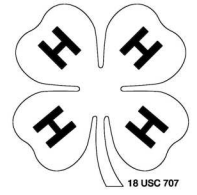


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Life Skills  **4-H Focuses on.....**

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Relating to Others
- Planning and Organizing
- Learning to Learn
- Communicating with Others
- Leading Self and Others
- Relating to Change
- Applying Science & Technology
- Developing Self

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Vernon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors



On August 1st 30 people gathered together for good food and an EMPOWERING message from Tom Thibodeau, Director of Servant Leadership at Viterbo University. Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center provided a beautiful setting where Tom inspired us with his words, to become good leaders, we must serve our community. The goodness will lift people up. When we use our head, heart, and hands together, the world becomes a better place.

Respectfully submitted, Emma Penchi

Youth Ambassador Meeting

August 29, 2012

Minutes

Attendance: Johanna Schuh, President; Allison Hawthorne, Vice President; Jess King, Treasurer; Emma Penchi, Secretary; Courtney Moser, Maura Rem, Katie Siler, Casey Fremstad, David Schuh, Clare Hawthorne and Colleen Pulvermacher, YA advisor.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at Viroqua Park Bowl. Emma presented a report from the August meeting and Tom Thibodeau presentation. Treasurer Jess King reported a current balance of \$ 1, 113.12. We discussed the Regional Volunteer Conference in Kansas; Johanna Schuh, Allison Hawthorne, Colleen Pulvermacher and Joanne Hornby will be attending this conference Oct. 11-14th. Motion was made and seconded to fund ½ the cost of the youth delegates attending this conference. Motion carried.

We brainstormed ideas for 4-H club visits to encourage involvement in YA. We discussed the importance of a consistent message, so Jess King will write a presentation and the other officers will offer feedback. It was also agreed that the YA presentation can be made by any YA member, not just officers. It was also mentioned that YA's should speak at clubs other than their own. We hope to start visiting clubs in October. The Springville Superstars has already expressed interest in a YA presentation at one of their meetings. YA have the opportunity to help judge kindergarten Cloverbud projects on Saturday of the fair from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sign up with Colleen Pulvermacher if interested. This is a great experience to encourage our Cloverbuds in a positive way on their efforts and accomplishments. Other opportunities at the fair include: YA's may also help run a game at the Bully Project booth and possibly help with tobacco prevention at the Health Department booth. Contact Colleen to sign up for these opportunities.

Other upcoming events include, decorating Citizens First Bank 16' x 8' x 2' window with a 4-H information, banners and youth projects. Courtney Moser, Katie Siler and Johanna Schuh will work on this project.

On October 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Liberty Pole Store is having a pumpkin decorating contest. YA can assist youth to help decorate their pumpkins. If interested, contact Nicole Hendrickson, 675-3606.

Colleen talked about the Annual Youth Leadership Conference in Chula Vista December 1st. This is a super conference – hands on and interactive. A waterpark pass is included in the registration cost and hotel rooms are discounted. Registration deadline is October 31st; Motion was made and seconded to fund a portion of this conference for youth ambassadors, depending on the number that register. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. We enjoyed snacks and played volleyball.

Respectfully submitted, Emma Penchi



Leaders please note: All 4-H new and re-enrollments are due by November 15th at 4:30 pm to the Extension Office. To be able to participate in competitive events such as fair, June 1st is the deadline to enroll in 4-H and or add/change projects . A \$5.00 late fee applies to all re-enrollments received between November 15th and June 1st.



4-H Club News



Springville Superstars - Lily Lepke

August—The August meeting of the Springville Superstars 4-H club was called to order by President Brandon Lee at 7:10 p.m. The pledges were led by the Roethel and Larson families and new families introduced themselves. Katherine Larson read the secretaries report. It was approved by Sean Nelson and seconded by Zach Lohr. Motion passed. JJ McClelland read the treasurer’s report. It was approved by Jozie McClelland and seconded by Joseph Roethel. Motion passed. Julie Larson gave the club leader’s report. The club is asked to provide input on the next 4-H year and members/parents are asked to sign up for the food stand at the fair. Pie crusts were made before the meeting by foods and nutrition project members. Beth Lee gave the Parent Leader Federation report. Amber Nelson reported on the Ferris Wheel Breakfast. The club is performing their play three times on August 10th at the Wisconsin State Fair. Our club had the greatest attendance at the pie and ice cream social where Thomas Larson and Brandon Lee received scholarships and Katherine Larson reported on her 4-H award trips, so we were given door prizes that we gave out. Door prizes were drawn and Jessica Nelson reported on the horse show on July 22nd at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. Mikayln Clements reported on the county 4-H camp. Mikayla Lepke reported on making pie crusts before the meeting. The club voted on allowing \$50 for livestock decorations at the county fair. It was approved by Joseph Roethel and seconded by Lucas Anderson. Motion passed. Beth Lee will be at Cornerstone Christian Academy from 4-5 on September 9th for fair tag pickup. Officer elections were held. The new President is JJ McClelland, Vice-President is Jeremy Lee, Secretary is Jessica Nelson, Treasurer is Jozie McClelland, Reporter is Lily Lepke and Historian is Brianna Hall. The Roethel and Larson families are the lead families for this month. Thank you to the foods and nutrition group for making pie crusts before the meeting. After the meeting, the annual game of kickball was played. There will be no September meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Amber Nelson adjourned it and Sean Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Enterprise Eagles—Sabrina Servais

August—Our last meeting was held August 5th 1:00 at the the Chaseburg village hall with 25 people present. Our president, Trent Gander, called the meeting to order. Isaac and Simon List then did the pledges and I did the Secretary's report. Zach Servais gave the treasurer's report both were approved. Old business was the food stand's updated shifts, activity discs form, the canoe trip date and a summary on 4-H camp. New Business involved making a donation to the Chaseburg Run/Walk, reimbursement for 4-H campers, and officer nominations. Announcements were Young Eagles, a booth update, and shooting sports reminder. Then at 1:55 Isaac List made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Christine De Pooter gave the 2nd. Our next meeting will be held on October 7th, 1:00 at the Village Hall.

Davis Diggers/Belgium Builders—Kellyn Maurer

July—Discussed about our upcoming trip to “All Glazed Up” on August 19th to decorate clay creations and our walking taco bar fundraiser at the Farmer’s Market on August 25th. We also discussed raffle tickets and fair entries. Went over newsletter together.

Our next meeting will take place on August 19th at the “All Glazed Up” building in La Crosse.

Retreat Ramblers—Jessica King

July—The July meeting was called to order by President Brandon Parr at 8:00 p.m. on July 18th. Fair registration forms were handed out to complete and turn in by the end of the meeting.



Lauren Voelker led roll call and gave the Secretary’s report. The Treasurer’s report was read by Dylan Johnson. Both were approved. Old Business- the Club had a fundraiser at Red Neck days. We also discussed calendar raffle tickets. Under New Business, we talked about upcoming events such as a dog wash fundraiser on July 29th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the De Soto Community Center and food stand sign-up times. We also talked about having a fundraiser at the Retreat World’s Fair which included a balloon race. There was a motion from Logan Scoville to adjourn the meeting and Sam Marley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on August 25th at the Retreat Sportsman’s Club at 10a m.; we will be discussing our fair booth display.

August—Casey Fremstad

The Retreat Ramblers had their monthly meeting Saturday, August 25th, 2012. The club members excitedly discussed some great fundraising ideas for the Retreat Worlds Fair coming up the last week of September. The one fundraising idea that really stirred up some excitement was having a Balloon Race Across America! How this balloon race works is people would purchase their balloon with a choice of 1 balloon for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The balloons would be released at the Retreat World's Fair off of a float and during the tractor pull that goes all day and into the night. Whose ever balloon goes the farthest wins a grand prize of \$500!!! And whoever contacts our leader with the information inside the balloon and where it landed is put into a raffle for \$100! We plan on giving away over \$1000 in prizes to those who take part either buying or finding balloons. More information available at: <http://ykonline.yksd.com/>



[RetreatRamblers/](http://ykonline.yksd.com/RetreatRamblers/). The balloons will be available for purchase from now up to the Retreat World's Fair. After the meeting we had hotdogs and pizza while we worked on our booth for the Vernon County Fair.



Space Camp & Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference

Trisha Nickelotti

Space Camp was awesome! The bus ride to Huntsville, Alabama was surprisingly fun. We stopped in Indiana, and stayed overnight in a hotel. Once we got to Space Camp we were separated into groups of about 12. When we finally got to our dorm rooms they were small! There were about 7 to each room. My favorite part was probably the simulators. There were three I went on: MAT (Multi- Axis- Trainer), G-Force, and Space shot. But we did a lot more such as, made rockets and launched them, did a mission, made team patches— which my team won! Also we had so much fun, and met a ton of new people! I'm so happy I was able to take part in this wonderful opportunity! Thank you so much!



Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is something I look forward to every year! You leave Viroqua on a Monday, and return on a Thursday. Those 4 days are packed! Once you get down there you go up to dorm rooms. Then you go on a tour. I went to the Kohl Center, but you also can go to Camp Randall, Chazen Art Museum, Capitol, or get a tour of the UW-M Campus. Tuesday you have seminars. My morning seminar was Sharing Science. We did many science experiments such as 'Which makes better bubbles, Skim or Whole Milk?' Tuesday afternoon I had Dream Bikes, where we fixed up bikes. That was my community service project. Wednesday my seminars were 'Robotics 101' and 'Get into the Act'. Both were super fun! My favorite seminar was 'Get into the Act'! In robotics we programed our own robot! and in Get into the Act we learned part of the play that Drama Co. put on for us! We also had 2 dances, and an assembly every night. The food there is AMAZING! I recommend this trip for everybody!

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

Julia Wiltinger

The day we first got to Madison we were greeted by the very friendly and outgoing Youth Leader Council. After, we got settled in and got to relax for a little bit we went to the first assembly that really got us excited for conference. We had many other assemblies, including the talent show, showcase singers, and drama company putting on their performances. The food was very good as well and they kept us nice and safe while we were walking from place to place. At the conference I went to a leadership class. I also went to a class called Operation Military Kids, which I found very interesting, because an actual military kid came to tell us her story. I also enjoyed the juggling class that I actually got to take with two people from our own county, Maddie and Emma. I did not learn to juggle perfectly, but I enjoyed the demonstrations. My favorite class although, was Robotics 101. I liked it, because you could program the robot to do basically anything! You could even make it talk. Overall I had a very fun trip and met a lot of new friends. I may apply to go on this trip another time.

Sincerely, Julia

Clothing Revue & Wisconsin State Fair

Submitted by

Hannah & Teresa Falter

Every June the Vernon County 4-H clothing project puts on a Clothing Revue. Members of the Clothing project model articles of clothing they have made for a judge who critiques the members on the fit and appropriateness of the garment. At the end of the evening, the judge selects two delegates and one alternate from the members who are 14 or older to represent the county at the State Fair Clothing Revue. We were selected to attend the State Fair this year.






We had a lot of fun at the Wisconsin State Fair Clothing Revue. We were there for four days, and every day was full of things to do. There were twenty-two other girls from around the state in our group. On the first day, we were divided into four little groups. Each of those groups planned a style show. Over the course of the four days, each show was put on twice. We had nine shows total; the premiere show on the first day was already planned by the teen facilitator and the coordinators. The days were spent preparing for the shows, putting on the shows, and making friends. We also had various activities, such as, learning how to apply make-up for stage purposes, how to model our outfits on stage, and a Photo Scavenger Hunt. In the Photo Scavenger Hunt, we were divided into teams and given a list of places around the Fair at which we had to take a picture of our team. The object was to take the most creative pictures. We had a lot of free time in the evening so we could just enjoy the Fair or hang out in the dorm. We all turned in community service projects that we had sewn and brought, on the first day as well. It was a great experience and we learned a lot.





November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  <i>Trip Award / Friend of 4-H/ Special Leader/ Vol of Year/Proj Disc- Deadline</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leaders Conference</i> →	10
11 →	12	13	14 <i>Leader Parent Federation Meeting</i>	15  <i>4-H Enrollment Deadline</i>	16	
18	19	20	21	22  <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29 <i>Volunteer Orientation</i>	30	<i>1 Youth Leadership Conference— Chula Vista</i>



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting
August 8, 2012

Present: Executive Board: Deb Primmer, Tammy Sherry-MM/Rt 56, Beth Lee-Springville Super Stars,
Leaders: Cathy Sagler Enterprise Eagles, Pam Fanta, Mary Jo Bringe-Rainbow Reachers, Youth: Cordell
Sagler, Colleen Pulvermacher – 4-H Youth Development.

Vice- President Beth Lee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Pledges were recited.

Secretary's Report of July 11, 2012 was handed out and read by those attending. Cordell Sagler made the motion to approve the Secretary's Report after a minor name change to the July 11, 2012 report with the correction of the name Servais, and, seconded by Pam Fanta. Motion carried.

Correspondence: We received a Thank You note from Jessica King thanking us for helping fund her trips to Space Camp and the Madison Youth Conference. She cannot wait to share what she learned with her club and community. We also received a Thank you note from Benjamin King thanking us for helping fund his trip to Madison for the Youth Conference. He learned about the different 4-H groups and programs at the conference and meeting new friends.

Treasurer's Report: The Account Balances and Transaction Report for the month of July was handed out and gone over. The Treasurers Report was approved as read, Cordell Sagler made motion to approve and seconded by Mary Jo Bringe. Motion carried.

Discussion of the bills to be paid and a motion to approve the bills and pay them was made by Cordell Sagler and seconded by Cathy Sagler. Motion carried.

Radio Ad Report: The process was reworked and went well. Gary Gilbertson came to the Extension office and worked with the youth in practicing their ads and recording them. They had 41 ads done and 16 of the 18 youth were there to complete their portion of the requirements. The ads will be aired during National 4-H week in October.

Youth Ambassadors Report: There were four officers appointed and they are: Emma Penchi and Jessica King-Retreat Ramblers, Johanna Schuh -Seasbranch Smithies and Allison Hawthorne-Nerison. Two youth will go to the regional conference in Kansas City in October with a cost of \$200 each. Colleen Pulvermacher and Joanne Hornby will also be going. Mary Jo Bringe brought up communication issues which were discussed.

Food Stand Committee: The outside is finished and waiting for paperwork from Reinhart to be approved so we can order stuff through them. Workday will be planned soon.

Old Business: There is some unfinished business with the Award Packet and will be talked about at the next meeting.

New Business: There was some mis-communication about a pig project. The intent was there to take a pig to the fair ,but the youth was not signed up in the project. The youth had weighed the pig in the spring with the intent to bring the pig to the fair. Shall we allow them to show the pig at the fair?. A motion to allow the youth to bring their pig to the fair was made by Mary Jo Bringe and seconded by Deb Primmer. Discussion, motion carried.

Educators Report: Colleen reported on 4-H camp and the challenges presented when campers are homesick and not ready for a camp experience. Overall Colleen reported that camp went very well this year. She hopes to have some Vernon County 4-H high school members apply to be camp counselors next year. The date for the 2013 camp is July 31- August 2nd.

Next meeting will be after the fair on Wednesday September 19 at 7:00pm at the extension office.

Mary Jo Bringe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Fanta. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Lee at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Sherry, Secretary



Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Meeting Draft



September 19, 2012

Present: Executive Board: President-Jim Hawthorne- Nerison, Deb Primmer, Tammy Sherry-MM/Rt 56, Beth Lee-Springville Super Stars, Leaders: Cathy Sagler Enterprise Eagles, Mary Jo Bringe-Rainbow Reachers, Joanne Hornby- DD/BB, Heather Dregne- East Ridge Beavers, Joe Marley-Retreat Ramblers, Anne Marie Elwing-Lucky Covers, Youth: Cordell Sagler, Colleen Pulvermacher – 4-H Youth Development.

President Jim Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Pledges were recited.

Secretary's Report of August 8, 2012 was handed out and read by those attending. Beth Lee made the motion to approve the Secretary's and, seconded by Joanne Hornby. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report. The Account Balances and Transaction Report for the month of August was handed out and gone over. The Treasurers Report was approved as read, Mary Jo Bringe made motion to approve and seconded by Heather Dregne. Motion carried. Bills presented to be paid for the month. There needs to be additional money moved to the Dairy Fund to cover the stuff for the fitting and show clinics. Joanne Hornby made the motion to move the appropriate funds to cover the Dairy Fund, seconded by Mary Jo Bringe. There was some discussion of the new coffee machine and pumpers at the Food Stand to be paid for from the Stojanoich fund. A motion was made by Cordell Sagler and seconded by Anne Marie Elwing. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Food Stand is up and running. Thank you every one who helped make that possible. We had a wonderful week at the fair. We served over 125 pies. Some discussion about handicap accessibility and we think we can take the chairs off the ends of the serving area and they will be able to get their wheel chairs or other chairs in there. Overall the comments were good. New pie doors will be installed so don't worry about that. Joanne Hornby made a motion to allow Deb Primmer the Treasurer to pay the bills as they come in this month, seconded by Heather Dregne. Motion carried.

Old Business: A county wide attendance requirement is being considered. Survey was taken and results given out at the meeting. Mary Jo Bringe made the motion to table till next month after everybody had a chance to look at them and talk things over with their clubs, seconded by Heather Dregne. Motion carried.

New Business: There was discussion of the Award packet and some changes that will be made for the 2013 year because the packet had already gone out for this year. There was discussion on the due date , which will be left at November 1. There was discussion on the sample cover letter and a bullet list will be added to help the youth prepare their own cover letter. There should be somewhere in the reference check list where their attendance to their club meetings or participation in their club events is listed. This will be brought back up at a future meeting.

The Regional Volunteer Forum will be in October in Wichita Kansas this year. Joanne Hornby, Colleen Pulvermacher and 2 Youth Ambassadors will be going. Colleen is asking for funding to pay for half the cost for the two Youth Ambassadors. Beth Lee made the motion to fund a total of \$400 for the YA to go to Kansas and seconded by Cordell Sagler. 1 Nay vote. Motion carried.

Educators Report – Colleen presented a handout outlining projects she is working on at the county, regional, state and national level. Of note were Teen Court, Tech Wizards grant submission, and University assigned projects.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday October 10 at 7:00pm at the extension office.

Heather Dregne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy Sagler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Lee at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Sherry, Secretary

**2013 Regional, State & National
4-H Trips
Recognized Vernon County 4-H Award Trips**

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference
Citizenship Washington Focus
National 4-H Congress
National 4-H Conference
National 4-H Dairy Conference
Other Awards
Key Award



**Application Due date for award trips:
November 1, 2012**

The application process—The application process is *easy*. The application consist of two parts, a cover letter and resume. The resume must include complete contact information (name, phone and address) for two references — one is of your choosing (teacher, coach, mentor) and the other should be your 4-H club or project leader. Applicants who have been selected for an interview will receive a letter from the recognition committee, confirming the time and date of the interview. Complete Vernon County 4-H Trip Awards instruction packet can be found on our website, <http://vernon.uwex.edu>. A workshop on how to complete a winning cover letter and resume is being offered on Tuesday, October 16th 7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Minimum participants is five. Register by calling the Extension Office, 638-5276 by Friday, Oct. 12th.

Concerned about cost? *The 4-H Leader/Parent Federation generously funds a portion of award trip expenses, with the expectation that youth will sell 4-H radio ads as a fundraiser for future trips. Additional scholarships are available to families with financial need. All requests are confidential.*

Please contact Colleen Pulvermacher, 4-H Youth Development Educator, (637-5276) with any questions.

**4-H Recognition Committee
UW Extension—Vernon County
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Dedication of the Vernon County New 4-H Food Stand!

*The thank you list continues...
The success of this venture would not have occurred if not for the vision, hard work, and support from many of our local businesses, Lloyd Hardy and the Viroqua High School Construction Class, Vernon County Extension Office Staff, 4-H Leaders/Volunteers and Youth!
We would also like to acknowledge Joyce Sheldon and Roxie Wehner for their years of dedication and service to the 4-H Food Stand and our Vernon County 4-H program.*



The Vernon County 4-H Parent/Leader Federation, ag society board members and 4-Her's celebrate the new 4-H food stand with a ribbon cutting. Pictured (from left) Cindy Daniels, Karen Ehle-Traastad, David Hornby, Ken Deaver, Roger Hooker, Forrest Krause, Sue Ann Krause, Deb Primmer, food stand manager, Julie Misliveck, Kathy Gander, Lana Tunks, Kallie Kilmer, Emma Hanson, Robert Krause, Michael Krause, Sarah Mathison, Lucas Hanson, Mary Hanson, Cordell Sagler, Tammy Sherry, Tim Rehbein and Colleen Pulvermacher.

(Photo Courtesy of Angie Cina, Vernon County Broadcaster)



Congratulations Vernon County Fair Award Winners For Crocheting, Youth Leadership, Foods & Nutrition and Photography!

- Merle E Primmer Award Crocheting—**
- Aleda Primmer—Mapledale Motivators/Rt 56*
- Rhonda Wrobel Lilyquist Youth Leadership—**
- Mitch Boardman—Mississippi Steamers*
- Westby Co-op Creamery Dairy Recipe Awards—**
- Andrew Quackenbush—Mapledale Motivators/Rt 56*
- Rebecca Schipper—Davis Diggers/Belgium Builders*
- Michael Krause—Enterprise Eagles*
- Allison Brey—Hillsboro Hotshots*
- Cecil Chapin Photography Award—**
- Natalie Bolstad—Nerison*
- Selections For State Fair Photography—**
- 1 Simon List—Enterprise Eagles*
- 2 Kody Sloane—Springville Superstars*
- 3 Courtney Moser—Seas Branch Smithies*

Animal Project News

Horse Project



The horse and Pony Project fundraiser was held at Wild West Days in August. We would like to thank Kristi Wiltrout, and Mary Jane Harnish for all their hard work organizing, and

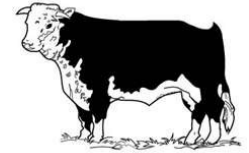
time spent working the event. Everyone had a great time. It was a huge success!

The next Vernon County Horse and Pony Project Meeting will be Sunday, October 21st at 1 PM at the Extension Office. There will be recap of the 2011 - 2012 project events and discussion of the upcoming year's events. Please come with ideas and comments. Descriptions for upcoming Officer Election Positions will be reviewed and there will be an announcement of the Project Leadership role.

Reminder for members that are 7th Grade and older. State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference will be November 9 - 11th at UW-River Falls. There will be numerous workshop topics pertaining to leadership, project ideas, horse health, etc. offered throughout the conference by invited instructors. If interested please contact Joann Schultz at 608-648-2638

Kristen Cowden and Joann Schultz,
Vernon County Horse & Pony Project Leaders

Beef Project



Congratulations Allison & Claire Hawthorne!

Westby Sisters Take Top Honors at State Fair

Representing Vernon County in the Jr. Beef Show, Allison Hawthorne exhibited Thornberry Drew, the Champion Angus Steer at the 2012 WI State Fair. Allison's Champion Steer was sold in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Auction for \$12,500. Purchased by a group of buyers including Ag Consulting and Products, Viroqua. She also exhibited the Reserve Supreme Bred and Owned Angus Female, Thornberry PJ. Claire Hawthorne exhibited Thornberry Mishka, Fall Calf Division Champion. All three Angus exhibited were bred and raised from their herd in Vernon County. Allison and Claire are members of Nerison 4-H.



Reminder!

Vernon County Fair Meat Animal Sale Exhibitors

All buyers, exhibitors and parents are invited to attend the Carcass Evaluation Night on Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Viroqua High School Cafeteria. Sale checks will be distributed.



VERNON COUNTY 4-H NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATIONS DUE: November 1st

(Please select one, use a new nomination form for each award area)

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

SPECIAL LEADER AWARD

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose: Annual awards given to those who truly support the 4-H program, special 4-H leaders and the volunteer of the year.

Friend of 4-H This award is designed to recognize a business, organization or individual that supports the Vernon County 4-H Program. The "friend" does not need to reside in Vernon County. The "friend" must not be a current certified 4-H leader. Nominations may be submitted by 4-H members and leaders in the Vernon County 4-H program. Supporters may receive the nomination more than once. The Vernon County Leader/Parent Federation will make the final selection.

Special Leader Award is an annual award given to 4-H volunteers who do an exceptional job of providing learning experiences for 4-H members. Nominations must be submitted by 4-H club officers. Each club may nominate one leader in the 1-3 years of leadership category and one in the 4 years or more category. ***SPECIAL NOTE: A leader may be recognized only once in each category (1-3) and (4 and over).***

Volunteer of the Year Award is an annual award given to a 4-H leader or volunteer who actively and willingly without constraint or guarantee of reward, shows constant support of the Vernon County 4-H program.

I nominate (Business, Group, or Person) _____

Candidate Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Nominated by: _____
(Signature of person or club who is nominating the candidate)

Address: _____

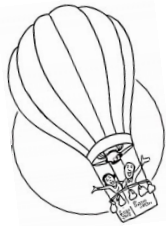
City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Position in 4-H: _____
(ex. General Leader, Project Leader, Resource Leader, Youth Member, etc.)

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8th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference



"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"
-Dr Seuss

Join the Fun...
Choose From the Exciting
Breakout Sessions
& Enjoy the Water Park after the
Conference

It's only
\$49!!

This Superb Leadership event is for WI 4-H
Youth in 7th grade and older

December 2012
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**4-H Southern District
Leadership Team (SDLT)**

**Note: Partial funding may be available for those
enrolled as Vernon County 4-H youth ambassadors.**

Complete session descriptions and conference schedule are listed on
the back of the flyer. Select a 1st and 2nd choice class from
each of the three Breakout Sessions and list them on the
registration form below.

Keynote Speaker—Kandi O'Neil
"Oh, the Places You Go" 4-H opens the door to many opportunities of
discovery... taking you down new paths; linking leadership and learning
opportunities to potential careers. The possibilities are endless!

**No refunds will be given, members can send a replacement

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Media Training Tips	What If I'm Not Leadership Material?	Get Hooked on Games
Teaching & Presentation Skillz	Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H	Leadership on the Fly
What's Cooking?	What's Cooking?	Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H
Get Hooked on Games	Hello! My name is...	Hello! My name is...
Camp Counselor 101	Hallo, Hola, Jambo	Camp Counselor 101
Putting Your Best Foot Forward	Putting Your Best Foot Forward	Fear Factor 4-H Style
Running Successful Club Meetings	Leadership on the Fly	Running Successful Club Meetings
Don't Drop the Ball	Nylon Hose Fun	Nylon Hose Fun
Minute Mixers *	Adult Youth Partnerships *	4-H-A Place for Everyone *

(*Adult participation limited to these sessions only)

8th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference

Registration Deadline: October 31st

Conference Fee - \$49 (Fee includes conference participation, lunch, t-shirt and one ticket to the indoor water park)
Make your check payable to Dodge County 4-H and mail it to: Dodge County UWEX, 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conference,
127 E. Oak St. #108, Juneau WI 53039

Name _____ County _____ Phone () _____

Complete Address _____

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes) _____ Email address (conference info will be sent to this address) _____

Breakout Session # 1 - 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Breakout Session # 2 - 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Breakout Session # 3 - 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

*I understand that the youth leadership conference ends at 2:45 p.m. and it is my responsibility to arrange for supervision of my child while he/
she is in the water park/no longer under conference staff supervision. Parent/Guardian signature _____

*If you are an adult and would like to attend the conference, please include a check for \$25 to cover lunch and sessions, no water park pass is
included.

_____ Check this if you are an adult planning to attend.

*Your whole family can enjoy an overnight experience at Chula Vista: A block of rooms, listed under "Southern District 4-H Program" are
available for November 30 or December 1. Rooms can be reserved until October 31st.

Contact Chula Vista for additional information and reservations at 1-800-388-4782.

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***4-H-A Place for Everyone**—One of the biggest strengths of 4-H is there is a place for everyone! Belonging is one of the essential elements of positive youth development. In this session adult leaders will have the opportunity to take a look at how they can make sure that they are involving all members in activities and helping youth to have positive 4-H experiences. Presenters: Colleen Pulvermacher and Jenny Russell (Session 3)

***Adult Youth Partnerships**—The journey to helping youth become leaders in your community is an important role. In this session you will learn what are key elements to foster effective youth and adult partnerships. Also talk about opportunities for youth and adults to work together while sharing what is working in your county. Presenters: Kandi O’Neil and youth leader (Session 2)

Don’t Drop the Ball—Learn various ball activities to use as ice-breakers or team-building activities in your club and beyond. Presenters: Laura Schoenike and Jessie Gaska (Session 1)

Camp Counselor 101—The 101 on the basics for planning for and being a counselor, learn different get to know you games and fun crafts to take home and to camp! Get the know-how on how to make camp fun for everyone. Presenter: Sarah Rowe (Sessions 1 and 3)

Fear Factor 4-H Style—Close your eyes and open your mouth as you prepare yourself to experience customs and cultural norms by way of your taste buds. Amazing tasty activities that you can take back to your club to explore the culinary world even further. Presenter: Jack Krebs (Session 3)

Get Hooked on Games—Participants will learn how to be successful recreation leaders, with discussions on when games are appropriate; why playing games together is important as well as learn a variety of activities...including ice breakers, team building and group games. Participants will receive a booklet of games to take home. Presenter: Christian Malsatzki (Sessions 1 and 3)

Hallo, Hola, Jambo—Learn about youth opportunities to travel abroad and international hosting. This session will feature international and intercultural activities. Presenter: Kay Hobler (Session 2)

Hello! My name is...—You look around and spot a new family at your club meeting. This session will focus on what you can do to make new members welcome and integrate them into 4-H. Presenter: Whitney Rathke (Sessions 2 and 3)

Leadership on the Fly—Come and learn ice breakers and mixers that you can lead with little or no notice and limited basic supplies. Presenter: Kari Schoenike (Sessions 2 and 3)

Conference Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Registration
9:30 a.m. - Opening Program
10:20 a.m. - Break-out session # 1
11:25 a.m. - Break-out session # 2
12:15 p.m. - Lunch
1:05 p.m. - Break-out session # 3
1:55 p.m. - Closing Program
2:45 p.m. - Water Park fun

Questions, contact: Whitney Rathke, 920-386-3790 or wrathke@co.dodge.wi.us

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WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION



Media Training Tips—If you are interviewed by a reporter or decide to do a promotional radio spot, do you know how much is enough to say about the topic? We’ll cover how to stand, things to consider about gestures and body language, and help build confidence. This session will have an agriculture focus, but good cross-over for all projects. Presenter: Bonnie Borden (Sessions 1)

***Minute Mixers**—Learn and experience mixers that you can take back to your club and county program. Presenter: Kari Schoenike (Session 1)

Nylon Hose Fun—A jump rope out of nylons? No way! YES Way if you come to Nylon Hose Fun. Learn many exciting uses of your average everyday nylons to teach team building and leadership activities. Presenters: Jessie Gaska and Laura Schoenike (Sessions 2 and 3)

Putting Your Best Foot Forward—*You never get a second chance to make a first impression!* Join this interactive session to learn the skills to create a positive first impression, no matter if you’re leading your 4-H club, applying for a scholarship or just want to increase your confidence in any situation. We will take an up close and personal look at dress, grooming, posture, speaking and more! Presenter: Colleen Pulvermacher (Sessions 1 and 2)

Running Successful Club Meetings— This interactive session is intended to inform participants of the different responsibilities for each club officer and how to incorporate parliamentary procedure into their meetings. Participants will also learn fun games and team-building activities that will liven up their club meetings. Presenters: WI 4-H Youth Leader Council Members (Sessions 1 and 3)

Teaching & Presentation Skillz—Come learn how to get people interested in what you have to say! You will gain a variety of teaching skills and learn how to utilize and apply these skills to elevate your self-confidence. Presenter: Ashley Check (Sessions 1)

What If I’m Not Leadership Material?—Have you ever thought—“I wish I could lead...I see other youth lead...I wish I could do it.” Come to see how you can develop leadership skills in a fun way and discover the tools you need to lead. Presenter: Bonnie Borden (Session 2)

What’s Cooking?—Learn the key ingredients of being an effective youth leader while making a tasty treat. Presenter: Karen Nelson (Sessions 1 and 2)

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H—Are you interested in Wildlife and the Outdoors that provide youth leadership opportunities? Come and learn about this statewide 4-H activity. We’ll be doing hands-on activities that you can take back and use in your counties. Presenters: Norb Yogerst & Mikayla Meyer (Sessions 2 and 3)

2012 SDLT Fall 4-H Youth Leadership

Conference Planning Committee:

Brianna Bernett, Kyra Bernett, Sam Dowding, Lizzy Farrey, Travis Fellmeth, Mikayla Meyer, Kari Schoenike, Emily Seib, Sarah Rowe, Nathan Spink and Ariel Stefanczyk

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James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Awards

The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. We are pleased to name the award in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county for their accomplishments in 2012. These medallions are provided by the Crowley Fund. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques and the top two youth in the state competition will each receive \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

SELECTION

Selection of the Leadership Award will be based on each county's own selection criteria. Possible criteria could include evaluation of record books, selection by a county dairy committee/agent, or any other selection method that the county deems appropriate.

(Complete Vernon County application information is available at the Extension Office.)

ELIGIBILITY

Must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in it.

Must be in 10th-12th grades as of January 1, 2013.

Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

AWARD TIMELINE

August 2012– March 2013 – Counties select individual winners using their own selection criteria.

March 31, 2013 – Each county should submit the name and address of the county award recipient by March 31 to Beth Heinze. A second individual from the county may be nominated for the state-wide award. That individual's contact information must also be turned in by March 31.

April 15, 2013 – The Extension Youth Specialist will send each county winner/nominee an application to compete for the statewide awards.

June 1, 2013 – State Award Forms must be returned by June 1 to Beth Heinze.

July 15, 2013– 20 finalists for interviews will be notified.

July 31, 2013 (at State Fair) - Finalist interviews

August 3, 2013 – Winners announced at the Governor's Dairyland Youth Celebration



Liberty Pole Store



2012 Fall Harvest Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Saturday October 13 (10-1)

Judging Decorated Pumpkins at 2 o'clock

Bring your own pumpkin to decorate

If you don't have a pumpkin that's o.k.

Pumpkins will be available for purchase at the store that day.

The individual contestant may pre-decorate a pumpkin

Your pumpkin must be on display by 12.

All Contestants must pre-register by October 1 to qualify for the contest.

Prizes will be awarded after judging.

Categories By Age

Ages 1-3

Ages 4-8

Ages 9-12

Ages 13-16



Face Painting

Coloring

Refreshments

Pre-register for contest by October 1

(608)675-3237 or contact Nicole @ 632-4318

State 4-H News!



Yee Haw!
**It's time for the 2012 4-H Horse
Leaders Conference!**
UW-River Falls River Falls, WI
Nov. 9-11, 2012

FEATURED SPEAKER: Beth Powers

Beth Powers is currently the Equestrian Director for the Bar W Ranch at YMCA Camp Willson in Bellefontaine Ohio. The Bar W Ranch is a year round facility with a herd of 40 horses used to provide lessons, trail rides, summer camps and overnights to complement the overall resident programs offered at Camp Willson. Beth has a BS in education from Miami University in OH. She is the Vice President of the Certified Horsemanship Association, and serves on the board of the American Youth Horse Council. Beth has also achieved Professional Horseman recognition through the American Quarter Horse Association. She has been a speaker at Equine Affaire in Col. OH, has presented topics at both the CHA and AYHC international and regional conferences. She has a kitten named 'Willy' and enjoys playing music.

Who should attend? 4-H Horse Project Leaders –youth and adult (minimum age- 7th grade)

Check the website for details <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/horseleadership.cfm>

Purpose for the workshop:

1. To offer educational workshops which include both information and hands on activity ideas for leaders to utilize when teaching youth.
2. To provide a forum for strengthening communications relative to the 4-H Horse & Pony project.
3. To provide an opportunity for participants to network and share experiences.

Numerous workshop topics pertaining to leadership, project ideas, horse health, etc. will be offered throughout the conference by invited instructors.

Friday night will be a demonstration or fun activity at the UWRF Lab Farm.

Saturday will be workshops on campus at UWRF.

Sunday Morning will be workshops at the lab farm.

Full time registration is from Friday night through noon on Sunday. Full time registration fee: \$40

See website for registration form, part time rates, lodging possibilities, & tentative schedule.

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2012

Camp Matawa, Campbellsport, WI

(Fond du Lac County)

*A conference for teams of adults and
high school youth sharing decision-
making roles in communities,
schools, and organizations*



**Youth as
Partners in Civic
Leadership 2012**

Issue Sessions led by Youth Groups Working in These Areas and more...

- Healthy Lifestyles*—healthy eating, going green, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention
- Interpersonal Relationships*—social media/cyber issues, teen pregnancy, LGBTQ bullying, healthy dating relationships
- Diversity/Multicultural Engagement*—issues related to race, sexual orientation, gender, immigration status
- Ending Bullying and Youth Violence*—gang violence, school to prison pipeline, working for better juvenile justice
- Youth and Adult Power*—working together on issues in education and politics

Learn Tactics from Youth and Adults...

- Arts, media, technology, photography, music to make change
- Exchange ideas with diverse youth from across Wisconsin
- Prepare your team to take action back home on your issues

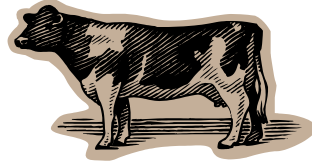
Registration is now open at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/yig/YPCL.cfm> and is due **October 19th.**

Scholarship application deadline is **October 1st.**

Contact us for more information at:
matthew.calvert@uwex.edu | 4-H Youth
Development | 608-262-1912 |
Facebook: YPCLWisconsin

Sponsors: Wisconsin Brighter Futures Initiative, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, CHS Foundation **Host Organizations:** UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development, Urban Underground, Wisconsin Youth Voice, Focus on Community.

**Cream of the Crop
Dairy Challenge
October 20, 2012**



Dear Dairy Participants:

On behalf of the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club it is our pleasure to invite your 4-H, FFA, Jr. Breed or other youth organization to participate in the second annual Cream of the Crop Dairy Challenge. This event will be hosted by the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club in Jefferson, Wisconsin on Saturday, October 20, 2012. The event location is about 40 minutes east of Madison. For those who wish to map quest the location the address is 925 Lexington Blvd. Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. Registration will begin at the Fort Atkinson High School at 9:30 am and the contest will begin at 10:00am. To be eligible for the contest participants must be between the ages of 9-18. **You must not have completed high school before competing in this contest.** Teams can be made up of any combination of four youth. All teams will be judged the same... no senior or junior divisions. The top ten teams will be awarded at the completion of the contest.

This is sure to be a unique contest that will not only test your dairy judging skills, but will require you to answer questions regarding a scenario of commercial heifers, registered heifers, evaluate DHIA herd reports, evaluate a cow's conformation, production and pedigree and then rank four sires based on their pedigree, and type and production information that will best complement the cow, and be able to identify 25 common dairy cattle diseases based on symptoms. You will also be given a 25 question multiple choice exam that will cover milk quality, reproduction, and general dairy industry information. Get your family, 4-H, FFA, Junior Breed friends or other acquaintances together to participate in this fun and educational contest. Lunch will be provided at no additional charge after the contest is completed as scores are being tabulated.

Entry fee is \$20 and must be received with registration form on or before October 15, 2012. Space is limited to the first 30 teams that enter, so get your teams together early to participate in this one of a kind contest!

**2012 Beginning Sheep
Shearing School**



The annual Beginning Sheep Shearing School will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, 2012 at the Sheep Unit, Arlington Agricultural Research Station, Arlington, WI. The school will cover basic shearing skills including sheep handling, shearing positions, wool handling, and equipment care and maintenance. Cost of the school will be \$75.00 per participant. All equipment will be furnished. Participants can bring their own shearing equipment if they wish. Registration includes lunch both days. Lodging is not included, but a list of local hotels will be provided. Please contact Todd Taylor (608-846-5858, toddtaylor@wisc.edu) with questions and to obtain registration information. The registration deadline is November 1, 2012, and enrollment will be limited to the number of students the space can accommodate. The school is organized by the Department of Animal Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Cooperative Extension, University of Wisconsin-Extension; and the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative.

Derby Details

Youth Leadership Derby check-in is at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 3, Sheboygan Falls High School. The weekend wraps up on Sun., Nov. 4, at 10:00 a.m. This all-night lock-in is for youth ages 15-18. Registration fee of \$100/person covers tours and transportation to/from tours, training materials, food and lodging in the high school gym for the night. Participants should bring sleeping bags, towels for showering and toiletries. Do NOT bring valuables.

**The Checkered
Flag Awaits
You**

at the



For youth ages 15-18.
Developed by the
Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin

**Youth Leadership Derby
Nov. 3-4
Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Sheboygan Falls High School
220 Amherst Ave.**

Complete information for these events are available at the Extension Office!

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Sun—Wed	Sept 30— Oct 3	National 4-H Dairy Conference		UW-Madison Campus
Monday	Oct 1	Calendar Raffle Drawing Begins!		
Wednesday	Oct 3	Carcass Evaluation Dinner	7:30 p.m.	Viroqua High School Cafeteria
Thursday	Oct 4	Retired 4-H Agents Meeting		
Sat.—Sun	Oct 6-7	4-H Arts Camp		Upham Woods
Sun.—Sat.	Oct 7-13	National 4-H Week—4-H Radio Ads Broadcasted		
Wednesday	Oct 10	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Thurs—Sun	Oct 11-14	North Central Region Volunteer Forum		Wichita, KS
Monday	Oct 15	4-H Horse Leaders Conference— Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	Lynn Pfeiffer, 4-H Youth Dev., Madison
Tuesday	Oct 16	Creating Winning Cover Letters & Resumes	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Sun—Sat	Oct 21-27	National 4-H Agents Conference		Orlando, Florida
Friday	Oct 26	Volunteer Orientation Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Tuesday	Oct 30	Volunteer Orientation	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Wednesday	Oct 31	Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference— Registration Deadline		Dodge County Extension Office



*Here's What's Cookin' - October Recipe
From the kitchen of Cindy Daniels, 4-H Secretary/Bookkeeper*

Pumpkin Muffins

Ingredients

3 1/2 cups flour
1 cup packed brown sugar
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 1/4 cups pureed pumpkin
2 eggs
1 cup milk
2/3 cups oil
6 ounces cream cheese

Topping

1/2 cup light brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 cup walnuts, finely chopped

Instructions

In a medium bowl sift together the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg. Set aside.
In another bowl combine the pumpkin, eggs, milk, and oil. Add flour mixture to the pumpkin mixture and stir just until moistened and mostly combined. Do not over mix. Fill a muffin pan with paper cups. Fill each cup about half way full. Cut the cream cheese into 24 chunks. Place one chunk into each cup then top with the remaining batter. Mix together the topping ingredients and sprinkle on top. Bake at 350F for 20-22 minutes or until the batter is set. Makes 24 muffins.

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