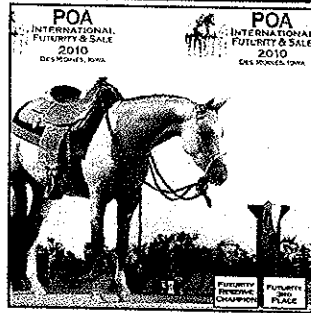


Silver Saver cards are now available

Silver Saver discount cards are being sold by the Westby FFA again this year at a cost of \$10. Proceeds go to support FFA member learning experiences including career events, judging contests, State and National FFA Convention trips and performances, leadership workshops and chapter and community activities.

The Silver Saver card can be purchased at Adam's Eye Clinic and the WCCU-Westby branch office, or contact an FFA member by calling the Ag Department at 634-0127 or nathan.papendorf@westby-norse.org.

The cards expire April 1, 2012 and can be purchased through the month of April.



NO HORSHING AROUND..... Haylee and Jackie are pictured with Brent and Bree in the photo on the right. Kid O's Heavens Haylee and AKA What's Your Pleasure were at the International show in St. Louis Park in July 2010. On the left Haylee stands alone with her saddle on. (Contributed photos)

Two National Champions share a pasture/barn

Kid O's Heavens Haylee recently received a National Year End High Point 2010 for 3 Year Old Mares from the POAC (Pony of America Club), she also placed 7th in the Most Colorful (Class she won last year) class for a National High Point Award. (Shown by me) Last year Haylee brought home four National High Points. Haylee also was shown under saddle and placed 4th in Wisconsin State club year end in Trail class and 5th in Western Pleasure. This year Haylee will also be shown in the Hunt Seat class.

Sharing the barn and pasture with Haylee is AKA What's Your Pleasure (Bree), shown by Brent Anderson and owned by Amber Dreyer of Portage. Bree won National High Point in Yearling In Hand Trail, Reserve Champion Yearling Fillies and placed 3rd in Longe Line for National High Point Award. Bree and Brent won the State Awards for In Hand Trail and Longe Line.

The National POAC convention this year was held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari, February 24-27. With youth and adults attending from all over the United States. At the convention the General membership meeting was held, along with International committees meeting to plan the International show and Futurity, with that we had educational seminars, our awards banquet and most of all fun with our POA Friends.

Wisconsin has a very active club, if anyone is interested I would be happy to answer any questions.

Weather siren testing begins April 4

Vernon County will begin testing the weather sirens in the county on Monday, April 4, at 11 a.m. Vernon County will continue to test the sirens once a month through September. This testing will be done the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. Testing of the weather sirens ensures that they are working properly, in the chance that they may be needed to warn people of severe weather.

Vernon County will also begin testing the VERNON EMERGENCY RADIO ALERT SYSTEM (V.E.R.A.S.). This test will begin on Wednesday, April 6, at noon and continue through September. V.E.R.A.S. testing will also be done the first Wednesday of every month.



SOLD IN THE COLD..... It was a cold, muddy mess at the annual spring consignment farm auction at the Nelson sales barn between Westby and Coon Valley, on Tuesday, March 22. (Jesperon-Robson photos)

Art raffle tickets available

Art lovers can buy raffle tickets for three works by area artists, with winning tickets drawn May 14 at a gala to support and celebrate the seventh annual Driftless Area Art Festival.

A framed photograph titled "Working Neighbors" (framed size 30" x 23") was made by Holmen artist Jaime Heiden, winner of the People's Choice award at the 2010 festival. A second work, a pair of 22-inch high forged iron candlesticks, was created by Westby artist-blacksmith Nick Smolen. The third raffle item is a handwoven bamboo scarf created by Viroqua fiber artist Angela Rolles.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold, for \$5 each or five for \$20. The drawing will be held at the May 14 gala at Sugar Creek Bible Camp Lodge in Ferryville.

The gala will also feature a silent auction of more than 30 pieces by professional artists and a live auction of three pieces of student art selected from over 400 KidsArt pieces at the 2010 festival. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit the art programs at the students' schools. A unique mask created by another young artist will be auctioned to support the work of the KidsArt Gallery.

Further information on the raffle and gala, including images of the raffle items, can be found on the festival website www.driftlessareaartfest.com. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Sarah Romnevik at Community Development Alternatives in Prairie du Chien, (608) 326-6658, or from members of the Driftless Area Art Festival Committee (Kay Campbell, Virginia Johnson, Sherry Quamme, Ali Spurr, Dewey and Marge Thompson, Theresa Yaeger in Ferryville; Brad Hancock, Sharon Murphy and Dana Van Hoesen in Cape Mills; Andy Cameron, Nora Knappik and Jerry and Liz Quebe in Soldiers Grove; Barb Kettner in Viola; Bill Motloug in Reastown; Hans Gill in Seneca and Bob and Diane Witt in Prairie du Chien. People may also e-mail their interest to info@DriftlessAreaArtFestival.com.

The Driftless Area Art Festival will be held Sept. 17-18 in Soldiers Grove.

Workshop on hops, barley production set

University of Wisconsin-Extension Agriculture officials. Cost is \$60, and the registration deadline is Friday, April 1. Send checks payable to UW-Extension to: UW-Extension, Buffalo County Office, 407 S. Second St., Alma, WI 54610.

A registration form is available at <http://buffalo.uwex.edu/agriculture/hopley-and-hops>.

Speakers will include the Central Waters Brewing brewmaster, farmers who have grown the crops and Extension and U.S. Department of

DNR spring hearing in Viroqua on April 11

The Department of Natural Resources' Conservation Congress Spring Hearings will be held Monday, April 11, at 6:45 p.m. in every county in Wisconsin.

In Vernon County the meeting will be held at Viroqua High School Commons, 100 Blackhawk Dr., Viroqua.

DMV offices closed Friday, April 1

All Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices will be closed for business on Friday, April 1 as DMV staff members take another of the required 16 unpaid days that must be taken over the two-year budget period. Employee furloughs for all university and state employees are part of the 2009-2011 state budget.

DMV's automated phone system will remain available so that motorists can still make road test appointments and have access to recorded information. Tiling and registration services are offered by many third-party partners such as some police stations, grocery stores and financial institutions around the state and can be found at the WisDOT website.

DMV would like to remind customers that many services like vehicle registration renewal do not require a visit to a service center and are available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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