Member of the \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club

\_\_\_\_ I need a display plaque \_\_\_\_ I do not need a display plaque

All 4-H members are encouraged to apply for project-activity award discs in any project they are currently enrolled in or an activity they participated in for 2020. The project activity award report is also used to note 4-H activities that you have participated in during the 4-H calendar year, which is Oct-Oct.

### Instructions:

1. Fully complete the following form.
2. Submit the form to your club leader to make comments on and sign the form.
3. Your club leader will submit your form to the county office no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 1.
4. Your award discs will be mailed to you after our online awards ceremony.

Please list the project or activity in which you wish to be recognized for (you may only choose 1):

Project/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Project/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

List the reason why you wish to receive an award disc for your participation in this project/activity:

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Did you serve in leadership to your club this year, if so, please list below (president, secretary, reporter, etc.):

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Leader Comments:

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Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_







**Awards Banquet Nomination Form:**

We have so many parents, leaders, and companies that have put in hours of work throughout the years to support our program. Our Awards Banquet Program is one small way that we can acknowledge these volunteers and recognize their dedication. Please take several minutes to fill out this application to recognize these individuals. Submit to our office by November 1st by either mailing this form or snapping a photo and emailing to Emery. If you prefer to access an online application, look for this announcement on our Facebook page.

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ for the following category:

\_\_\_\_ Friend of 4-H (Individual or company that has helped Vernon County 4-H, but is not registered within 4-H)

\_\_\_\_ 4-H Volunteer of the Year (Adult(s) registered with 4-H that have made a difference)

\_\_\_\_ 1-3 Year Special Leader (Leader (project or club leader) that has done an exceptional job

\_\_\_\_ 4+ Year Special Leader (Leader (project or club leader) that has done an exceptional job

Please provide an example or explanation of why this individual our company has impacted 4-H:

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# Statewide Opportunities and Programs

## 4-H Clubs to Create Newest Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor: Entries Now Being Accepted

Madison, WI [August 1, 2021] – Cedar Crest Ice Cream, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. More than 1600 clubs are eligible to create and submit a flavor ‘recipe’ with the top clubs named as finalists, and the top flavor produced for summer 2022.

According to Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, the contest is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to work together to develop and name their flavor. “The most exciting part of the contest is the winning flavor will be available through Cedar Crest beginning next July.” The annual contest has already yielded popular flavors including Deep Woods, created by the Baraboo Valley 4-H Club and Wisconsin Campfire S’mores, created by the Springbrook 4-H Club of New Richmond. This year’s winning flavor was Tractor Tracks, created by the Country Clover 4-H Club in Green Lake County.

A panel of ice cream experts chosen by Cedar Crest judges the entries. The company manufactures more than 80 flavors of ice cream, along with frozen custard, sherbet and sorbet at its Manitowoc, Wisconsin, plant, and distributes products in five states. Many of the flavors now produced by Cedar Crest, including Wisconsin Campfire S’mores and Big Muddy, are a result of the contest.

More information and the entry form are available at [www.cedarcresticecream.com](http://www.cedarcresticecream.com). Entries are due by November 12, 2021. The winner will be announced in December 2021.



*mark your calendars!*

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## Fall Forum

green lake  
conference center

### Fall Forum: Things to Know:

- Program will include interactive sessions and keynote speakers.
- Youth 7th – 13th grade, adult volunteers and staff are encouraged to attend.
- Lodging and breakfast will be available for you to book on your own if you want to arrive the evening before.
- Registration will open in early September.
- \$65 registration fee (includes lunch and dinner, break, supplies, t-shirt, facility and program costs).

Our hope is that 4-H youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning!

Note: Vernon County is planning on sending a large delegation of youth and leaders. Our Federation will be working with attendees on funding. Please let Emery know if you're interested in attending. All Youth Leadership Project Members should seriously consider attending.



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# WLC Applications Open

The Council is a team of youth and adult leaders focused on:

- Advocating for Wisconsin 4-H
- Providing input into enhancing the Wisconsin 4-H Program
- Modeling youth and adult partnerships
- Taking a lead to provide education and leadership opportunities for others

Demonstrated Skills and Expectations:

- Leadership in local and county 4-H programs
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Public relations skills
- Positive role model
- Positive attitude

Who can apply:

- 9th- 11th grade youth members in good standing
- 4-H enrolled and certified adult volunteers
- See application for details – There are specific requirements for youth and adults on page 2.

Time Commitment:

- Council members are expected to attend and participate in the following:
  - Fall Forum (Friday evening – Sunday noon);
  - Winter Retreat (Friday evening – Sunday afternoon);
  - Spring Planning Meeting (Friday evening – Saturday evening);
  - Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (Saturday – Thursday) not all adults need to participate in Youth Conference;
  - Statewide Zooms

For more information about WLC, please check out our website:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-leadership-council/>

Applications are due by October 1, 2021. Elections for WLC will take place at this year's Fall Forum, November 6, 2021.

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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 10 days before the program activity so that proper arrangements can be made.

