

# The Clover Connection

September 2015



## IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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4-Fun,  
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### SEPTEMBER

3-7	Iowa County Fair
8	Fair Clean Up, 6:30 pm, Fairgrounds
10	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building
17	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building
17-20	State 4-H Horse Expo
21	Leader's Association Meeting, 7 pm, HHS Building
23	Iowa County Fair Evaluation Meeting, 7 pm, Fairgrounds
24	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building

### OCTOBER

1	Record Books due to Extension Office
1	4-H Equine Board Meeting, 7 pm, HHS
4-10	National 4-H Week
7	Record Book Review, 4-7 pm, HHS
8	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building
12	Trip Applications Due
15	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building
20	Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 pm, HHS Building
22	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building
24	Trip Interviews
24	4-H Awards Night, 7 pm, HHS Building
29	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building

### November

5	4-H Equine Board Meeting, 7 pm, HHS
12	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building
19	Horse Bowl, 5:00 pm, HHS Building

**PLEASE NOTE** – The Extension Office phone # is 608-930-9850. Our number changed when we moved from the courthouse, and the old number has been disconnected.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**4-H Awards Night (formerly Achievement Day)**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015 7:00 pm**

**Health & Human Services Center Community Room**

# **NEWS FOR FAMILIES AND LEADERS**

**4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION:** The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the HHS Center.** Each 4-H club should send a representative to this meeting to learn more about enrollment for 2015-2016. We will discuss the code of conduct, comment on the 2015 Iowa County Fair, review raffle proceeds, finalize Achievement Day plans and discuss other 4-H issues.

**2016 TRIP APPLICATIONS:** Applications for 2016 trips will be due on October 12 and interviews will be on October 24. More information is in this newsletter and can also be found at <http://iowa.uwex.edu>

## **SEND THAT THANK YOU NOTE**

Be sure to send a thank you note to the livestock auction buyers, sponsors of merit ribbons and sponsors of trophies. These businesses and individuals support 4-H, the Iowa County Fair, and the youth of Iowa County year after year. Addresses for most sponsors can be found in the back of the Fair book. Each year we have sponsors decide not to provide awards because they DID NOT receive a thank you! Thank you notes are important!

**The 2015 Iowa County Fair Evaluation** meeting to provide feedback and compliments to the Iowa County Fair Board will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 23 in the Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds.

**NEW STATE 4-H WEB PAGE:** Check out the new and improved State 4-H web site at <http://4h.uwex.edu/>. Bookmark this page and check back often for updates on state 4-H activities and events.

## **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

To be a 4-H Volunteer, you must attend a Volunteers in Preparation orientation and enroll in 4-H online. There will be a volunteer program at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 20. More sessions will be scheduled in spring of 2016.

**Tuesday, October 20**

**6:30 - 8 p.m. – Health & Human Services Bldg.**

Please call or email Muffy to register at 930-9850 or [muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org](mailto:muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org) or the session might be cancelled.

# CONGRATULATIONS

**Iowa County Livestock Judging Teams** Three Iowa County livestock judging teams competed at the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest on Monday, July 27 in Lodi. Junior Team # 1 from Iowa County took second place honors in the junior division. The Senior Team and Junior Team # 2 both placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Judging team members who traveled to Lodi included **Bree Gaffney, Kelly Gaffney, Bailey Fritsch, Brady Palzkill, Brittany Rhyner, Logan Schmitz, Haakon Schriefer, Cade Steffes, Emma Steffes, Martina Steffes, Colin Steffl, and Morgan Vondra**

**Science Fair Participants:** Four Iowa County 4-Hers, **Zander French, Emily Graber, Logan Fritsch, and Kylie Kreul**, shared their science investigations at the first ever 4-H Science Fair in July.

**Alexa Weier** got 1<sup>st</sup> place in Hippology at Area Animal Science days in June/July. We apologize for not reporting this sooner.

## **DON'T FORGET YOUR 4-H RECORD BOOK**

**4-H RECORD BOOKS** nominated for special awards, project award nomination forms, secretary books, and dairy promotion books must be returned to the Extension Office by Monday, October 1. Check with your 4-H Club leader to find out when books are due for your 4-H club.

Try not to think about your 4-H record book as a mundane, outdated chore or something you do at the last minute. Think of your 4-H book as a way to help you:

- Learn how to organize and set reasonable goals
- Recognize what you learned in your 4-H projects;
- Explain what you've learned;
- Keep track of costs of your projects;
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships;
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Qualify for trips and the ambassador program



Start early! Find time to work on your 4-H record book today! Record books are due in September to your 4-H club leader.

**Project and Club Leaders mark your calendars! Record book review will be held from 4-7 pm on Wednesday, October 7.** Remember many hands make light work and it is a wonderful way to learn about record books and the great things our youth learn in their projects.



**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK, October 4-10**, is set aside to promote 4-H, to thank our volunteers and leaders and to celebrate our accomplishments. How many ways can your 4-H club think of to promote 4-H? Contact Deb or Melissa for promotion materials!

## **4-H CLUB NEWS**

The August Rockwell Mills 4-H Club meeting started with the pledge of allegiance led by Kari Brokish, the 4-H pledge was led by Jake Brokish, and the conservation pledge was led by Zach Dressler. The Brokish and the Dressler family did a fun icebreaker activity which had you tell your least favorite ice cream and why. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved by Colton and Lance James. The treasurer's report was approved by Noah Lawinger and Lance James. Jake Brokish talked about 4-H camp and project learning day, Zach Dressler talked about the 4-H Leaders association meeting, Blake Staplemann talked about Cloverbud day, Lance James talked about Sheep Show camp and the Iowa county Farmers Appreciation Day parade, and Kari Brokish talked about the Ambassadors Banquet and meeting. Our club will be running a rest stop during the Dairyland Dare bike event on August 8th. Our next CrestRidge activity is on Saturday, September 12th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Talks and demonstrations: Zach Dressler talked about a game called Sardines. Jake Brokish talked about his pet turtle, it's care and what he has learning about it, and Kari Brokish talked about what she did on her trip to Washington D.C. The cloverbuds made fireworks on paper using salt and glue. The meeting was adjourned by Colton James and Noah Lawinger. Submitted by reporter Grant James

## **HORSE**

**BOARD MEETINGS** The 4-H Equine Board will meet on the first Thursday of October, 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.

**HORSE BOWL:** Practices are held at 5:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at the HHS Building in Dodgeville. Contact Lorrie Schriefer at 935-2313 for more information:

## **BRING IT BACK**

In June, I had the opportunity to go on the 4-H Youth Conference Trip at UW-Madison Campus. We stayed in the Sellery Hall dorms. During the four day event, the first thing I got to do was tour the Kohl Center. Each day they had an Assembly. At the Assembly there were funny speakers, a talent show, and a drama club performance. Each of us had 4 seminars to attend. My first seminar was about how to take pictures. My second seminar was on soldering. My third seminar was how an egg turns into a chick. My last seminar was on stem cells. I personally liked the soldering seminar the best. In the soldering class we made an electronic circuit. We had little pieces of metal that we had to melt on with a very hot wand, once we had all the pieces on, we put a battery in. If everything fit correctly, and was in the right spot, the light bulb would light up. We ate at the Gordon Dining Center. On this trip I got to meet a lot of new people. There were about 500 delegates on this trip. I had a lot of fun and would highly recommend this trip!

**Jalene Pierick- Five Point 4-H Club**

## **STATE 4-H DOG SHOW RESULTS**

1<sup>st</sup> place Pre-Novice Team Obedience: Taylor Colin, Lydia Rowley, Katelyn Lynch

10<sup>th</sup> place Pre-Novice Team Obedience: Laney Evans, Elle Pechan, Elisa Weier, Stephen Lynch

5<sup>th</sup> place Pre-Novice Brace: Stephen Lynch

8<sup>th</sup> place Rally Novice: Stephen Lynch

1<sup>st</sup> place and Top Score Pre-Novice B: Katelyn Lynch

2<sup>nd</sup> place Pre-Novice B: Stephen Lynch

4<sup>th</sup> place Pre-Novice B: Laney Evans

5<sup>th</sup> place Pre-Novice B: Lydia Rowley



5<sup>th</sup> place Showmanship Grade 5: Laney Evans

Showmanship Grade 6: Paige Miess

9<sup>th</sup> place Obedience: Paige Miess



1<sup>st</sup> place Junior Quiz Bowl and Sportsmanship Award: Elisa Weier, Lydia Rowley, Elle Pechan and Laney Evans



8<sup>th</sup> place Newcomer Quiz Bowl: Stephen Lynch, Katelyn Lynch, and Paige Miess

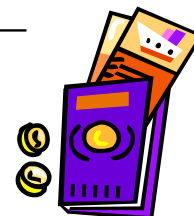
# **TRIP AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER YOUTH**

Each year, Iowa County 4-H sponsors a variety of fun and exciting trips for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The same application will be completed for all trips. **Trip application forms are available in the Extension Office and on our website (<http://iowa.uwex.edu/>) and are due on October 12, 2015.** No late applications will be accepted. Complete instructions for these applications are included with the forms. Trip interviews will be conducted on **Saturday, October 24, 2015.** The 4-H Leaders Association provides financial support for these trips.

**Space Camp (application and interview required) –10-15 youth—approximately \$525—**Selected 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth travel from April 21-25 to Huntsville, Alabama at the US Space and Rocket Center as part of the 4-H Missions in Space program. This is a fun-filled weekend where participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about astronauts. Iowa County 2015 Participants: Dana Hanson, Bethany Harman, Lydia Rowley

**State 4-H and Youth Conference (application and interview required)—10-15 youth-- Approximately \$230--**Selected youth spend 4 days on the UW-Madison campus (June 20-23) where they choose to participate in a variety of seminars, tours, general assemblies, and recreational activities. Youth must be in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grades as of October 1, 2015. Iowa County 2015 Participants: Katie Fitzsimmons, Brianna Kleist, Jalene Pierick, Faith Smart, Martina Steffes,

**Leadership Washington Focus (application and interview required)—** Approximately \$1100— Five to six day trip for middle school youth that includes an Amtrak train ride, D.C. sites and leadership experiences. Youth must be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grades as of October 1, 2015.



**Western Spirit Experience (application and interview required)—1-2 youth -- Approximately \$1500--** Youth must be in 8<sup>th</sup>, to 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of October 1, 2015. Participate in educational activities and service projects in National Parks between WI and Montana on a 10 day trip. **Tentative dates in late June and early July.**

**Citizenship Washington Focus (Application and interview required) --Approximately \$1200 – June and July dates to be announced.** Selected youth attend a week-long program at the National 4-H Center outside of Washington, D. C. to learn about citizenship and government, along with opportunities to observe firsthand the culture, history and attractions of Washington. Participants must be in 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of October 1, 2015. 2015 Participants: Kari Brokish, Natalie Elfering, Morgan Fitzsimmons, Jade Smart

**National 4-H Congress (Application and interview required) --Approximately \$1100 --** National 4-H Congress will be held November 25- November 29, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Participants must be in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade at time of selection with a maximum age of 18 as of January 1, 2016. 2015 Participants: Lyrica Daentl, Alex Harman, Kennedy Stumpf

**4-H Key Award (Application and interview required) --** This state level award is sponsored by Wisconsin Farm Bureau and its affiliates, and provides special recognition to 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their club program, who have developed their leadership abilities; and who have been helpful in their club and community. 2015 Recipients: Jake Brokish, Lyrica Daentl, Bailey Fritsch, Molly Hendrickson

**National 4-H Conference (Application and interview required) –Approximately \$1100--**This conference is future focused with emphasis on youth giving input on future direction that 4-H takes at the national level. Only six Wisconsin youth are selected each year to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Participants must be in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade at time of selection.

## **WISCONSIN STATE FAIR**

Swine Premier Exhibitor: **Bailey Fritsch** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

**Lyrca Daentl** represented Iowa County and sang the National Anthem at the beginning of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Auction.

Many Iowa County youth exhibited at the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair.

Check out all the results here: <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/judging-results/>

## **IOWA COUNTY FAIR**

Thank you to all the 4-H members, volunteers, leaders, and clubs who demonstrated confidence, responsibility, and team work at the Iowa County Fair.

Congratulations to the following clubs who were awarded Herdsmanship Awards:

### **BEEF**

Sloan Implement - \$50— Blue Ribbon  
\$50 —Five Point

Frontier FS-- \$7—Jonesdale Jays  
\$5—Cobb Busy Badgers  
\$5—Mounds View  
\$3—Rewey Lucky Stars

### **SWINE**

Sloan Implement - \$ 25.00 – Jonesdale Jays  
\$ 25.00 – Rewey Lucky Stars  
\$ 25.00 – Bloomfield Buddies  
\$ 25.00— Blue Ribbon

### **DAIRY**

Sloan Implement - Top Overall Club – \$100.00 – Rewey Lucky Stars  
Dodgeville Agri Service—2<sup>nd</sup> overall – \$25.00 – Five Point 4-H Club

Frontier FS Large Clubs: (\$7) Kountry Kousins  
(\$5) Blue Ribbon/ Up and Over  
(\$3) Country Cardinals

Frontier FS Small Clubs: (\$7) Cobb Busy Badgers  
(\$5) Country Cardinals  
(\$3) Iowa-Grant FFA

### **SHEEP**

Sloan Implement – \$25.00 -- Pleasant View  
\$ 25.00 – Country Line

\$ 25.00 - Rewey Lucky Stars

\$ 25.00 - Rockwell Mills

## GOATS

Sloan Implement -- \$ 50.00—Jonesdale Jays

\$ 50.00 – Five Point

Frontier FS --(\$7) Bloomfield Buddies

(\$5) Circle A

(\$3) County Line

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## **ICE AGE TRAIL EDUCATIONAL HIKE**

Take a walk on the wildlife side! **Learn about wildlife.**

Discover the Ice Age Trail.

Saturday, October 10

Noon - 4 pm

Arrive when you can. Go at your own pace.

### **Ice Age Trail-Gibraltar Segment**

The hike starts at W12102 Slack Road, Lodi, WI  
Park at the Slack Road Lot



Sponsored by Wisconsin WildCare and the Lodi Valley Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance



**EVERY KID IN A PARK** is a national initiative that started in September. ***This school year, fourth graders in the United States and their families will be entitled to free admission to America's national parks, federal lands and waters.*** The program is part of the White House's "Every Kid in the Park" initiative, in collaboration with the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation.

Check out this page: <http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park> to sign up for a voucher that grants entrance to the holder and a carload of passengers to federal recreation areas for a year.

There are national parks in every state. Go here to find a park you would like to visit:  
<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm>

## **CLOVERBUD CORNER**

### **BATON WITH STREAMERS**

Make colorful batons to use while exercising to music!



**Gather these materials:** newspaper, masking tape, crepe paper, scissors.

Roll a section of newspaper into a short baton (rolled circle). Secure it with tape. Cut crepe paper streamers about 2 - 3 feet long; attach the streamers to the baton at the ends with tape.

Remember to use the baton safely and to have enough space around you when you move with it.

Play some lively music or marches and move around the room swinging your baton. Spread out so everyone has room to move.

Who can make their streamers fly straight out?

Pretend .....

- you are an eagle soaring through the air
- you are a cheerleader
- you are a robot
- you are running out of gas
- whatever you want.



Iowa County 4-H Family Fun Day was held at Governor Dodge State Park on Friday, July 17. Everyone enjoyed outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, photography, nature crafts, swimming, bugs, sports and recreation. It was a beautiful day at the park! Thank you to the 4-H members, volunteers, and families who participated. We also thank our sponsors: Kate's Bait, New Horizons Supply, Wal-Mart, Kwik-Trip, Governor Dodge, Pizza Hut, Farm and Fleet, Scott Storkson, 4-H Ambassadors, Iowa Co. 4-H Leaders and Farm Bureau



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On behalf of Iowa County Cooperative Extension, I want to thank you for collaborating with UW -Extension on educational programs. We appreciate your support and partnership as we provide education designed to meet the needs of the diverse residents of Iowa Country.



# **IOWA COUNTY UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

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### **IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL**

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Vice President – Bill Mitchell  
Secretary – Morgan Fitzsimmons - 2015  
Treasurer – Muffy Swingen - 2016  
Directors - Heidi Tiber - 2015  
Christine James - 2016  
Deena Vinger – 2017  
  
Youth – Kari Brokish, Alex Harman,  
Riley Berning, Carley Rider  
Fall Forum Youth Rep – Zach Dressler, Jake  
Brokish, Debbie Heth

Fall Forum Adult Rep – Don Kreul

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

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