



# 4-H GROWS in Van Buren County



## What's New in Van Buren County 4-H

### Annual 4-H Awards Banquet

The banquet was held November 9th, 2019 at the Roberts Building. All 4-H and Cloverkids were recognized for their hard work throughout the past year.

Julia Mast and Taylor Thornsberry were recognized as the Outstanding 4-H members. Elli Daugherty and Sawyer Goehring were recognized as Outstanding 1st year members.

Project pins, Best record book, Best Feed records and many other awards were handed out.

Clubs also received awards: Best Treasurer book, Best Secretary book, Best Historian book, and the Villages of Van Buren Service award.

All 4-H members received a certificate for meeting the minimum membership requirements. Those who turned in a book received a year pin. Cloverkids in 3rd grade received a graduation certificate. Cloverkids in Kindergarten-2nd received a member certificate.

### Service Learning– Festival of Trees

Service learning projects take community service to the next level by emphasizing both service and learning to create a more meaningful experience for young people. Service learning benefits both the youth and the community.

Clubs who decorated trees: Horseshoe Bend, Jolly Trio, and Fox River 4-H'ers.

Clubs who served cookies: Friendly Four Corners, Horseshoe Bend, and Sharp Shooters.

100% of the Festival of Trees silent auction proceeds are donated directly to "Christmas for Kids"; an organization in our community that helps needy families over the holiday season. Christmas for Kids uses the donation to purchase vital essentials for the family, toys and other items on the children's list for Santa. Organizations, schools, and individuals also provide entertainment during the weekend. Cookies and punch are served as a refreshment.

## Alumni Spotlight

### Travis Duke

Travis was an 8 year member of the Horseshoe Bend 4-H Club.

Travis is a 2 year Volunteer with the 4-H program. Travis has been a great asset to the program.

- Chaperone for the Regional Junior Trip to Hannibal, Missouri in 2018.
- Chaperoned the yearly 4-H Lock in.
- Assisted with a club service learning project: Building picnic tables.

## Volunteer with 4-H

**No 4-H Experience required!!!** 4-H needs many volunteers who are willing to share creative ideas, time, talent, and skills to support youth. Time Commitment– Once a year, months, weeks, one time; it will vary upon the needs of the youth.

Examples include:

- Leading a workshop– We are always looking for people to lead workshops with talents and skills.
- Chaperoning an event or trip
- Club Leader Role

## Upcoming Events

- Beef Weigh in 12/27: Annual weigh in for market beef. 9:00 am –11:00 am at the sale barn.
- January Project Workshop: No Sew Sock Snowmen 1/11: We are offering monthly project workshops for youth to have more opportunities to bring projects to fair. We will create No Sew Sock Snowmen for this workshop. 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm

For more information on the 4-H program, or to volunteer contact: Jennifer Plowman County Youth Coordinator 319-293-3039 or [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu)

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