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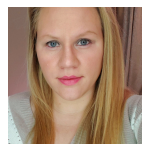


YOUTH SPENT THE MORNING MAKING NO-BAKE COOKIES, DECORATING CUPCAKES, AND LEARNING ABOUT BAKED GOODS FAIR ENTRIES. CUPCAKES AND COOKIES WERE THEN PACKED AND DELIVERED TO RESIDENTS AT VERNON MANOR FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

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Summer Scheduling in Swing

Emery Bork - 4-H Coordinator

As I was looking at the 2021 version of the March-April newsletter, it was the same theme--looking ahead to summer and filling it with programming. Last year's summer hit was the Wandering Wednesday series, where we took youth to our neighboring counties to explore local wonders and history. This summer will look different, as we tackle different projects and opportunities to try to reach a broad variety of sparks within our youth members.

We are once again, excited to be offering an overnight camping and counseling experience for youth in August. The summer, fingers crossed, will be filled with dog, horse, and shooting sports practices, day-camps that focus on gardening and disability awareness, and additional gatherings and fun educational opportunities. In this newsletter, you will encounter several events that are already open and available for registration. Have at!

In closing, I want to express just how excited I am about the results



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coming in from the Youth Leadership Challenge's Food Drive. I've seen many photos and announcements from the food pantries, shelters, and other organizations thanking our members for not only donating, but giving their time volunteering for shifts. It is the Youth Leadership Project members' and my hope that this challenge offered opportunities for clubs to connect, learn about local pantries and services in our area, and grow empathy and giving skills. Thank you to all who participated--I cannot wait to see all of the great work that you will do with our #trashtag challenge coming up in May. You are making a difference in our community--thank you!!

Photo Happenings



LIBERTY POLE BOOSTER CLUB YOUTH EARNING POINTS FOR THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE BY VOLUNTEERING AT A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY!



ABOVE: RIVERSIDE BADGERS ENJOYED AN ICE SKATING ACTIVITY TOGETHER

BELOW: NO-BAKE COOKIE AND CUPCAKE DECORATING DAY



Updates: What you need to know

Beef, Sheep, Swine Tags &

YQCA: All youth that are planning on exhibiting beef, sheep, and swine must come and get fair tags to put in ears on Saturday, May 7th. Go to the fairgrounds, and sale committee members will be there from 8:00-Noon only. If you cannot make it at this time, please arrange for someone else to grab your tags that day. You can also pick up pig tags at the Swine Chat later on that afternoon-- announcement for that is in the Project Update section.

YQCA classes are required EACH year. Youth may take the classes online for a \$13 fee, or in person from our Ag Agent, Ashley Olson for \$3. She will announce the date of those as fair gets closer. We don't want to do them too far out, as we don't want you to lose the paperwork. There will also be a new platform for registration after March 23rd. Please go back in your email and search for a YQCA email from the state with details concerning this change. YQCA must be taken by youth who are exhibiting the following species: goats, beef, chickens, swine, rabbits, sheep, and dairy.

Beef:



Please place Visual Tag in Steers Right Ear as shown in picture and RFID disc tag in Left ear also shown. Pictures of **complete head of steer** is required **with tags in the ear** along **with Full body picture of the steer**. Please make sure we can clearly see the steer so we can identify it come September fair. Pictures can be forwarded via email or hard copies can be sent Via Mail.
Email: vernoncountybeef@gmail.com
Mail: Tyler Fortun -E6938 Us Hwy 14/61-Westby WI 54667
Please indicate whose steer the picture is for when sent in as well.

Sheep:



Please send two pictures ,one of head and side view. We are not worried about seeing the numbers on the tags, but ask to write scrapie tag and RFID tag number in email for each sheep when emailing the pictures.

The email address for the sheep is vernoncountysheep@gmail.com

Swine:



Take one head picture of *each hog* with the tag showing as being in place in the *left* ear. Take one side shot picture of *each hog*. That would then be **two** pictures per hog to be submitted.

Photo's are to be submitted via email to vernonswine@gmail.com

Clearly note exhibitor name and the ear tag number (s) in the body of the email.

Information Example:
Exhibitor Ron Smith
Hog #1 VE 101

Again, if you have any questions or concerns with this new procedure please contact
Lloyd Hardy, Meat Animal Sale Committee President at 608-606-1301.

Eligibility to Exhibit At Fair: This is your **annual reminder** about the rules surrounding being able to exhibit your projects at fair. While fair is an important, mostly referred to as "the cherry on top" event, it isn't the foundation of 4-H. Club and project leaders, and the county educator work to provide learning opportunities and skills building all year round to help shape and form our youth into successful adults. Fair provides an opportunity for the youth to show what they have been working hard on, all year. This being said, 4-H has an attendance rule concerning eligibility to exhibit. If you would like to request a full copy of the policy, please email: emery.bork@wisc.edu. Main highlights include:

1. **Returning youth must attend 50% of the meetings held from October to June. New families must attend 50% of meetings held from when they joined until June. If joining in June or thereafter, they cannot exhibit at fair that year.**
2. **Youth have opportunities to make up two missed meetings by attending other 4-H programming either in-person or virtually.**
3. **If returning families have not registered on 4HOnline by June 1st and paid dues to their club, they are not able to exhibit at fair.**



County-wide Project Updates & Opportunities

Shooting Sports Project: Leaders from the project invite all interested families and current project members to a Meet and Greet Program on Saturday, April 9th from 11-12:30 at the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Our project uses this conservation club due to the fact all aspects of the project from archery to .22 can occur at the same time. At the meet and greet, youth and parents will learn about the project, meet the leaders, plan practices and schedule competitions for the summer. There will also be a safety review, and a Q&A session. Parents are encouraged to bring cash or a check in order to purchase t-shirts and ammunition. Please register on the Google form so we can plan for numbers:
<https://forms.gle/KnHeEJV9qLMZJYaQ8>



Youth Leadership Project: The YLP will be meeting again virtually on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. to continue working on planning our Disability Outreach program slated for July. Please check your emails for a Zoom invite and notes from the last meeting.

Foods Project: Thank you to all who attended our no-bake cookie and cupcake decorating day! We are excited to announce our first Foods Revue and Tasting Event, slated for July 16th. The purpose of this event is to encourage the creative, design, and cooking skills of our 4-H youth. Youth may choose to enter a variety of different classes that focus on presentation, style, and sharing a dish they made to earn feedback. Registration form and rules can be found later on in the newsletter--or enter online here:
<https://forms.gle/ij1udrCM6ceLGT7e9>



Swine Project: Learn about feeding your pigs for fair, and how to get them show weight ready from Steve Wagemester, who is an animal feed specialist/nutritionist! Steve will be talking face-to-face at the Erlandson Building from 1-2 on May 7th. You can also pick up your pig tags at this event.
<https://forms.gle/aX9GRz3qjicLgwou8>



Dairy Project/Vernon County Dairy Youth The Vernon County Dairy Youth Fund is upping its scholarship offering to high school seniors and eligible college students with (2) \$1,000 scholarship offerings. Apps are due April 1 and can be obtained from Julie Larson: julielarson2424@gmail.com. Dairy judging at Area Animal Science days will happen this summer. Check out the save-the-date in the Statewide Events Section.

Find your projects on Facebook: Many of our county-wide projects have their own Facebook pages where announcements are made, questions asked, and information is posted. Here is a list of all of the Facebook pages, feel free to join in!

Dog Project:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2207581809539814>

Photography Project:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/891585188189682>

Rabbit and Poultry Project:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/525348828264549>

Horse Project:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/231378910220751>

Vernon County Dairy Youth:

<https://www.facebook.com/VCDairyYouth>

Vernon County Fairest of the Fair: The Vernon County Fair Association is once again sponsoring the Fairest of the Fair and the Jr. Fairest of the Fair contest. The Fairest and Jr. Fairest will serve as hostesses for the 165th Vernon County Fair September 14-18, 2022. The Fairest will also represent Vernon County in the State Fairest of Fairs contest held in Jan 2023. The contest will be held on Saturday June 11, 2022 at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. Applications will be available on the fair website www.veroncountyfair.com beginning April 15, 2022. Applications are due May 5, 2022.

To obtain more information contact:

Angie Hornby 609-606-3167 (please leave a message)
fairest@vernoncountyfair.com



Upcoming Statewide Events

TEACHING SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
BARNEY CENTER, SPARTA



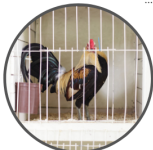
The Fur, Fin and Feather Show is open to all. The show gives our youth an opportunity to show their rabbits, poultry, cats and small pets, with face-to-face judging by sanctioned judges. They get pointers and learn hands-on about their animal and how to improve when showing at the fair.

In addition to the animals, there will also be a poster and an animal photography show. There will be educational sessions and a poster exhibition, raffle, and possibly a supplier there.



SMALL PET SHOW

Cats, birds, reptiles, amphibians. Youth judged on knowledge, care, health. Cat vaccination cert. required.



POULTRY SHOW

All breed/type show. Showmanship competition.



RABBIT SHOW

All breed/type show. Showmanship and breed judging competition.

To Enter Online: <https://forms.gle/ocaG42U62sMXUrEb7>

A four-county effort, the Teaching Show is hosted by La Crosse, Monroe, Richland and Vernon County 4-H. Full rules, regulations, and paper entry forms can be found on each county's website.



2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy

**Registration
Opens
July 1**

Activities Include:

- High / Low Ropes Course
- NASA Simulators
- Russian Language Lessons
- Scuba Diving
- Fighter Jet Simulators
- Advanced Rocketry
- Meeting NASA Engineers
- Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training
- STEM Challenges
- Simulated Space Mission
- International Space

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.



Grades: 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

Dates: January 21—27, 2023

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

Lodging: Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

Meals: All meals will be included in the price.

Transportation: Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

Registration: July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

More information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu



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State 4-H Horse Education Days

Registration Deadline: April 1st

Speaking & Demonstration Contest Date: May 13, 2022

Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest Date: May 14, 2022

Both contests are at the Dodge Co Fairgrounds. You need to be pre-registered to participate.

More information about visit: [The WI 4-H Horse Association Handbook](#)

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

SHEBOYGAN - JUNE 15TH

CHIPPEWA - JUNE 17TH

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

Foods Revue and Tasting Event: Entry Information and Rules

July 16th : Westby Library Basement
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (depends on number of entries)

The purpose of the Foods Revue and Tasting Event is to encourage the creative, design, and cooking skills of our 4-H youth. Youth may choose to enter a variety of different classes that focus on presentation, style, and sharing a dish they made to earn feedback. Likewise, this program provides an opportunity to explore potential careers in restaurant or bakery management, interior design and more.

Entries will be broken down into age groups: (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-13)

When planning entries, take proper precaution and consider food safety. No raw meats/fish, refrigerated items must be transported in a cooler with ice, food must be transported in fully sealed dishes that maintain temperature. Youth will have time to plate food/work in the kitchen before presentation. Kitchen will be open at 8:30 a.m.

After judging and tasting take place, participants will take part in a potluck consisting of entries. Vernon County 4-H will provide the main dish (meat), drink, and eating utensils. Ribbons will be given after potluck, and there will be a crowd choice winner as well!

CLASSES:

Class 1: Table Theme: Set and Design

For this class, a youth will design a table theme that includes decorations, placemat design, follow proper place settings, and one dish that matches the theme. This class encourages youth to focus on interior design skills and food presentation. The youth will be judged on the overall design, accuracy of place settings, quality of the dish, and their presentation skills.

Youth will be given 15 minutes to prepare their display, table, set out dish and interact with the judge. They may not be assisted in this process. Youth are expected to walk the judge through their process of creating the design, why they chose the theme, and explaining the accompanying dish.

Class 2: Food Presentation

For this class, a youth will make items and present to the judge. The judge will evaluate presentation of the dish, and the youth's presentation skills. This class encourages youth to focus on plating and presentation skills: explaining ingredients, how it is assembled, etc. Entries in Class 2 must also be entered in Class 4. Youth may not enter the same dish they used in Class 1. Youth may enter only one dish in each category, but may enter as many categories as they wish.

- a. Dessert other than baked goods
- b. Appetizer
- c. Salad
- d. Side dish other than salad/soup
- e. Drink
- f. Bread/other baked good items: savory
- g. Baked goods: sweet
- h. Sauce, dressing, etc.



Class 3: Sugar and Chocolate Work, Decorating (frosting/fondant)

This class is an opportunity to show off work with sugar, chocolate, and design skills. This class is judged on pieces created to decorate cakes/cupcakes, chocolate sculptures, and examples of sugar work. The categories below are broad. Displays can be done on plates, cakes, or cupcakes for an overall effect. The baked goods used in this class may be entered in Classes 2 and 4. However these entries are judged on display and quality only.

- a.Chocolate sculpture/display
- b.Sugar work (spun sugar)/display
- c.Sugar sculpture/display
- d.Frosting work/display
- e.Fondant work/display

Class 4: Tasting

Judging will consist of tasting and giving feedback/placings of the categories under class two. Entries in class 4 must also be entered in Class 2. Youth may not enter the same dish they used in Class 1.

Class 5: Menu Creation

For this class, youth will create a menu. Youth should choose a theme and create a complete menu, including categories, such as appetizers, soups/salads, main course, deserts. Pictures are allowed, and youth should think about the overall image.

Foods Revue and Tasting Event: Entry Sheet

You may also enter using our online form: <https://forms.gle/Gzfa1oxsCEQRDS7X7>

Youth Name: _____ Youth Grade: _____ Youth Club: _____

Any Food Allergies: _____ Email and Phone: _____

I wish to enter the following classes:

___ **Class 1: Table Theme: Set and Design**

List design theme and dish here (for example: Harry Potter, butterbeer pie): _____

___ **Class 2 & 4: Food Preparation/Tasting (mark category and write down dish name)**

___ Dessert other than baked goods: _____

___ Appetizer: _____

___ Salad: _____

___ Side dish other than salad/soup: _____

___ Drink: _____

___ Bread/other baked good items: savory: _____

___ Baked goods: sweet: _____

___ Sauce, dressing, etc.: _____

___ **Class 3: Sugar and Chocolate Work, Decorating (frosting/fondant) (mark category and write down dish name)**

___ Chocolate sculpture/display: _____

___ Sugar work (spun sugar)/display: _____

___ Sugar sculpture/display: _____

___ Frosting work/display: _____

___ Fondant work/display: _____

___ **Class 5: Menu Creation**

List design theme here (for example: Star Wars Cafe): _____

4-H Camp Counselor Application

CRAWFORD, RICHLAND, MONROE, LA CROSSE AND VERNON COUNTIES

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 9-13

CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION DUE MAY 1, 2022

COUNSELOR TRAINING: JUNE 14TH @ GAYS MILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

CAMP DATES: AUGUST 14-16 UPHAM WOODS, WI DELLS (TENTATIVE)

EMAIL: _____ YOUTH NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (PREFERABLY YOUTH'S CELL PHONE): _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: XS S M L XL XXL

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 HAVE YOU RECEIVED, IF ANY? ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE BEGINNING OTHER

WHAT LEVEL OF FIRST AID INSTRUCTION HAVE YOU HAD, IF ANY? ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE BEGINNING OTHER

I PREFER TO WORK WITH THIS GROUP: GRADES 3-4 GRADES 5-6 GRADES 7-8

DESCRIBE THE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES THAT YOU HAVE HAD, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING YOUNGER YOUTH:

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED CAMP AS A CAMPER? IF YES, INDICATE YEAR AND THE NAME OF THE CAMP:

IF YOU HAVE BEEN A CAMP COUNSELOR, PLEASE LIST THE YEAR, NAME OF THE CAMP, AND 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 AND SINGING GAMES AND REC

NATURE ACTIVITIES FLAG CEREMONIES SCIENCE OTHER: _____

NOT A PAPER PERSON? FILL OUT THE APP ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/2T1rYNWzRNjWuTDn9](https://forms.gle/2T1rYNWzRNjWuTDn9)



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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.

Youth Leadership Project: Challenge 3: #trashtag

This challenge will run for the duration of the month of May (May 1-June 3). The #trashtag challenge was an older online trend a few years ago. The focus of this challenge is to find an area within our county that needs help and fix/clean it. This is a very general challenge and can range from clean up to building, etc. Clubs may complete as many #trashtag challenges as they wish. Each #trashtag is worth 13 points in the final tally. Examples include: clean up and repair of broken playground equipment, painting and repairing benches at a park, trash dump clean up, building a new shelter area at the dog park, repairing a broken deck ramp for an elderly/disabled person, overgrown public garden cleanup/replanting. If you have ideas and are not sure, feel free to run them through the Extension Office for advice. Some projects may require funding. The Leader/Parent Federation has a fund that will extend \$150 grants to clubs looking to do service projects. Clubs can also search out additional funding from Lions Clubs' and other local organizations to match the \$150. If your club needs funds, those will need to be approved at the Federation meeting in the month of February, March or April. Reach out to the Extension Office to be put on the agenda for those meetings to ask for funding. Before and after photos will need to be submitted to the Extension Office by June 3rd, along with details of the project. We will be featuring these photos in the local paper and online. We are not allowing roadside cleanup to qualify as this challenge. Roadside clean up has become increasingly dangerous and we do not recommend that any clubs do this at all, in any circumstance.

