February/March Bi-Monthly Cloverleaves Newsletter

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Workshops and Trips:

**Swine Workshop**—February 16, 10–noon @ Mitchell County Extension Office. This is a class for beginner swine enthusiasts. Taught by Brandon Meitner, you will learn how to select your perfect 4-H project. Please see insert for more information. **Register by February 11th.**

**Legislative Day**—March 19th, 7am–8 pm. Regional trip open to youth in grades 7-9. Spend the day at the Capitol, see the hall of pride, meet your representatives etc. Space is limited please register early, deadline to register is March 8th! **Cost:** $20 Registration forms coming soon!

**Equine Extravaganza**—March 22-24th @ Ellsworth Community College. Numerous equine science activities and contests for youth to participate in!

Including:
Quiz Bowl - Friday
Hippology - Saturday
Public Speaking and Demonstrations - Sat.
Horseless Horse (Clothes/Crafts/Woodworking, Creative Writing, Digital Storytelling, Drawing, Photography, Painting) - Sat.
Riding Clinic - Saturday
Horse Judging - Sunday
Model Horse - Sunday

For more information please visit: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/equine/equine-extravaganza-2019](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/equine/equine-extravaganza-2019)

Open Study Nights-

Our last open study night for the winter will be Sunday, February 17th. Are you interested in learning about horses and playing games? Join us for open study night at the Mitchell County Extension Office! You don’t have to own a horse or pony to horse around! Open to all youth in grades K-12, NOT just 4-Hers.

All ages may come between 6-8pm.
**RSVP to (641)-732-5574 or odlogue@iastate.edu by Friday, February 15th.**

Livestock and Fair:

**Swine Weigh in**—April 5th, 3:30–5pm @ Mitchell County fairgrounds. In case of extreme cold weather conditions we will move the party to the St. Ansgar Ag Shop. We will place phone calls and emails to those who RSVP as of April 1.

New for fair 2019—Please see below events are tentative at new times!

**Thursday, August 1**
7:30 a.m. ……………………………… Swine Judging
10:00 a.m. …………………………… Dairy Judging
1:00 p.m. ……………………. Horse and Pony Games
6:30 p.m. …………………………… Dog Judging

**Saturday, August 3**
9:00 a.m. …………..State Fair Pictures (4H Bldg)
1:00 p.m. …………………………… Rabbit Judging
3:00 p.m. …………………………… Poultry Judging
3:00 p.m. …………..Ed. Pres./Working Ex. Judging
Clover Kids are learning about marvelous marshmallows in their Afterschool Program. Picture on the right, Emmery Dodd whips up a batch of Rice Krispie Treats. During their second session, Clover Kids learned about an Iowa connection to a famous marshmallow treat, participated in a marshmallow launcher challenge, investigated the physical and chemical change in a marshmallow, and played marshmallow games!

Below, Eion Mellmann ponders what to do in Tic-Tac-Toe while Holden Penney anticipates his next move.

Volunteers:
We are always looking for new leaders or volunteers to help make everything we do possible! If you are interested in sharing what you know about a topic or becoming a leader please let Olivia know. You can call (641)-732-5574 or email her at odlogue@iastate.edu.
We are currently looking for volunteers to help with Livestock Judging, Dog Superintendent/ Dog Workout Instructor, and volunteers for Multi-Project Workday. Share your skills with Mitchell County youth!

New Volunteer Training– February 16th, 9:30-12:30 at the Cerro Gordo 4-H Learning Center. For more information please visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining

Ag Breakfast March 21st- We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help serve at the Ag Breakfast this year! Please remember proceeds from this event sponsors $5 of each 4-H enrollment. Report at 6am at the CRC Events Center. If you plan on volunteering please let Olivia know by calling (641)-732-5574 or emailing her at odlogue@iastate.edu by March 1st.
County Council:
This is a group that focuses on the fostering of youth leadership throughout the county! This group is open to young adults between 9th-12th grades. We meet on average once a month and plan and host several County Events.

County Council Report:

The Mitchell County Council just finished putting on the 4-H Awards Night, which was a success and we thank and congratulate everyone who attended and received an award. At our last meeting, we decided to make tie-blankets for one of our community service projects. Working together we were able to complete 10 tie-blankets that we donated to Osage and Saint Ansgar's Miracle Tree's. Our hopes with these blankets were that they ended up with families that needed them, especially during the holiday season.

As we look forward into the New Year, we will be hosting the New Member Night, along with the annual Junior Fun Nite. We can not wait to see what this new 4-H year brings!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Submitted by Sammi Scharper of the West Cedar Sunbeams– Chair
Intermediate Leadership League:
This is a group of middle school students between 7-9th grade who could be future County Councilors. Youth in this group will be doing a leadership curriculum and helping with a few county events throughout the year! Interested in joining? Please call (641)-732-5574 or email odlogue@iastate.edu.

Leadership League Report:

At our Leadership League Meeting Sunday, January 13th; we drew maps of our town’s, both St. Ansgar and Osage. We identified what each community has to offer and differences between them. Everyone said what three places are most important to them in their town, for example: school, grocery store, and Paradise Pizza. At our next meeting we will brainstorm what activities we want to accomplish together.

Submitted By Olivia Huisman of the Stacyville Shooting Stars 4-H Club

Club Reports:
Has your club recently done a project that you think other clubs might want to hear about? Do you want to do an activity or project but you aren’t sure you have enough youth in your club? Share it here! Chances are there are other youth who want to know what you are doing or might be interested in what other clubs are doing! Please share your club stories or activities with Olivia by March 20th to be included in our April–May issue! We love to see your photos too!

Looking Forward:
YQCA Certification—dates to come for face to face certification, $3 per member. You may also complete the certification online using your 4-HOnline credentials for $12. Remember members showing animals that can go into the United States food chain must complete this annually!

Future Workshops-
Is there something you would like to see? Let us know! We are happy to do county wide and club activities at leaders/members request!
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**March 2019**

- 3 Clover Kids–Osage 2nd gr.
- 21 Ag Breakfast Clover Kids–Osage Kdg.
- 22 Equine Extravaganza
- 24 Clover Kids–St. A. Kdg.-1
- 3 Clover Kids–Osage 3rd gr.
- 14 Clover Kids–Osage 3rd gr.
- 28 Clover Kids–Osage 1st gr.
- 1 St. Pat’s Day Dance
- 19 Int. Leg Trip
- 27 Clover Kids–St. A. Kdg.-1
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**Iowa State University**

Extension and Outreach
Junior Fun Night

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED – Cost $7

Come join us on February 9th from 6-8 pm at the CRC Wellness Center for 4-H Fun! This is open to 4-H members in grades 4–6th grades.

Activities will include; Icebreakers, Racquet Ball, Swimming, Basketball, and Volleyball.

4-Hers’ will enjoy a healthy dinner.

Please bring: Swim Suit, Towel, Gym Clothes and Clean, non-marking sole Gym Shoes.

Youth from Worth County will be joining us. This is a great way to make new friends!

Registration Form included in the insert and are due February 6th to Olivia Logue. You may mail or drop off registrations at 315 Main St., Osage, IA 50461.

For your convenience we have a drop box for after hours drop off. Located to the left of the front door. Checked daily during office hours.

For more information please see insert or call (641)-732-5574.

St. Patrick’s Day Dance

Sponsored by County Council

When: March 17th, 2019
4-6 grades 6:00-7:30 pm
7-8th grade 6:15-8:00 pm

Where: Osage VFW

Cost: $4

Concessions will be available.

*$1 from each ticket will be donated to the Food Bank*

This event is open to all youth in the county not just 4-Her’s!!