



# The Voice of 4-H

*The Vernon County 4-H Family Newsletter*



CLOVERBUD PROJECT MEMBERS, LYDIA AND ANNABELLE, ALWAYS HAVE SOME AMAZING FOOD ENTRIES AT OUR ANNUAL FOODS REVUE

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## Growing In 4-H

### Emery Bork - 4-H Educator

Fair will be here before you know it! Are you ready? Our family isn't quite there yet, but we are excited. Our theme at the 4-H table in the Youth Building this year will be "Grow in 4-H." We will have piles of pipe cleaners, and we will be teaching people how to make flowers with them. Our goal is to invite passersby to make as many flowers as possible throughout the fair, and then we will donate them to local nursing homes to brighten rooms and provide never-ending cheer.

The goals and work that we do in 4-H are a lot like those pipe cleaner flowers. Young people engage in 4-H programming, take root, and through the nurturing of caring adults and experiences 4-H provides, they grow into beautiful people. The flowers do not fade or fall apart, just like the skills and memories our youth build in 4-H. Our program positively and vibrantly colors lives for the better, and 4-Hers continue to spread cheer no matter how old they become!

So stop on by our table and make a flower, or pick up a take-and-make bag for home. I wish all of you great success at fair, and hope it sparks excitement as we head into the 2025-2026 year. Don't forget to re-enroll starting right after fair!





# Photo Happenings



The Youth Leadership Project headed to the WI State Fair for their annual trip. They taste tested cream puffs, came back with new project ideas, and enjoyed bonding with each other. It was a hot day at the fair, topping out at 96 degrees!



Koda, the barred owl, is enjoying his new home at Upham Woods thanks to our youth who travelled there to build him his new house and paint his enclosure!



Foods and Clothing Revue was a blast! Congratulations to all the winners and the hard work you put in to your projects!



Who remembers 4-H camp?! This year Vernon County was part of over 100 campers from La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, and Crawford Counties! Camp is such an amazing experience! Our theme this year was spies.



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# Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

## **WEDNESDAY (9/10)**

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

**ADULTS:** Jordan Burke, Shannon Anderson, Courtney Wubbenhorst, Amber Joseph, Kathy Cade, Jessica Gratz

**YOUTH:** Austyn Burke, Raelynn Joseph, Amiah Joseph, Dane Cade, Leah Cade, Evelyn Gratz

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

**ADULTS:** Elizabeth Caley, Danny Felde, Deb Thompson, Jill Krause, Michelle Dombeck, Rachel DeFlorian

**YOUTH:** Gracie Caley, Kendall Caley, Lily Caley, Grady Felde, Tyler Thompson, Maci Krause

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 7:00-10:30PM:** Kelsey Vance, Adrianna Briggson

## **THURSDAY (9/11)**

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

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 9:30AM-1:30PM:** Katty Miller, Sandra Miller

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

**ADULTS:** Tonia Hanson, Dana McCauley, Kelly Hagen, Nicole Hendrickson, Erica Johnson, Diane Falter, Hannah Colburn

**YOUTH:** Aliyah McCauley, Addison Hagen, Weston Braun, Mia Theobald, Cecilia Falter

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

**ADULTS:** Andrea Jothén, Myron Jothén, Bridget Strangstalien, Erik Strangstalien, Jessica Peterson, Holly Braun

**YOUTH:** McKenna Jothén, Sarah Farkers, Catherine Farkers, **OPEN, OPEN**

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

**ADULTS:** Jade Jothén, Jason or Dana Hohlfelder, Justine La Fond, Crystal Lavey, Nicolette Clark, Tracy Engh, Brenda Torgerson

**YOUTH:** Joelán Satona, Sterling Jothén, Kenna Hohlfelder, Katy Torgerson, Myle Torgerson, Eli Engh

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

**ADULTS:** Hannah McKeever, Hollie Satona, Ann Schwert, Kari Defliger, Samantha Skifton, Tracey Goltz, Sheri Hammond

**YOUTH:** Joseph Harter, Hazel Goltz, Elizabeth Hammond, Hannah Hammond, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 7:00PM-10:30PM:** Chelsey Myhre Foster

## **FRIDAY (9/12)**

**FOOD PICKUP 6:30AM-7:30AM:** Laurin Muetze

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

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

**ADULTS:** Stacey Huebner, Brian Huebner, Justin Daniels, Jennifer St John, Katie Erickson, Lisa Young, Crystal Spry

**YOUTH:** Odessa Huebner, Sylvia Erickson, Theodore Erickson, Letha Steers, Clara Young, Sylvie Pierce

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 1:00PM-4:30PM:** Heather Stenslien

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

**ADULTS:** Holly Anderson, Tucker Anderson, Hazel Hendrickson, Jennifer Miller, Emily Fowell, Melinda Benzing, Terry Stluka

**YOUTH:** Luke Garrett, Jesse Miller, Judd Miller, Weston Benzing, Graham Benzing, Griffin Mosher

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

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

**ADULTS:** Renae Diehl, Hiedi Garrett, Jennifer/Mitchell Harris, Jess Mosher, Liz Leirimo, Laura Kanis, Travis Martin

**YOUTH:** Angela Diehl, Trista Diehl, Sophie Harris, Sage Bork, Danika Leirimo, Ardyn Pierce

# Fair Food Stand Shift Sign Up Reminder

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

**ADULTS:** Lee Peterson, Natalie Solverson, Tonya Mikkelsen, Kari Defliger, Michael Krueger, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, OPEN

**YOUTH:** Tenley Solverson, Ryker Fuglsang, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

## SATURDAY (9/13)

**FOOD PICKUP 6:30AM-7:30AM:** Brad Meulemans

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

**ADULTS:** Jessica Wallace, Brian Wallace, Kate Merritt, Becky Le Jeune, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH:** Aerin Wallace, Wyatt Gunn, Harper Solverson, Jamie Dingeldein, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

## 1:00-4:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Tabitha Volden, Kjersten Walleser, Ann Schwert, Jessica Jorstad, Stephanie Chambers, Corinna Halvorson

**YOUTH:** Caitlyn Hohlfelder, Tessa Volden, Wyatt Jorstad, Anna Jorstad, Luke Chambers, Hailey Chambers, **OPEN**

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

## 4:00-7:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Dan Frederick, Ashley Shepherd, Kari Defliger, Sarah Clemens, Chris Clemens, Mary Sullivan, **OPEN**

**YOUTH:** Ryleigh Volden, Phoebe Clemens, Abbi Wright, Pearl Marks, Vincent Marks, Mariah Sullivan

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

**ADULTS:** Nicolette Clark, **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH:** **OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN**

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 4:00PM-7:30PM:** **OPEN, OPEN**

## SUNDAY (9/14)

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

**YOUTH BUILDING 4-H TABLE 9:30AM-1:30PM:** Amy Schlicht, Amber Kaminsky

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

**ADULTS:** Steph Nicklay, Ariel Walleser, Rikki Sprosty, Kari Pedretti, Cyndi Dobitz, Deanna Martens, Julie Falkers

**YOUTH:** Reid Nicklay, Grady Nicklay, Chelsea Pedretti, Kenzie Pedretti, Kayla Dobitz

## 1:00-3:30 PM:

**ADULTS:** Trent Schott, Nicolette Clark, Anastasia Penchi, Cory Colburn, Rebecca Clason

**YOUTH:** Jaden Schott, Keira Schott, Alana Christianson, Ben Penchi, 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!  
<https://volunteersignup.org/KFYQR>





# 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 5th. Please make sure to head into 4-HOnline and re-enroll for the 25-26 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 2024- 2025, 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. 24th, so they can have them in to our office by Sept 26th. 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.

**2025 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 2024-25 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!



**ROAD RALLYE!**  
**SUNDAY, OCT 5TH**  
**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 1st. 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*

18 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

# 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, dig under buildings, 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





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