



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



JANUARY NEWS

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club January Zoom Meeting

- Started our meeting with recreation which was a scavenger hunt played by all on zoom.
- Read the minutes and the treasurer report of last meeting.
- All were approved.
- New Treasurer amount was approved.
- Harlan Holm donation approved - \$99.00
- Talked about Bread of Life canned foods donations. Ongoing for club year. Braden Rogers and Grace Costello chairs.
- Thank you to members who took Christmas cards and decorations to Nursing home in Byron.
- Thank you to members who helped decorate Christmas Tree for contest at Stillman Bank.
- We received a participation letter of Thanks from the Bank.
- Club fundraiser of garbage bags. Everyone who sold bags will receive a free club t-shirt.
- Members to vote on t-shirt designs. There are 3 designs posted
- County fundraiser of cookie dough and garbage bags was discussed. Paperwork came in mail to members.
- Nine members gave talks. Horse talks will be next month for members.

Submitted by Braden Rogers

FEBRUARY NEWS

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club February Zoom Meeting

- Alyse Rogers gave the pledges.
- Braden and Alyse Rogers made Valentines and took them to Nursing home in Byron.
- Ayden Alderks gave report on club t-shirts
- Talk about Day of Dabbling.
- No bowling this year.
- YQCA and QAEC online or in person. More info next month.
- Leaders working on last year club awards.
- 5 club members gave talks.
- Bread of Life cash donation put to club by Alyse Rogers.
- Approved donation of \$50.00 to Bread of Life.
- Possible in person meetings next month.

Submitted by Braden Rogers



MARCH NEWS

Carefree 4-H Club Meet in March

The Carefree 4-H Club met on March 8th, 2021. At this meeting we did our Hoards Dairy Judging. We are still looking for a new way to help our community for community service. Cloverbuds made a green plastic flower bouquet for St. Patrick's Day. There were no birthdays this month. The talk demos were done by Gracie- how to care for Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Landon- where to find woodpeckers, Mason- how to take an inner tube out of a tire, Brenna - how to put your hair up in a bun, Anna- how to care for betta fish, and Bode - talked about bolt threads. Our next meeting will be on April 12th.

Submitted by Molly Ziegler

Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club March Meeting

Pine Creek Valley 4-H club had a fun time learning about liquid measurements by making punch at their March meeting. Our guest speaker was Deb Ohlwine, who presented a very fun and educational demonstration. The club meets the 2nd Sunday of every month in Polo. Find us on Facebook as Pine Creek Valley 4H Club to learn more!



Submitted by Joya Katner



Ogle Jolly 4-H Club Meets Remote and In-Person in March

- Secretary's report and treasurer's report were given and approved by members.
- Ty Horn had game. Duck, Duck, Goose was played in Thurow's shop where we had in Person meeting.
- Remote members watched it online.
- Old Business was discussed for month of February.
- New business for March
- Remember to sign up for YQCA and QAEC. Deadline is May.
- Talks and demonstrations were given. Dog and Cat this month.
- April talks will be exhibit building.
- Club T-shirts need to be voted on.
- For April meeting
- Earth Day Family projects April 22nd.
- Club summer project will be redoing sign at fairgrounds
- Loreda Taft Earth Day Club Project April 18th. Meet at 1:00 at campus.
- April 24th National Day of Service. Take food stuffs to Stillman Food Pantry
- Bread of Life for club credit.
- Goat Clinic on April 25th at fair grounds
- Checks written out to Bread of Life
- And Harlan Holm memorial
- Next meeting remote only on April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Braden Rogers

APRIL NEWS

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club April Meeting

- Remote meeting started at 7:00 p.m. on Monday
- Call to order and roll call
- Pledges and then secretary report along with treasurers report
- No game was played this meeting
- Talk about Earth Day trip to Laredo Taft campus. Members would come out to Taft campus at 1:00 pm on Sunday April 18.
- Members to bring gloves, appropriate shoes, and tools to dig up garlic mustard invasive species plants.
- Water and cookies will be provided. Hope to see everyone there.
- We will need a form to fill out to participate.
- More club T-shirt info coming next month.
- Checks delivered to Bread of Life food pantry and to Harlan Holm memorial.
- 1500 lbs. of plastic collected over winter and stored in Ms. Marsh's garage.
- Thank you to Norna Seaworth, Leaf River Library, Highland grade school for continuing to collect plastic.
- Benches for Julia Hull Library, Ogle Jolly Club, and Roop Park.

Make up talks start next month.

Submitted by Braden Rogers, club reporter

MAY NEWS

Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club Participate in Ogle County Fair Clean-Up Day



On May 8 the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club participated in the fair workday at the Ogle County Fairgrounds from 9am-12pm. Some of the tasks they assisted with included pulling out old fence, helping tighten the bolts on the picnic tables, and moving wood. Each 4-H member received a free grandstand pass that they can use during the Ogle County Fair. Picture L to R: Josie Pals, Natalie Johnson, Kaeden Motszko, and Grant Johnson

Pictured left to right: Josie Pals, Natalie Johnson, Kaeden Motszko, and Grant Johnson

Submitted by Grant Johnson, Reporter

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club Meets Remotely and In-Person in May

- The Thurow family offered their shop again for in person meeting. Covid guidelines were followed.
- The meeting went according to agenda of call to order, pledges, sign in/roll call, treasurer report, secretary's report. All agreed on reports.
- Sang Happy Birthday to May birthday members but no candy bars or refreshments were given out.
- Recreation was musical chairs by recreation officer Ayden Aldrichs. Ada Fager won.
- Old business was talked about. Earth Day and National Day of Service updated by those who did projects.
- Lorado Taft cleaning up garlic mustard plants on campus and food pantry donations to Bread of Life food pantry in Stillman Valley.
- Reminded everyone to do the YQCA and QAEC and horse agreements by May 1.
- Six more members did their talks. Some were very interesting. Like lawn mowing and filling car up with gas and taking care of a baby coon.
- Reminded members to watch for entry time of 4H projects online. June 23 deadline. Also, dog show entries by June 1st.
- New family or family that signed up last year to watch a zoom meeting on June 10th for information on 4H.
- Alyse made a motion to give \$50 dollars to children's farm at fair. Motion passed.
- T Shirt orders still open till Friday if you want one.
- Next meeting is in the DJ Park. Dairy month and sundaes and kickball.
- Meeting adjourned by Tristian.

Submitted by Braden Rogers, Reporter



JUNE NEWS

Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club Clean Up at Bertolet Library



On June 1, 2021 the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club helped clean the flower boxes and beds at the Bertolet Library in Leaf River, Illinois. The club pulled weeds and planted some new flowers in the boxes.

Pictured left to right Lacie Williams, Josie Pals, and Cassie Pals.

Submitted by Grant Johnson, Leaf River Soaring Eagles Reporter

Ogle Jolly 4-H Club June Meeting

Flag Day and Dairy month were observed by the Ogle Jolly 4-H Club at their June 14th meeting. The meeting was held at the park in Davis Junction.

Many old and new business items were addressed such as the fair shows dates and times, especially the last day for entries which is on the 23rd of June.

Club members were continuing giving their talks. A few have not and this is part of the members ability to show at fair.

Items brought up to be voted on were the replacement of letters and painting of the sign. This item passed. The sign board is 18 years old and was put up by past Ogle Jolly members. Mrs. Marsh will purchase the new letters and paint and brushes and new screws. Braden Rogers will head the group for painting and putting up new letters at the next meeting on July 12th at the fairgrounds.

Committees were formed for club tour day of projects and day care visit with animals to Kidz Junction.

The next meeting will be at the fairgrounds on July 12th and will be a workday for an hour before the meeting at 7:00 pm. And then a potluck will be served.

After the meeting was adjourned ice cream sandwiches and kickball was enjoyed by club members.

Submitted by Braden Rogers

JULY NEWS

Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club Celebrates the 4th of July

On July 4, 2021 the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club participated in a parade celebrating Independence Day in Mount Morris. The club pulled a hay wagon with decorations and the members on the float. The club theme for the float was the 1950's.



Pictured: Alex Williams, Lacie Williams, Kaden Lingbeck, Lydia Sherburne, Joise Pals, Cassie Pals, Natalie Johnson, and Grant Johnson.

Submitted by Grant Johnson, Leaf River Soaring Eagles Reporter