

The Clover Connection



March/April 2014

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MARCH

1	State Livestock Quiz Bowl
2	Day in the Arts, Mineral Point High School, 1 pm
8	Camp Counselor Training, HHS, 9 am – 12 noon
9	Ambassador Meeting, HHS, 1 pm
19	4-H Day at the Capitol – Madison
24	4-H Leaders Association Meeting, HHS, 7 pm
24	Annual 4-H General Leader Training, HHS, 7 pm
27	Livestock Learning Webinar, 6 pm
31	Mandatory State Fair Dairy Meeting, HHS, 7:30 pm

APRIL

1	Camp Applications Due
6	Ambassador Meeting, HHS, 1 pm
8	Dog Committee Meeting, HHS, 6:30 pm
17	Livestock Learning Webinar, 6 pm
22	Mandatory State Fair Livestock Meeting, HHS, 7:30 pm
25 – 27	Space Camp, Huntsville AL
20, 27	Sun. Night Shooting Sports Practices
26	County Fair Lamb ID, Fairgrounds, 9-Noon

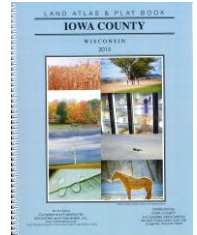
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NEWS FOR FAMILIES AND LEADERS

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING--The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 24 at 7 pm** in the Health and Human Services Building. **This will be the ANNUAL LEADER TRAINING. Each club MUST have a representative present.** The theme for the training is "You Have Parents...Now What?" We will also demonstrate how leaders can use 4-H Online for reports and club information.

2013 Plat Books are now available to be purchased for \$30.00 from the 4-H Leader's Association. These make great 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.

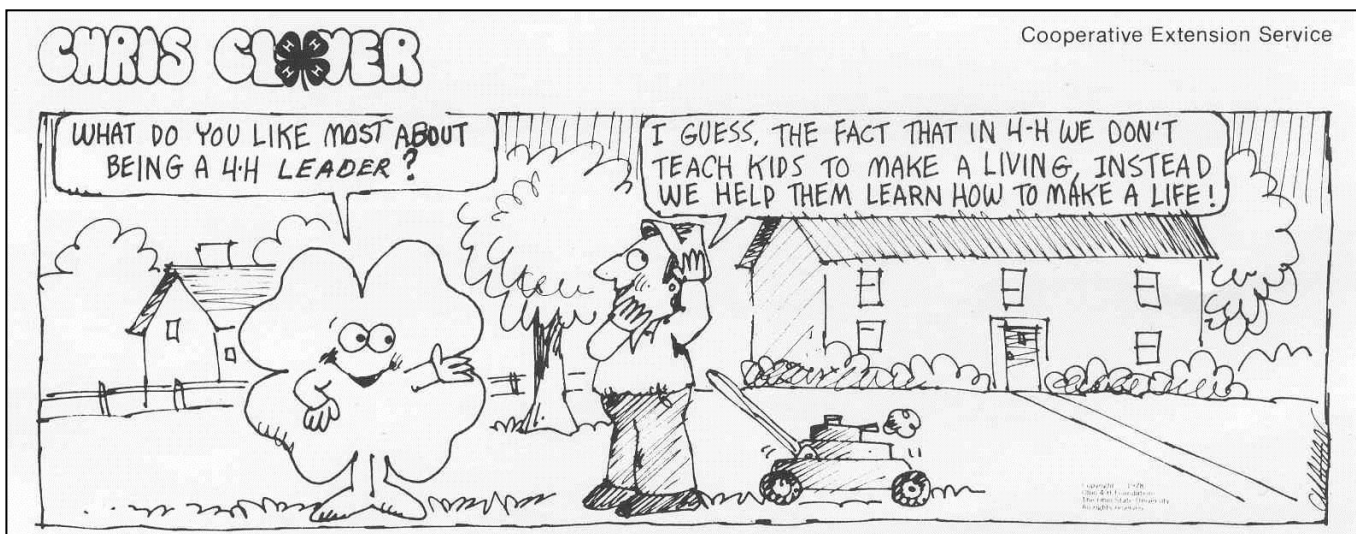


Make your contribution by volunteering! JOIN 4-H – Even as an adult!

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.

Saturday, May 17th

9:00 -10:30 am -- Health & Human Services Bldg.



CelebrateService
National Volunteer Week
April 6-13, 2014

Let's thank our 4-H volunteers in April and all year long.

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



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

2014 4-H CAMP—A CENTURY FULL OF 4-H FUN!

It's time to register for camp! 4-H camp is a co-educational program for youth grades 3-6 (as of January 1). Iowa County campers attend with Lafayette and Green County 4-H members for 3 days of experiences in a wide variety of activities. Join fellow 4-H members for this great opportunity to meet new friends, develop leadership and cooperation skills and learn about our natural world in a safe environment with trained leaders. Wholesome meals are included. Food and milk is plentiful!

Contact Muffy at muffy.swingen@iowacounty.org or go to the Iowa County UWEX website <http://iowa.uwex.edu/> for an application that is due on April 1.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Meats Judging Teams, who competed in the state contest on Saturday, February 15th at the muscle lab on UW-Madison Campus. Haakon Schriefer placed 6th overall in the Junior Division, and Bree Gaffney placed 7th overall in the Junior division.

The following 4-H members competed in this first time event –

Paige Gaffney, Debbie Heth, Morgan Fitzsimmons, Haakon Schriefer, Katie Fitzsimmons, Bailey Fritsch, Kelly Gaffney, Bree Gaffney, and Morgan Vondra.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Project Learning Day on February 8th was a huge success! The Ambassadors did an awesome job helping to plan and organize the event, lead sessions, and take care of details throughout the day. All of the instructors are to be commended for providing such enjoyably educational project sessions! The instructors included: **Iowa County 4-H Ambassadors, Amanda Gardner, Tina Temby, Cathy Wiesbrook, Clare Heberlein, Ann McDonald, Kaitlyn Nelson, Patrick Schlimgen, and Dennis Schlimgen.** A special "Thank You!" goes out to **Ruth Schriefer and Muffy Swingen** for their assistance throughout the day! The following ladies donated tulle for the Cloverbud tutu activity: **Susan Hendrickson, Dee Dochnahl, Julie Pierick, Jenny Washburn, Madelaine Weigel, Mary Berning, and Emily Oxnem.** Together they donated 600 (6 inch by 3 ft.) strips of tulle! Also, to all of the extra helpers that came and assisted the Cloverbuds in making their tutus – Thank You! We couldn't have done it without you!! Iowa County 4-H volunteers are fantastic! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to **the Iowa County Cattlemen, Mark Carey Farm, FFA Advisors, Lisa Schlimgen and Jared Searls** for assisting with Steer ID for the 2014 Iowa County Fair.

OLDER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

IOWA COUNTY HCE SCHOLARSHIP

Iowa County HCE (Home & Community Education, formerly Extension Homemakers) will again be offering scholarships for students planning to enroll or who are presently enrolled in a program that benefits families or communities. Applicants must be an Iowa County resident or attend a school in Iowa County. He/she also needs to be a relative of an Iowa County HCE member or an Iowa County 4-Her. They must successfully complete the fall 2014 semester. Applications can be picked up at the UW-Extension office, or on our website at www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/iowa/



4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, financial need and future educational goals with specific criteria for designated awards. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 31, 2014.

To be eligible for these scholarships, students must: have been a 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; be enrolled or planning to enroll in a university, college or technical school during the 2014-2015 academic school year; and meet any other eligibility requirements specific to the individual scholarship.

For additional information on the 2014 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships and to print a scholarship application, visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org or contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at info@Wis4HFoundation.org or 608-262-1597.

DOGS

Dog practices will be held at 6:30 pm on Mondays this summer at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, June 2nd (no dogs!). Practices will start the next week on June 9th. **The Dog Obedience Show will be Friday, August 15, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Ley Pavilion, Harris Park, Dodgeville.**

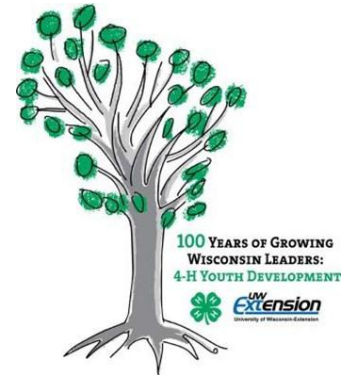
AREA ANIMAL SCIENCES DAY

Crawford County will host Area Animal Science Days in Gays Mills on **Monday, June 30, 2014**. Mark this date on your calendars now!

Celebrating Wisconsin's 4-H Centennial

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is celebrating 100 years of positive youth development programming in 2014. Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped youth grow the leadership, critical thinking and communications skills necessary to be successful in a constantly changing world.

4-H ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: One project you might do is to conduct oral history interviews with 4-H alumni. Were your parents or grandparents in 4-H? Do you know any former 4-H Volunteers? Talk to them about how 4-H used to be and present a speech to your 4-H club or write a story and enter it at the Fair.



Here are some questions you might ask of these 4-H alumni:

- How did you get involved in 4-H?
- Tell us about your family history with 4-H, were your relatives or family members involved?
- Describe your experience as a 4-H volunteer.
- Describe the 4-H clubs and programs that you've been a part of, and which counties they were in.
- Tell me about one 4-H project you really enjoyed. Why did you choose that project?
- Can you share a good/funny/interesting/meaningful story of someone you met through 4-H.
- Describe the most memorable agent/leader/volunteer in your 4-H experience.
- Share one difference that you've noticed between 4-H when you were involved and 4-H now.
- Tell us your most positive memory of 4-H.
- What did you learn from 4-H that you've continued to use as an adult?
- Do you have any words of advice or encouragement for today's 4-Hers?

STATEWIDE SERVICE MONTH: April 2014 is the 4-H Centennial Statewide Service Month! We want to celebrate the great community service activities that 4-H clubs and groups take on around the state. What service project will your 4-H club do in April? Let Deb know what you do.

Check out <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hcentennial/> to learn more about the last 100 years of Wisconsin 4-H and find resources for celebrating the 4-H Centennial in your club.

SHOOTING SPORTS—Archery and Air Rifle

Certification classes for shooting sports volunteers (Archery and Rifle) will be held in Eau Claire and Green Bay in April. Go to this website for registration information:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm#events>. Volunteers also need to attend volunteer orientation in Iowa County.

Project meetings/practices for youth will be held on these dates:

Sundays: April 20 and 27 May 4, 11 and 18, July 27, August 3, 10 and 17

Thursdays: May 15 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, August 7 and 21

Youth will attend the Sunday night meetings OR the Thursday night meetings. Air rifle and Archery project members will receive a letter in April with more information.



LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICES FOR BEGINNERS

There will be 2 meetings for 4-H members interested in Livestock Judging who are in their first or second year of judging. Meetings will be held in room #1001 at the Health & Human Services Building in Dodgeville from 7 to 8 pm on Monday, March 3 and Monday, March 31st. Practices at local farms will be held in May and June. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

SWINE PROJECT CHANGES TO IDENTIFICATION AND THE FAIR AUCTION

On February 11, 2014, Dr. Paul McGraw, state veterinarian at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) made an announcement regarding Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv). Due to this announcement Iowa County is taking a proactive approach to the 2014 fair show season.

New for 2014:

- Adults will not be driving from farm-to-farm to identify Iowa County Fair swine.
- From May 1-25, youth must self-identify their swine for the Iowa County Fair.
- Youth must submit identification photos and the appropriate paperwork for their swine to the Extension office by May 26, 2014 in order to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair.
- The Iowa County Fair will be a terminal show for **all** swine. All swine that are exhibited will go to market; no swine can be taken home from the fair.

Youth enrolled in the swine project will receive a packet of information from the Extension Office which will include the Iowa County Fair swine self-identification information. Please contact your veterinarian with specific questions regarding PEDv.

ATTENTION GOAT EXHIBITORS

There will be 2 educational goat classes this year – it is MANDATORY to attend 1 class to exhibit at the county fair. The first class will be held at Project Learning Day II on July 19 at the fairgrounds. The second will be in August at the Heberlein Farm. For more information or questions about the goat project, call Clare Heberlein at 574-9829 or Cathy Wiesbrook at 574-1344.

LIVESTOCK LEARNING WEBINAR SERIES FOR FAMILIES NEW TO LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a “Livestock Learning Webinar Series” this winter that 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:

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. If you have any questions about this series please contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

IOWA COUNTY FAIR LAMB IDENTIFICATION will be held on **Saturday, April 26**. Everyone who plans to exhibit sheep at the Iowa County Fair **MUST** identify their lambs or bring their State Fair identification papers to the Fairgrounds on April 26 from 9 to noon. State Fair ID papers will **NOT** be accepted after April 26. **THIS IS THE ONLY DATE TO IDENTIFY YOUR LAMBS FOR THE FAIR.**

MARKET ANIMAL RECORD FORM: All youth selling steers, lambs, barrows or meat goats at the 2014 Iowa County Fair must complete a "Market Animal Record" form and turn it in the species superintendent **at weigh in at the 2014 fair to sell in the auction this year!** Youth will **NOT** be allowed to sell if they do not turn in a completed form and complete an educational program.

DAIRY

There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for all **State Fair Dairy** exhibitors at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 31 who plan to exhibit at the 2014 State Fair. If the member exhibiting at the state fair can't attend, a parent or other family member must be there.

DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS: The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award three \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the second semester of the 2014-15 school year, to third or fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. The application is available at www.wistatefair.com/wp/dairy-promotion-board/ and is due on Friday, March 28. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

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	July 19; selected sessions
Livestock or Dairy Judging Team Practices	May, June
State FFA Judging Contest	Spring
MAQA Certification	February 8, June 18 & July 10
Badger Dairy Camp	June, UW-Madison campus
Youth Livestock Show Camp	June, West Allis
Sheep Show Camp	June, Fairgrounds
County Project Meetings	Summer, as scheduled
Carcass Shows (must get proof of attendance)	Attend before August 25 counts for 2014
Carcass Shows (must get proof of attendance)	Attend after Labor Day counts for 2015

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

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

Please check the Wisconsin State Fair Website for changes regarding exhibiting livestock and Dairy at the 2014 Wisconsin State Fair:

http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_competitions/junior_livestock.html

Refer to these pages as a refresher for the upcoming year and watch for any additional updates or rule changes pertaining to the 2014 State Fair shows if you plan to exhibit in 2014.

MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance)

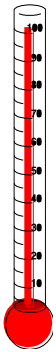
The Meat Animal Quality Assurance program (MAQA) is a Wisconsin-developed program that teaches quality assurance practices to Swine, Beef, and Sheep project members. **Anyone who plans on showing market hogs at Iowa County or Wisconsin State Fair MUST be MAQA certified.** The Extension Office will offer MAQA certification sessions on **June 18 from 1-3 pm, and July 10 from 1-3 pm & 7-9 pm.** 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 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 groups (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 Lisa Schlingen for more information about the “test out” option.

CLOVERBUD CORNER

SLIDING THERMOMETER

Make a thermometer out of white drawing paper with a slit at the bottom in which you can place a slip of colored paper (red). Mark the thermometer in increments of five degrees, using temperatures above and below 0 degrees. Think about what a thermometer measures. What is your favorite temperature? What temperature is hot? At what temperature does water freeze? Keep track of temperatures each day with your thermometer.



From Scott D. Scheer, State Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Preadolescent Education, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

LET'S MAKE EVERY DAY, EARTH DAY!

Earth Day is April 22. Earth day is intended for all of us to recognize how we influence our limited resources from our planet. There are often activities, campaigns and events scheduled on this day to promote awareness of Earth issues. You may choose to participate in a local event or start your own! Some ideas that you could put in motion are:



- Pick up trash on the playground
- Help Mom and Dad with recycling garbage at home
- Plant a tree

Here are some other things you can do to love and protect the environment every day!

- 1. Awaken Your Senses** to nature all around you, even in the city. Just step outside, and nature is right there. Is it windy? What do the clouds look like? Is it sunny? What is the first bird that you hear?
- 2. Use Less Water:** turning off the tap while you brush your teeth **will save four gallons a minute**. In the shower, turning off the water while you shampoo and condition your hair can save more than 50 gallons a week.
- 3. Attack The Energy Monster:** Always turn off the lights when you leave a room, and replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). They are more expensive but will last much longer
- 4. Commute Without Polluting:** Take mass transit or at least carpool if you can. Best of all, ride a bike! There are huge physical and fiscal benefits to biking.
- 5. Know The Top 10 items to recycle:** aluminum, PET plastic bottles, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, steel cans, HDPE plastic bottles, glass containers, magazines, mixed paper and computers.
- 6. Just Say No** to paper and plastic bags. Carry your stuff home from the store in a reusable bag.
- 7. Put A Cap** on bottled water: roughly 50 billion plastic water bottles end up in U.S. landfills each year, which is 140 million every day. Use refillable water bottles.
- 8. Buy Locally Produced Food.** When you do, you are helping reduce the pollutions and depletion of resources associated with the transportation and packaging of food.
- 9. Weigh Your Waste.** Weigh on a bathroom scale every bag of garbage you create before you take it out. Do this for a week, and multiply by 52 to get a rough estimate of how much waste you produce in a year. Then figure out how you can cut your waste production!
- 10. Avoid The "Print" Button.** Think twice before printing from the computer. You can read most documents and magazines online, and you can pay many bills via the web these days. When you do print, use both sides of your paper as much as possible.

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Secretary – Morgan Fitzsimmons - 2014
Treasurer – Muffy Swingen - 2015
Directors - Heidi Tiber - 2015
Christine James - 2015
Jon Osterndorff - 2014
Kathy Fargo – 2014

Youth – Zach Dressler, Jake Brokish,
Alex Harman, Riley Berning, Carley Rider
State Youth Leader Council Rep – Lara Daentl &
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Fall Forum Adult Rep – Paula Daentl and Jackie Heth

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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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