

The Clover Connection



April/May 2012

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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4-H.....

KNOW IT,

GROW IT,

SHOW IT

APRIL

1	Ambassador Meeting, HHS Center, 1 pm
3	Dairy Judging Practice, HHS Center, 6:30 p.m.
5	Equine Board Meeting, HHS Center, 7 pm
6	Extension Office Closed
12, 19, 26	Horse Bowl Practice, HHS Center, 6:30 p.m.
13-14	4-H Archery Invitational, Belmont
15	4-H Camp Applications Due
15, 22, 29	Shooting Sports Practices, Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
21	Foods Review, HHS Center
21	Camp Counselor Training, Darlington

MAY

1	Horse ID Papers Due
3	Horse Bowl Practice, HHS Center; 6:30 pm
3	Equine Board Meeting, HHS Center, 7 pm
5	County Fair Lamb ID, Fairgrounds, 9- noon
6	Ambassador Meeting, HHS Center, 1 pm
6, 13, 20	Shooting Sports Practices, Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
10-25	County Fair Swine ID
12	State 4-H Horse Bowl & Hippology, Wausau
12	Dodge-Point Lamb/Pig Show, Fairgrounds
19	Cloverbud Garden Planting, Fairgrounds
24	Open Ride for 4-H Horse, Horse Arena at the Fairgrounds
25	Dairy Managerial Form for State Fair Due to Extension

JUNE

1	County Fair Swine ID Forms Due
2	Dairy Breakfast, Fairgrounds
7	Equine Board Meeting, HHS Center, 7 pm
4,11,18,25	Dog Project Practices & Meetings, Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
16	State Fair Dairy Show/Picnic, Fairgrounds, 9 am
18	MAQA, HHS, 1 pm and 7 pm
18	Clothing Preview, HHSB, 6:30 p.m.
20	State Fair Exhibitor Meeting, HHSB, 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm
20	State Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
21	Cloverbud Day, Fairgrounds, 9 am to 3 pm



UW-Extension,
Cooperative Extension
Celebrating 100 Years!
1912-2012



Cooperative Extension has served the citizens of Wisconsin since 1912 and will spend 2012 celebrating 100 years of education and outreach to families, youth, farmers, businesses, and communities. Co-operative Extension is a unique partnership of counties, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the UW system, working together to help people put knowledge to work. This partnership brings education to people where they live through Extension offices in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties. It supports educational programs available to all citizens of Wisconsin.

Iowa County's UW-Extension office is home to the following program areas: Family Living/Nutrition Education, Agriculture, Community Resource Development, and 4-H Youth Development.

Thanks to 4-H Youth Development programs, young people across America are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills while having fun, learning, exploring, and discovering. In 4-H, youth make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders, and help shape their communities.

Everyone benefits when youth get involved in 4-H!

**Happy 100th Anniversary to UW-Extension,
Cooperative Extension!**

Would you be willing to receive your 4-H newsletter electronically—a link to an online version? Let Muffy know at muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org

NEWS FOR FAMILIES AND LEADERS

Save these dates!!! We will have 2 photography workshops; Wednesday, June 13th for beginners and Wednesday, July 11th for advanced. There will be hands-on activities, judging practices, and a possible field trip to a local park to take pictures. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about the photography project in a fun way!!

More details will follow in the June newsletter.

2012 4-H CAMP

All 3rd-7th graders!! Be sure to sign up to attend Green, Lafayette and Iowa County 4-H CAMP from June 28-30 at Upham Woods. It promises to be fun and filled with energy and explorations! A camp application is included in the newsletter and is due on April 15.

4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 25th at 7 pm in the HHS Center.** Agenda Items: Raffle Ticket distribution, Recognition Plans, Plans for the Iowa County Fair, and other important issues.

2012 FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY THEME IDEAS ARE NEEDED. Submit your ideas to your 4-H club leaders. The 4-H club that submits the winning theme will receive \$25. All ideas are due to the Extension office by April 15. The theme is used in advertising and for the parade.

IOWA COUNTY 4-H SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS are still available. Contact Shelly Osterndorff at 608-943-6492 or at ostern@yousq.net

FAIR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED: UW-Extension is seeking someone to represent UWEX on the Iowa County Fair Board. The UWEX Fair Board rep would be a regular member of the Fair Board including attending monthly meetings, serving on committees and assisting during the Iowa County Fair. If you would like to become a member of the Iowa County Fair Board and represent UW-Extension, contact Paul Ohlrogge or Deb Ivey in the Extension Office at 608-930-9850 or paul.ohlrogge@ces.uwex.edu.

IOWA COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST -

Mark your calendars for June 2! The Iowa County Dairy Breakfast will be held at the Dan Judd Farm 4016 Brue Rd in Dodgeville. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 10-3, children under 3 are free. Breakfast is served from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 am.

NASCO REBATE PROGRAM

NASCO will return 5% of your total purchases directly back to our county 4-H program. Just mention this coupon number when you place your order, or write the number in the billing information of your order form, or in the comments box of your on-line order. **The Iowa County 4-H number is 9800229 (AA) Iowa County**



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THANK YOU

Thank you to the following Project Learning Day presenters & helpers – **Paula, Lara, and Lyrica Daentl, Donna Peterson, Becky, Megan, and Mallory Stanek, Jeanne Massey, Melanie Markhardt, Jessica James, Doreen Dochnahl, Chelsea May, Tayler Bowser, Sarah Lawinger, Kristin Keenan, Angie Keenan, Bailey Fritsch, Sean Brown, Carissa Tolzman, Erin Sincox, Jake Brokish, Mairin Cahill, Bill & Judy Mitchell, Alex Harman, Vicki Hugill, Jackie & Debbie Heth, Denise Enright, Taylor Colin, Amber Wagner, Clare & Cathy Wiesbrook.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Debbie Heth** for being selected for the State 4-H Press Team and to **Macy Merwin** for being selected for the State 4-H Showcase Singers!

Congratulations to the youth who were on the first ever Iowa County Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Teams. Iowa County had a senior team, a mixed team and two junior teams. One of Iowa County's junior teams placed second in Quiz bowl and the Iowa County juniors also placed second in Skillathon.



4-Hers who participated in Quiz Bowl and Skillathon included front: **Angie Keenan, Haakon Schriefer, Noelle Elfering, Nathan Daniels, and Bree Gaffney,** Middle row: **Kristin Keenan, Paige Gaffney, Natalie Elfering, Morgan Fitzsimmons, and Brady Roberts;** Back row: **Bailey Fritsch, Adam Keenan and Debbie Heth.**

Thanks to these adult volunteers who helped them prepare for the contest: **Val Gaffney, Dr. Jim and Jackie Heth, Scott Fitzsimmons, Duane and Lisa Elfering, Ruth and Gene Schriefer and Jarred Searls.**

Congratulations to the youth who were on the Iowa County Dairy Quiz Bowl Team. Iowa County had a senior team and a mixed team. Both teams made it to the 3rd round.

Team members included **Elizabeth Watrud, Kari Brokish, Kennedy Stumpf, Jessica James, Zach Dressler, Zach Tolzman, Sean Brown and Jake Brokish.**

Thank you to **Angela Brown** for coaching the team.



OLDER YOUTH TRIP TO MILWAUKEE

Are you interested in going to a **Brewers Game**, seeing the **Milwaukee Zoo** and enjoying the **Milwaukee Public Museum**? If so, plan now to join other 4-H youth currently in grades 9-13 on a trip to Milwaukee on **Saturday, July 14**. Cost will be about \$50.

If you are interested in being part of this trip, contact Deb Ivey (debra.ivey@ces.uwex.edu) or Muffy Swingen (muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org) to place your name on the list. You should also send a \$25 deposit to this address: UW-Extension, 303 W Chapel, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

More trip details will be available in June. There is only room for 56 people on the bus, so sign up today!

CLUB NEWS

ANNUAL FOOD FIGHT RESULTS: Congratulations on collecting 1452 pounds for the Food Pantry during the February Food Fight! The clubs that participated included: Rewey Lucky Stars, Five Point, Rockwell Mills, Cobb Busy Badgers, Clyde Go-Getters, Blue Ribbon, County Line, Kountry Kousins, Pleasant View, Jonesdale Jays and Section Line. All monetary donations were assessed at 5 pounds per \$1.00. The food pantry is then able to buy food for \$0.18 per pound from Second Harvest Food Bank. Cobb Busy Badgers (large club) and Kountry Kousins (small club) are the winners of the food fight. These are the weights from each club:

1. Cobb Busy Badgers	717 pounds	6. Five Point	448 Pounds
2. Rockwell Mills	628 pounds	7. Rewey Lucky Stars	420 Pounds
3. Jonesdale Jays	603 pounds	8. Clyde Go-Getters	331 pounds
4. County Line	577 pounds	9. Blue Ribbon	192 pounds
5. Kountry Kousins	503 pounds	10. Pleasant View	74 pounds
6. Five Point	448 pounds	11. Section Line	?? pounds

County Line - At our February 6th, 2012 meeting we decided on a new date for playing bingo at the care center in Mineral Point. The new date is March 10th, 2012 at 10:00am. Then on Feb. 25th, 2012 we will be holding the food fight at the food pantry in Dodgeville then after that we will be going to a movie at the Dodge Theater in Dodgeville. On Sat., Feb. 12 is project learning day, on March 4th is day in the arts at Mineral Point High School. On April 15th 4-H Camp forms are due. Foods Review is on April 21st. Dairy Judging is at the Health and Humane serves building from 7-8. Then on April 7th and 14th is Richland Co. fun day at Mt. Olympus. Our Cloverbuds made valentine cards for older people they do not know. Our Feb. birthdays were Jessica James and Reid Suddeth. The demonstrators were Emma Steffes and Larry Steffes. Reporter, Morgan James

The **Pleasant View 4-H Club** met in February. We discussed how much to give to Upham Woods to go towards a fundraiser to help upgrade new facilities. There is a "food fight" fundraiser we are contributing to. All the proceeds will be given to the Iowa County Food Pantry. We have volunteers attending another fundraiser at Pizza Hut on May 7th. Michelle Fredrick came to inform our club about how food pantries work. Andrew and Austin Heisner performed songs on their violin. Jalissa Jacobson showed us her wonderful art project, which was a mirror with glass mosaic surrounding it. Jorah Jacobson explained to us how she made her clay project that looked like a piece of cake. Our Cloverbuds made colored hearts for Valentine's Day. Rebekah Ottoway – Reporter

The **Cobb Busy Badgers** monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on February 12. The Flag Salute was led by Alexandra and the Pledge was led by Nathan. Roll call was, "what is your middle name?" The clubs thank you cards were read by Lara. A motion for donating fifty dollars to the Upham Woods brick project was motion first by Sean then second by Zach. It was discussed that the new members in the auction of 2013 will be grandfathered in. The "Food Fight" has started again and we will be taking food over on February

25th. All food has to be to the bank by February 23rd. On March 7th there will be a Dairy Judging meeting at the HHS building at 7:00P.M. Demonstrations were given by Zach (On concussions), Carissa (Internet Safety), Olivia (Seatbelt Safety), Matt (Frostbite and Hypothermia), Haley (Cyber bullying), Sean(Kite Safety), and Collin(Coaches vs. Cancer). The February meeting was adjourned by Kaleb and second by Jordan.

The monthly meeting of the **Rewey Lucky Stars** was held on February 12, 2012. Everyone signed up for committees for the 2011 year. These committees included Fund Raising, Club Activities, Parade, Dairy Promotion, Community Services and the Ice Cream Social. These are the major committees we will focus on to keep our club active and going strong in the community. We voted to donate \$100.00 to the Legacy Campfire Circle at Upham Woods. We also discussed taking the February Food Fight challenge with other clubs to help support the Iowa County Food Pantry. Several members attended Project Learning day on February 11th and discussed what they did and learned. Kylie Washburn discussed a duck that escaped and was running around and caught by the youngest member attending the Poultry session. Everyone enjoyed their day and what they learned. Ethan Kuhls and Katie Olson - Reporters

On January 15th, the **Five Point 4-H Club** had their monthly meeting at Stonefield Apartments. The Cloverbuds worked on their project before the regular meeting started at 6:00 pm. President, Cole Anderson, called the meeting to order and also led the American Pledge, followed by Alex Harman leading the 4-H Pledge. Roll Call was answered to favorite Holiday break activity. There was no Secretary's report. Alex Harman gave the Treasurer's, with a motion given by Sydney Judd and seconded by Ethan Weier. The club sang "Happy Birthday" to Alex Harman, Rachael McGauley, Ethan Dickler, Owen McDonald, Cole Anderson, Ava Mettlach, and Jacob Piascik. Next, new families were introduced, along with the officers and leaders. After that, the club discussed possible roll call-call outs for the following meetings and talked about possible guest speakers.

Also, remember to turn in your record books if you are planning to sell at the 2013 County Fair Auction. Submitted by Kylie Greenheck, Five Point 4-H Reporter

Rockwell Mills - The meeting was called to order on February 12 at Midway Lanes at 2:30 by President Joseph Lawinger. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Faith Smart, the 4-H Pledge by Lydia Rowley, and the Conservation Pledge by Melissa Seman. Roll call was taken and we introduced the new members. The minutes were read and approved by Adam Keenan and Tayler Bowser. The treasurer's report was read and approved by Taylor Colin and Noah Lawinger. Birthday cards were given out and happy birthday was sung. Members received envelopes for the following year, and a yearly planner was handed out to each family. Sherry Brokish discussed the Schwan's Fundraiser. Faith Smart did a demonstration on liquid density and Jade Smart did a demonstration on making applesauce. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm with a motion from Max Miller and Sarah Lawinger.

On February 25th, the **Five Point 4-H Club** had their monthly meeting at Stonefield Apartments. Club members met at Harris Park for ice-skating at 2:30 until 5:30, when the Cloverbuds met for their meeting. The regular meeting started at 6:00 pm and was called to order by President, Cole Anderson. Ashley Degenhardt led the American Flag pledge, and Rachael McGauley led 4-H pledge. Roll Call was answered to name your favorite kind of bird. Leader, Dee Dochnahl, gave the Secretary's report, which was approved. Next, Mikaela Bakker gave the Treasurer's Report, which was also approved. The club sang "Happy Birthday" to Zoey French, Chandler Williams, Wyatt Oxnem, Samantha Esch, Brian Neil, Garrett McGauley, & Dee Dochnahl. Other business, we thanked all that brought in donations for the 4-H Food Fight and that the club discussed several fundraising ideas (Purchase cages for the poultry barn/more chairs or tables for Stonefield Apts or money to food pantry) to support for the coming year.

Next, Diana Dochnahl and Mackenzie Mohning gave the Health and Safety tips. After that, Liam Stumpf gave his talk and demonstration on a hand-carved snowman that he will be showing in the fair this year. The upcoming event to remember is Day in the Arts (March 4th) at Mineral Point High School.

The March meeting of the **Rewey Lucky Stars** was held March 11, 2012. We discussed the committees. As part of the community service committee, Livingston Community Improvement Committee has asked our club

to do the landscaping around the community business signs. They have also asked us for ideas of what we would like to see at the Livingston Community Festival. Some members attended the meeting to discuss the ideas we had come up with.

We also discussed the committees regarding the fireworks, ice creams social and banners/T-shirts.

We had demonstrations by Mya McCarthy on how to make Flubber and Ethan Kuhls on the parts of a dairy cow and how to judge a dairy cow. Ethan Kuhls and Katie Olson - Reporters

The **Jonesdale Jays'** meeting was started by doing an activity: making mini Easter baskets, and called to order by president Steven Blume. The flag bearers were Morgan Vondra and Sarah Heisner. The roll call was your favorite cake. then we had the secretary and treasure's report. Old Business: we discussed our February bowling party, project learning day, Day in the arts, and the food fight. New business: we discussed how much we would donate to the poultry project, Quadrapedal, food review, and the city wide garage sale. We announced March birthdays. Show and share: Dominic, Gabriel, and Gemma Mailoux told us about the day in the arts. Dominic and Gabriel recited their poems for us memorized! Good Job! Also Gemma told us about the photography that she did. Malorie and Nicole Johnson told us how they did at their lamb show. Malorie also showed a steer at the show. Nicole got Grand Champion with her lamb! Good job Nicole! Then, Winndie Darrow show us how to train your dog to go through a tunnel. the host families were the Sullivan, Johnson, and Darrow Families. Our next meeting will be on April 15th at the Methodist Church!

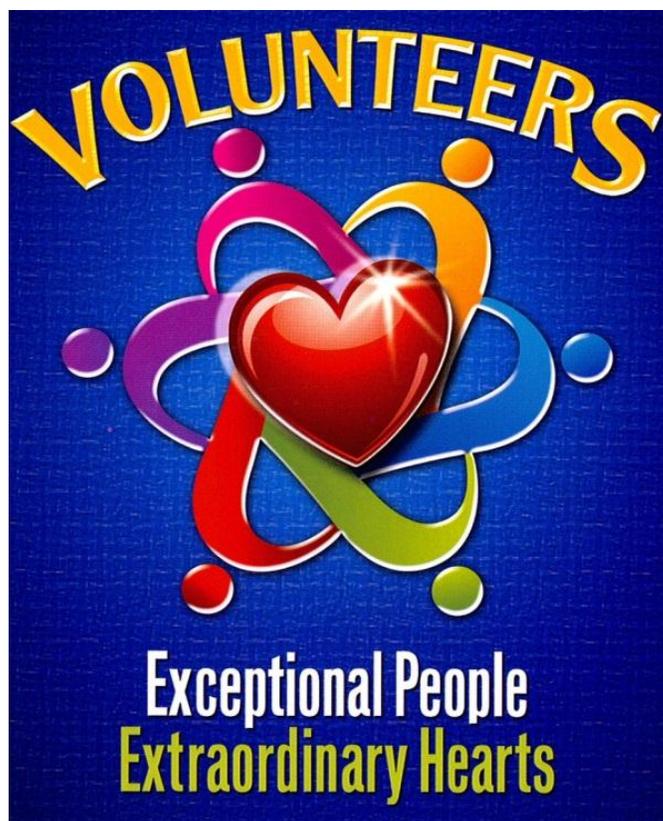
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

**Celebrate National Volunteer Week
April 15 – 21, 2012**

Iowa County 4-H has **147** volunteers who support the 4-H program in many ways including:

- Leading workshops to share knowledge with young people
- Chaperoning field trips and leadership conferences
- Working in partnership (adults and youth) to lead 4-H clubs, activities and events
- Helping plan and conduct events
- Recruiting other volunteers
- Developing and evaluating 4-H Youth Development programs
- Contributing through promoting and supporting 4-H.

4-H Volunteers are Exceptional People with Extraordinary Hearts!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

FOODS REVIEW

4-H FOODS MEMBERS: Foods Review exhibits will be judged on **Saturday, April 21** at the Health and Human Services Center in Dodgeville. Entry Information was e-mailed to those enrolled in the Foods Project. Registrations must be received at the Extension Office or postmarked by **Monday, April 16**. Contact Ruth Schriefer at 930-9850 or ruth.schriefer@ces.uwex.edu with questions.

PHOTOGRAPHY

New this year – some of the adult photography leaders are planning 2 fun photography workshops this summer. Any photography leaders interested in joining us can contact Deb or Muffy in the Extension office. More details on the workshops will be in the June Newsletter.

Meet your county photography leaders:

Paula Daentl has been a club photography leader for a number of years and has helped all four of her children take unusual and interesting photos that have been exhibited at both the county and state fairs as well as entered in a number of photo contests throughout the county and state. Paula would love to help teach you how to look for the unique and unusual angles of just about any object that make a photo fun to view as well as teach you photo basics. Contact Paula @ 623-2731 for assistance.

Muffy Swingen became interested in the 4-H photography project while attending a seminar that Wayne Brabender (State 4-H Photography Specialist) was teaching here in Iowa County. She has clerked for the Photography Judges at the Iowa County Fair for the last 4 years. She is by no means an expert, but she is willing to help kids learn more about how to compose proper photos, and what the judges at the fair are looking for. You can contact her at the Extension office at 930-9850 or muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org during business hours, or muffyswingen9@gmail.com

Annika Swenson is a new photography project leader for Iowa County. Annika grew up in Hayward (Sawyer County) and exhibited in photography through 4H for over 10 years. She has recently moved to the area and is looking forward to sharing her advanced photography knowledge with the Iowa County Clubs. With an eye for composition and a heart for capturing the story, she hopes to bring her passion for photography to all of you. Her favorite subjects include her 4 dogs, numerous chickens, and the beautiful landscapes of the Driftless region.

Susan Judd has been involved in 4-H since she was a kid. She first became interested in photography through the Linden Loyal 4-H club when she was young. Now, she loves to take pictures of her kids. Sue also likes to look on line for creative ways to take pictures then try to do it herself. She will be able to provide you with different opportunities for your creativity and passion for photography. She will provide other venues for you to enter your photos in throughout the year. Sue looks forward to meeting you and having fun with your cameras.

4-H GATEWAY ACADEMY -ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

Iowa County Youth currently in 5th, 6th or 7th grade are eligible to enroll in the 4-H Gateway Academy, a day camp that includes hands on activities related to science, engineering and technology. The 2012 4-H Gateway Academies will be held at Iowa-Grant High School from July 9-13 and at River Valley Middle School from July 9-12 and July 16-19. If you have questions, contact Deb at the Extension office at 930-9850 or debra.ivey@ces.uwex.edu

ARTSAND CRAFTS PROJECT MEETINGS



Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 31 or Saturday, April 7 to travel to Roxanne's Ceramics to pick out and clean your pieces (bring cash to pay for your pieces and to have them cleaned). RSVP to Pam Pishion at 574-5152 or at bpsn@hotmail.com to reserve your place. Let Pam know how many pieces you plan to purchase.

There will also be a wood burning class offered at Pam's house (5031 Leffler Rd, Dodgeville) on May 5th from 9 am to noon. There is no cost to this session; however you need to pre-register by calling or emailing Pam at 574-5152 or at bpsn@hotmail.com.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AND MOBILIZE THE EARTH

April 22, 2012

Earth Day is a day for action; a chance to show how important the environment is to you and your 4-H club. On April 22, more than one billion people around the globe will participate in Earth Day 2012 and help **Mobilize the Earth™**. People of all nationalities and backgrounds will voice their appreciation for the planet. Together children, youth, and adults will stand united for a sustainable future. A sustainable future depends on each and every person regardless of our age. Join the **Billion Acts of Green®**, the world's largest environmental service campaign. Already, over 500 million environmental actions have been registered on the Earth Day Network website. You can register your activity at www.earthday.org.

What types of activities might be done? It can be changing to a couple of energy-efficient light bulbs in your home to a club project where everyone gets involved and helps to clean up a stretch of the roadside. Here are a few ideas to get you thinking about what is possible:

- Plant a garden
- Plant a tree
- Plant a flower bed in a location the community can enjoy
- Rake the yard of older folks and compost the leaves
- Use recycled paper and use both the front and back sides
- Recycle paper, cans, and other materials accepted for recycling
- Turn off lights when not needed
- Use only the water needed for such activities as brushing your teeth and showering

When you have completed an activity, celebrate with an earth birthday party! You have made a difference.

COMMUNICATION ARTS

DAY IN THE ARTS: Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Day in the Arts. We had 30 youth who participated as individuals including **Emma Murphy, Justice and Evelyn Hendrick,**



Stephanie and Rita Wilson, Haakon Schriefer, Dominic, Gabriel and Gemma Mailloux, Bethany & Alex Harman, Anastasia Dannenberg, Lara and Lyrica Daentl, Colin Merwin, Katy & Robert Jinkins, Tony Weier, Madison, Ian and Kennedy Stumpf, Audrey and Maggie White, Lily McDonald, Jalene and Alaina Pierick, Andrea Kammes, Elizabeth and

Joe Tisch, Dana Hanson, Makayna Lemanski, Sydney Judd, and Jade and Faith Smart.

In addition, the Five Point 4-H club presented two group performances with many 4-H members participating.

Day in the Arts Merit Winners

- Vocal and Instrumental: **Lyrica Daentl, Haakon Schriefer, Dominic Mailloux, Alex Harman, Andrea Kammes, Evelyn Hendrick, Audrey White, Joe Tisch, Maggie White, Elizabeth Tisch and Bethany Harman**
- Communication Arts: **Five Point 4-H Club: "I'm Not Your Mother," Gabriel Mailloux, Lyrica Daentl, Dominic Mailloux**
- Photography: **Lara Daentl, Makayna Lemanski, Tony Weier, Gemma Mailloux, Katy Jinkins, Sydney Judd and Robert Jinkins**
- Visual Arts: **Madison Stumpf, Robert Jinkins, Alex Harman, Lily McDonald, Bethany Harman and Tony Weier**

4-H ARTS CAMP

4-H Arts Camp, a statewide overnight arts experience for youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, will be held on October 6-7 at Camp Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells.

Youth campers get together and explore the exciting world of the ARTS: theater and drama, music, photography, communication, visual art, juggling and MORE! Campers will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home to their clubs. The sessions are hands-on and active and are held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors.

Camp begins Saturday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. and ends on Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Camp is \$60 and includes a T-shirt. See the 4-H State Arts Team website at <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artscamp/> for more information and an application.

4-H ARTS CAMP YOUTH STAFF Do you have a passion for drama, visual art, music, photography or communications? Do you enjoy teaching younger youth? Come be part of the staff! We're looking for 9th through 12th graders (in the fall of 2012) to be part of the Arts Camp State Staff.

We are looking for youth to teach and participate as Teaching Counselors and Activities Counselors.

* TEACHING COUNSELORS teach with team members an introduction to a specific arts area in an hour-long session.

* ACTIVITIES COUNSELORS plan and organize free-time activities, along with a large-group activity for Saturday evening; and lead a group of 15 campers to the different arts sessions.

Youth staff are required to plan with other arts camp staff members by mail, by phone, and to participate in on-site sessions, August 18-19 and Friday night, October 5 at Camp Upham Woods. Camp dates: Saturday, October 6 - Sunday, October 7.

There is a \$45.00 fee payable upon selection. Additional assistance is available upon request. Your costs are minimal thanks to a grant from the 4-H Foundation. For more information and an application check the 4-H State Arts Team website: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artscamp/>. **Youth Arts Camp Staff applications are due May 1.**

HORSE

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

HORSE BOWL PRACTICES are at the Health and Human Services Building at 6:30 pm. on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY The STATE Horse Bowl and Hippology Competition for 2012 will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Marathon County Extension Office in Wausau.

2012 4-H HORSE HANDBOOK For the latest information on state wide events and programs, check out this link to the Horse Handbook: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm>

OPEN RIDE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Do you need time to ride your horse to practice for the Fair or would you like to just ride your horse? Join Sue Brunett at the Fairgrounds every Thursday starting May 24 through August 23 from 6 pm to 8 pm for an 'Open Ride' for youth in the 4-H Horse project. This is a great opportunity to acquaint your horse with the fairgrounds arena and other horses. Open Ride is on a drop-in basis, no need to call, simply show up with the following.....

- * original coggins paper for each horse you bring
- * boots, helmet and jeans
- * a parent, older sibling or other adult to keep an eye on you while you ride
- * cones or other props you may need to help you practice a particular skill

If you have questions, contact Sue at 608-341-7325.

SHOOTING SPORTS

ATTENTION ALL NEW SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS !! You are invited to attend the meeting of the Clyde Go-Getters on Monday, April 2nd a 6:30 pm at the Clyde Café in Clyde. There will be an orientation on the shooting sports project. Returning members are also invited. This is an informational meeting only; do not bring your bows or rifles.

SHOOTING SPORTS MEETINGS will be held at the Fairgrounds in April, May, July and August as noted below. Members must attend a minimum of three meetings (at least one in August) to participate in the shoot at the County Fair. There is a \$5.00 fee for materials, which will be collected at the first practice.

Spring-- Sunday nights 6:30 - 8:00 pm
April 15, April 22, April 29 and May 6, May 13, & May 20



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn By Doing

Summer -- Sunday nights 6:30 - 8:00 pm
July 29, August 5, 12, 19

Please contact Doug or Robin Digman at 935-2304 for further information.

STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT CERTIFICATION

Adult 4-H Shooting Sports certifications are planned for Eau Claire on April 20-21 and Rosholt on September 14-15. The 12 hour certification starts at 6:00 pm on a Friday and concludes at 5:00 pm on Saturday. For additional registration information on the certifications, please visit the following web site: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2012CertificationTraining.cfm>

DOGS

4-H DOG PROJECT MEMBERS: If you have questions about the dog project, contact Karolyn or Matt Levin at 924-9609 or Vicki Hugill at 608-341-9866.



Dog project training classes start Monday June 4, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Bring a copy of your vaccination record to the first training session!

Required Vaccinations/Health :

- All 4-H dogs must be vaccinated for *distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parvovirus* all within one year of exhibiting at county fair. We will accept vaccinations done by an experienced pet owner/handler if accompanied by a copy of the sticker from the original vial with the vaccination lot # and expiration date.
- Rabies vaccinations **MUST BE** given by and the certificate signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
- Copies of the certificate must be given to dog leaders, you can get copies free of charge from your veterinarian.
- A 4-H dog may not attend training sessions, clinics or exhibit without proof of vaccinations or if showing any signs of communicable diseases, or internal or external parasites.

If any project member wants to work with an Iowa County Humane Society dog this year, he/she should contact Karolyn Levin at 608-604-3375 or at mklevin@hughes.net.

Iowa County Fair Dog Obedience and Showmanship show will be Saturday, August 18 beginning at 9 am. The Dog Agility show will begin at 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 30 using two rings.

If any project member wants to be a member of the Dog Quiz Bowl Team, contact Cheryl Hartman at 608-574-4245 or at buckyus@hotmail.com.

DAIRY

WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY MANAGERIAL PROJECT FORMS

In 2012, the Wisconsin Junior State Fair will require exhibitors to have their managerial animals identified by June 1st for these cattle to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. Contact the Extension Office for a 4-H Dairy Managerial Form. It can be mailed or e-mailed to you. These forms **MUST** be in the Iowa County UW-Extension Office by May 25, 2012.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STATE FAIR DAIRY EXHIBITORS

To exhibit at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair, youth must be 12 years of age on January 1, 2012 and a member of 4-H, FFA or a junior breed organization. To show Dairy cattle at State Fair, these rules must be followed:

- Ownership deadline is January 1, 2012 for all dairy cattle two years and older.
- Co-ownership will be allowed as long as the exhibitor's full name appears on the registration paper along with any other individual under 21 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Breed association lease programs do not meet Wisconsin State Fair ownership requirements.
- Calves and yearling ownership/co-ownership deadline will continue to be May 31st.
- A signed agreement between the owner and exhibitor is required for managerial animals. These managerial agreements are due in the Extension Office **by May 25, 2012**. Managerial forms are available at UW-Extension Office.

BADGER DAIRY CAMP is a summer youth activity for dairy youth that focuses on fitting, showing, judging of dairy cattle and dairy science related workshops. The 2012 camp is scheduled for Sunday, June 17-Tuesday, June 19 on the UW-Madison campus. More information and on-line registration will be available soon at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/camp.php>. Participation in Badger Dairy Camp qualifies as an educational program for the auction.

LIVESTOCK

MARKET ANIMAL RECORD FORM: All youth selling steers, lambs, barrows or meat goats at the 2012 Iowa County Fair must complete a "Market Animal Record" form and turn it in the species superintendent **at weigh in at the 2012 fair to sell in the auction this year!** (This is a change from the original due date AND it takes effect at the 2012 Iowa County Fair.) Youth will NOT be allowed to sell if they do not turn in a completed form and complete an educational program.

Forms were given to youth exhibitors when they identified their animals. Contact the Extension Office or your FFA advisor if you need a Market Animal Record form.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM PRACTICES will be held on **Sundays in May and June**. Locations are to be determined. **Call Jeff at 988-6758 with questions.**

SWINE IDENTIFICATION FOR 2012 IOWA COUNTY FAIR Swine should be identified between May 1 and May 25. Project members must contact someone to come to their farm to identify their barrows. **Information was sent to swine project members, leaders and FFA advisors in March.** Barrows must be identified as home-born and raised at weigh-in to be eligible for the home-born and raised class at the county fair. **COMPLETED ID FORMS ARE DUE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE ON JUNE 1.**

LAMB ID FOR 2012 IOWA COUNTY FAIR Sheep identification and weigh-in for lambs to be shown at the 2012 Iowa County Fair will be taken place on Saturday, May 5 from 9am to noon at the Iowa County fairgrounds in Mineral Point. Lambs must be identified as home-born and raised at weigh-in to be eligible for the home-born and raised class at the county fair. Lambs identified for State Fair can bring their animal to the Iowa County Lamb ID **or submit a copy of the State Fair ID form** to the Extension Office by May 15 to identify the lamb(s) for the Iowa County Fair. Contact Steve Barth at 341-7113 or Matt Heins at 608-574-6477 with questions.

AUCTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ALL exhibitors selling in the auction will attend one educational program and notify the Extension Office **prior to August 1**. This applies to those selling poultry, rabbits, beef, swine, sheep, goats, and cheese (top 6 Dairy animals.) Below are educational programs that will apply to this requirement.

Project Learning Day II	July 21;selected sessions
Livestock or Dairy Judging Team Practices	May, June
State FFA Judging Contest	Spring
MAQA Certification	June 18, July 10, July 19
Badger Dairy Camp	June 17-19, UW-Madison campus
Youth Livestock Show Camp	June ???, West Allis
County Project Meetings	Summer, as scheduled

FFA Members remember that you are responsible to have your FFA Advisor notify the Extension Office if you have completed any educational programs.

IOWA COUNTY FAIR

FACE TO FACE JUDGING EXPERIENCE: Youth who exhibit in **Department 24 Mechanical Sciences - Class D Robotics, Class E Scale Models (including dioramas-farm displays, Department 22, Class A, B, C, D, E—Woodworking--** will have face-to-face judging at this year's Iowa County Fair. This judging will take place on Monday, August 27 at the Fairgrounds. Youth should report to the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds with their entries anytime between 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm on Monday, August 27. Exhibitors will meet individually with the judge and discuss their entries. If you are setting up a diorama, you can set it up anytime after 11 am and the judge will review it beginning at 12:30 PM. Exhibits will remain at Fair through Monday, September 3rd.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

NEW WISCONSIN STATE FAIR MARKET SWINE AND SHEEP SELF IDENTIFICATION:

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit junior market lambs or junior market barrows at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair will need to self-identify their animals with an official RFID identification tag and submit a DNA hair sample between April 1st and May 10th. Animal identification request forms are available on www.wistatefair.com. Request forms must be sent or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair with proper fees.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION AND ENTRIES

State Fair registration books and forms should be available the middle of May. The books will be available on-line at <http://www.wistatefair.com>. If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office to receive information and entry forms. **JUNIOR SHOW ENTRY FORMS**

ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE ON JUNE 20.

Everyone planning to exhibit in the Junior Show at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair **MUST** attend the **State Fair Orientation meeting on Wednesday, June 20.** Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat Exhibitors will meet at 6:30pm. Dairy Exhibitors will meet at 7:30 pm. Completed entries will be collected at this meeting.

CLOVERBUD CORNER

CALLING ALL 4-H CLOVERBUDS-Plan now to participate in these activities planned especially for 4-H Cloverbuds!

CLOVERBUD GARDEN PLANTING, Saturday, May 19th – Come dig in the dirt! Help plant the Cloverbud garden at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. This annual event is always a fun time. Be at the Fairgrounds at 9 am with gloves and enthusiasm!

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP, Thursday, June 21st at the Iowa County Fair Grounds. There is a registration form at the end of this newsletter. The focus will be on Expressing Yourself and will include all the fun and activities of previous years.

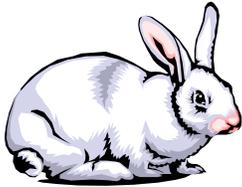
PROJECT LEARNING DAY, Saturday, July 21st at the Fairgrounds. Don't forget to sign up for special Cloverbud sessions on leather crafts and birds. Registration information will be in the June newsletter.



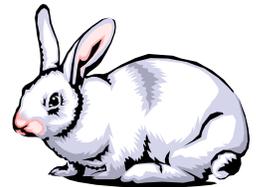
RABBITS

Rabbit project meetings are held at 4 pm on the last Sunday of every month except May and September at Pam Pishion's (5031 Leffler Road, Dodgeville). Contact Pam Pishion @ 935- 3601 or bpshn@hotmail.com or Lisa Swenson @ 523-1443 or lisaswenny@hotmail.com for more information.

RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H RABBITS R US RABBIT SHOW



**Sunday, April 29, 2012
Richland Center Community Center
1050 N. Orange St.
(New Community Center located in Krouskop Park)
Richland Center, WI 53581**



REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.

JUDGING: 9:00 a.m.

**SHOW IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH, GRADES 3 thru 13
DO NOT HAVE TO BE A 4-H MEMBER**

An entry fee of \$1.50 per animal **must be** included with registration form. There is no limit placed on number of entries or entries per class. All rabbits **not entered by April 23, 2012, entry fee will be \$2.00 per rabbit.** Show includes crossbreeds, purebreds, and meat classes. **Rabbits found to be unhealthy will be removed from the show.**

All entries are final and there will be no refund of entry fees. Animals are to be brought in their own cages. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up after their own animals. Richland County 4-H Rabbits R Us Club and Show Committee, and Richland County 4-H Program are not responsible for any losses due to fire, theft, or accident. Every precaution will be taken to prevent such occurrences.

Please include the tattoo number on the registration sheet. If your rabbit is not tattooed, putting a number in the ear with a black marker will be accepted. If you send the tattoo numbers, the remark cards will be already completed upon registration the day of the event.

Questions? Call Becky Gobin, 608-536-3448 (after 5:00 p.m.) or Cell Phone 608-604-3449.

Complete entry blank and return with entry fees by April 23, 2012:

**Becky Gobin
25352 Jackson Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
Phone: 608-536-3448 or 608-604-3449**

**RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H RABBITS R US
RABBIT SHOW
ENTRY FORM**

Return by: April 23, 2012

Return to: Becky Gobin
25352 Jackson Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
Phone: 608-536-3448 or 608-604-3449

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Entry Fee: \$1.50 per animal or
\$2 per animal after April 12

BREED	SEX	AGE	FEE	TATTOO #
	(Circle One)			
1. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
2. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
3. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
4. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
5. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
6. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
7. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
8. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
9. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/
10. _____	B D	JR. SR.	_____	/

SINGLE FRYER - Not over 69 days or 5 lbs.

SINGLE ROASTER - Between 70-180 days and between 5-8 lbs.

PEN OF THREE - Not over 69 days or 5 lbs. - Three rabbits,
same breed and variety (\$1.50 entry fee/pen)

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP (Fee \$1.50) (Circle One)

Jr. (3-5 Grd.) **Int.** (6-8 Grd.) **Sr.** (9-13 Grd.)

(Parent/Guardian) **TOTAL AMOUNT** \$ _____

Cloverbud Day Camp

Iowa County 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

THURSDAY June 21st

Drop off 9 a.m.; Performance 2:30 pm, Depart 3 p.m.

Iowa County Fair Grounds, Mineral Point

Camp Cost: \$10

Register by: June 14th



EXPRESS YOURSELF!

The Cloverbud Day Camp is designed for youth enrolled in Cloverbuds. **This camp is also open to 3rd graders.** Activities planned for the day include a nature walk, a recycled crafts session, making pizza and cake, practicing dance and movement, games, recreation, music and singing. Lunch will be provided, as well as a morning and afternoon snack.

Transportation: Parents are responsible for getting the kids to and from the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Parents can arrive at 2:30 pm to see the end of day performance.

*Please remember to bring weather appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, and water (optional).

4-H CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

Registration Due: June 14th

Name _____

Address _____

4-H Club _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Parent Signature _____

Return to UW-Extension Iowa County by June 14th with a check for \$10 made payable to Iowa County 4-H Leaders.



2012 Green/Iowa/Lafayette 4-H Summer Camp
 Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
 Thursday, June 28 ~ Saturday, June 30



Campers in grades 3-7 will participate in activities that focus on the environment along with crafts and recreational programs.

Camp Cost is \$90
 Registration Deadline is April 15.
 Register early - we have a limited number of spaces!

Return Registration Form to:
 Iowa County 4-H
 303 W Chapel St
 Dodgeville WI 53533

The following activities have been planned for 4-H Camp

- Nature Activities
- Circle Dancing
- Crafts
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Campfire Singing and Activities
- Swimming w/a certified lifeguard
- Setting and Clearing Dining Tables
- Cleaning Cabin and Personal Bunk

4-H Summer Camp takes place at Upham Woods, north of Wisconsin Dells. *All activities are supervised by Upham Woods staff, adult chaperones and/or teen counselors.* Youth are assigned to cabins by gender and age. Each cabin includes teen counselors and adult chaperones. *If your child needs accommodations to fully participate in any part of the camping experience, please indicate on the registration form below. We want each child who attends to enjoy the experience!*

An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.

4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM - DUE APRIL 15TH

NAME _____ Grade _____ Sex _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

4-H Club _____ I would like to be in a cabin with _____

Adult T shirt size _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Extra Large

List all Medical and Allergic conditions (contact lenses, braces, diabetes, food, bee stings, etc) which the camp nurse should be aware of or which require medication, treatment, or special restrictions in participation.

Condition(s) _____

Treatment(s) _____

Specify any restrictions in activities _____

Parent Signature _____

Return to Iowa County UW-Extension by April 15
 with a check for \$90 made out to 4-H Leaders.

IOWA COUNTY JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW AND PICNIC

THE IOWA COUNTY JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW AND PICNIC is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. **THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 9 a.m.** Only registered cattle may be shown at this event since this is the show that selects the participants for the State Fair. **If you wish to exhibit dairy cattle at the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show, you must exhibit at this Iowa County show.**

All youth are encouraged to participate in this show even if you do not plan to attend State Fair. Younger members will learn new skills and older members will renew friendships and fine-tune their skills.

Please note these rules:

1. Youth who exhibit must be current members of a youth organization, i.e., 4-H Junior Dairy Association, Junior Breed Association, FFA, etc.
2. Your animal must be at the fairgrounds by 8:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. and should be completed about noon.
3. You must have your animal's registration, health and/or vaccination papers when your animals arrive on show day. Contact the Extension Office or check with your veterinarian about health requirements for your animals. **If you do not have the proper papers, you will not be able to show.**
4. Plan to join the family day and picnic that follows the show. Bring a couple dishes to pass and your own utensils and plates. The Holstein Association will furnish milk. There will be a meeting after the lunch to select animals/exhibitors for State Fair.
5. All animals will be judged blue, red and white.
6. To be eligible for State Fair you must:
 - a. Be at least 12 and not over 19 as of Jan. 1, 2012.
 - b. Own your own project animal by January 1, 2012 if the animal is 2 years or over. A State Fair exhibitor may show one managerial animal (calf or yearling). **Registration and managerial papers must be in order on show day when the animal arrives.**
7. Contact the Extension Office one week before the show if you are unable to show your animal yourself.
8. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning all stalls before leaving the grounds.

There is an entry fee of \$2 per animal to cover expenses. There is a \$5 entry fee per animal for late entries after June 9th.

Return the registration form and entry fee to Extension Office by June 8th.

**Registration for Junior Dairy Show and Picnic
Iowa County Fairgrounds, June 16**

Name(s) _____

4-H Club/FFA Chapter/Breed Organization _____

Age as of Jan. 1, 2012 _____

Name of Animal	Registration Number	Breed	Birthdate	Owned or Managerial
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Entry fee of \$2 per animal shown is payable by June 8th. Late Entries are \$5 per animal. Registration papers need to be in order by day of show. This show is open to all exhibitors enrolled in 4-H, FFA, Junior Holstein Association. Return this registration form to UW-Extension Office, 303 West Chapel Street, Ste. 1200, Dodgeville, WI 53533 by June 8th.

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303 West Chapel Street
Dodgeville WI 53533



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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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**4-H.....
Know It,
Grow It,
Show It**

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THE CLOVER CONNECTION **IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER**



IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

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Kathy Fargo - 2014
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Fall Forum Adult Rep – Paula Daentl

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

FAX: 930-9795

E-mail: debra.ivey@ces.uwex.edu

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303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville WI 53533
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