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November/December 2013

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter was mailed on **November 6, 2013**

4-H.....

Explore, Experience, Achieve!

IOWA COUNTY 4-H IN 2013

- 546 Youth participated in the Iowa County 4-H Program
- 186 Leaders volunteered to assist 4-H youth
- 63 Adults served as general leaders of 17 4-H Clubs
- 6 members attended 4-H and Youth Conference
- 7 members attended Citizen Washington Focus in Washington D.C.
- 3 members received 4-H Key Awards
- 9 graduating members received 4-H scholarships
- 1 member attended Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama
- 1 member traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to National 4-H Congress
- 6 youth and 8 adults served as members of the 4-H Leaders Council
- 29 older 4-H members served in leadership roles as 4-H Ambassadors
- Numerous other youth participated on judging teams, quiz bowls, and other contests

Thank you to all general leaders, project leaders, county wide leaders and coaches, parents and members for a great 4-H year.



4-H Online re-enrollments are due on December 1. Have you entered yours? (http://wi.4honline.com) Do it today!

NOVEMBER

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Trip Applications Due
Ambassador Meeting, HHS Center, 1 pm
7, 14, 21 Horse Bowl, HHS Center, 6:30 pm
Livestock Quiz Bowl, HHS Building, 6:30 pm

Fall Forum, Stevens Point

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16 Trip Interviews

16 4-H Awards Night, HHS Center, 7 pm

25 Pizza Hut Buffet Fundraiser for 4-H Ambassadors, 5-8 pm

25 4-H Leaders Association, HHS Center, 7 pm

DECEMBER

1 Online re-enrollments due

1 Ambassador Meeting, HHS Center, 1 pm

1 Camp Counselor Applications Due

5, 12, 19 Livestock Quiz Bowl, HHS Building, 6:30 pm

24/25 Extension Office Closed

30 Camp Counselor Training, 9 am – 3 pm, Darlington

JANUARY

Equine Board Meeting, HHS Building, 7 pm 2, 9, 16, 23,30 Livestock Quiz Bowl, HHS Building, 6:30 pm Ambassador Meeting, HHS Building, 1 pm

9, 16, 23, 30 Horse Bowl, HHS Building, 6:30 pm

15 Volunteer Orientation, HHS Building, 6:30 -8 pm

Livestock Learning Webinar, 6- 7 pm
 24– 25 Ag Truth Not Tails Conference, Fall Creek

County Fair Steer ID, Carey Barn, Mineral Point, 9 am to 11 am

25 Ambassador Lock-In

27 Leader's Association Meeting, 7 pm

29 Horse Kick-Off Project Meeting and Potluck, HHS Building, 1 pm

FEBRUARY

6, 13, 20, 27 Livestock Quiz Bowl, HHS Building, 6:30 pm
2 Ambassador Meeting, HHS Building, 1 pm
8 Project Learning Day, HHS Building, 9 am - n

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6, 13, 20, 27 Horse Bowl, HHS Building, 6:30 pm

20 Livestock Learning Webinar

The 4-H Ambassadors are sponsoring a **Pizza Hut buffet on Monday, November 25th** to raise funds for Ambassador Activities. Plan now to join them between 5 and 8 pm to help them reach their goal. Carry-outs are available.

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2014 Day in the Arts will be held on Sunday, March 2 at the Mineral Point High School at 1 pm.

4-H Awards Night Saturday, November 16, 2013 7:00 pm Health & Human Services Center Community Room

The 4-H Awards Night for members and leaders will be held on Saturday, November 16th. Ice cream sundaes, coffee & milk will be served. *On Point Auction Service will host a dessert/craft auction as a fundraiser for the 4-H Leaders*. Be sure to attend on the 16th to see who wins the Record Book Awards, the Florence Anderson Leader Award, James Dairy and Poultry Awards and the Crowley Award as well as all other awards

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct

4-H Participants will:

- Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
- Comply with local, state, and federal laws.
- Abstain from use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
- Fully participate in scheduled activities.
- Respect other's property and privacy rights.
- Abstain from child abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect), harassment and bullying.
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
- Adhere to safety rules.

Consequences for violating any part of this Code of Conduct may include, but are not limited to:

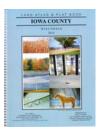
- Removal from participation in the event in which the Code of Conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense).
- Suspension of membership.
- Sanctions on participation in future 4-H events.
- Forfeiture or repayment of financial support for the event.
- Removal from leadership positions held.
- Loss of status as a "member in good standing".

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

NEWS FOR FAMILIES AND LEADERS

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

2013 Plat Books are now available to be purchased for \$30.00 from the 4-H Leader's Association. These make great Christmas Gifts! This is a major fundraiser for the 4-H Leader's Association, so please spread the word to others who may find these useful. They are available at the Extension office and In the Courthouse at the Register of Deeds Office.





New! Check out *Iowa County 4-H* on Facebook! Like us to watch for program updates, and other important information.

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

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

- Work with adults and youth to lead 4-H clubs, activities and events
- Help plan and conduct events
- Develop and evaluate 4-H Youth Development programs
- Contribute through promoting and supporting 4-H
- Lead workshops to share knowledge with young people
- Chaperone field trips and leadership conferences

How to Volunteer

Volunteering is a privilege. All that's needed is a desire to provide quality educational programs and experiences with youth. For more information, contact Deb Ivey at the Iowa County UW-Extension Office at 608-930-9850.

The next volunteer orientations in Iowa County are listed below. Please call or email Muffy to register at 930-9850 or muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org or the session might be cancelled.

Wednesday, January 15th 6:30 - 8 p.m. – Health & Human Services Bldg. Thursday, February 13th 6:30 - 8 p.m. – Health & Human Services Bldg.

Don't wait! Call now and sign up to become a part of the 4-H Family!

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 25** at **7 pm in the Extension Office Conference Room.** Agenda items will include election of youth and adult Leaders Council representatives, planning for a new 4-H year, and other issues.

LEADER COUNCIL NOMINEES NEEDED Would you like to serve as a youth or adult representative on the 4-H Leaders Council? Three adult representatives (3 year terms) and 2-3 youth representatives (2 year term) will be elected at the November meeting. Call Deb today if you are interested or to nominate another leader. Thank you to Christine James, Muffy Swingen, Chelsea May and Debbie Heth for their service to the Iowa County 4-H program.

PROJECT LEARNING DAY I

Attention all project leaders! We are looking for presenters for our Project Learning Day on February 8, 2014. If you are willing to teach a session or have an idea for a session, please contact Lisa Schlimgen by December 15, 2013 at 930-9850 or lisa.schlimgen@ces.uwex.edu



CHAPERONES NEEDED FOR 4-H CAMP

Any interested adults who would like to attend 4-H Camp this year at Upham Woods please contact Deb Ivey at 930-9850 or debra.ivey@ces.uwex.edu. Camp dates are June 9-11, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all the youth and adults who received awards at Awards Night on Saturday, November 16!

LEATHERCRAFT

The 4-H Leaders Association has a leather tool kit that can be loaned out to clubs for a project meeting or to individuals for their use on 4-H Projects. The kit contains 8 mallets, an alphabet punch set, other misc. leather punches, paint and paint brushes. Contact Muffy, Deb or Lisa at 608-930-9850 to schedule the kit.

LIVESTOCK

COUNTY FAIR STEER ID

Steer ID for the lowa County Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, January 25** at the Mark Carey Farm Barn (674 County Road O) west of Mineral Point from 9:00 am to 11 am. Steers to be shown at County Fair will need to be identified at this time. If an exhibitor wants his/her animal in the County fair Rate of Gain contest, it must be weighed on January 25th at the County Fair Identification. No recent castrations, steers must be healed over – NO BULLS!! Contact Jarred Searls at 608-393-3735 with questions. **Steers identified for State Fair MUST submit a copy of the State Fair ID form to the Extension Office by March 1 and this will identify the steer for the lowa County Fair.**

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

Join the Iowa County team today! Practices will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on select Thursdays in December, January, and February at the Iowa County Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville (dates are listed on calendar on page 2 of the newsletter). Participation in this program qualifies as an educational program for the Fair Auction. Each session is independent and qualifies as an educational requirement.

The State competition is March 1, 2014 in Madison. Each person can compete in all contest areas if desired. Contact Val Gaffney at gcc@mhtc.net or 924-1029 or 574-6125 for more information.

AG TRUTHS, NOT TAILS CONFERENCE

Interested in learning and practicing skills to join the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin's livestock and dairy industry? Mark your calendar for the Ag Truths, Not Tails conference, coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Enrollment is open to youth ages 13 to one year past high school in dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goat project areas. The conference will be held January 24-25, 2014 (Friday night stay and social activities are optional) at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, WI. Enrollment closes January 15, 2014. **This is a great opportunity for county educational credits.** For more information, visit the conference website at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/. Registration-materials/. Contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, with questions at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

BADGER MEATS JUDGING CAMP

Badger Meats Judging Camp will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at the University of River Falls Meat Lab, River Falls, WI. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with retail identification, carcass & retail evaluation. **Pre-registration is required before Feb 3.** Go to the Youth Livestock Website for a registration form and additional information. http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/badger-livestock-judging-camp/ Send registrations and \$5 fee (checks payable to UWEX) to Lynn Pfeiffer, 430 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St. Madison, WI 53703. If you have questions, contact Bernie O'Rourke at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu

LIVESTOCK LEARNING WEBINAR SERIES

University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a "Livestock Learning Webinar Series" this winter. These webinars can be taken from your home using a computer and your phone. These sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topics and dates are:

<u>Jan. 16 – General Overview</u> – Explore the general rules and policies of livestock exhibition, learn about program, resource and event opportunities and gain insight on why belonging to livestock projects is a great educational experience. This is an important session to have under your belt before the species orientated webinars.

Feb. 20 – Beef, March 27 – Swine, April 17 – Sheep, May 15 – Meat Goats

These seminars will focus more specifically of the general management of the species: nutrition, selection, well-being and much more. Some tips for getting ready for the fair, in addition a panel of experts to answer questions and provide insight.

If you wish to participate, please register by going to this website https://uwex.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_blx33PC8T5gQzNX An email address is required to receive materials and the connecting information. There are a limited number of lines available so please register early. The information for this program can be found at: http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/ Continue to visit the site as we confirm speakers. If you have any questions about this series please contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

WISCONSIN PORK ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin Pork Association offers several scholarships for high school seniors and college students with a sincere interest in the pork industry. Interested youth can contact the Wisconsin Pork Association office at 1-800-822-7675, by e-mail at wppa@wppa.org or by going to the WPA website at www.wppa.org, and clicking on the Youth link or via e-mail at tvaassen@wppa.org. The application deadline is December 10, 2013.

Attention Dairy Members! Anyone interested in being on the Dairy Quiz Bowl team, contact Angela Brown at arbrown81@hotmail.com or 935-3814.

BRING IT BACK REPORTS

Hello, my name is **Riley Berning** and I am from Rockwell Mills 4-H Club. Recently, I was part of the Citizenship Washington Focus trip and it was a great experience. We went to lot of memorials such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. We also went to Mt. Vernon and the Gettysburg Battlefield. We toured the capital building and met Senator Baldwin and Senator Johnson. They both talked to us and we got the opportunity to ask Senator Baldwin some questions. I met a lot of people from different parts of Wisconsin and from other states such as Alaska, Arkansas, New Jersey, and Virginia. It was a great experience and I would recommend this trip to younger 4-H Members.

HORSE

HORSE BOWL: Practices are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at the HHS Building in Dodgeville. Contact Lorrie Schriefer at 935-2313 for more information:

DOGS

We are creating an interest list to see if anyone would like to meet Deb Schulman and her dog Spencer. Deb and Spencer represented the United States at the AKC/USA World Agility Competition in South Africa. Deb is the UW Platteville head volleyball coach and has an indoor agility course in Platteville. We would travel to Platteville and listen to Deb's fascinating story about world wide agility competition and watch Spencer run the agility course.

You Tube link about Deb Schulman. Search - UW PLATTEVILLE-DEB SCHULMAN'S DOG.

For more information contact: Debbie or Jackie Heth at <u>jiedheth@gmail.com</u>.

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 I & II

Livestock Quiz Bowl Practices

Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest

Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices

Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

Livestock or Dairy Judging Team Practices

State FFA Judging Contest

MAQA Certification

Badger Dairy Camp

Youth Livestock Show Camp

Sheep Show Camp

County Project Meetings

February 8 & July 19; selected sessions

December, January & February

March

December & January

February

May, June

Spring

February 8, June 18 & July 10,

June, UW-Madison campus

June, West Allis

June, Fairgrounds

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.

MAQA(Meat Animal Quality Assurance)

The Meat Animal Quality Assurance program (MAQA) is a Wisconsin-developed program that teaches quality assurance practices to Swine, Beef, and Sheep project members. Anyone who plans on showing market hogs at Iowa County or Wisconsin State Fair MUST be MAQA certified. The Extension Office will offer MAQA certification from 1-3 pm on February 8 and 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm on June 18 and July 10. All swine exhibitors who need to be certified or re-certified need to attend one of these MAQA programs in order to exhibit at the fair. 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 will need to be certified in MAQA 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" at 6 pm on July 10. Youth who plan to "test out" must pre-register with the Extension Office. The "Test Out" does NOT qualify as an educational program. Contact Lisa Schlimgen for more information about the "test out" option.

CONGRATULATIONS 4-H PROJECT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Note –Wood plaques to display your project awards (discs) are available in the UW-Extension office. Stop in to pick one up.

Recipients of Project Awards will be recognized at their 4-H club meetings. On the next 2 pages is the list of youth receiving project awards from their club leaders:

Freymiller, Montana Aurit, Mitchell Ayers, Abby Fritsch, Bailey Ayers, Jacob Gaffney, Bree Gaffney, Paige Berning, Riley Blum, Danielle Gaffney, Kelly Blume, Breanna Garthwaite, Skylar Blume, Megan Gies. Nicole Blume, Steven Gardner, Joev Bowser, Brooke Gardner, Jacob Bowser, Tayler Greenheck, Kylie Brokish, Jake Griffiths, Kelsey, Brokish, Kari Griffiths, Mandi Brown, Sean Graber, Emily Buckhaus, Ellie Hanson, Dana Buckhaus, Sarah Harman, Alex Cody, Emily Harman, Bethany Colin, Taylor Hebgen, Kate Daentl, Lyrica Heisner, Austin Daentl, Lara Heisner, Eric Daniels, Nathan Heisner, Sara Dannenberg, Laurianna Hendrick, Evelynn Darrow, Winndie Hendrick, Justice Dochnahl, Diana Hendrickson, Molly Dochnahl, Emily Heth, Debbie Doolittle. Garrett Hillebrand, Mia Dressler, Zach Hillebrand, Ethan Elfering, Natalie Honerbaum, Elle Hubbard, Hunter Elfering, Noelle Elliott, Leah Hutter, Kara Esch. Allison Jacobson, Jalissa Esser, Kylie Ihm, Tamra Evans, Laney James, Brant Fargo, Kelsee James, Dakota Fitzsimmons, Morgan James, Grant French, Zoey James, Jessica

James, Justin James, Lance James, Sira James, Morgan James, Lauren James, Nolan James, Ryan Johnson, Malorie Johnson, Nicole Judd, Garret Judd, Shawnee Judd, Sydney Kammes, Andriea Kammes, Samantha Kammes, Faith Kastner, Brittany Kastner, Cody Keenan, Angie Keenan, Kristin Kirch, Rose Kirch, Elise Kleist, Avri Kleist, Brianna Kite, Tatum Kolb. McKenzie Kuhls, Ethan Kuhls, Cade Lawinger, Ivy Lawinger, Noah Lawinger, Payton Lawinger, Sarah Lawinger, Savannah Laufenberg, Donald

Lawson, Eden

Lemanski, Makayna

Lemanski, Miah Liddicoat, Emma Liddicoat, Olivia Limmex, Adrianne Limmex, Stephanie Limmex, Nathan Limmex. Tasha Limmex, Tiffany Limmex, Zachary Linscheid, Lauren Lindsey, Kyla Lindsey, Ross Markhardt. Dalton Markhardt, Greyson Maughan, Hannah Maughan, Thomas May, Haley May, Jordan McCarthy, Maranda McCarthy, Mya McDonald, Lily McConnell, Jaylene McGauley, Rachael

McConnell, Jaylene McGauley, Rachael Merwin, Colin Merwin, Macy Minter, Jennifer Murphy, Emma Murphy, Owen Nelson, Kris Niemeier, Emma Niemeier, Jenna Olson, Katie Oyen, Lucas Pearson, Breanna Pearson, Elizabeth

Pearson, Rachel

Pierick, Alaina
Pierick, Jalene
Pilling, Kaleb
Pluemer, Jessica
Ramsden, Katie
Ramsden, Kelly
Reichling, McKenna
Reichling, Ryan
Rider, Brent
Rider, Carly
Roelli, Alyssa
Roske, Isabell

Ripp, Joe

Roberts, Brady

Roberts, Brett

Rowley, Ben

Roum, Lyndsey

Rowley, Lydia
Rule, Jaynie
Rule, Joey
Schiefer, Haakon
Schubert, Maggie
Seaman, Melissa
Seffrood, Hannah
Shemak, Alex
Smart, Faith
Smart, Jade
Springer, Abby
Springer, Nolan
Springer, Brandon
Springer, Blaine
Stanek, Mallory

Stumpf, Liam Stumpf, Madison Sullivan, Kylie Suddeth, Reid Thomas, Erica Thronson, Ben Thronson, Owen Thronson, Siri Tisch, Elizabeth Tisch, David Tisch, Joseph Tolzman, Carissa Tolzman, Zach Udelhofen, Callin Vinger, Jessica Vondra, Kyle Vondra, Morgan Washburn, Kylie Watrud, Elizabeth Weier, Brooklyn Weier, Alexa White, Audrey Weigel, Emma Weigel, Virginia Wiker, Jenna Wiker, Justine Wiker, Megan Wolenec, Jessica Wolenec, Jonathan Wunderlin, Carissa Yager, Amber Yager, Austin

Stumpf, Kennedy

Zimmerman, Fallon

Yager, Bianca

Yelinek, Haley

Yelinek, Jacob

CLOVERBUD CORNER: "Creative Play = Learning"

Staples, Zora

Storkson, Cora

Storkson, Morgan

Steffl, Colin

Ask the children to close their eyes and imagine that today we are visiting a farm. What kind of animal would you be? Where would you live? What would you eat? Who are your friends on the farm? Share your ideas about a farm with others. Now use boxes, paint, crayons, sand, hay, water, or play animals to make a farm with the rest of the Cloverbuds. You can also pretend you are animals on the farm and have one person be the farmer. Sing farm songs like Old MacDonald and enjoy your farm.

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IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

President – Shelly Osterndorff – 2015 Vice President – Bill Mitchell Secretary – Chelsea May - 2013 Treasurer – Muffy Swingen - 2013 Directors - Heidi Tiber - 2015

Christine James - 2013 Jon Osterndroff - 2014 Kathy Fargo – 2014

Youth – Zach Dressler, Jake Brokish, Alex Harman and Debbie Heth

State Youth Leader Council Rep – Lara Daentl &

Debbie Heth

Fall Forum Adult Rep - Paula Daentl

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Donna Peterson, Nutrition Program Coordinator

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FAX: 930-9795

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

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