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# The Voice of 4-H

*The Vernon County 4-H Family Newsletter*



**CLOVERBUD GRADUATES POSE WITH BIG SMILES AND THEIR NEW T-SHIRTS. GRADUATION FROM THE CLOVERBUD PROJECT MEANS THESE YOUTH CAN PARTICIPATE IN MORE 4-H PROJECTS, LIKE ANIMALS!**

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## Is It Spring Yet?

**Emery Bork - 4-H Educator**

As I write this, today is the third day in a row of 50 degree weather after a very long cold snap. I never thought I'd fancy sneaking away to warmer temperatures during the winter, but it is becoming more appealing as I get older. Our animals handled it like champs, even though they look a bit haggard, and our kids climbed the walls due boredom. Now they're coming inside soaking wet due to playing in the melting snow and thus continues on the cycle of the first few months of a new year.

While I am sure that this is a false spring, spring signifies the beginning of a new season and new initiatives. It's a good time to sit down with your youth and discuss what types of projects they'd like to pursue this year. Perhaps its working to continue to master a goal or skill they've been working on for a while or trying something new. My 13 year old has recently become interested in bug pinning and got all the materials she'd need for her birthday. Not knowing anything about it whatsoever, I hopped onto shop4-H.org and ordered her an entomology curriculum. It's super easy to read, interactive and fun. Shop4-H has curriculum for just about everything, so if you're looking for grade-appropriate guidance and help, check it out!



# Photo Happenings



Several youth and adults attended our clinic on pruning apple trees.



Many deserving individuals received awards at our annual banquet including leaders and community members.



Liberty Pole Boosters members volunteered their time at Door of Hope, spring cleaning and doing set up.



Many clubs made cards to give to others for Valentines. Sylvia made 28 cards for Bethel Home!



# Updates: What you need to know

## Beef, Sheep, Swine Tags/Fair Book:

All youth that are planning on exhibiting beef, sheep, and swine must come and get fair tags to put in ears on Saturday, May 3rd. Go to the fair grounds and 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 or call Lloyd Hardy. We will not have tags in the office. Please refer to the infographic later on in the newsletter about tag placement, etc. Remember, no YQCA--it is no longer required.

The fair has a new board President! We congratulate Bill Marohl on his election! He announced that the new website is up, and the fair book should be uploaded and ready to go by May 1. There were some livestock auction changes and other additions, so please read carefully!

<https://www.vernoncountyfair.com/>

## Dairy Project/Dairy Youth Updates:

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

April

- Farm Tours-Tour dairy farms or dairy related businesses. The day includes learning new ideas, being with people that are also passionate about dairy, fun, friendships, lunch and ice cream.
- Dairy Youth Fund Scholarships-Two scholarships at \$1000 due March 15th Please contact Aaron Mithum at [amithum@kickapoo.k12.wi.us](mailto:amithum@kickapoo.k12.wi.us) for a scholarship application. More information was shared on Facebook page and sent to schools.

## Mark Your Calendars

We figure you're already planning your summer trips and vacations, as we are already planning out our summer programming. Here are a few dates to put into your phone calendars:

- April 18:** 6-8 PM Woodworking Workshop for all ages!
- May 17-18th:** Cloverbud Sunflower Growing Contest-Seeds Disbursed
- June 21st:** Cloverbud Discovery Day
- July 20th:** Annual Summer Social Celebration
- July 26th:** Foods and Clothing Revue
- July 30-August 1:** 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods
- August 5th:** National Night Out



## VERNON COUNTY 4H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT FUNDRAISER **PONY POOP BINGO**

1st -\$500, 2nd -\$100, 3rd -\$50, prizes for each game  
4 Games - 100 numbers sold per game

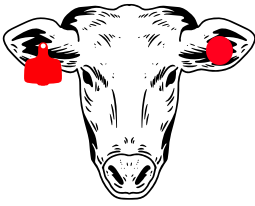
**\$10** a number sold by 4H project members  
Get your Number Today!

THE GAMES WILL BE HELD DURING

 **WESTBY SYTTENDE MAI**   
Sat. and Sunday May 17th & 18th  
at the Westby City Baseball Field

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT :  
BROOK STRANGSTALIEN 608-606-4269

## Tag Placement and Reporting Instructions



**Beef:** Please place the visual tag in the steer's right ear as shown in the picture and the RFID disc tag in the left ear. Pictures of the complete head of steer is required with tags in the ear, along with a full-body picture of the steer. Please make sure we can clearly see the steer so we can identify it come the September fair. Pictures can be forwarded via email.

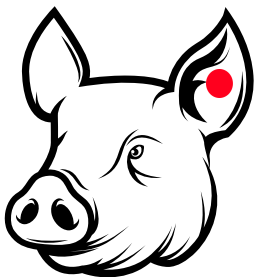
Email: [vernoncountybeef@gmail.com](mailto:vernoncountybeef@gmail.com)

Please indicate whose steer the picture is for and when sent in as well.



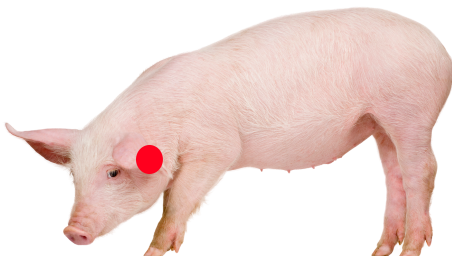
**Sheep:** Please send two pictures, one of the head and one of the side view. We are not worried about seeing the numbers on the tags, but please write scrapie tag and RFID tag number in email for each sheep when emailing the pictures. Please indicate whose sheep the picture is for.

Email: [vernoncountysheep@gmail.com](mailto:vernoncountysheep@gmail.com)



**Swine:** Two photos required: 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. Please indicate whose swine the picture is for, and the tag numbers in your communication.

Email: [vernonswine@gmail.com](mailto:vernonswine@gmail.com)

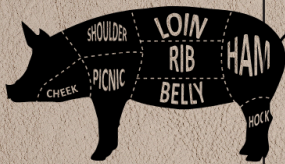


**If you have any questions or concerns with this process, please contact Lloyd Hardy, Meat Animal Sale Committee President: 608-606-1301**

# County, State & Nationwide Happenings

## BREAKING DOWN A PIG:

Youth will learn how to take a hog from primal cuts to retail cuts as an introduction to meat science and judging.



Nordik Meats - 9:30 AM - March 15th

-Must wear head covering such as a beanie/ball cap, dress warm 50 degrees in cut room

-Recommended for older youth, will be standing for up to 1.5 hours  
-20 spots available

To register:  
<https://forms.gle/HhyKaYEej4b1MDyC9>



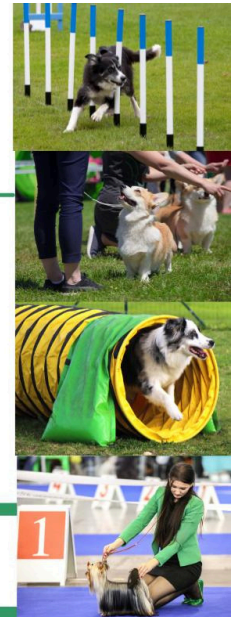
## STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

**State 4-H Dog Obedience,  
Rally, Showmanship Show  
Sept. 27-28, 2025,  
Langlade**

**State Dog Agility Show  
October 11, 2025,  
Oshkosh**



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## WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS



### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2025

**February 20 - Cooking with Beef**

**Speakers:** Angie Horkan and Kaitlyn Kesler, Wisconsin Beef Council

**March 18 - Management for your animal project, Biosecurity**

**Speakers:** Dr. Gretchen May, Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Veterinarian

**April 17 - Creating Charcuterie Boards**

**Speakers:** Jessica Brown, Joshua Brantley, Heather Hunt, UW Madison.

All events are free, virtual and  
begin at 6:30 p.m. CST  
Can meet county educational  
requirements.

Hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, UW  
Madison/Division of Extension.  
For more information & how to  
register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>





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## 4-H WOODWORKING WORKSHOP

Join us for an evening of simple, yet exciting woodworking projects. We will have separate tables based on grade level. This program is open to Cloverbud through 13th grade.

**DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH**  
**LOCATION: TBA**  
**TIME: 6-8:00 PM**  
**SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED, PARENTS CAN DROP OFF AND PICK UP THEIR YOUTH**

**YOUTH MUST WEAR CLOSE TOED SHOES**  
**IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING AT HOME, PLEASE BRING OTHERWISE, WE WILL PROVIDE:**  
**SAFETY GLASSES, MASK FOR SANDING, HEARING PROTECTION**



**MUST REGISTER BY: APRIL 4**



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