



The Voice of 4-H

The Vernon County 4-H Family Newsletter



RICHLAND COUNTY YOUTH LEADER, KARI HELPS YOUTH EXPERIENCE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL DURING OUR DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY PROGRAM

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4-H Variety

Emery Bork - 4-H Coordinator

I leaned back against the counter at the 4-H fair food stand during National Night Out with a giant smile on my face. I was getting a very thorough rundown of all the ASL alphabet signs from a very animated 4Her. He had received a hand out just two days prior at our Disability Awareness Day program. Not only had he worked to memorize the alphabet, but also signed our 4-H pledge with relative ease, and pulled in his little brother, whom he had also began teaching. I will be honest here, this 4-Her has been engaged in a lot of our county-wide programming throughout the years, and while he enjoyed them, I have never seen him spark such an interest than with ASL. After witnessing his accomplishments, we started talking about what this could mean for him. Could it develop into a 4-H project, or maybe further into college and a career for him? I asked him to think back to our Disability Awareness Program and remember the two ASL interpreters that were helping--would he like to do that someday? He lit up like a Christmas tree--and just to note--this youth, I can't get him to smile much, but this time--he beamed! Recently, we've had an adult volunteer as an ASL project leader, and so I am planning on connecting them and watching him continue to grow under her guidance.



This story is a prime example of what 4-H is working towards when we talk about finding a youth's spark. Often times, when asked, youth can identify their sparks, but sometimes it takes being in the right place at the right time. That is why I am committed to offering such a variety of different programming from bugs, cupcake decorating, swine nutrition, watercolor painting, and more. This is also why I am thankful to have willing volunteers that specialize in these areas to help foster connections with youth and lead them in their projects and guide them in to potential careers. Enjoy the rest of your summer, I am excited to walk around and see all of our youths' hard work displayed at fair!

Youth Leadership Project (YLP) Announces 2022-23 Theme

Firstly, I would like to take a moment to invite any 8th-13th grader to join our project. We meet virtually and face-to-face to plan out different programs, do team building, and more. I consider these youth to be 4-H ambassadors, and are frequently asked to represent 4-H in local, state, and nationwide initiatives. Youth that are active within the project have opportunities for additional scholarship funds once they graduate high school.

The YLP met recently for a half-day training and brainstorming session to plan out their club challenges for the upcoming 4-H year. After discussion, the youth voted on this year's theme: Intergenerational Relationships. They also decided that the two club challenges: Light the Drive, and the February Food Drive will stay as repeating challenges. The third challenge, however, will fluctuate according to the theme of the year. Last year's challenge, #trashtag, focused on community clean up and service projects.

The YLP is challenging your club to think about and plan ways to interact with older generations. This could include programs with nursing homes, identifying elderly that live alone near where your club meets and reaching out to them to help/program together,

inviting older generations to club meetings to give a talk or teach a lost skill, the possibilities are endless. The YLP recommends doing both full club outreach/programming but also within small groups or families.

In addition to discussing the club challenges, the YLP youth discussed club youth officer positions and concerns. It has been hard to get youth to step up into youth officer positions, and the YLP wants to create ways to help those youth feel the importance and prestige of those stations. They are working on several ideas, including exclusive t-shirts, a specific fun day just for club officers, and more.

Please keep these dates related to the YLP in mind:

Oct 1-May 2: Intergenerational Challenge

December 17: Light the Drive

December 28th: Youth Officer Training

February 1- March 3: Food Pantry Drive

New Partnerships

Vernon County Extension, including 4-H, has been busy in the community, working with many new partners and sharing our story about how our work impacts our community. We are excited to announce a new partnership with McIntosh Library, and the formation of a new after-school 4-H club. This will mark Vernon County's 14th club!

Extension was able to meet recently with State Senator Brad Pfaff and State Representative Loren Oldenburg to talk about the Growing Together Garden, which we have been using for 4-H youth programming all summer, in conjunction with Library Director Trina Erickson and Youth Services Director Laci Sheldon. Shown also, is the Viroqua City Council President Tanja Bjerke.



Photo Happenings



A busy month....

First: Youth participated in our first ever Foods Revue. They completed in classes focused on interior design, menu creation, and of course cooking! We will be doing this one again next year!



Second: Youth leaders taught others about adaptive equipment, introduced ASL, and adaptive sports in honor of the ADA legislation anniversary.



Third: Intern Chase and myself offered over 11 programs throughout the summer with a bug and garden theme. Photos are of the Cloverbud Garden Gala.



Fourth: Vernon County sent a total of 18 youth, 2 chaperones, and 1 youth counselor. Total camp attendance was well over 100 this year! We camped with Monroe, Richland, La Crosse, and Crawford Counties.



Updates: What you need to know

Taking livestock to the fair? Do you have all the required paperwork?:

All Junior Fair and Open Class entries for cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, and poultry exhibits must be in place by 6 p.m. on Wednesday week of fair. All animals have to come in the east gate only where they will be checked by a vet before entering the fairgrounds.

You must have the following paperwork:

1. YQCA Certificate
2. 2022 Vernon County Fair Animal ID & Vet Check Information Form (one form per species of animal per exhibitor):
http://www.vernoncountyfair.com/pdf/form_animal_id.pdf
3. Health paperwork/certificates according to species:
 - a. Cattle-no certificate requirements
 - b. Swine-vet inspection certificate
 - c. Goats-no certificate requirements
 - d. Equine-Coggins
 - e. Poultry-NPIP certificate or WI Tested Flock certificate or Individual Testing certificate
 - f. Rabbits-no certificate requirements
4. Registration papers according to fair book rules for showing registered stock

You are also required to have a premise ID number in order to fill out the paperwork. Make sure to contact DATCP to receive one if you haven't already.

Please make sure all of your animals are tagged according to fair rules. The above list is abbreviated and for in-state stock only. For a thorough run through of information, please refer to the fair book or call the superintendent associated with your species. They are the BEST resource: <http://www.vernoncountyfair.com/>



Fair Food Stand Sign Up:

On the next few pages, you will find the final list for shift sign ups. **This is your official reminder of your commitment.** We have several open spots that need to be filled. You can sign up to work as many shifts as you wish, and you'll continue to earn more money for your club.

Also, please remember that each family is required to bring a **two-crust** pie. No creme, merengue, or open pies--they will have to be thrown away.

Please keep an eye out for Food Stand Clean Up Day emails. We will need to do a small scale clean up before fair. The road has hopefully been fixed to prevent flooding of the stand in the future, but we have construction dust and some mud to tackle yet.

Again, thank you for working at the food stand. The money earned at the stand goes directly back into youth programming. For example, camp this year cost well over \$160 per person. Due to funding, we were able to support enough that each camper only had to pay \$75 to attend.



Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

Wednesday (9/14)

3:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Alexis Vesbach, Danielle Trussoni, Julie Falkers, Samantha Tryggestad, Stacia Bartovics

YOUTH: Jenna Harrington, Madison Kumlin, Sarah Falkers, Catherine Falkers

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

ADULTS: Katie Erickson, Katie Tracy, Ariel Walleser, Rikki Sprosty, Brenda Torgerson, Tracy Engh

YOUTH: Sylvia Erickson, Theo Erickson, Jackson Tracy, Katy Torgerson, Myle Torgerson

Thursday (9/15)

9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Jill Krause, Jon Levendoski, Amanda Hautanen, Michael Hautanen, Deb Thompson, Michelle Skaden

YOUTH: Kyle Jarzemski, Olivia Hautanen, Tyler Thompson, Maggie Bartovics, *OPEN*

1:00-4:30:

ADULTS: Lauren Hanson, Ronald Huebsch, Charlotte Stephenson, Lynn Curtis, Cathy & Autumn Langaard

YOUTH: Vivian Stephenson, Autumn Langaard, Sam Klum

4:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Labecca Schott, Heidi Garrett, Jason or Dana Hohlfelder, Jennifer Miller, Katie Mossholder

YOUTH: Kenna Hohlfelder, Kaitlyn Hohlfelder, Genesie Sousa, Logan Curtis, Georgia Goede, Ruby Goede

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

ADULTS: Danna McCauley, Tom McCauley, Marty Mosher, Diane Colburn, Jessica Jorstad, Kari Defliger, *OPEN*

YOUTH: Wyatt McCauley, Aliyah McCauley, Elizabeth Colburn, Mason Mosher, Connor Mosher, Kolbie Andolsek, Kendal Andolsek

Friday (9/16):

9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Justin Monroe, Mike Michniak, Brook Strangstalien, Tabitha Volden, Jennie Brudos, Tracey Goltz, Diane Falter

YOUTH: Evalyn Monroe, Brie Michniak, Caden Strangstalien, Andrew Brudos, Hazel Goltz, Genesee Goltz

1:00-4:30:

ADULTS: Elizabeth Caley, Ashley Brudos, Ann Christianson, Renae Diehl, Jennifer Hanson, Jessica Jorstad

YOUTH: Gracie Caley, Emily Brudos, Alana Christianson, Rachel Diehl, Angela Diehl, Josie Hanson

Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

4:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Sheri Hammond, Liz Leirmo, Brandon or Bethany Larson, Allison or Craig Pierce, Natalie Solverson, Jessica Jorstad

YOUTH: Hannah Hammond, Elizabeth Hammond, Danika Leirmo, Hannah Falkers, Aria Larson

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

ADULTS: Hollie Satona, Melinda Benzing, Steve Michaels, Ashley Olson, Lisa Schlicht, Jessica Jorstad, Bradley Peters

YOUTH: Joelan Satona, Weston Benzing, Jacob Michaels, Madeline Michaels, Jed Olson, Kateley & Rylee Schlicht

Saturday (9/17)

9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Andrea Jochen, Myron Jochen, Traci Moe, Kari Pedretti, Karen Fowell, Cyndi Dobitz, Aaron Mithum

YOUTH: McKenna Jochen, Kenzie Pedretti, Chelsea Pedretti, Kayla Dobitz, Macie Fowell, Jessie Cina

1:00-4:30:

ADULTS: Jill Jarzowski, Lenay Kumlin, Amanda Jensen, Shawna Nelson, Reggie Nelson, Shelley Gunn

YOUTH: Bentley Nelson, Gina Klum, Tricia Klum, Aiden Klum, Levi Klum, Marissa Klum

4:00-7:30:

ADULTS: Tamera Zink, Shelly Saegrove, Lorna Vento, Elisa Trussoni, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, Eric Van Wyk, Elizabeth Tigan

YOUTH: Anastasia Zink, Lillian Zink, Oscar Zink, John Saegrove, Cecilia Vento

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

ADULTS: Savannah Steers, Elizabeth Roberts, Elizabeth Tigan, Jenny Peterson, Brie Yager, *OPEN, OPEN*

YOUTH: David Van Loo, Ada Van Loo, *OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN*

Sunday (9/18):

9:30-1:30:

ADULTS: Candice Herman, Stacey Huebner, Brian Huebner, Stephanie Nicklay, Heather Stenslien, Jessica Peterson, Anastasia Penchi

YOUTH: Holly Braun, Denali Huebner, Odessa Huebner, Grady Nicklay, Ben Penchi

1:00-3:30:

ADULTS: Billie Caley, John Harrington, Michelle Caley, Trent or Kayla Schott, Dan Frederick,

YOUTH: Bob Caley, Jaden Schott, Cole Defliger

Scan here to sign
up for open slots:



Updates: What you need to know, ctd.

Time to Re-Enroll: Sept 1

When fair comes around, so also does re-enrolling for 4-H. Re-enrollment opens September 1st. Please make sure to head into 4-HOnline and re-enroll for the 22-23 year by Nov. 1. **If you delay in re-enrolling, you will miss out on mass emails and newsletter mailings, as your information won't show in the system.** We recommend using a computer, as mobile phones seem to time out in the system.

1. If you had an account in 2021- 2022, go to <http://wi.4honline.com>.
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. Click Sign-In If you have forgotten your password, click "Reset Password?" to receive an email with a link to set a new password.
4. You will be at the Family Member List Screen.
5. To re-enroll a youth member, click on Enroll Now and skip to Youth Member Enrollment.
6. To re-enroll an adult member, click on Enroll Now and skip to Adult Enrollment.
7. To add a new youth or adult member, click on the Add Member button and skip to Adding a New Member to the Family.

Scan here to re-register:



Trip Award Information & Key Award:

Vernon County 4-H wants to send our youth on trips! Each eligible youth will be mailed a trip packet with information on all of the opportunities offered for their age group, as well as an application for financial support from our Leader/Parent Federation. The same goes for those youth eligible to apply for the Key Award.

Raffle Tickets Due To Your Leader By Sept. 26:

Please make sure to turn your raffle tickets and money in to your club leader by Sept. 26th, so they can have them in to our office by Friday that week. Please make sure they are filled out on both sides, as the youth that sells the ticket gets Culvers gift cards. There were a lot of blank sides on tickets pulled last year.

Project Updates

Poultry and Rabbits Projects: There was a case report for the RHDV2 disease in La Crosse. The rabbit show at fair has been shut down. Please refer to emails from our office and the county fair. There will be a decorating/pizza party at 5:30 on Sunday, Sept. 11th. Contaminated hay from the west is the main culprit. Avoid buying hay from the store and utilize local farmers instead.

If you need to have individual testing done on your fair birds, there will be testing available at the pizza party. Remember that all chickens/waterfowl over the age of 4 months will need individual testing reports. Birds under the age of 4 months are eligible to still use the NPIP hatchery papers given when you purchased them. Turkeys cannot be tested, and must use the NPIP hatchery papers given when purchased and must be younger than 6 months. Please bring your own leg bands (zip ties and a permanent marker work fine).

American Sign Language Project: We have a new adult volunteer that is looking to activate this project. We hope to share some announcements with you in the new 4-H year in October.

Project Days: We are working on offering several youth-taught project exploration days again this fall/winter. Last year we focused on crafts (holiday), photography, and cake decorating. This year, we will try to highlight additional topics and will announce those via email/Facebook once they've been secured. We are considering a woodworking project, electricity, sewing, and additional arts/crafts. These days will be open to all ages, Cloverbud through 13th grade.

National 4-H Week--Time to Celebrate!

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

COLORING CONTEST DUE OCT 3

Color the page in the newsletter and submit to our office by Oct. 3rd. There will be winners in each age division: cloverbud, 3-4, 5-7, 8-13! Colored pages can be mailed back, or submitted electronically by emailing to Miranda or Emery. Make sure to include youth name, club, and grade!

ROAD RALLYE! SUNDAY, OCT 2TH 2 PM - 5 PM

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 dinner!

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

Vernon County Road Rallye:

In order to participate in the Vernon County Road Rallye, you will need to pre-register by Wednesday, September 28th. 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 2:00. In order to get cars moving out of the parking lot, you are asked to arrive at 1:30. 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.

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Intergenerational Relationships

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NOVEMBER 12-13
UW RIVER FALLS

More information & registration details available in September



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Fall Forum 2022

November 4-6, 2022

Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Friday night
- Introductions to Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates AND Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and Wisconsin 4-H Program Leadership
- And so much more! You won't want to miss it! **Sample 2021 Fall Forum Schedule**

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