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# The Voice of 4-H

*The Vernon County 4-H Family Newsletter*



**HORSE PROJECT YOUTH RIDE IN THE NEW FAIR ARENA FOR THE FIRST TIME**

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## Summer Success Story

**Emery Bork - 4-H Educator**

Several animal projects have been quite busy this summer. Our dairy youth have attended judging competitions, dog project youth have been attending weekly agility and obedience lessons, and then there are our horse project youth: I've got a success story to tell!

A year and a half ago, a small group of youth and parents made a decision: to raise money and advocate for a safer arena to ride in at fair time. Project members have had to navigate a slanted grass arena with a gravel road in it for years as their designated showing area. They worked tirelessly for two summers to gather well over \$8000 to put towards leveling the 6 foot spot, as well as laying down a foundation of arena sand. They held pony poop bingos, hosted patrons at Culver's nights and so much more.

This summer, their dream came true, as ground was broken in late July. Members gathered together several times to place posts, rehang gates, and help finalize the arena. They were awarded with their first practice in mid August! The perseverance, determination and teamwork our horse members, leadership, and families demonstrated is to be commended! If you have an opportunity to watch our horse project members show at the Vernon County Fair, give them a good pat on the back for a job well done.

I wonder what other amazing things our members will do next to impact our incredible communities!



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# Photo Happenings



The Youth Leadership Project headed to the WI Dells for a day of bonding, learning, and fun!



Above and below: We had over 160 people attend our 100 year celebration in August! Clubs participated in the annual watermelon eating contest, and the water tub dump race!



A huge thank you to the youth and families that volunteered to hand out over 2500 meals at National Night Out!



Who remembers 4-H camp?! This year Vernon County was part of over 150 campers from La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, and Crawford Counties! Camp is such an amazing experience! Our theme this year was Olympics.



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# Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

## WEDNESDAY (9/11)

### 3:00-7:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Trent Schott, Derek Felde, Ashley Brudos, Julie Falkers, Rachel DeFlorian, **OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH:** Keira Schott, Jaden Schott, Kenna Hohlfelder, Ava Felde, Charlie Felde

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

**ADULTS:** Amber Joseph, Katie Erickson, Jill Krause, Diane Colburn, Tonya Mikkelson, Travis Martin

**YOUTH:** Raelynn Joseph, Amiah Joseph, Sylvia Erickson, Theo Erickson, Maci Krause

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 7:00-10:30PM:** Shannon Anderson, Courtney Wubbenhorst

## THURSDAY (9/12)

**FOOD PICKUP 6:30-7:30AM:** Alexis Vesbach

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 9:30AM-1:30PM:** Abigail Kolkind & Katty Miller

### 9:30 AM-1:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Elizabeth Caley, Rachel Effinger, Shelley Gunn, Jon Levendoski, Andrea Jothen, Myron Jothen

**YOUTH:** Gracie Caley, Kendall Caley, Lily Caley, Miley Effinger, Sarah Falkers

### 1:00-4:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Dana Hohlfelder, Renae Diehl, Holly Braun, Erik Strangstalien, Bridget Strangstalien, Tim Clason

**YOUTH:** Caitlyn Hohlfelder, Emily Brudos, Logan Brudos, Catherine Falkers

### 4:00-7:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Dana McCauley, Tom McCauley, Michelle Dombeck, Hollie Satona, Jennifer Harris, Ann Schwert, Corinna Halvorson

**YOUTH:** Aliyah McCauley, Joelan Satona, Hannah Hammond, Elizabeth Hammond, Sophie Harris, Tessa Rumppe

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

**ADULTS:** Ann Schwert, Brenda Torgerson, Tracy Engh, Jeremy Halverson, Todd Buchholz, Aaron Mithum, Jade Jothen

**YOUTH:** Katy Torgerson, Myle Torgerson, Ryan Buchholz, Cole Defliger, Reagan Mithum, Shay Maly, **OPEN**

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 7:00PM-10:30PM:** Sarah Clemens & Chris Clemens

## FRIDAY (9/13)

**FOOD PICKUP 6:30AM-7:30AM:** Amanda Mattice

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 9:30AM-1:30PM:** Cecelia Falter

### 9:30 AM-1:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Justin Daniels, Heather Stenslien, Ariel Walleser, Rikki Sprosty, Brook Strangstalien, Tucker Anderson, Holly Anderson

**YOUTH:** Weston Daniels, Mckinley Stenslien, Brynlee Sprosty, Grace Strangstalien, Wyatt Jorstad, Anna Jorstad

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 1:00PM-4:30PM:** Sarah Clemens & Chris Clemens

### 1:00-4:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Deb Thompson, Kathy Cade, Savannah Steers, Tracey Goltz, Craig Pierce, Samantha Skifton, Kjersten Walleser, Ann Christianson

**YOUTH:** Tyler Thompson, Leah Cade, Hazel Goltz, Sylvie Pierce, Ardyn Pierce, Joey Harter

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 4:00PM-7:30PM:** Archer Martin & Everett Martin

### 4:00-7:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Heidi Garrett, Hazel Hendrickson, Anastasia Penchi, Sheri Hammond, Liz Leirmo, Corinna Halvorson

**YOUTH:** Luke Garrett, Ben Penchi, Danika Leirmo, Abbi Wright, Sage Bork



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# Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

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

**ADULTS:** Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, Diane Colburn, Jessica Mosher, Terry Stluka, Natalie Solverson, Melinda Benzing, Brad Peters  
**YOUTH:** Ryker Fuglsang, Connor Mosher, Ethan Mosher, Griffin Mosher, Harper Solverson, Tenley Solverson, Weston Benzing

## SATURDAY (9/14)

**FOOD PICKUP 6:30AM-7:30AM:** Labecca Schott

## 9:30 AM-1:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Jim Merritt, Jessica Gratz, Jessica Jorstad, Joey Loefflad, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**  
**YOUTH:** Wyatt Gunn, Henry Levendoski, Evelyn Gratz, Wyatt Jorstad, Anna Jorstad, Wyatt McCauley

## 1:00-4:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Lynn Curtis, Ann Schwert, Joey Loefflad, Emily Fowell, Becky Gehrke, Jenny Dregne  
**YOUTH:** Logan Curtis, Bennett Gehrke, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 1:00PM-4:30PM:** Faith Schout & John Schout

## 4:00-7:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Roger Dombeck, Dan Frederick, Ann Schwert, Kari Defliger, Lisa Young, Crystal Spry, Bridget Goodwin  
**YOUTH:** Kendal Andolsek, Kolbie Andolsek, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

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

**ADULTS:** Kari Defliger, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**  
**YOUTH:** **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 4:00PM-7:30PM:** Savannah Lange & Abbi Wright

## SUNDAY (9/15)

**FOOD PICKUP 6:30AM-7:30AM:** Deanna Martens

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 9:30AM-1:30PM:** Chelsey Myhre Foster & Adrianna Briggson

## 9:30 AM-1:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Erica Johnson, Stephanie Nicklay, Cyndi Dobitz, Kari Pedretti, Cory Colburn, Jessica Wallace, Brian Wallace  
**YOUTH:** Mia Theobald, Reid Nicklay, Grady Nicklay, Kayla Dobitz, Chelsea Pedretti

## 1:00-3:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Traci Moe, Brian Huebner, Stacey Huebner, Nicolette Clark, Kari Defliger  
**YOUTH:** Angela Diehl, Alana Christianson, Kenzie Pedretti, Odessa Huebner, Landen Colburn

There are still open spots. Please head to our sign up sheet to get those filled in. If you absolutely cannot find a spot that works for you, please drop off an extra pie or contact Debbie Primmer to offer to help her set up the stand before fair or after fair. Debbie Primmer can be reached via email at [primmerdj@gmail.com](mailto:primmerdj@gmail.com) or 608-689-2620

Link to shift sign up sheet:



We need more help!



# Updates: What you need to know

## **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 24-25 year by Nov. 15. **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 2023- 2024, 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:**

Vernon County 4-H wants to send our youth on trips! Most of the state, region, and national trips enroll during the fall months. If you are considering going, please keep an eye out for emails from the state. Remember that Federation typically pays for half of your trip. You can also ask for funds from your club! We will help financially support your youth to go, so please do not hesitate to reach out to get more info.

## **Raffle Tickets Due To Your Leader By Sept. 25:**

Please make sure to turn your raffle tickets and money in to your club leader by Sept. 25th, so they can have them in to our office by Sept 27th. Please make sure they are filled out on both sides, as youth who sell the winning tickets receive Culver's gift cards.

## **Nominate Yourself For Parent/Leader Federation:**

Each year during the awards banquet, we elect new officers for our Federation. What is Federation, you may ask? It's a governing body of 4-H club leaders, adult leaders, and youth that make decisions for county-wide programming, and handle our county's 4-H budget. We meet one time per month, every 3rd Sunday at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in running for these positions, or would like to know more, please reach out to our office.

**2024 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. You will be emailed/given 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 2023-24 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 them on our website.

## **National 4-H Week--Time to Celebrate 4-H in Vernon County!**

### **COLORING CONTEST DUE NOV 1**

**In order to commemorate 4-H in Vernon County, we're hosting a coloring contest! Age levels for entries are grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-13. Turn in your coloring pages to leaders to turn in by the Nov. 1 deadline. The county supervisory board will choose winners, who will get a nice prize!**

### **ROAD RALLYE! SUNDAY, OCT 6TH 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, October 3rd. 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 dinner 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 dinner at the end. Once you have been given the meal, your team is released!

Sign up here:





Vernon County 4-H Presents



# HALLOWEEN

*Hide and Seek*

19 OCTOBER

Wild West Days Grounds @ 7:00 PM

Open to Youth Ages 7-18

Trunk or Treat for All Aged Youth: 5:30-6:30 PM

Costume Contest for All Youth and Adults



Pre-Registration for Hide and Seek is \$10

Night Of Registration is \$15

A fundraiser for the Vernon County Trauma Task Force, County K-9 Programs, and School Lunch Fund Payoffs as part of the 4-H Youth Leadership Project 2024-25

Theme

# RULES & POLICY



Halloween Hide and Seek is a joint community outreach effort by Vernon County 4-H, local law enforcement, and others. All proceeds from this event will be contributed to the Vernon County Trauma Task Force, County K-9 Programs, and School Lunch Fund Payoffs in Vernon County Districts.

## Rules:

1. Upon arrival, youth will register and receive their reflective armband and pay fees. A guardian will be expected to sign insurance releases and must be present. The youth may not tamper with or hide their armband in any way.
2. At 7:00 PM, youth will be released and will have 15 minutes to hide. The grounds are entirely fenced--these fences are not to be crossed. Crossing results in immediate disqualification. Youth are invited to hide anywhere within the grounds, however, they are not to climb on top of structures/roofs or put themselves in any danger. There will be umpires walking the grounds during hiding to direct youth if need be. Umpires will be wearing strings of lights to be visible to participants, youth must follow all instructions/guidelines given by umpires at all times. Not listening to umpires will result in being asked to leave.
3. At 7:15 PM seekers will be released to find youth. When a youth is found, they are not to run. If they run, they will be asked to leave. This is to prevent injury. The seeker will remove the youth's armband, and the youth must immediately return to the registration table. Umpires will continue to monitor the grounds and assist as needed.
4. Seekers will have until 8:00 PM to find all youth hiding in the grounds. At 8:00, an alarm will sound. All youth who have not been found must immediately return to the registration table and present their intact armbands for proof.
5. Winners will be announced and prizes given.
6. During hide and seek, parents and guardians remain in the registration area where there will be a concession stand with hot chocolate/apple cider and other items.

The costume contest will immediately follow hide and seek. Please keep in mind that this is a family oriented event. Prizes will be for the following categories:

- Cutest
- Best Homemade
- Funniest
- Most Realistic





# County, State & Nationwide Happenings

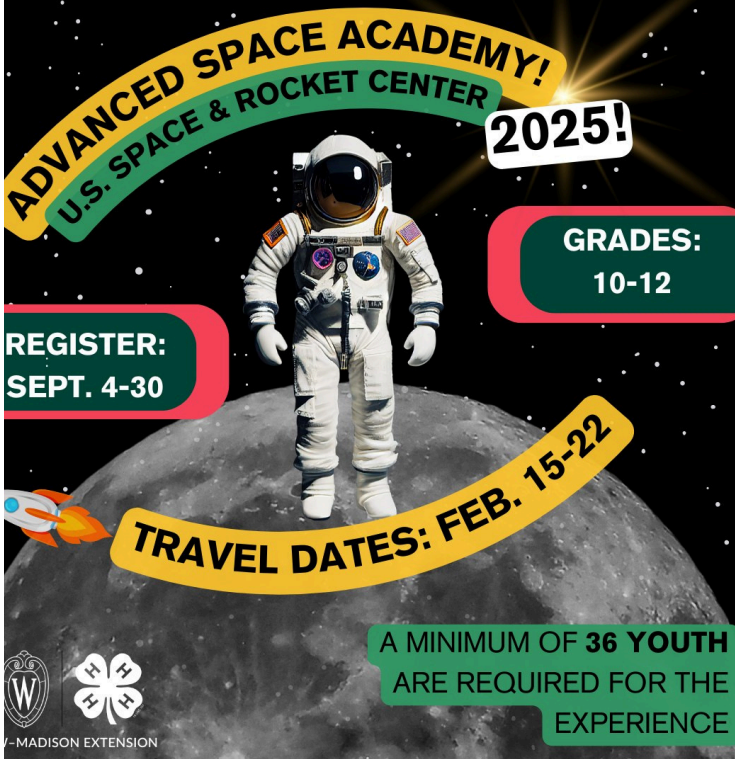
\*Apply for camps on 4-HOnline



**4-H Arts Camp**

- Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- Oct. 5-6
- Register by Sept. 16
- Grades: 6-8

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**ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY!**  
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER  
**2025!**

**GRADES: 10-12**

**REGISTER: SEPT. 4-30**

**TRAVEL DATES: FEB. 15-22**

A MINIMUM OF 36 YOUTH ARE REQUIRED FOR THE EXPERIENCE


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Northern Wisconsin Beef Producers

## 19th Annual Kids & Cows Family Day

Saturday October 12, 2024  
at Barron County Fairgrounds  
Rice Lake, WI

Education, fun, hands on learning for all ages and experience levels.




**-NEW THIS YEAR- 2 SHOW RINGS**

- Registration.....7:30-9:00
- Educational Workshops..... 9:00-12:00
- Lunch/Fun Break..... Noon-1:00  
Food Stand, AG Olympics & Fitting Contest
- Showmanship Competition..... Begins at 1:15  
Showmanship is open to all ages and classes are youngest to oldest.
- Breed Show.....Following Showmanship

**For Rules and Entry Information:**  
www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com  
Contact Lori Lyons 715-210-0049 or lalyons4@yahoo.com

Early Entry Fee: \$10 per Kid & \$10 per Head of Cattle  
Register @ FairEntry.com "2024 Kids & Cows"  
Early entry closes on 10-9-2024, No Refunds  
Day of Registration Fee: \$15 per Kid



\*Kids are encouraged to bring their own cattle— kids and adults without will have one provided

Join us for a fun Zoom meeting with **Tammy Stuhr**, a best-selling children's book author and a 30+ year 4-H volunteer. Tammy will read her book, *Jax Finds His Talent*.



**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!**

Date: Sept. 19th  
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Sign up now!



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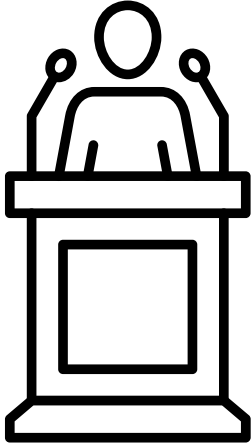
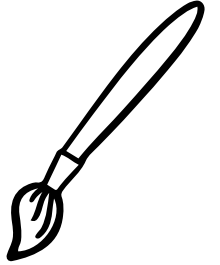
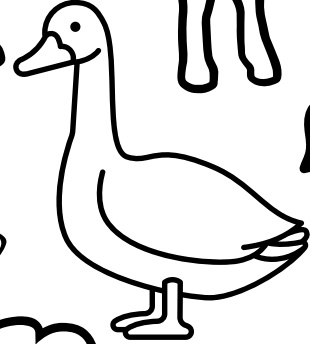
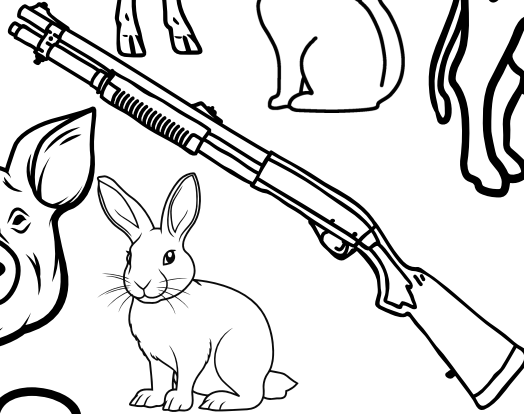
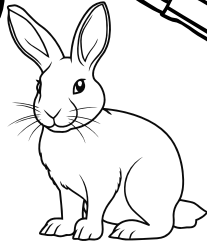
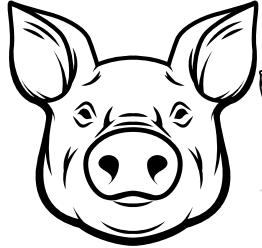
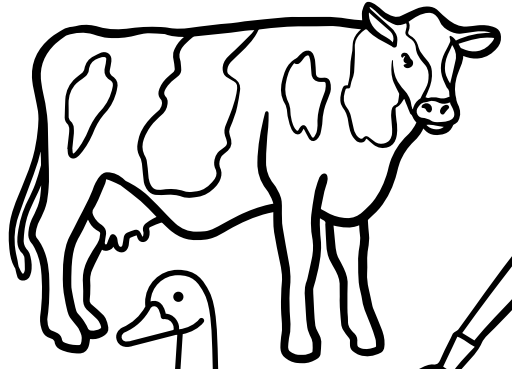
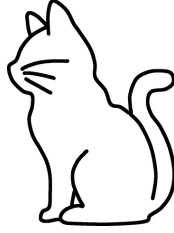
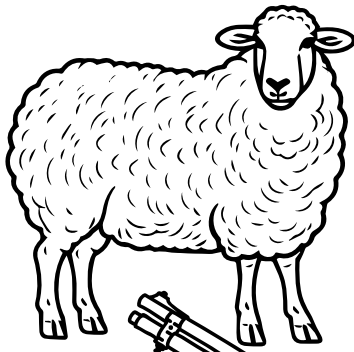
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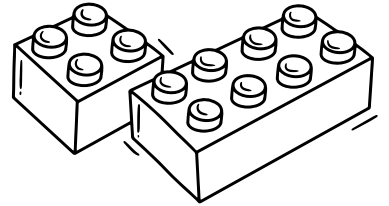
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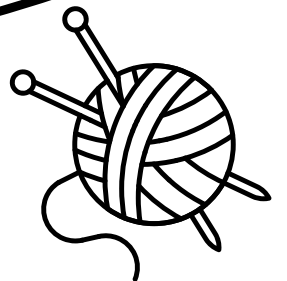
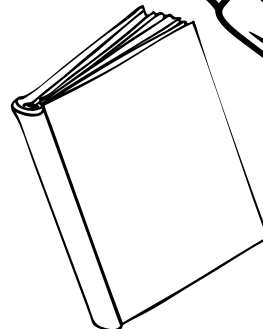
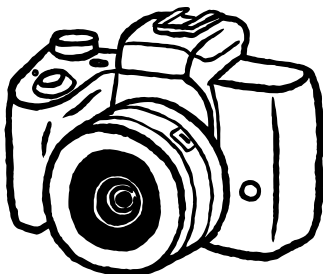
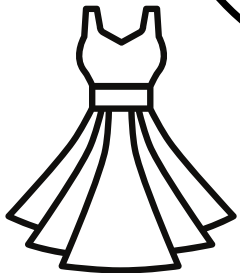
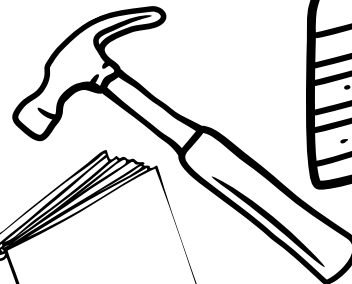
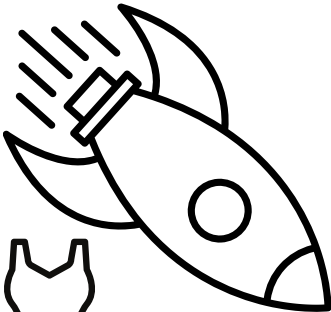
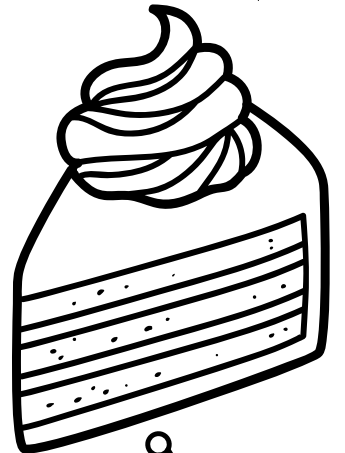
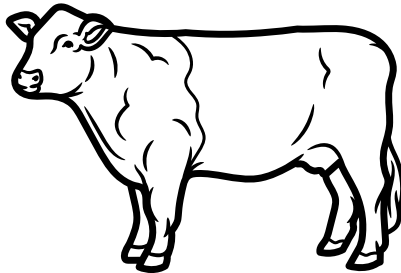
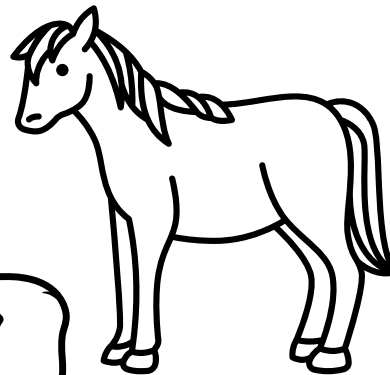
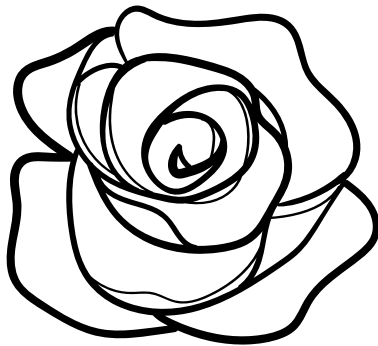




# Vernon County



## 4-H



**Name:**

**Grade:**

**Club:**