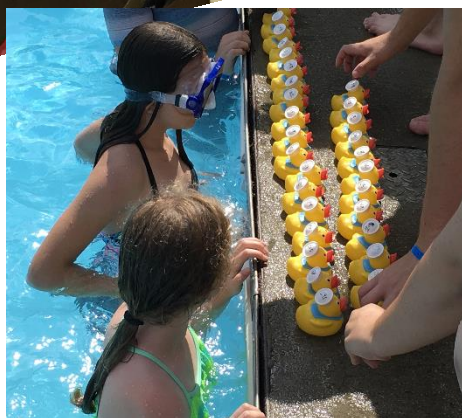


Extension News



Summer has been super busy with camps, trips, livestock prep, new office workers and STEM activities. Summer also marks the end of another 4-H year. Below, I have highlighted some of the wonderful accomplishments of this summer. And I'm looking forward to sharing many more wonderful adventures with you as we start a new 4-H year. I do want to thank all of the volunteers who have worked and supported the 4-H program. 4-H would not happen without all of those outstanding people willing to volunteer their time. Lots of information regarding upcoming events are included in this newsletter.



4-H#KeepItReal

4-H'ers on the Move STATE CAMPS



Attending Older Member Conference at WVU Jackson's Mill were Dawson Evans, Matt Kerns, Jesse Lackey (Chief of Mingos), and Jordan Heckert.

Doddridge County 4-H members attending Alpha I were Chandler Burge, Jenna Childers, Caleb Cochran, Hannah Cochran, Wyatt Cochran, Taylor Davis, Emily Hayes, Travis Jones, Lacy Rummmler, Maggie Sleeth, Tessa Sleeth, Gage Smith, Kaden Smith, Rylee Spurlock, and Ty Spurlock.

Alpha II attendees from Doddridge County were Mikayla Yeager, Hannah Cochran, and Tara Mossor.

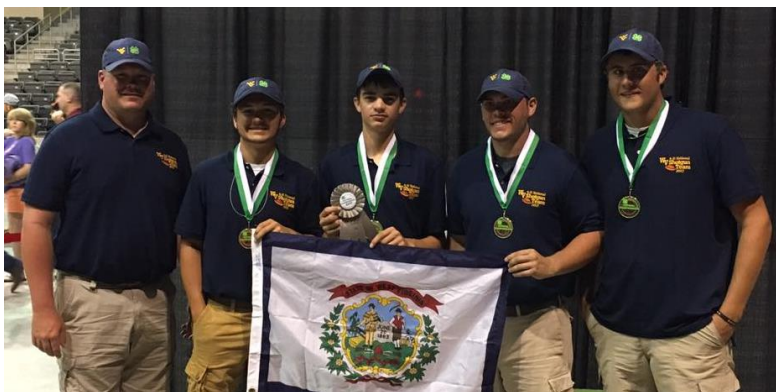
Citizenship Washington Focus



Every summer, high school students from across the country travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), 4-H's premier leadership and citizenship program for high school students. CWF is more than a Washington, D.C. field trip – it's an opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn how to be civic leaders and make a difference in their communities.

Deban Clevenger and Joesph Heckert represented Doddridge County along with 16 other 4-H members from across the state.

National 4-H Shooting Sporting Invitational



Parker Hutson went back to Grand Island Nebraska to compete in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational as the fourth man on the State Winning Shotgun Team from Greenbrier County. The team placed 3rd in Sporting Clays with Parker placing 10th individual. They also competed in Trap and Skeet. Overall the team placed 12th out of 28 teams and 116 shooters.

4-H can take you lots of places. It's up to you to take advantage of all the great opportunities.

STEM CAMPS

This summer the WVU Doddridge County Extension Service had the opportunity to have three Summer AmeriCorps STEM VISTA workers. Linsey Ferguson, Jordan Heckert, and Sydney Reed were charged with the plan of providing engaging science, technology, engineering, and math activities to the youth of Doddridge County. These programs are presented with support from the Governor's STEM Initiative and the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts.

The first program that the Summer VISTA Associates were involved in during the summer was teaching STEM classes during week-long 4-H camp. Jordan and Sydney engaged campers in various experiments during their two classes, Super Sensational Science and Rockets. Linsey taught campers about different states of matter and prisms in her Bubbles class. Each class was taught twice during the week. In addition to the classes, STEM VISTAs gave an assembly about the nearing of the Great American Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017. Campers were given special glasses to help them safely view the Eclipse.



Adventure Camp was July 5th-7th at the Doddridge County Park. Middle school aged children had the opportunity to experience outdoor activities including hiking, geocaching, forestry, wilderness survival, aquatics and soils. Participants also learned how to tie knots and flies for fishing. On Wednesday they learned about the environment in aquatics, soils and wildlife sessions. They also made their own Tree Identification Book. The challenge was finding 20 different species of trees at the county park. Participants learned how to use a compass and forestry tools such as a Biltmore stick and Hypsometer. On the final day of Adventure Camp, children enjoyed a day at North Bend State Park where they fished and took kayak safety course.

Fizz, Boom, Bam Camp was July 12th-13th at the Extension Office. Elementary school aged children had the opportunity to experience STEM related activities including robotics, bubbles, rocketry, and other engaging science experiments. Jordan Heckert taught the campers how to use the LEGO WEDOs- LEGO robotics created for upper elementary students. On the final day of Fizz, Boom, Bam children had a launch party for their bottle rockets and made homemade ice cream and root beer to celebrate the end of camp. Probably the most creative and entertaining event of Fizz, Boom, Bam was the Egg Drop. Teams were challenged to create a contraption to protect an egg from dropping at the Extension Office. Each group named and presented their development process. After showcasing their egg contraptions, campers predicted the survival rate of the group.

STEM VISTAs hosted additional programs at Tyler County 4-H Camp, the Doddridge County Farmer's Market and the Summer Reading Program in West Union and Center Point.



Upcoming Events

WVU College Campus Day: July 24, 7:30 am – 11:00 pm. For member in 9th grade and up. A one day trip to WVU and ending with a Black Bear Game. Two additional spots are now open. If you are interested, please contact the office.

4-H and FFA Livestock Show

The 2017 Livestock Show and Sale for Doddridge County 4-H and FFA will be held August 1-3 at the Doddridge County Park. Animal judging will begin at 5 pm on Tuesday August 1 followed by Showmanship at 5 pm on Wednesday August 2. Please note this is before school starts and the shows are free to all. Hope you will join us to watch your fellow 4-H and FFA friends show off their projects.

4-H Teen Leader Club

Linsey Ferguson and Courtney Wilt are starting a new teen leader club. Their first meeting is Friday, July 28, 1:30 pm at the Extension Office. If you are interested in joining this club, it will meet afterschool during the school year. Join them Friday to start making plans for a fun new year.

4-H Football Day



On Saturday, October 14, West Virginia 4-H will be holding a 4-H Football Day. For the second year in a row, 4-H Football Day will also be the WVU homecoming game. Specific ticket information and registration will be made available in the weeks to come. Please save the date in your calendar. If you are interested let the office know and we will send more specific details.

Volunteers Need for Energy Express

Energy Express is desperately needing volunteers this last week. This is a great opportunity to build skills and gain excellent volunteer time. You can volunteer anytime between 8 am - 12:30 pm at the Middle School from now until July 28. Volunteers are needed to read one-on-one with the participants. Anyone under the age of 18 are welcome to eat breakfast and lunch for free. Anyone interested in help please contact Clayton Evans at the Middle School.

State Fair Exhibits



4-H'ers interested in exhibiting their 2016 4-H county fair project at the WV State Fair should bring their blue ribbon fair exhibit (last year's) to the Extension Office by Monday, August 4th. 4-H'ers who exhibit at least four years at the WV State Fair are eligible to apply for a \$1000 college scholarship.



COUNTY FAIR INFO

August 22-26, 2017

Volunteers Needed! The County Fair is quickly approaching and we need lots of volunteers to help with the Exhibit Hall. Volunteers are needed to set – up the exhibit hall, to assist with judging, and to watch the hall during the fair. With school in session, it is challenging to fill the needed volunteer slots. You may call, (304) 873-1801 or sign up on line at <http://extension.wvu.edu/doddridge>. Volunteers will receive a pass for the day (s) you work. Parents, teens, grandparents are all welcome to volunteer.

4-H Project Book and Exhibits!



Those hot afternoons are the perfect time to work on your 4-H project books. Last year's exhibit hall was amazing! Filled full of creative 4-H project exhibits. I'm sure we can do even better this year. Your club is counting on you to finish your 4-H project.

Project books and exhibits can be a lot of fun. Start now! The goal is to showcase your project and teach someone what you have learned by taking this project. 4-H members who turn in a completed 4-H project at the fair will receive a free one-day riding pass to the fair. Three things are needed to complete your project:

1. Activity Record (Cloverbuds do not complete this and typically stapled in the front of your book)
2. Project Book
3. Project Exhibit

Project/exhibit entry times are Monday, August 21, 4:30 –8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 22nd, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Club Scrapbooks (which maybe digital) or club posters should also be turned in at this time. All exhibits must be picked up on Saturday, August 26, 9:00—10:00 p.m. or Sunday, August 27, 12:00—2:00 p.m. All blue ribbon projects will receive a \$5 premium at the Achievement Day program if total project score is 90+.



Don't forget BEST OF SHOW! Here is your chance to win \$50!
Five 4-H'ers will receive \$50 for their Best of Show Exhibits in the main building.

Need help with your project book or exhibit?
The STEM VISTAs are here to help you finish your project. Come to the office either Tuesday or Wednesday, August 7th or 8th and they will help you with your book, exhibit, and/or activity record.

OPEN LIVESTOCK SHOW

@the County Fair

Tuesday, August 22, 7 pm an Open Livestock show will be held in the barn.

All animals need to be registered by 5 pm.

Cattle, Sheep, Goats and Swine are welcome. Must be disease free and healthy. Animals will be excused by 9 pm.

Doddridge County Fair

Home Economics and Horticulture Exhibits

To reduce printing cost, a complete detail listing of all exhibit classes may be found on our website, <http://extension.wvu.edu/doddridge> or call the office to receive a hard copy, 873-1801.

- **Exhibit Check-in:**
- **Monday, August 21, 4:30 –8:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, August 22, 8:00 am – Noon**
Exhibitors may have (1) entry per class/per family
- Open to amateurs only (recreational hobby, not for livelihood). Items must be original work of exhibitor.
- **Youth Sub-Classes are available for exhibitors under the age of 18. Exhibit must be original work of the youth.**
- Exhibits may not be priced for sale.
- Exhibits must be items not exhibited previously at the Fair, made since the previous fair, and be new and unused.
- No old, used, or soiled items are to be exhibited.
- The committee will take every precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.

Only judges and members of the committee will be allowed in the room during judging. Cash premiums awarded by the Doddridge County Fair Association:

\$3.00 First Place – Blue Sticker

\$2.00 Second Place – Red Sticker

\$1.00 Third Place – White Sticker

- **Ribbons available at check-out on request**
- **Best of Show Awards:** A special ribbon and \$10.00 cash premium will be awarded by the judges to one adult exhibit from each of the (8) categories and one exhibit from the total group of Youth exhibits, sponsored by the Doddridge County Community Educational Outreach Service (DCCEOS).
- **Exhibit/premium pick-up times:** Saturday, August 26, 9:00-10:00 pm Sunday, August 27, Noon – 2:00 pm

Fair Volunteer Schedule of needed times

Call the office to schedule a time to help or register on line at <http://extension.wvu.edu/doddridge>.

Fair Volunteer Schedule: Needed Times

Mon. Aug. 21	9 am- Noon 4:30 pm – 8:30	Set-up Check-in Exhibits
Tues. Aug. 22	8 am – Noon 1 pm – 4 pm 6 pm – 9 pm	Check-in Exhibits Assist with Judging Watch Exhibit Hall
Wed. Aug 23	6 pm – 9 pm	Watch Exhibit Hall
Thrs. Aug 24	6 pm – 9 pm	Watch Exhibit Hall
Fri. August 25	4 pm – 6 pm 6 pm – 8 pm 8 pm – 10 pm	Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall
Sat. Aug 26	9 am – 11 am 11 am – 1 pm 1 pm – 3 pm 3 pm – 5 pm 5 pm – 7 pm 7 pm – 9 pm 9 pm – 10 pm	Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall Watch Exhibit Hall Exhibit pick-up
Sun. Aug 27	Noon - 2 pm	Exhibit Pick-up



Community Outreach Service News

Committee Reports

Continuing Education Committee would like for members to continue collecting pop tabs and Box Tops for Education. And we have started collecting plastic caps for all types of bottles.

Volunteer hours need to be submitted to Debbie Yerkey, Marketing and Membership Committee Chair, by August 15 in order for hours to be submitted for fall conference.

Creative Writing and Poetry guidelines are included in club yearbook on page 8. We have extended the entry deadline to August 15. Please submit your entry to the Extension office.

Promote "Eat Local, Eat Healthy" The National Volunteer Outreach Network's (NVON) of "Eat Local, Eat Healthy".

That's My Pan!

That's My Pan!® products are now available for purchase during a special, limited-time Doddridge County CEOS fundraiser. The vast array of available products include bakeware, cookie tins, coffee mugs, cutting boards, utensils, etc. Many items can be personalized and engraved for a great gift! Your order will support our local DCCEOS organization.

Please contact Susie Richard, Big Isaac Club for more information. You may also go to our website to view products or place an order.

State CEOS Conference

The annual state CEOS conference is October 3-4, 2017 at the WVU Jackson's Mills. If you are interested in attending contact the office. Once registration materials are made available we will send directly to those interested in attending. Registration may also be made online.

Congratulations!

The new 2018-2020 Doddridge County CEOS County Council officers are:

- President: Patty McMillan, Bloomers
- Vice President: Sheila McMillan, Bloomers
- Treasurer: Susie Richards, Big Isaac
- Secretary: Debbie Crislip, Currydale

The new officers will be installed during the October County Council Meeting and Achievement Day program. Thank you ladies for being willing to step-up and serve our organization.

Also, Congratulations to Judy Bee who has agreed to serve as the State CEOS Treasurer. Judy will be elected to serve in this role during the fall business meeting. It's been a very long time since Doddridge County has had a state board member and we wish Judy the best in this new role.

Strolling Down the Quilt Trail

Our theme for the Achievement Day is **Strolling Down the Quilt Trail**. The meeting is Tuesday, October 10th at the county park with a covered dish dinner. In celebration of the Doddridge County CEOS Quilt Trail, we are asking each club to have a 5 minute presentation on a quilt or quilt memory of their choice. The committee is confident someone in each club has a quilt/quilt story that can be shared with others. So be prepared to make that selection during your next two club meetings.

Responsibilities for the day include:

Name Tags: Mutual Benefit

Decorations: Bloomers and Big Isaac

Memorial: Currydale

Kitchen: Night Owls, Center Pt and Fallen Timber

New Club Presidents' names need to be sent to the Extension office by August 31st