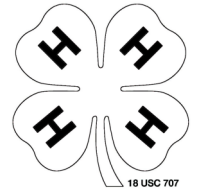


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4-H Focuses on.....

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

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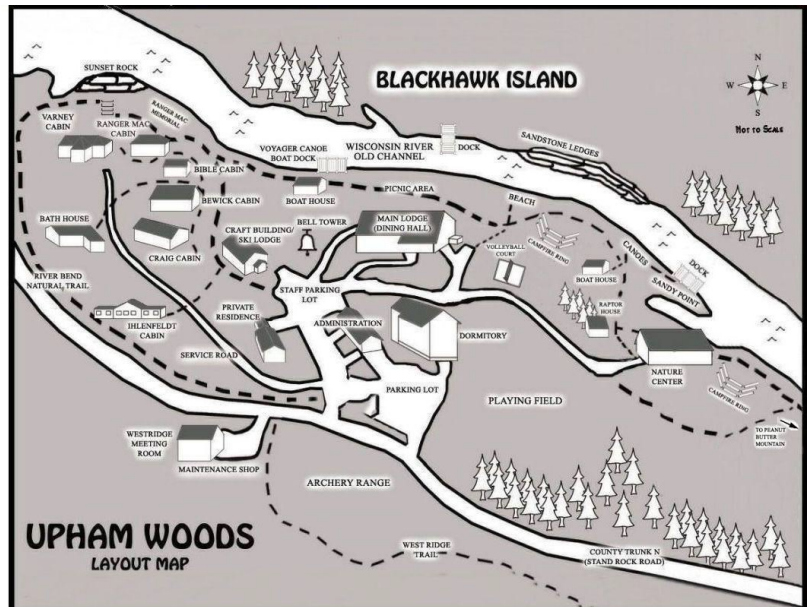
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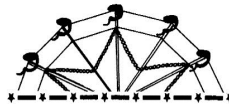
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Upham Woods 4-H Camp — July 18-20, 2018

Watch for registration information coming soon!



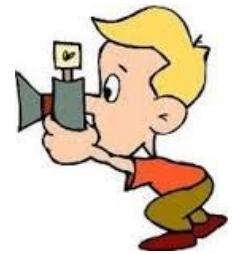
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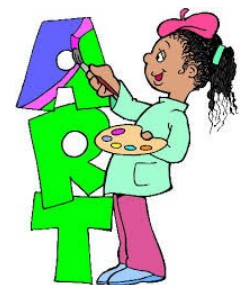
MUSIC MATTERS!



Saturday, March 3, 2018
Westby Area High School
8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.



*Not sure what Arts Fest is all about?
Come check it out!*





4-H Clubs 2017-2018 Officers



Springville Super Stars

The Springville Super Stars 4-H Club recently elected a new team of officers to serve its membership for the upcoming year. The officer team includes from left: President Jonah Jepsen, Reporter Trista Rumppe, Secretary Joseph Roethel, Treasurer Lydia Olson and Historian Lauren Campbell. Missing from the photo was Vice-President Bailey Olson. More than 40 members from the Viroqua and Westby area belong to the club and meet the first Monday of the month at Cornerstone Christian Academy at 7:00 p.m.



Rainbow Reachers

(L-R) Tom Jones-President, Ellanor Fortney-Vice President, Christine Jones-Secretary, Abi Wileman-Reporter, Brandon Thompson-Treasurer



Lucky Clovers

4-H Officers for the 2017-2018 4-H year
Front row - left to right: Seth Matteson - Reporter; Tanner Bass - Secretary
Back Row - Mitchell Bass - Vice President; Ty Harbaugh - President; Ella Lysne - Treasurer; Hannah Falkers - Historian.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|---|
| 1 <i>Happy Easter!</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Beef Weigh-in | 14 Monroe Co. Fur, Fin & Feather Show |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Midwest Horse Fair | 21 |
| 22 Midwest Horse Fair Ends | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Dairy Judging Begins! | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Mothers day | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Sheep/Swine Weigh-in | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Memorial Day Office Closed | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



Enterprise Eagles—Nicole Klum

Our last meeting was held on February 4th, 2018 at 1:00PM at the Chaseburg Village Hall. 35 members were present and Katie Mislivecek called the meeting to order. Brittney Mislivecek and Gretchen Gettelman lead the pledges and I did roll call. Whitney Mislivecek read the Treasurer's report and I read the Secretary's report. Both were approved as read. Then we discussed Old Business which included Chaseburg Trail Days Parade, community service ideas, Arts Fest, the 4-H Banquet, and the Dairy Quiz Bowl. Then we had a leader update from Lisa Servais about taking down our club's Christmas tree. Then we moved into New Business which was Dairy Breakfast opportunities. Savannah Tunks made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Genevieve Haugen seconded it. After the meeting we made bird treats.

Springville Super Stars—Joseph Roethel

Vice-President Bailey Olson opened the January 8, 2018 meeting of the Springville Superstars 4H club at 7PM. The Jepsen and Olson families led the club in the pledges. The secretary's report was read by Reporter Trista Rumppe and was moved and seconded by Bethany Roethel and Gabby Olson. Motion passed. The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Lydia Olson and was moved and seconded by Caitlin Solverson and Harper Solverson. Motion passed. In the club leader's report, leader Greta Olson spoke about a scholarship opportunity for swine project members. Leader Angie Roethel spoke about the upcoming Leader Parent Federation Banquet on January 28. In unfinished business, Bailey read a thank you from the Vernon County Department of Human Services for the donations our club gave for an area family in December. In new business, Bailey discussed the club tubing activity for January or December and the item was tabled until the February meeting to see if there will be more snow for this event. Mrs. Marx from Westby High School would be happy to lead a Baking Workshop. Members were encouraged to sign-up and Angie will send out information about dates/times for this event. In other new business, information was given about the upcoming 4H Arts Fest on March 3rd at Westby High School. Angie Roethel reminded the club that they needed to get registration forms to her before the January 26 deadline. The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 5 at 7pm at Cornerstone. We will be learning about raptors and National Geographic photography. The Kowalczyk and Solverson families will do set up and clean up. Eli Jepsen moved to adjourn the meeting and Ben Roethel seconded it. Motion passed. Our education for the evening was from guest speaker, Paula Fanta, and she taught us about raising and showing cats, rabbits and poultry.

Vernon County 4-H Clubs on the go!



Please email pictures and a brief story of any special club activities such as: Bowling, skiing, sledding, community service outings, brat sale etc., for a newsletter article to cdaniels@vernoncounty.org.

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4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Open to Youth in Grades 9-13

Camp Counselor Application Due—**March 16th**

Counselor Training—April 21-22, 2018

4-H Summer Camp — July 18-20, 2018

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Current Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

T-Shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Suggested Camp Theme: _____

Why do you want to be a camp counselor? What do you hope to learn from the experience?

What level of swimming instruction have you received, if any?

Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginning _____ Other _____

Organization examined by: Red Cross _____ Other _____

What level of first aid instruction have you had, if any?

Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginning _____ Other _____

I prefer to work with this age group: Grades 3-4 _____ Grades 5-6 _____ Grades 7-8 _____

Describe leadership experiences you have had, especially those involving younger youth:

Have you ever attended camp as a camper? *(Include 4-H camp and other camps)*

Year

Name of Camp

If you have been a camp counselor, please complete the following:

Year

Name of Camp

Duties you were responsible for:

The 4-H camp staff works as a team at camp. Describe the skill you will bring to the team:

Describe what parents of 4-H campers expect of 4-H Camp staff when they send their child to 4-H Camp:

Many parents have concerns that their children will be safe at 4-H camp. What things would you do to help 4-H campers feel safe?

Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Circle all that apply)

Arts and Crafts Water Activities/Swimming Campfire Programs Music/Singing
Games and Recreation Nature Activities Flag Ceremonies Science Activities
Others

(describe _____)

NEW CAMP COUNSELORS MUST INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. (Should describe ability to work as a team, Work with younger youth, etc.) A letter of recommendation is not required for returning counselors.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 15th TO: Vernon County Extension Office
318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392
Viroqua, WI 54665**

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

Dairy Project News



Competing at WI 4H Dairy Bowl contest and representing Vernon County on Feb. 3rd, was Reagan Klinkner, Garrison Klinkner, Logan Sanwick, Jed Olson, and Tommy Jones.

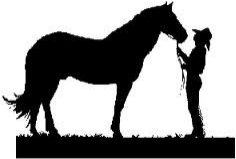
Dairy judging practices will start Friday, May 4th at Steve Holte's. More info to come...

Gail Klinkner,
Dairy Project Leader



Horse Project News

Howdy all!



The first Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project meeting of the year was held on Sunday, January 21st. We had a very good turn out! Horse Project attendees were: Kerbie and Emilie Brose, Eli and Natalie Bolstad, Lucy and Kaylee Boisen, Anna and April Roth, Alex Harnish, Karmyn Jarzowski, Bethany and Ben Roethel, Alyssa, Austin, and Chase Brown, Breanna Petersheim, Bridget Palm, Wynne Roberts, Lexi Christianson, Ella Simonson, Jade Bjerkos, and Raina Schultz. Attending as a youth guest was Caden Strangstalien. We started the meeting with introductions of members as well as new members.

Reviewing of the Vernon County 4-H Horse and Pony Project requirements was next on the agenda. Requirements are: Attend two meetings, three events, and one mandatory event. It was also discussed when the project contract due date was as well as when the event requirements for 2018 were due. We tentatively set the upcoming event dates for the year. Please watch for information regarding dates and events via email and the Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project FaceBook page. We will be finalizing the details at the February meeting. If you would like to provide input on any of the events or the contract, I encourage you to attend this important meeting.

The meeting was ended after electing new officers for 2018. They are from left to right and as follows: Kerbie Brose, President; Lucy Boisen, Vice President; April Roth, Secretary; and Bethany Roethel, Treasurer.

The next project meeting will be held on February 18th, at the Erlandson Building main conference room, 1:00 pm. Guest speaker will be farrier Mike Bronson, who will be discussing hoof care.

Sally Brose,
Horse & Pony Project Leader



Meat Animal News

Vernon County Beef, Sheep & Hog Weigh-in 2018

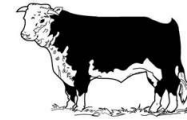
Market animals must be weighed and identified by the meat animal sale committee in order to be eligible for the meat animal sale at the Vernon County Fair.

Please note: At this time it appears the swine show for 2018 Vernon County Fair will be a terminal show. No swine will be able to return home and must be slaughtered/harvested.

Steer Weigh-in

Friday, April 13th, 2018—4-8 p.m.

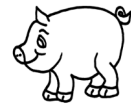
Saturday, April 14th, 2018—8 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



Lambs/Hogs Weigh-in

Friday, May 18th, 2018—4-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 19th, 2018— 8 a.m.-Noon



Any questions regarding the weigh-in, please contact Lloyd Hardy.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Attention: Junior Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Exhibitors

NEW FOR 2018!

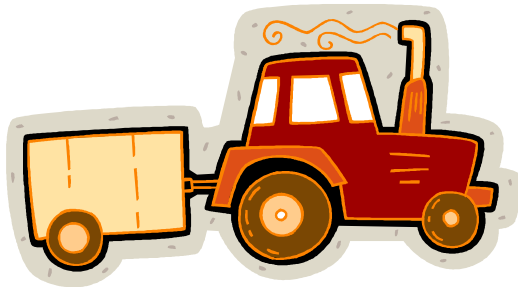
Wisconsin State Fair is pleased to announce implementation of a new national certification program available for youth. Completion of this informative and educational program, "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals" (YQCA). Please see page 15 of this newsletter for additional information.

JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY

Animal Shows Age Requirements: Participation in the Wisconsin State Fair Junior animal shows (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, poultry and rabbits) is open to any boy or girl 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth must be an active/participating member in good standing of a bona fide, adult-supervised Wisconsin animal-based youth organization by March 1st of the current year.

Junior exhibitors will submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair either online or via the mail. Questions regarding entering the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair can be emailed to: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7000.

Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program



An educational program to enhance the safety knowledge and skills for youth operating tractors and machinery on Wisconsin farms

Please bring a sack lunch. A \$40 fee to cover materials, fuel and other supplies will be charged for each student. First priority is given to students who live or attend school in Vernon County, based upon the age at the time of the training. Older students have higher priority. Please note deadline, who to make the check out to, and where to send it. Class size is limited to 40 participants.

Vernon County UW-Extension, would like to thank the following for their efforts in developing this program.

Vernon Co Vocational Agriculture Instructors:

- Lloyd Hardy
- Brian Kast
- Mike Fowell
- Erica Hoven
- Mollie Biermier
- Hillary Bark

Crawford Co Vocational Agriculture Instructor:
Kally Bockenbauer

Implement Dealers:
Horizon Equipment,
Hundt Implement
Portland Implement

Other Volunteers:
Viroqua Police Department,
Viroqua Fire Department,
Tri-State Ambulance

Trophies provided by:
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**TRACTOR AND MACHINERY
CERTIFICATION COURSE
June 18th, 19th & 20th 2018
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Vernon County Fairgrounds
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Name

Address

City Zip

Parent's Name

Phone Number

Birth Date Age at Time of Course

School Name Grade Completed

4-H Club or FFA Chapter Male Female
(If applicable) (Circle One)

Circle Below

Youth lives in or on:

Farm Rural Town (10-15K)

Ethnicity:

White Black American Native

Other: _____

Please include the \$40 registration fee with this form. Make check payable to:

**Vernon Co Rural Youth Committee
Return to: UW-Extension
318 Fairlane Dr., Ste 392
Viroqua WI 54665**

**Registration Deadline
Monday, June 5th
(First come-first served with preference to
Vernon Co Youth)**

The Federal Law . . .

Since 1970, Part 570 of the Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1, has provided exemption related to hazardous tasks for youth age 14 and 15 for employment on farms other than those operated by their family through tractor and machinery certification programs.

The Wisconsin Law Act 455 . . .

Effective July 1, 1997, no person may direct or permit a child under age 16 years to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on a public road unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery certification course. This does not apply to operation of a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on the road when crossing perpendicular to the direction of the road.

Youth must be 12 years of age to enroll in the training program.

What this means . . .

The law means that youth operating tractors or self-propelled machinery for their own family on public roads will be required to have certification. Persons violating may receive a \$20 fine for the first offense and fines not to exceed \$50 for each subsequent offense. To provide youth with the necessary State and Federal certification, the WI Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification programs are being offered throughout the state.

Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program

This program will:

*provide youth 12 years of age with the necessary requirements to be certified for compliance under Wisconsin Act 455.

* meet the federal requirements for Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E- 1 "Occupations in Agriculture Particularly Hazardous for Employment of Children under age 16".

The 24 hour program includes:

* hands on instruction for tractors and farm machinery operation;
*hazard recognition and correction;
*general farm safety knowledge and
*stresses the importance of a positive attitude towards safety.

To successfully complete the course, youth must:

*attend 24 hours of instruction and
*pass written and driving exams.

Wisconsin Act 455 stipulates that the state program is to have the equivalent requirements to the federal tractor and machinery certification. Therefore, this course will be taught at a level for 14 to 15 year old youth.

Who should attend?

*Youth 14-15 years of age who need the federal certificate of training for employment on farm in accordance with Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1.,,

- Youth 12 years of age who will be operating tractors or self-propelled farm machinery on public roads for their own family.
- Youth desiring tractor and machinery safety instructions.

Where and When are the programs offered?

This varies by county. These programs can be offered through the county University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension office or the local agricultural education instructor. In many counties a program is offered once a year as a cooperative effort between UWEX and the county agricultural education instructors. Program dates vary throughout the state but most are conducted between January and June. To find out when the program will be held in your area, contact your local county UWEX office or local high school agricultural education department. All counties may not offer the certification program but could provide assistance in locating an available program.

Should your child attend this program?

It is your responsibility as parents/guardians to determine if your child is ready to attend a Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification program. Some facts for you to consider:

- * 82% of fatalities involving youth under age 16 result from agricultural equipment.
- * Youth under age 14 are involved in nine times as many accidents per exposure hour of tractor n nine times as many accidents per exposure hour of tractor driving than tractor operators 25-44 years.
- * Youth under age 15 have higher accident rates for operating tractors on public roads.

Common factors in these accidents were inexperience and lack of maturity to handle the situation.

Being capable of reaching the pedals will not help if the child can't recognize a hazard or anticipate a danger. Generally, youth under age 14 do not have the ability to anticipate danger, realize the danger and react in order to prevent an accident. Ask yourself the question "Is my child ready to drive a semi-truck?"

Assessing your child's ability to drive a tractor or operate machinery:

1. Age of child 2. Physical Abilities

* Can the youth sit securely in the operator's seat and fully

* depress clutch and reach all controls?

* On seats with seatbelts, the child should be able to reach all controls.

* Does the child have the strength needed to shift, steer or hook equipment up to the tractor?

*Is the child able to turn and check behind them for traffic and still keep the tractor in control?

3. Cognitive Abilities

*Is your child able to recognize dangerous situations like driving too fast or turning too sharp?

* Is he/she able to think through situations quickly to avoid hazards?

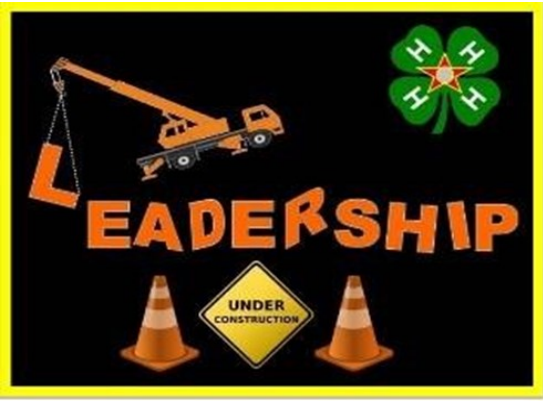
* When given directions does the child follow them?

* If the child has difficulty paying attention for 15 minutes in a class, what could happen if his/her mind wanders while driving down the road?

4. Emotional maturity

* Does peer pressure cause him/her to show off or attempt things beyond their ability?

* Does the child become easily upset when he/she is unable to do something that he/she want to do? Every child is different. Preventing injury to your child may mean saying no and waiting until the child's abilities develop.



***Congratulations to all that were recognized
at the Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation
2017 4-H Leadership Banquet!***

***Thank you to our 2017 Banquet Hosts
Enterprise Eagles, Lucky Clovers
and Mississippi Steamers 4-H Clubs!***

Thank you Arena Kvamme for the great pictures!

***Below from left to right:
Paula Fanta –Key Award, Rhonda Wrobel Lilyquist Youth Leadership
Award and Gladys Traastad-Erickson Clothing Revue Award
Joshua Rebhahn—Key Award
April Roth—Merle E Primmer Crocheting & Knitting Award***

***Joanne Dach
2017 WI 4-H Foundation
Volunteer of the year!***



***Bill and Sandy Marohl recognized for being
4-H adult volunteers for thirty five years!***

***Thank you to everyone who attended and for your
support of the Vernon County 4-H program!***



VERNON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP



Eligible applicants: 2018 graduating seniors and or 2017 older graduates.

Application due in Extension Office by: 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2018

Checklist:

Class of 2017

Vernon County 4-H Scholarship Application (3 pages)

- Essay
- Two Photographs
- High School Transcript
- Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation (one from 4-H Leader)

Post-high School Applicant

- High School and/or College Transcript
- Three (3) Current Letters of Recommendation

Complete guidelines and applications will be available at the Extension Office and on the Vernon County UW-Extension Website <http://Vernon.uwex.edu>.



28th ANNUAL MONROE COUNTY 4-H FUR, FIN & FEATHER SHOW



APRIL 14th, 2018
9:00 a.m.
Sparta Barney Center
1000 E. Montgomery Street
Sparta, WI

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

COME SEE WHAT 4-H KIDS HAVE TO SHOW!



Visit monroe.uwex.edu or call 608-269-8722 to enter or more information.



University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title VI and Title IX and ADA.

Entries are due on March 30th, 2018 or postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 28th. If the entry form is postmarked after March 28th, please pay the “Day of the Show” entry fee. Mail all entries to Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin, and Feather Show, Monroe County Extension Office, 14345 Cty. Hwy. B, Room 1, Sparta, WI 54656. Make checks payable to Monroe County 4-H Leaders Association. Fees must accompany entry form. One exhibitor per entry blank. Photocopy as needed or use a separate sheet of paper.

Questions please call - Jamie North, Committee Chair, 608-633-9432.

Complete entry information is also available at the Vernon County UW-Extension Office

Aldo Leopold Writing Contest 2018

The Contest

Each year students in grades 9 through 12, in public, private, and home schools in Wisconsin are invited to consider a writing prompt or question and create an essay response in 500 words.

Three winning essays are chosen from each category (9th-10th grade and 11th-12th grade). Winning essays are featured on the Aldo Leopold Foundation website and may be printed in *The Leopold Outlook* magazine.

Winners also receive a cash award, a copy of *A Sand County Almanac*, and memberships to the Aldo Leopold Foundation, *International Crane Foundation*, and the *Aldo Leopold Nature Center*. An awards ceremony will take place at the Leopold Center in Baraboo, WI on Saturday, May 19.



2018 Writing Contest Topic

Students are encouraged to read and reference the “Forward” and other essays from Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac* in their responses.

Aldo Leopold loved the land and its wildness. Describe a place in nature that you love.

Why is it wild to you?

Entries are due by March 23, 2018.

Entries shall be submitted online:

<https://www.aldoleopold.org/teach-learn/partner-programs/leopold-writing-contest/>



DEADLINE: WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications

Résumés, cover letters, project lists and one photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by 5:00 p.m., on or before March 15, 2018. Winners will be notified by postal letter in May.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic school year. Applicants can visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website to learn more about how to apply: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Dear Junior Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Exhibitors,

NEW FOR 2018! Wisconsin State Fair is pleased to announce implementation of a new national certification program available for youth. **Completion of this informative and educational program, “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” (YQCA), will be required for all youth who exhibit animal projects (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows.** This interactive program will reinforce current animal industry best practices and awareness of critically important animal messaging. This special program features interspecies information designed to supplement project education for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors.

YQCA was developed and funded by national livestock industry professionals, extension specialists and livestock show managers. YQCA certification is rapidly being endorsed and implemented for exhibitors at Fairs and animal exhibitions across the country. It replaces the National Pork Board’s Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program and Wisconsin’s Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) program.

Course content includes an age appropriate module from each of the following program areas:

- Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.).
- Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.).
- Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

YQCA certification is offered in two formats to meet varied learning styles and active schedules:

- Online – Fee: \$12/exhibitor/year Available 24/7 at www.yqca.org

-OR-

- Face-to-Face/Trainer-Led – Fee: \$3/exhibitor/year To find a list of face-to-face/trainer-led sessions in Wisconsin, create an account on www.yqca.org. Under the appropriate age in “Course List” choose “Instructor-Led Training”. A drop down box will list all current available options for Wisconsin.

Both certification types (Online and Face-to-Face) must be paid online with a credit card. The nominal course fees (\$12/\$3) ensures the course content/learning platform stays current.

Annual certification should take approximately 60 minutes. After viewing each module, the exhibitor must successfully pass a quiz which demonstrates content mastery. Youth wishing to exhibit in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows **must** provide his/her YQCA certification number when entering by the entry deadline on **June 6, 2018**. Youth who do not provide a YQCA certification number, or did not pass the YQCA modules for the current calendar year will not be eligible to participate in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows.

If you have any questions on this exciting new program, please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com. We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair, August 2 – 12!

Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department

| DATE | DAY | ACTIVITY | TIME | LOCATION |
|-------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Monday | February 19 | Vernon County 4-H Club Leaders Meeting | 6:00—8:00 p.m. | 1st Floor Conference Rm, UW– Extension |
| Saturday | February 24 | Vernon County 4-H Club Leaders Meeting | 10:00 a.m.—Noon | 1st Floor Conference Rm, UW– Extension |
| March 1 | Thursday | 4-H Scholarship Deadline! | 4:30 p.m. | UW-Extension Office |
| March 3 | Saturday | Vernon County 4-H Arts Festival | 8:30 a.m. | Westby Area High School |
| March 11 | Sunday | Daylight Savings Time Begins! | | |
| March 15 | Thursday | Camp Counselor Application Deadline | 4:30 p.m. | UW-Extension Office |
| March 15 | Thursday | WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline | | Submit via email. See pg 14 of this newsletter |
| March 18 | Sunday | L/P Federation Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | 1st Floor Conference Rm., UW-Extension Office |
| March 23 | Friday | Aldo Leopold Writing Contest—Deadline | | Submit online: see pg 14 of this newsletter |
| March 28 | Wednesday | Monroe County Fur, Fin & Feather Show Entry Deadline! | | Monroe Co. Ext. Office Sparta, WI |
| March 30 | Friday | Good Friday—Office Closed | | |
| April 1 | Sunday | Easter! | | |
| April 13-14 | Friday Saturday | Vernon County Fair Beef Weigh—In | | See page 9 of this newsletter |



Food \$ense



Orange Dressing with Fruit and Greens

A crisp salad with sweet homemade dressing!

- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 tablespoons oil (canola, oil, or vegetable)
- 8 cups greens (romaine, lettuce, or spinach)
- 2 cups vegetables, chopped (broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, peppers, onions, or tomato)
- 2 cups fruit, chopped (apples, berries, grapes, or oranges)

1. Combine dressing ingredients in a container with a screw top. Close tightly and shake until combined. Store in the refrigerator until ready to use (up to 1 week).
2. For each salad, top 2 cups of greens with 1/2 cup vegetables and 1/2 cup fruit. Take dressing from the refrigerator and shake hard to combine ingredients again. Drizzle 2 tablespoons of dressing onto each salad.

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