



SEPTEMBER NEWS

Mighty Clovers Enjoy Fall Weather

On Thursday, September 17, the Mighty Clovers 4-H Club took advantage of the nice weather and visited Valley Orchard in Cherry Valley. Club members picked apples, wandered around the orchard looking at pumpkins and sitting on the old tractors, and some of us also enjoyed the apple cider donuts. After our visit to the orchard, we held our meeting at Baumann Park to go over official business and voted for our new club officers. Club members present at the meeting were: Aubrey Kusnierz, Maddie Kusnierz, Luke Hofmann, Louisa Hofmann, Charlotte Hofmann, Noah Janesak, Caeden Janesak, Trinity Feltz, Kamryn Feltz, Mallory King, Maggie Eden, Clare Montavon, Cole Montavon, Aubrey Craig, Jackson Craig, Anna Hagemann, and Jessie Hagemann. If you are interested in our club, we meet at the Monroe Center Community Church on the second Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Cole Montavon, Club Reporter

Leaf River Soaring Eagles Kick off New Year

On Monday, September 14, 2020, the Leaf River Soaring Eagles kicked off the start of the New Year. For the club to meet, they had to follow strict guidelines. These included staying socially distant and wearing masks at all times. To better ourselves even more, we met outside. After the conclusion of the meeting, we held officer elections for the 2020 – 2021 year.

Submitted by Grant Johnson

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club Report September 14, 2020

The first meeting of the new 2020-2021 4-H year for Ogle Jolly 4-H Club was on September 14. It was held at the Davis Junction Park in Davis Junction. All COVID-19 safety measures were in place.

Pledges were said and roll call taken. Roll call will now be done as a sign in or be taken by the president at virtual meetings. Secretary read the minutes of the last virtual 4-H meeting and it was approved. Treasurer report was read and approved. Items on the club agenda were:

- Club fundraiser – selling garbage bags
- Record books due September 15th.
Online or hard copy.
- Talks for October meeting will be for goats and sheep.
- Members are to think of a theme for club for the year.
- Discussion of a virtual parade. Extension office is putting out info in October

Birthday bars were given out for birthdays from March thru September. Election of new officers for the 2020 - 2021 4-H year were held. The following members were elected:

- President – Emma Hunderman
- Vice-President – Lexi Lichty
- Secretary – Hannah Seaworth
- Treasurer – Robbie Thurow
- Reporter – Braden Rogers
- Historian – Aubrey Janoski
- Sentinel – Alyse Rogers and Katelin Adams
- Cloverbud Leader – Emma Hunderman

Kickball game was held with members after meeting was adjourned. Watch the Ogle Jolly Facebook page for next meeting date and site and for additional information for club members. Submitted by Braden Rogers



Mighty Clovers 4-H Club Elects New Officers

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the Mighty Clovers 4-H Club elected their new officers for the 2020-2021 year.



Members pictured:

Clare Montavon - Vice President, Aubrey Craig - President, Jackson Craig - Treasurer, Jessie Hagemann - Secretary, Anna Hagemann - Recreation, Maggie Eden - Recreation, Cole Montavon - Reporter. Members not pictured: Caelen Janesak - Historian, Maddie Kusnierz - Sentinel, Trinity Feltz - Sentinel, Mallory King - Recreation.

If you're interested in joining the Mighty Clovers or want to attend a Zoom meeting to see what we're about, please contact Jenny at 847-815-9182.

Submitted by: Cole Montavon, Club Reporter



OCTOBER NEWS

The Leaf River Soaring Eagles are back at it again celebrating the start of the new 4-H year! We had a club kick-off party on October 3, 2020. In order to follow county given guidelines, we all had to bring our own food and leave our masks on until we ate. Our club also chose to participate in the virtual fair; we brought animals and an exhibit building project to show. Members who attended the party: Alex Williams, Lacie Williams, Kaeden Lingbeck, Josie Pals, Casie Pals, Kaeden Motsko, Dylon Timmer, Natalie Johnson, Grant Johnson, and guest Courtney Miller. Also for our fall promotion, we had signs made for the families to put up in their front yards. We would like to send a big thank you to LGL Trucking for sponsoring the signs. At a separate committee meeting, we selected a design for these signs and thought of something that could be used for multiple years.



Pictured left to right: Kaeden Lingbeck, Grant Johnson, Josie Pals, and Natalie Johnson. Not Pictured: Lydia Sherburne

Submitted by Grant Johnson

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club Report October 12, 2020

The second meeting of the Ogle Jolly 4-H Club was called to order at 7:02 pm on October 12th. The meeting was held via zoom with President Emma Hunderman calling the meeting to order. Cloverbud meeting was held at 6:30 via zoom with President Emma Hunderman as leader. Pledges were said and led by Cheyenne Somers. Roll call was taken by President Emma Hunderman. Secretary report was read and approved. Treasure report was read and approved. Birthday bars were not given out due to virtual meeting but Happy Birthday was sung by members to October birthday members. Old Business:

National 4-H Week October 4th – 10th Braden and Alyse Rogers recorded a PSA on WRHL radio.

Record books due October 15th. Federation meeting October 22nd.

4-H yard display in place by October 31st. Post pictures on Facebook page and to Jodi at Extension Fundraiser money for garbage bags due this week.

New Business: Club Theme for the 2020-2021 4-H year. Many suggested but 4 were selected and voted on and the winner is ... There's No Place Like 4-H. New committee was formed for the collection of canned foods to donate to the food pantry in Stillman Valley. Chairman Braden Rogers will coordinate the collections and take them to the pantry at the White Church in Stillman Valley. This will be an ongoing endeavor for the year. Committee members are – Grace Costello and Alyse Rogers.

Talks for this month are goats and sheep and were given by: Alyse Rogers – Goats, Ty Horn – Sheep

Next month talks (November) is pigs. November 6 have your yard display registered. Next meeting is November 9th and will be by virtual zoom. Meeting adjourned 7:43 pm.

Submitted by Braden Rogers



Ogle Jolly Announces 4-H Week

Braden and Alyse Rogers of the Ogle Jolly 4-H Club recorded a radio PSA on October 2 for National 4-H week. Due to the coronavirus, a radio sport was recorded on 102.3 the Coyote's shout out feature. National 4-H week was October 4 thru October 10 and the PSA announcement was broadcast a number of times during 4-H week. This year's theme is Opportunity 4 ALL and many activities are planned with social distancing in mind to promote 4-H to the youth of our county. 4-H continues throughout the year not just National 4-H week and all youth are invited to sign up for this adventure in learning about yourself and country.

Submitted by Braden Rogers

NOVEMBER NEWS

Getting to Know the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club

by Elizabeth Kennedy

The November meeting of the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club was held over ZOOM. Even though our club members cannot meet in person, we are still getting many things done. Since the early spring we have been giving the residents of the Rochelle Rehabilitation Facility a reason to look outside. We set up shepherd's hooks and bird feeders near every window. During our club meeting we voted to continue filling the feeders with bird seed until COVID restrictions end.

We also voted to donate a garden box at the Kitchen Table in Rochelle in support of David Kennedy's Eagle Scout project to bring a sustainable raised bed garden to this amazing mission. Our club will be helping with this project in the spring. Stay tuned for more details!

We are excited to announce our Club Officers for the 2020-2021 4-H Year.

President: Veronica Vaughn
Vice President: Sawyer Stockton
Secretary: Cassidy Vincent
Treasurer: Anne Kennedy
Reporter: Elizabeth Kennedy

Historian: Mackenzie Taylor
Recreation Officer: Alexis Vaughn
Flag Bearer: Charlie DeShazo
Junior Leaders: Lillian and Anne Kennedy

Next month we will be doing a Holiday Lights Drive Thru in Rockford. If you would like to know more about the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club, please contact Trisha Vaughn at 815-751-6667.



Pictured: Anne Kennedy and Faith Adams



DECEMBER NEWS

Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club

It has been a challenging year so far, but we are marching through! We had our first meeting of the year at Pine Creek Church. We are so blessed to be able to meet there. Beautiful church and great location. Our new officers are doing a great job of keeping us on task.

Our October meeting was to be at an apple orchard but, due to a rise in numbers with the virus, we met at Lowell Park, built a fire and roasted marshmallows. The group enjoyed building bird houses and painting!





Our November meeting was a warm beautiful day at White Pines State Park where we dropped off donations for the troops in Africa. We have some local service men over there and we sent 2 FULL boxes of goodies and cards and turkey pictures made from our hands! The troops received their package in time for Thanksgiving and really enjoyed all the cards and pictures.



In December we had a zoom meeting. That was fun we all made a snowman ornament. We are looking forward to 2021! We have welcomed 1 new member and look forward to more!



Happy New Year!
Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club



Mighty Clovers 4-H Club in the Holiday Spirit

On Sunday, December 6, the Mighty Clovers 4-H Club enjoyed seeing each other to decorate their Christmas tree for the Stillman Valley Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. The theme our club chose this year was "The 4-H Giving Tree" and ornaments were made by some members which described what 4-H gives to them and the community.



Club members pictured: Sydney Tompkins, Ali Tompkins, Luke Tompkins, Aubrey Craig, Mallory King, Cole Montavon, Clare Montavon, and Maggie Eden.

Submitted by: Cole Montavon, Club Reporter