



OCTOBER NEWS



Carefree 4-H Club met on September 9th and held our officer elections. Congratulations to our new officers:

- President- Bode Martin
- Vice President - Rebecca Hough
- Secretary - Gracie Prose
- Treasurer - Faith Marquardt
- Reporter - Molly Ziegler
- Sentinel - Alyssa Martin
- Treat and Drink Chair - Anna Marquardt
- Recreation Chair - R.G. Hough, Levi Eden

Submitted by Molly Ziegler



The **Mighty Clovers 4-H Club** enjoyed participating in the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade. The Mighty Clovers created a "Fill the Float" theme and collected supplies to be delivered to the T.A.I.L.S. Animal Shelter. The club collected supplies at the local school and put up fliers to encourage people to bring items to the parade to "Fill the Float" as they went by! Club members helping to create this float were Cole Montavon, Jackson Craig, Ali Tompkins, Aubrey Craig, Sydney Tompkins, Aubrey, Jack, and Maddie Kusnierz, Maggie Eden, Clare Montavon, and not pictured Luke Tompkins.

Submitted by Sydney Tompkins: Club Reporter



Carefree 4-H Club members enjoyed a tour of the new Jarrett Prairie Center Museum at the Byron Forest Preserve. Pictured left to right are Briley Berns, Allissa Martin, Bode Martin, and Anna Marquardt



The **Carefree 4-H Club** met on October 14. This meeting was alongside a bonfire with S'mores and hot chocolate. Our club had the chance to tour the Exelon power plant. Our club did our Autumn On Parade float on The Blackhawk statue. On our float, kids were in a canoe, and the statue was under construction. We got first place. For our community service project, we are doing treats for troops, along with fleece blankets for the Ronald McDonald House. We decided to adopt a family for the holiday season again this year. Faith Marquardt is organizing what family we will be adopting this year. Our next meeting is on November 11. We would love to see some new faces at our next meeting.

Submitted by Molly Ziegler



Leaf River Soaring Eagles – Off to a Busy Start

The Leaf River Soaring Eagles have begun their new 4-H year with a bang! This 4-H club has been busy all of September with beginning of the year projects. At their September meeting, the club elected new officers for the 2019-2020 4-H year. These included Kaden Lingbeck (President), Annie Timmer (Vice-President), Xana Armbruster (Secretary), Bryan Immel (Treasurer), Abigail Wehler (Reporter), Laci Williams (Photographer), Lizzie Armbruster (Historian), Logan Armbruster, Dylon Timmer, David Wehler and Alex Williams (Recreation Leaders), and Kiera Armbruster, Lydia Sherburne and Ashley Williams (Sentinels). Later in the month, the club also went on a corn tour to the Lingbeck farm that compared corn fields planted at different times and their production, the club’s first project learning trip of the year. Finally, the club held a kick-off party at the Meyers farm to officially begin the new year and enjoyed food, fun and fellowship. The club hopes the rest of its year is as busy and successful as its beginning!



New Leaf River Soaring Eagle 2019-2020 Officers, from left to right. (Back Row) Lizzie Armbruster, Brian Immel, Annie Timmer, Xanna Armbruster, Dylon Timmer and Alex Williams. (Front Row) Logan Armbruster, Laci Williams, Lydia Sherburne, David Wehler, Kaden Lingbeck, Ashley Williams and Kiera Armbruster.



Lydia Sherburne, Ashley Williams, Kaeden Motszko, Alex Williams and Laci Williams look at the differences between two ears of corn that Kaden Lingbeck shows them on the corn tour.

Submitted by Abigail Wehler, Club Reporter

Leaf River 4-H Club's Fall Promotion Soaring High

The Leaf River Soaring Eagles are a growing 4-H club, and proud of it! None of this growth is possible without 4-H promotion. This club did a lot of promotional work for National 4-H Week, October 6th – 12th. They began by putting up a promotional bulletin board at the Bertolet Memorial Library. This committee was led by Chairman Kaden Lingbeck, and the board was themed “4-H Through the Decades”. The board pictured images from each decade 4-H existed, all the way back to the 1910’s. The club also participated in the Autumn On Parade, with a float themed “4-H Stands the Test of Time”, featuring 4-H alumni and current members. Club members also visited Walnut Acres Nursing Home in Freeport on October 9th, and played bingo with the residents as a joint service and promotional project.

The Soaring Eagles would love for you to join them in their activities! After all, new members are what keep the club alive and active! The club meets every second Monday of the month at 6:30 at the River Valley Complex in Leaf River on the upper floor. Any visitors are welcome!

Submitted by Abigail Wehler, Club Reporter



Leaf River Soaring Eagles Fall Promotion committee with their bulletin board: (Back row) Ashley Williams, Kaden Lingbeck, and Laci Williams. (Front Row) Sara Miller, David Wehler, Abigail Wehler and Lydia Sherburne.



Byron Emerald Eagles 4-H Club Officers



- President: Rosalyn Goldstick
- Vice President: Melinda Goldstick
- Secretary: Christopher Vargas
- Treasurer: Lexy Wiley
- Reporter: Lucas Goldstick
- Recreation Chair: Aleeya Dykstra

Back L-R: Christopher, Melinda, Lucas
Front L-R: Aleeya, Lexy, Rosalyn



NOVEMBER NEWS

Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club Wins Ogle County Club of the Year

On Sunday November 10, 2019, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club was awarded the 2018 – 2019 4-H Club of the Year for Ogle County. Members received personalized t-shirts for their accomplishment. The 4-H Clubs of Ogle County earn points for various activities including Record Books, exhibiting at fair and attending county events.



Left to Right: Immanuel Arellano, Samantha Bowers, Jasmyne Swope, Briannah West, Braden Leary, Jaden Scott, Alyssa Leary, Eli Lotz, Katelyn Bowers, Zakkary West, and Sara Blume. Not Pictured: AJ Hinrichs, Jayden Chapman, Maddy Ferris, Megan Buttens, Cian Grygiel, Alex Grygiel, Wayde Reimer, Dylan Reimer, Hazel Reimer, Mady Russell, Noelle Rodriquez, Hunter Kremske, Dom Luba, Jasmine Coy, Harmony Coy, Nevaeh Callaway, Kaedi Callaway,

Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club Helps With 2019 Candlelight Walk





Carefree 4-H Club News

The Carefree 4-H club met on November 11th. Our guest speaker, Robyn Etnyre talked to our club about leadership and how 4-H can help prepare members for their future. She pointed out that anyone can be a leader in their everyday life. Gracie Prose, who had a birthday this month, organized our November community service project. Since it is Veteran’s Day this month, we made and sent out letters to Veterans thanking them for their service. We also decided to adopt a family for the holidays from Hope House in Rochelle. We will collect things from their wish list for December’s meeting.

At our December meeting we plan to wrap the gifts for Hope House and someone will deliver them later. We will be selling garbage bags and cookie dough as a fundraiser for Ogle County 4-H. We also will begin planning our game for Penny Carnival in March. Also at our December meeting we will have an awards banquet. We give out awards like participation or perfect attendance and officer gifts.

We have one November birthday; Gracie Prose.

Merry Christmas!

Submitted by: Allissa Martin and Molly Ziegler

Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club News

In November, the Leaf River Soaring Eagles received awards for their 2018-2019 4-H year and collected boxes to donate to Operation Christmas Child, a project to give Christmas presents to children in third-world countries.



Photo (Back Row): Xanna Armbruster, Bryan Immel, Abigail Wehler, Micah Wehler, Natalie Johnson, Josie Pals and Grant Johnson. (Middle Row): Annie Timmer, Kaeden Motszko, Lacie Williams, Lydia Sherburne and Cassie Pals (Front Row): Lizzie Armbruster, Kaden Lingbeck, Kiera Armbruster, Logan Armbruster and David Wehler.



By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club Kick Off the New 4-H Year Strong

The members of the By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club elected new officers at their meeting on September 9, 2019. The new team includes President-Renee Gehrke, Vice-President-Carter Conderman, Secretary-Alex Cassens, Treasurer-Wyatt Swanson, Reporters-Kade & Kendall Boatman, Historian-Lauren Carlson, Recreation Leaders-Bruce Gehrke and Carson Conderman.

October 6-12, 2019, was National 4-H Week. Committee members Adrien & Alex Booker, Renee Gehrke, Nick & Alex Cassens, and Kendall Boatman decorated an informational window display with the theme “Through the Decades” at Mary Morgan Elementary School.

The club met on October 14, 2019, and enjoyed a fun recreational game of “Candy Run” led by Bruce Gehrke and Carson Conderman. Project talks were also given by Andrew Hickman about his coin collection and Jacob Hickman about his praying mantis.

The annual club fall party was hosted at Perks Ranch on October 20, 2019. Committee members included Nick & Alex Cassens, Kade & Kendall Boatman, Gabriel & Nathan Boehm, and Claire Hildreth. Members enjoyed a caramel apple bar, fall games, and attended a corn maze!

The most recent meeting on November 11, 2019, included a special Veterans Day presentation by Adam Cox representing the Jaimie Cox Foundation. Club members made donations that will be packed up and sent to military overseas through this foundation. Jacob & Andrew Hickman also informed the members about the Purple Heart Award, the oldest military award given, in which their great-grandfather has received two.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the United Church of Byron.

Submitted by Kade & Kendall Boatman, Club Reporters



By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club Members provided donations to the Jaimie Cox Foundation to show support to our military serving our country.



The Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club in Rochelle Continues To Grow!



The 2019-2020 club officers for the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club are as follows . . .

President and Jr. Leader – Lilly Kennedy; Vice President and Social Media Reporter – Faith Adams; Secretary – Alexis Vaughn; Treasurer and Cloverbud Leader – Anne Kennedy; Event Reporters – Cassidy Vincent & Veronica Vaughn; Historians – Rowan Thompson, Clara Millard and Cora Mickley; Recreation Committee – Teddy Millard, Ellie Kennedy and Sawyer Stockton; Sentinel – Charli DeShazo. Not pictured are Clara and Teddy Millard and Sawyer Stockton.

Congratulations to all this year’s officers, we will surely have a great year!



The club will be singing Christmas carols for the residents of the Rochelle Rehab & Health Care Center on Saturday, December 21st. The next club meeting will be on Sunday, January 5th at T-Byrd Lanes. For more information on joining the club, please contact Trisha Vaughn at (815) 751-6667.

Submitted by Cassidy Vincent, Club Reporter



DECEMBER NEWS

Carefree 4-H Club News

The carefree 4-H club met on December 9th. At this meeting, we talked about our bowling trip, organized by Gracie Prose. The Penny Carnival is on March 7th at the Blackhawk Center. The theme is "Build your future with 4-H" (AKA construction). At this meeting we had a potluck dinner followed by giving awards out to all 4-H members. We wrapped the gifts for the Hope House. This month's birthdays are Mason Zabran and Emily Harbaugh. Our next meeting is on January 13th.

Submitted by Molly Ziegler

JANUARY NEWS

Carefree 4-H Club January Meeting News

The Carefree 4-H Club met on January 13th, 2020. At this meeting we discussed our community service project. We are making fleece blankets for The Ronald McDonald House. We discussed the Penny Carnival, which is on March 7th. The theme is "Build Your Future With 4-H." Members were encouraged to attend Day of Dabbling on February 8th. We wished Jared Glendenning a Happy birthday. January talk demos were done by Levi Eden about ear notches in pigs. Alyssa Martin did a demonstration on how to play the ukulele and showed the different parts. Bode Martin did a talk about how CD storage has changed throughout the years. Our next meeting is Monday, February 10th.

Submitted by Molly Ziegler

