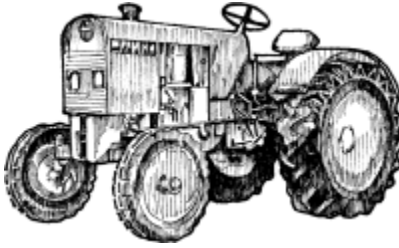


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Resource Guide 2012/2013



A resource directory providing ready access information
on a variety of community resource agencies
to better serve the people of Vernon County.

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Maps

State of Wisconsin



Vernon County is surrounded by the following counties: Crawford, Richland, Sauk, Juneau, Monroe, and La Crosse

Vernon County



The above map is of the towns in Vernon County and surrounding towns and cities.

Vernon County consists of the following towns: Chaseburg, Coon Valley, Desoto, Fargo, Genoa, Hillsboro, La Farge, Liberty, Newry, Ontario, Readstown, Stoddard, Viroqua, Westby, and White City

Clothing Assistance

- **Bethel Butikk Thrift Store**
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 am – 4:00pm; Tuesday 10:00am – 6:00 pm ;
First Saturday of the Month 9:00am –12:00pm
341 Black River Avenue, Westby (608) 634-3473
- **The Good Samaritan Thrift Store**
128 Mill Street, Hillsboro (608) 489-3627
- **Second Time Around**
Monday through Saturday 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
110 South Main Street, Viroqua (608) 637-7027
- **Salvation Army Thrift Store**
728 Copeland Avenue, La Crosse (608) 784-1421
Monday through Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Catholic Charities**
Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse (608) 782-0710 or (888) 212-HELP
- **Goodwill**
2334 Rose Street, La Crosse (608) 783-2710
2496 US 14, Richland Center (608) 649-2110
200 Theater Rd., Onalaska (608) 783-2710
- **Second Season**
128 North Water Street, Sparta (608) 269-1049
- **Family Thrift Shop**
120 South Main Street, Richland Center (608) 647-6180

Counseling Services & Programs

- **Catholic Charities**

<http://www.catholiccharitieslax.org>

3710 East Ave. S., La Crosse (608) 782-0710 or Toll Free 1-888-212-4357

Mental Health

- **Family & Children's Center – Viroqua.....**(608) 637-7052
- **Psychiatric Associates Counseling Center, LLC-Viroqua.....**(608) 637-2511
- **Vernon County Department of Human Services-Viroqua.....**(608) 637-5210
- **Ocooch Counseling - Viroqua.....**(608) 638-0005

Domestic Abuse

- **Family & Children's Center - Viroqua.....**(608) 637-7052
- **Vernon County Domestic Abuse Program.....**(608) 637-7052
 - *Individual Counseling*
 - *Women's Support Group (Child Care Provided)*
 - *Children's Advocate Services*
 - *Legal and Medical Counseling and Advocacy*
 - *Assistance with emergency shelter*

Crisis Services

In an Emergency Dial 911

Vernon County Sheriff	608-637-2123
Vernon County Emergency Management	608-637-5266
Vernon County Health Department	608-637-5251
Vernon County Human Services	608-637-5210
Vernon County Crime-Stoppers	608-637-8477
Vernon Communications	608-634-3136
Vernon Memorial Hospital	608-637-2101
St. Joseph's Hospital	608-489-2211
Wisconsin Road Condition Information	800-762-3947
National Runaway Switchboard	800-786-2929
National Child Abuse Hotline	800-422-4453
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
Center for Missing & Exploited Children	800-843-5678
National Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
National Drug Abuse Hotline	866-874-4553

- **New Horizons Domestic Abuse Shelter**
<http://www.newhorizons.lacrosse.com>
(608) 791-2600 or 1-888-231-0066
- **Couleecap, Inc.**
Contact Kim, (608) 634-7830
110 N. Main St., Westby
- **Catholic Charities**
<http://www.catholiccharitieslax.org>
 - 3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse (608) 782-0710 or (888) 212- HELP
 - 115 East Perry Street, Prairie du Chien (608) 326-1616
- **Salvation Army**
<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>
223 8th Street North, La Crosse (608) 782-6126
- **Passages**
24-Hour Crisis Line for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault
(800) 236-HEAL (4985)
(800) 326-HEAL (4958)Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline
- **Great Rivers 2-1-1 (Wisconsin)**
Information & referral for food, housing, employment, health care, and other assistances
Call 2-1-1 from service area (608) 775-4344
Toll Free (800) 362-8255 **TTY** (866) 884-3620

Education

School Districts

- **De Soto Area Schools**
<http://www.desoto.k12.wi.us>
 - **Stoddard Elementary**
300 N Cottage Street, Stoddard-(608)457-2101
 - **Prairie View Elementary**
E3245 County Road N, De Soto-(608)648-2227
 - **De Soto Middle and High School**
615 Main Street, De Soto
High School (608) 648-3311
Middle School (608) 648-2073
- **Hillsboro Schools (K-12)**
777 School Road, Hillsboro-(608)489-2221
<http://www.hillsboro.k12.wi.us>
- **Kickapoo (K-12)**
S6520 State Highway 131, Viola
Elementary School (608) 627- 0107
Middle/High School (608) 627-0103
<http://www.kickapoo.k12.wi.us>
- **La Farge Schools (K-12)**
301 West Adams Street, La Farge-(608)625-2400
<http://www.lafarge.k12.wi.us>
- **North Crawford Schools (K-12)**
47050 County Road X, Soldiers Grove
Elementary School (608) 624-5201
High School (608) 735-4311
<http://www.northcrawford.com>
- **Norwalk Ontario Area Schools**
<http://www.now.k12.wi.us>
 - **Norwalk Ontario Wilton Elementary**
28861 State Hwy 131, Ontario-(608)337-4403
 - **Brookwood Middle and High School**
28861 State Hwy 131, Ontario-(608)337-4401
- **Viroqua Area Schools (K-12)**
115 N Education Avenue, Viroqua

Elementary School (608) 637- 7071
Middle School (608) 637- 3171
High School (608) 637-3191 <http://www.viroqua.k12.wi.us>

- **Westby Area Schools**
<http://www.westby.k12.wi.us>
 - **Coon Valley Elementary**
300 Lien Street, Coon Valley-(608)452-3143
 - **Westby Elementary**
122 Nelson Street, Westby-(608)634-0500
 - **Westby Middle and High School**
206 West Avenue South, Westby
Middle School (608) 634-0200
High School (608) 634-3101

Colleges

- **University of Wisconsin-La Crosse**
1725 State Street, La Crosse (608)785-8000
<http://www.uwlax.edu>
- **Viterbo University**
900 Viterbo Drive, La Crosse-(608)796-3000 or 1-800-VITERBO
<http://www.viterbo.edu>
- **Western Technical College Locations**
<http://www.westerntc.edu>
 - 400 7th Street North, La Crosse-(608)785-9200
 - 24 Fillmore Street, Black River Falls-(715)284-2253
 - 36084 Walnut Street, Independence-(715)985-3392
 - 1000 College Avenue, Mauston-(608)847-7364
 - 120 East Milwaukee Street, Tomah-(608)374-7700
 - 220 South Main Street, Viroqua-(608) 637-2612

Libraries

- **Bekkum Memorial Library**
206 N Main Street, Westby (608) 634-4419
- **De Soto Public Library**
111 S Houghton Street, De Soto (608) 648-3593
- **Hillsboro Public Library**
819 High Ave, Hillsboro (608) 489-2192
- **Knutson Memorial Library**
500 Central Avenue, Coon Valley (608) 452-3757

- **Lawton Memorial Library**
118 North Bird Street, La Farge (608) 625-2015
- **McIntosh Memorial Library**
118 East Jefferson Street, Viroqua (608)637-7151
- **Ontario Public Library**
313 Main Street, Ontario (608) 337-4651
- **Readstown Public Library**
129 W Wisconsin Avenue, Readstown (608) 629-5465

Employment Assistance

- **Employment Partnership**
<http://www.employmentpartnerships.com>
322 East Jefferson Street, Viroqua (608) 606-1910
- **Vernon Area Rehabilitation Center (VARC)**
Enables the opportunity to gain employment skills
<http://www.varcinc.com>
1133 Nelson Parkway, Viroqua (608) 637-3934
- **Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**
Provides employment assistance to individuals with a disability
<http://www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr>
220 South main Street, Room 120, Viroqua (608) 637-6872 or 1-800-523-2139
TTY (608)637-6879
- **Workforce Connections, Inc.**
Resource Room, W-2 Wisconsin Works Program, and WIA
Employment assistance through career planning, job search, and skills training
<http://www.workforceconnections.org>
220 South Main Street, Viroqua (608) 637-6450 or (608) 637-3280 or 1-800-742-5627
- **Experience Works, Inc.**
Training Program for low income senior individuals seeking employment
<http://www.experienceworks.org>
319 Main Street Suite 404 LaCrosse, WI 50601 (608) 789-5623
- **Independent Living Resources (ILR)**
Employment Assistance for individuals with a disability
<http://www.ilresources.org>
4439 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse (608) 787-1111 or 1-888-474-5745
TTY (608) 787-1148 or 1-888-378-2198
- **Riverfront, Inc.**
<http://www.riverfrontinc.org>
3000 South Avenue, La Crosse (608) 784-9450 or 1-800-949-7380
TTY (608) 784-0039
- **Couleecap**
www.couleecap.org
2101 Victory Street, Suite C, La Crosse, WI (608) 796-2926

- **Worker's Compensation-Wisconsin**
<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/wc> (608) 266-1340 or TTY 1-866-265-3142
- **Workforce Development**
<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us>
(608) 266-3131

Temp Agencies

- **ABR Employment Services**
<http://www.abrjobs.com>
1501 Losey Boulevard South, La Crosse (608)782-9700
- **Kelly Services**
<http://www.kellyservices.com>
40 Copeland Avenue, La Crosse (608)785-2477
- **Manpower**
<http://www.manpower.com>
9360 State Road 16, Onalaska (608)781-8899
- **Olsten Staffing Services**
<http://www.olsten.com>
1202 State Street, La Crosse (608)782-1100
- **Labor Ready**
<http://www.laborready.com>
2617 George Street, La Crosse (608) 779-4780
- **Express Employment**
<http://www.expresspros.com>
2240 Rose Street, La Crosse (608)779-4252

Food Assistance

- **Bethel Butikk Food Pantry**
<http://www.westbybethelbutikk.com>
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 am-4:00pm; Tuesday 10:00am-6:00pm;
First Saturday of the Month 9:00am-12:00pm
341 Black River Avenue, Westby (608) 634-3473
- **The Good Samaritan Food Pantry**
Tuesday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm; Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm
128 Mill Street, Hillsboro (608) 489-3627
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm
504 South Main Street, Viroqua (608) 637-3978
- **Living Faith Church**
Wednesdays 10:00am-4:00pm
852 North Main Street, Viroqua (608) 637-7470
- **New Hope Food Pantry** (*New Hope United Methodist Church*)
Thursdays 9:00am-10:00am; Fourth Thursday of Month 9:00am-12:00pm
Call for Emergency Appointments
E2290 State Hwy 82, De Soto (608) 648-2644
- **Stoddard Community Food Pantry**
First and Third Tuesday of every Month 2:30pm-5:00pm
300 North Main Street, Stoddard (608) 457-2700
- **Viola United Methodist Church**
Fourth Saturday of the Month 10:00am-12:00pm
225 North Washington Street, Viola (608) 627-1910
- **Community Baptist Church**
100 Monroe Street, Ontario (608) 337-4656
- **Greater Vernon Area SHARE (Self-Help and Resource Exchange)**
Groceries at a reduced rate in return for doing volunteer work
<http://www.sharewi.org>
(608) 625-2123 or (800) 548-2124 ext. 219
- **Vernon County Human Services Department**
Economic Support: Food Share Program
<http://www.vernoncounty.org>
318 Fairlane Drive, Suite 100, Viroqua (608) 637-5210 or **TTY** (608) 637-5516

Government Offices

- **Vernon County Health Department - Viroqua**.....(608)637-5251
- **Vernon County Department of Human Services - Viroqua**.....(608)637-5210
318 Fairlane Drive, Suite 100
Hours 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday
 - Family & Children Unit
 - Economic Support Unit (*contact Marla Marx for Childcare Providers List*)
 - Fiscal Unit
 - Long-term Support
- **Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, Driver Licensing & Testing**
<http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers.index.htm>
 - 26136 Executive Lane, Richland Center
Hours 7am-5pm every Tuesday and Friday
 - 9477 Hwy 16 E., Onalaska
Hours 8:30am-4:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8am-4pm-Wednesdays,
10am-5:30pm Thursdays
 - 1316 N. Main Street, Viroqua
Hours 7am-5pm every Tuesday and Thursday
- **Unemployment Compensation**
ALL unemployment claims taken over the phone or online, NO LOCAL OFFICE
1-800-822-5246
<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/ui/>
- **Social Security Administration**
210 South 7th Street, La Crosse (608) 784-5605
Toll Free 1-800-772-1213 Monday through Friday 7:00am-7:00pm
<http://www.ssa.gov>
Administers Social Security retirement, survivors, and disability benefits, while handing the following programs
 - *Medicare*
 - *Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-provides basic income to people who are 65 years and older, disabled, or blind and have limited income and resources*

Healthcare Services

Hospitals

- **Vernon Memorial Healthcare**
507 S Main Street, Viroqua-(608)637-2101
<http://www.vmh.org>
- **St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital**
400 Water Avenue, Hillsboro-(608)489-8000
<http://www.stjhealthcare.org>
- **Franciscan Skemp Healthcare**
700 West Avenue South, La Crosse-(608)785-0940 or **TTY** (608)785-1161
<http://www.franciscanskemp.org>
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center**
1900 South Avenue, La Crosse-(608)782-7300 or **TTY** (608)782-3784
<http://www.gundluth.org>
- **Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital**
705 East Taylor, Prairie du Chien-(608)357-2000
<http://www.pdcmemorialhospital.org>
- **Richland Hospital, Inc.**
333 East 2nd Street, Richland Center-(608)647-6321
<http://www.richlandhospital.com>
- **St. Claire Hospital**
707 14th Street, Baraboo-(608)355-1805
<http://www.stjhealthcare.org>
- **UW Hospitals and Clinics**
600 Highland Avenue, Madison-(608)263-6400 or 1-800-323-8942
<http://www.uwhealth.org>
- **Tomah Memorial Hospital**
321 Butts Avenue, Tomah-(608) 372-2181
<http://www.tomahhospital.org/index.html>

Clinics

- **Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Clinics**
<http://www.franciscanskemp.org>
 - 800 West Avenue South, La Crosse-(608)782-9760
 - 1303 Main Street South, Holmen-(608)526-3351
 - 191 Theater Road, Onalaska-(608)392-5000
 - 800 East Blackhawk Avenue, Prairie du Chien-(608)326-0808
 - 310 West Main Street, Sparta-(608)269-2132
 - 325 Butts Avenue, Tomah-(608)372-5951
- **Gundersen Lutheran Medical Facility Clinics**
<http://www.gundluth.org>
 - 407 South Main Street, Viroqua-(608)637-3195
 - 300 Water Avenue, Hillsboro-(608)489-2253
 - 1900 South Avenue, La Crosse-(608) 782-7300 or (800)362-9567
 - 3111 Gundersen Drive, Onalaska-(608)775-8100
 - 610 East Taylor Street, Prairie du Chien-(608)326-6466 or (800)714-5362
 - 315 West Oak Street, Sparta-(608)269-6731 or (800)554-0380
 - 1330 North Superior Avenue, Tomah-(608)372-4111 or (888)600-3240
- **Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center**
<http://www.scenicbluffs.org>
 - 238 Front Street, Cashton-(608)654-5100
 - 200 West North Street, Norwalk-(608)823-7853
- **St. Joseph's Family Clinics**
400 Water Avenue, Hillsboro-(608)489-8280
<http://www.stjhealthcare.org>
- **Vernon Memorial Hospital Clinics**
<http://www.vmh.org>
 - Bland Medical, 100 Melby Street, Westby-(608)634-3126
 - Hirsh, 407 South Main Street, Viroqua-(608)637-3174
 - Kickapoo Valley Medical, 102 Sunset Avenue, Soldiers Grove-(608)624-5203
 - La Farge Medical, 111 West Snow, La Farge-(608)625-2494
- **Viola Health Services and Osteoporosis Center**
338 North Commercial Avenue, Viola-(608)627-1407

Free Healthcare

- **St. Clare Health Mission**
916 Ferry Street, La Crosse-(608)791-9546 <http://www.stclarehealthmission.org>

Housing Assistance

- **Workforce Connections, Inc.**
Emergency Assistance
220 South Main Street, Viroqua (608)637-3280
Impending homelessness, homelessness, natural disasters, energy crisis
- **Couleecap**
110 N. Main St., Westby (608) 634-4100
- **Bethel Butikk**
341 Black River Avenue, Westby (608) 634-3473 or (608) 634-4871
- **Viroqua Housing Authority**
200 Park View CT, Viroqua (608) 637-2626
- **Bethel Home & Services, Inc.**
 - **Bethel Birchwood Independent Living Duplexes**
<http://www.bethelhome.org>
Age 55+
614 South Rock Avenue, Viroqua (608) 637-6340
 - **Bethel Village Apartments**
<http://www.bethelhome.org>
Senior Citizens & Disabled Individuals
904 Wall Street, Cashton (608) 637-6340
 - **Coulee View Apartments**
<http://www.bethelhome.org>
Age 62+ or disability; income limits
98 Hiawatha Street, Coon Valley (608) 452-3170 or (608) 637-6323
- **Linton Village Apartments**
Moderate-income housing; no age requirement
700 Linton Street, Viroqua (608) 637-8445
- **Terra View Apartments**
No age requirement; income limits
305/311 Chase Street, Viroqua (608) 987-2900
- **Broadway Court Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability; income limits
505 Chicago Avenue, Viroqua (608)784-2935
- **Halvorsen Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
211 Milwaukee Street, Westby (608) 634-3868

- **Westby Housing Authority**
503 South Main Street, Westby (608)634-4810
- **Apply Blossom Apartments-Westby**
(608) 269-1002 (*Sparta Office*)
- **Hillcrest Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
406 Park Street, Ontario (800) 944-4866
- **City Square Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
824 Pine Street, Hillsboro (608) 489-3258
- **Hills Manor Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
118 Madison Avenue, Hillsboro (608)489-2516
- **Parkview Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
739 Hill Avenue, Hillsboro (608) 489-2516
- **Hometown Village Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
315 North Gold Street, La Farge (608)326-2854, (608)625-2605, or 1-800-836-1152
- **Village of La Farge Housing**
Age 62+ or disability; income limits
<http://www.lafarge-wisconsin.com>
105 West Main Street, La Farge (608) 625-4422
- **Pine lawn Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability; income limits
415 North Gold Street, La Farge (920) 478-2220
- **Ridgeview Commons**
Age 62+ or disability
114 Exchange Street, Viola (608)647-2525
- **Valley Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
350 Elm Street, Stoddard (877) 847-8924

- **Valley View Apartments**
Age 62+ or disability
520 North 4th Street, Readstown (608) 629-5099
- **Richland Housing Authority**
210 S Orange Street, Richland Center (608) 647-3214
- **Richland Center Housing Authority**
701 West Seminary Street, Richland Center (608) 647-4877
- **Monroe Housing Authority**
1108 West Wisconsin Street, Sparta (608) 269-5017
- **La Crosse County Housing Authority**
615 Plainview Road, La Crosse (608) 781-5365
- **La Crosse Housing Authority**
1307 Badger Street, La Crosse (608) 782-2264
- **Boscobel Housing Authority**
213 Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel (608) 375-4228
- **Ho-Chunk Housing Authority**
1116 East Monowau Street, Tomah (608) 374-1245
- **HCN Housing Authority**
320 Epoch Road, Tomah (608) 374-2104
- **Camp Douglas Housing**
789 Nelson Valley Road, Camp Douglas (608) 427-3701
- **Mauston Housing Authority**
208 West Monroe Street, Mauston (608) 847-4379
- **Juneau County Housing Authority**
717 East State Street, Mauston (608) 847-7309

Transportation Assistance

- **Couleecap, Inc.**
www.couleecap.org
Contact Work-N-Wheels Program Specialist, Ashley Bermudo
110 N. Main St., Westby, (608) 634-4100
- **Bethel Butikk**
341 Black River Avenue, Westby (608) 634-3473 or (608) 634-4871
- **Caring Hearts Homecare and Transportation**
(608) 782-2464 or (608) 317-3657
- **Running Inc. Transit Services**
Available 7 days a week for taxi ride
<http://www.runninginc.net>
520 East Decker Street, Viroqua (608) 637-8080
- **Vernon County Unit on Aging**
<http://www.vernoncounty.org/aging>
318 Fairlane Drive, Suite 219, Viroqua (608) 637-5201
 - **Mini-Bus Program**
Transportation on a scheduled basis, Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Priority given to those age 55 and older or adults with a disability
 - **Vernon County Volunteer Driver Escort Service Program**
- **Viroqua Cab Company**
832 North Main Street, Viroqua (608) 637-8080

Medical Transportation

The following services are available to people with an active Medical Assistance card going to medical services.

- **Abby Vans**
(800) 236-8438
- **Access Medical Transit/Top Hat, Inc.**
226 Hood Street, La Crosse (608) 782-4200 or (800) 658-9054
- **Gundersen Lutheran Coulee Trails**
126 ½ West Jefferson Street, Viroqua (608) 637-8884 or (800) 771-8884
- **D & D Medical Transportation**
S1331A Clinton Ridge Road, Westby (608) 634-4694