

The **County Line 4-H Club** November meeting was held on November 7; we elected our officers. The club elected Martina Steffes as Vice President, Emma Steffes as Secretary, Brady Palzkill as Treasurer, and Estella James as Reporter. Maddie Siegenthaler is our club President. Kids from our club received many awards at the Iowa County 4-H Recognition Day. Emily Graber and Estella James received awards for record books. Some of the club members went bell ringing at the Dodgeville Walmart. They rang bells to collect money for the Salvation Army. They raised tons of money for the organization and had lots of fun. Submitted by Estella James

The December meeting of the **Cobb Busy Badgers** was held on December 11, 2016 at the Cobb Community Center. Roll call was what is your favorite Christmas food. We wrapped Christmas gifts for our adopt a family for the holidays. New members were introduced to the club. Our upcoming events are MAQA on Dec. 28th and Project learning day on February 11th. Livestock quiz bowl will be held in Dec, Jan and Feb. Our club agreed to continue to sponsor special merit awards at the County Fair. Talks were presented by Quinten, who talked about ways to stay warm in cold weather, Reid told us how to keep cattle warm and dry in winter months and Olivia talked about pet safety in the winter. Our next meeting will be held in January at the Cobb Community building. Submitted by Reporter, Tatum Kite

Wildfire Relief

Tennessee 4-H is asking members, staff, and supporters to join the relief efforts for Sevier County by donating gift cards from major grocery and shopping retailers to support families and youth impacted by the recent wildfires in the Smokey Mountains! All gift cards donated will be provided to 4-H members, their families, and other clientele of UT Extension - Sevier County.

Gift cards can be mailed to:
Alan Bruhin
 UT Extension - Sevier County
 752 Old Knoxville Highway
 Sevierville, TN 37862




Project Learning Day

MEAT ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (MAQA)-9:00am-11:00am

Learn about animal care and management and how to talk to people about agriculture. The focus this year is on Animal Care and Management and will **qualify as an educational program for the Iowa County Fair Auction. This also meets the MAQA requirements for swine exhibitors.** Limit: 40 participants



Science Experiments

Have you ever played with slime? Do you know what the gooey brightly colored material is made of? In this session we will make slime and do some other cool science experiments.



Archery

What do you know about bows and arrows? These session will teach youth about archery. You will learn about bows and arrows and what they are used for.



Registration Form is on the next page!



Polar Fleece Hearts

No sewing is needed for these easy tie hearts. Learn the steps needed to make simple hearts. Youth will need to bring 2-1/2 yard pieces of polar fleece and a sharp scissors. Once the hearts are tied and stuffed you will have the opportunity to decorate them.



Microwaves

Do you know what kind of products can safely be put in a microwave? In this session, youth will learn all about microwaves. We will also make some recipes that utilize a microwave.

Card making

This session is for Cloverbuds only. Learn how to make cute Valentine's cards from scratch using stamps. Limit 15 Cloverbuds.



Cloverbuds 10:00am-12:00pm

Join the Iowa County 4-H Cloverbud Leader, Beth Graber, and the 4-H Ambassadors in this session for the youngest and newest 4-Hers. If you want to make fun art projects, play games, and learn about 4-H in a fun way then this is the session for you. All 4-Hers 2nd grade and younger are invited to join this 2-hour session.



Dairy Facts

What fun facts do you know about dairy? This session will be full of dairy facts. We will also talk about the different kinds of feed dairy cows eat and look at some dairy cow rations.

Goats

All are invited to come and learn more about the goat project with Clare Heberlein and Cathy Wiesbrook! It will focus on herd health and nutrition. It will be a great refresher class for an experienced exhibitor, and an excellent class for a beginner looking to learn more. **This qualifies as one of the mandatory classes required to exhibit in the goat project.**

NEWS FOR FAMILIES AND LEADERS

JOIN 4-H – Even as an adult! Make your contribution by volunteering!

Volunteers play a vital role in the growth and development of youth 4-H. Some roles include:

- Work with adults and youth to plan and lead 4-H clubs, activities and events
- Promote and support 4-H
- Lead workshops to share knowledge with young people
- Chaperone field trips and leadership conferences

To be a 4-H Volunteer, you must attend a Volunteers in Preparation orientation and enroll in 4-H online. Programs are scheduled from 6 to 8 pm on **Wednesday, January 18th**. Please call or email Muffy to register at 930-9850 or muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org or the session might be cancelled.

If there are any 4-H Members who need help learning how to sew, Cathy Wiesbrook can help you! Please call Cathy at 574-1344.

Horse

Horse Bowl: Practices are held at 5:00pm on Thursday nights at the HHS building in Dodgeville. Practices will resume in January. Contact Lorrie Schriefer at 935-2313 for more information.

BOARD MEETINGS The 4-H Equine Board will meet on the first Thursday of January, April, June and August at 7 pm at the Health and Human Services Building. Youth in the Horse Project, parents and leaders are invited to attend these meetings.

COUNTY FAIR STEER ID

Steer ID for the Iowa County Fair will be held March 18th. Information will be sent to Beef project members. Contact Jarred Searls at 608-393-3735 or Scott Gaffney at 608-924-1029 with questions. ALL steers to be shown at County Fair will need to be identified at this time. No recent castrations, steers must be healed over – NO BULLS!! **Steers identified for State Fair MUST attend Steer ID. There are NO exceptions for State Fair Steers.** Contact Jarred Searls at 608-393-3735 or Scott Gaffney at 608-924-1029 with questions.



DAIRY PROJECT MEETING: There will be a meeting for all interested Dairy Project members and families at 7:30 pm on Monday, January 30. Agenda items include: Dairy Judging Team Plans, Educational Activities for the Year, Dairy Managerial Forms, State Fair Changes and Plans, County Fair Rules, County Fair Herdsmanship, and other issues of concern. Anyone interested in the Dairy project is invited to attend this meeting.

4-H Camp

Due to an opening
at Upham Woods our
camp dates are now
**Monday-Wednesday on
June 19-21.**

HORSE KICK-OFF MEETING will be Sunday, January 22 at 1 p.m. at the HHS Bldg. in the community room. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck.

We will discuss requirements that will be needed to show. There will be talks and displays on various aspects of the Horse Project members will be able to participate in. We will have the Affidavit/Insurance Forms and Horse ID Forms to hand out at this meeting. Please keep in mind that if you anticipate showing at the fair horse show, you **MUST** attend this meeting or one of the other Equine Board meetings prior to the fair to be eligible to show.

CONGRATULATIONS: Jenna Haack, Jessica Vinger and Hope Wilson qualified with their horses for State Horse Expo this last September. Iowa County got Reserve Champion in stall decorations. Jenna Haack received a Grand Champion in Hunt Seat Equitation and a Top Ten in Hunt Seat Pleasure. Jessica Vinger received Champion High Point in Model Horses, Reserve Champion in Poetry, Reserve Champion in Education Poster, Top Ten in Other Craft, Photography, Creative Poster, Drawing, Judging with Reasons. Hope Wilson received a Top Ten in Woodworking - Horse Related and Judging. Kristina Vinger received a Top Ten in Photography, Creative Poster, Educational Poster.

Jenna Haack participated in the Public Speaking contest at The Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup this November in Louisville, KY. To participate in this she had to receive a Grand Champion at the Public Speaking Contest at State this year. This was a great accomplishment!

Congratulations to Jessica Vinger she received the Sportsmanship Award and Jr. Reserve All Around Award from a compilation of points from all State-wide horse events for 2016 at the Fall Leaders Conference in River Falls this November. Jessica also became one of the Youth Directors for the WI 4-H Horse Assoc. for the Southern District.

For any Horse Project or Model Horse Project questions please call or text Deena Vinger 608-574-5453 or email: dvinger@rv3d.com

Mark your Calendars! Area Animal Science Days will be held Friday, June 23 in Dodge County.

**SEEKING APPLICATIONS
FOR THE SUMMER 4-H
INTERN**

The Iowa County Extension Office has one paid 4-H Internship opening beginning on or about May 15 through about August 25, 2017. This limited term position is full-time (35 hours per week). Primary job duties include assisting with the 4-H program in Iowa County and working with adult and youth volunteers in the implementation of educational programs. Qualified applicants must possess organizational, leadership, and communication skills, access to transportation adequate for the job responsibilities and the flexibility to work some weekends and evenings. Minimum age is 21 by June 1, 2017. 4-H experience is a plus. Wage--\$8.50 per hour. Employment applications and job descriptions available at the Iowa County website: www.iowacounty.org/jobopenings.html or contact the Iowa County Courthouse-Personnel Department, 222 N. Iowa St., Dodgeville, WI 53533 or call (608) 935-0374. Deadline for required application: 4:30 p.m., January 27th, 2017.

Congrats!

The following youth were selected to represent Iowa County on State and National 4-H trips.

4-H & Youth Conference

- Emma Webb

Leadership Washington Focus

- Emily Graber

Citizenship Washington Focus

- Nolan James

National Congress

- Katie Fitzsimmons

Officer Training

Club Officer Training will take place in the afternoon of Saturday, February 11 (after project learning day). Pizza will be provided for lunch. Any 4-H member (even if you are not an officer yet) is invited to attend. We need a minimum of 10 kids to hold the event, so please pre-register by calling the Extension office or emailing Muffy at muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org to let her know how many from your club are coming.

4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Practices

Join the Livestock Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, and Meats team for a winter practice. Each practice is just 1 hour and filled with fun. New teams are formed at every practice to challenge industry information, meet new members and learn new skills. Teams compete with buzzers in a game show format, they get their hands dirty in skillathon stations, and brush up on their steak judging skills. Our teams consistently rank in the top five at state competitions. Stop in and see what it is about. For more information contact Val Gaffney at gfc@mhtc.net, 608-924-1029 or any members.

Practices will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 on January 5 & 19, and February 7 & 21. The contest is on Saturday, March 4 the UW-Madison Animal Sciences Campus. The State Meats Contest is on February 18 from 12:30 - 4:30 at the UW-Madison Meats Lab.

MAQA(Meat Animal Quality Assurance)

The Meat Animal Quality Assurance program (MAQA) is a Wisconsin-developed program that teaches quality assurance practices to animal project members.

Anyone who plans on showing market hogs at Iowa County or Wisconsin State Fair MUST be MAQA certified. ALL State Fair exhibitors (Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry) are encouraged to participate in MAQA.

The Extension Office will offer an MAQA certification session at **Project Learning Day on February 11 and one more in June.**

To register for an MAQA session, CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 930-9850 OR muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org. **Youth MUST register in advance to attend a MAQA Session.**

Swine project members in grades 3-13 need to be MAQA certified every year.

However, youth who are in the intermediate age group (age 12-14, grades 6-8) or the advanced age group (ages 15-18, grades 9-13) have the option to "test out". Test will take place one hour prior to each learning session. Youth who plan to "test out" must pre-register with the Extension Office. The "test out" option does NOT qualify as an educational program. Contact Jackie for more information about the "test out" option.



Project Learning Day registration form

Name: _____

Club: _____

Pick one session per time slot:

Session 1 9-9:55

MAQA _____

Card Making _____

Crops _____

Polar Fleece Hearts _____

Archery _____

Session 2 10-10:55

MAQA _____

Cloverbuds _____

Science Experiments _____

Dairy Facts _____

Microwaves _____

Archery _____

Session 3 11-11:55

Cloverbuds _____

Crops _____

Science Experiments _____

Dairy Facts _____

Microwaves _____

Goats _____

Please return by mail to UW-Extension Iowa County, Attn Muffy Swingen, 303 W Chapel St, Dodgeville WI 53533 **by February 3, 2017**

IOWA COUNTY UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

303 West Chapel Street
Dodgeville WI 53533



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.

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IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January/February 2017

JANUARY

- 5, 19 Livestock Quiz Bowl Practice, HHS
- 5 Equine Board Meeting, 6pm
- 5,12,19,26 Horse Bowl Practice, 5:00 pm
- 23 Leader's Assoc mtg 7pm
- 28 State Team Applications Due
- 28 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
- 30 Dairy Project Team Mtg, 7:30 pm HHS

FEBRUARY

- 7, 21 Livestock Quiz Bowl Practice, HHS
- 2,9,16,23 Horse Bowl Practice, 5:00 pm
- 11 Project Learning Day
- 11 MAQA, 9 am
- 11 Club Officer training 1pm
- 18 State Meats Contest, Madison

THE CLOVER CONNECTION

IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

President – Shelly Osterndorff - 2019

Vice President – Kari Brokish - 2018

Co-Secretaries – Maddie Siegenthaler – 2017
Deena Vinger - 2017

Treasurer – Muffy Swingen - 2019

Directors - Julia Harman - 2018
Bill Mitchell
Beth Graber – 2018

Youth – Kari Brokish,
Jorah Jacobson, Jessica Vinger,
Maddie Siegenthaler, Brady Palzkill

Fall Forum Youth Rep – Dana Hanson,
Sara Heisner, Grace Engels

Fall Forum Adult Rep – Don Kreul, Sally Hanson, Tara Engels

<http://iowa.uwex.edu/4h>

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is also a phone with voice mail available nights and weekends and a drop box by the flag pole.

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Muffy Swingen, Department Assistant
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Donna Peterson, Nutrition Program Coordinator

Register for 4-H programs by fax or e-mail:

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- Project Learning Day
- Horse Project Information
- Trip Winners
- 4-H Internship
- Volunteer Training
- Dairy Project Meeting

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4-H Building the



4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION: The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the HHS Building.**

Congratulations to Muffy Swingen, Shelly Osterndorff, Kari Brokish, and Jessica Vinger who were elected to the Leaders Council at the last meeting.

Thank you to past council members Christine James, Alex Harman, and Carley Rider for their service to the Leaders Council.

Reminder –

To participate in the Iowa County Fair, receive a 4-H Graduation Scholarship, participate in a 4-H trip or represent Iowa County or Wisconsin on a 4-H Judging Team or at a 4-H speaking contest, Iowa County members must be "4-H Members in Good Standing". To be a 4-H member in good standing, a member must attend at least four (4) 4-H Club Events (club meetings, fund raisers or community service activities) by August 1st of each year."

