

The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



January 2022

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2022 Theme: 4-H...Your Ticket to Success!



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 3 Washington Focus Applications Due
- 13 Equine Board Meeting, 6:00pm
- 22 Shooting Sports/Archery Certification Workshop, Waupaca County (contact the Extension Office for more information)
- 24 Leaders Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 31 Part 2: 2021-2022 Wisconsin 4-H Annual Leader Training (6:30pm via Zoom)

February

- 5 4-H With A Straw, 9:00am
- 5 Officer Training, noon to 1:30pm

March

- 13 Day in the Arts, 1pm in Belmont
- 15 Iowa County Educational Funding Requests Due
- 15 Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 28 Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00pm
- 30 Culver's Fundraiser
- TBD Steer ID



4-H Horse Project News

Thirteen members in the 4-H Horse project went bowling November 26 at Dodger Bowl. They had a great time, since they had not seen each other in a couple of months. Hoping to plan other events throughout the winter.



Pictured are:

Back Row L-R: Landen Leibfried, Kristina Vinger, Austin Shearer, and Jessica Vinger Middle Row L-R: Carson Shearer, Lily Linscheid, Sadie Spurley, and June Spurley

Front Row: Taylor Durst, Evy Linscheid, and George Linscheid.

(not pictured are Ella and Jake Barnett)

Next Equine Board meeting will be January 13 at 6 pm at Inkwell Printers in Dodgeville.

If you are new to the 4-H Horse Project and have questions, please call Deena Vinger at 608-574-5453 or email at <u>dvinger@rv3d.com</u>

Club News

COBB BUSY BADGER NEWS by Kristina Vinger, Reporter

At our November meeting we had elections. The 2022 Cobb Busy Badgers Officer Team:

President: Julia Searls Secretary: Landen Leibfried Reporter: Kristina Vinger

VP: Elyse Linscheid d Treasurer: Logan Eastman Sunshine: George Linscheid

We voted that the club will pay the membership dues this year.

On December 12, we went Shopping for adopt-a-family at Dodgeville Walmart. We then wrapped the gifts before the meeting. Members also signed Christmas cards to send out to people and businesses for some holiday cheer. During the meeting we talked about ideas for club meetings and guest speakers for 2022.

4-H Enrollment Prize Winners

This year, all Iowa County 4-H members who enrolled by the December 1st deadline were entered into a random drawing to receive one of (4) \$20 Culver's gift cards! Congratulations to the lucky winners: Collins Draude, Andrea James, Olivia Koss, and Colten Meyer.

In addition, twelve other 4-H's received 4-H prizes: Mason Durst, Bryce Grolbert, Lucy Howard, Langdon Judd, Tanner Kleist, Evelena Linscheid, Tristan Olson, Robert Prem, Jameson Steffes, Abigail Sturdevant, Addyson Yager, and Finnigan Zarbock.



Hands-On Science Field Trip Idea



Schedule a Field Trip to UW-Madison's Biotechnology Center for Hands-on Explorations

Come explore science at your public land-grant research & extension university! Liz Jesse and Tom Zinnen, 4-H state specialists and outreachers at the <u>BioTrek Outreach Program</u> of the UW-Madison Biotechnology Center, welcome field trip groups from 4-H clubs, other youth-serving organizations, schools, and after school programs, as well as adult & retiree groups. Develop your science savvy, design & do experiments with DNA, and tour the Biotech Center and nearby research buildings. Field trips are available Monday through Saturday.

https://outreach.biotech.wisc.edu/field-trips-workshops/



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Connecting Minerals to Careers for the Youth of Wisconsin

Open to anyone in grades 5-8 MINING: ESSENTIAL TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE 8 SESSIONS



WEDNESDAY, JAN 12TH | 6:30-7:30 PM Register at wi.4honline.com



Meeting Dates: 2nd & 4th Wednesday January 12th-April 20



Area 2 4-H is partnering with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) to offer a statewide eight-session program to introduce participants to mining and geoscience.

This virtual, eight-session evening program for 5th-8th grade youth introduces participants to mining, one of Wisconsin's most important industries, through a series of activities that show how every-day aspects of the students' lives are dependent on minerals and the career paths that provide them.

The curriculum is designed to recognize the impacts of mining from a social, cultural, and environmental perspective – but also show the students how to attain careers in these various professions that support the mining industry. A workbook and course materials will be provided at no cost to the participant.

Begins Wednesday, January 12 from 6:30-7:30PM via Zoom and runs on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month through April 20. Registration is via 4-H online.

4-H Educational Experience Opportunities & Scholarships

Wisconsin 4-H is starting to plan for 2022 educational programming, which involves travel and registration costs. An application to be considered for funds from Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association is due March 15. The application can be found on the Iowa County Extension website on the main 4-H page, under the list of experiences/opportunities (<u>https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/</u>). Members eligible for these experiences will receive an invitation directly from Wisconsin 4-H through your 4-H Online email (except for the 4-H Key Award).

<u>State 4-H Teams</u>: Join the Art or Drama Team, who help lead the 4-H Youth Conference, perform at State Fair, conduct State Art Show, and much more! Ages: Grades 9-13. **Apply by February 15, 2022**. COST: TBD. Scholarships available at the state level.

<u>State 4-H Youth Conference</u>: Attend a variety of workshops and recreational activities while living in dorms on UW-Madison campus. Ages: Grades 7-10. Dates: June 20-23. COST: TBD

<u>Citizenship Washington Focus</u>: Travel by bus to Washington D.C. to learn about citizenship, government, and history. Ages: grades 10-12, must be 15 years old. There are two options for this trip: June 11-18 or July 2-9. **Apply by January 3, 2022**. COST: \$1,750

American Spirit East: Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast. Ages: Grades 8-10; **ONLY FOR 2022**: students who are in 11th and 12th grades in 2022 are also eligible. There are three options for this trip: June 3-12, June 10-19, or June 17-26. **Apply by January 14, 2022**. COST: \$1,650

State 4-H Art Camp: Two-day art experience at Upham Woods in the fall. Ages: Grades 6-8. COST: TBD

National 4-H Congress: Travel by plane to Atlanta, GA Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate accomplishments, hear motivational speakers, and do community service in the city. Ages: Grades 10-12. COST: TBD

Extension Employment Opportunity



The UW-Madison Division of Extension is looking for an Agriculture Educator as well as a 4-H Intern for Iowa County.

If you, or someone you know of, is interested in learning more about these positions, please contact the Extension Office.

State Youth Thriving Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Survey! A total of **2,647** 4-H Members ages 13+, representing 72 counties completed this year's survey – that's more than 25% of members in that age range!

The survey asked questions about how the 4-H experience is related to positive outcomes for youth. The results will be ready soon and will be shared with youth, volunteers, and families to show why 4-H matters and where we need to improve. The data will also be used by 4-H county staff for planning purposes.

Here are a few things youth said they learned in 4-H:

- 4-H has helped me a lot with speaking in front of groups.
- About all of the science of animals.



- As a creative person, I often prefer individual projects. However, 4-H has
 offered a strong supplement for me in leadership and social involvement, things I might not have
 sought otherwise elsewhere. Along with it, 4-H has in turn nurtured my creative projects and
 allowed me many ways to present them to other people.
- Be confident in who you are.
- Community service makes me feel good.
- I have learned so many life lessons in 4-H, especially responsibility and leadership.
- I learned how to be a better leader and better person by having friends, adults, and mentors in 4-H. I also learned that your animal showing friends will always be by your side.

Youth who completed the survey were entered into a drawing to win \$25 Gift Cards. **Bryar Yelinek** from lowa County was one of the winners...congratulations, Bryar!

4-H Project Literature Available



The Extension Office has project books for nearly every 4-H project out there! These are offered at no charge and contain loads of great information to assist you as you work on your 4-H projects...everything from animals, to clothing, to photography, and more! If there is a project you are interested in learning more about, stop by the Extension Office in the HHS Building in Dodgeville and see what is available. Or, you may contact Tom at tom.harman@iowacounty.org to make sure we have the literature you are looking for on-hand.











Day in the Arts



Entries open February 1st in 4-H Online

For information, contact: Extension lowa County 608-935-9850

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 2 ENTRIES PER CATEGORY

For example: Music category (one vocal solo, one dance) Communication Arts category (one demonstration, one poster) Photography category (one or two entries)

Art, Drawing, Painting, Craft category (one craft, one drawing)

<u>MUSIC</u>

Members are limited to participation in **one large group** and/or **one small group/solo** performance, for a total of 2 music entries.

Accompaniments for any musical performance or folk dance performance may or may not be provided by 4-H club members and may or may not be adults.

If a tape or CD is used to provide musical accompaniment, bring appropriate player for the music.

Members must provide the judge with a copy of the music.

Vocal Ensembles/Duets/Solos - A vocal performance is singing with or without accompaniment and with or without costuming.

Instrumental Ensembles/Duets/Solos - An instrument performance is an instrumentalist(s) playing standard musical instruments, with or without costuming or staging.

Novelty Ensembles/Duets/Solos - A novelty performance is a singer(s) or instrumentalist(s), in any combination of singing or playing. The performers must express themselves vocally and/or instrumentally, or they may combine vocal and instrumental music. The major emphasis of the production must be musical expression; stage movements and stage mechanics should only support the musical expression and be incidental. Pantomiming to records does not give opportunity for musical expression on the part of the participants and therefore is not permitted.

Dance Groups/ Duets/Solos - A dance performance is a dancer(s) doing dances to music provided by any type of instrumental group or recording.

Day in the Arts

COMMUNICATION ARTS

Members are limited to participating in two communication arts with a maximum of one entry in each category, i.e. one poem and one original speech, or one prose and one demonstration, etc.

Demonstrations - May be individual or team demonstration. Time limit: 3-5 minutes for youth 7th grade and under; 5-8 minutes for youth 8th grade and older.

Interpretive Reading of Prose - Includes stories, play cuttings, narratives, and anything else not written as a poem. Time limit: 2-4 minutes for youth 7th grade and under and 5-8 minutes for youth 8th grade and older.

Interpretive Reading of Poetry - May be an original poem, either in verse form or open-ended. Time limit: 2-4 minutes for youth 7th grade and under and 5-8 minutes for youth 8th grade and older.

Illustrated Talk - should be written by speaker and illustrated with charts, posters, etc. Time limit: 2-3 minutes for 3rd-5th graders; 3-5 minutes for 6th-8th graders; 5-8 minutes for 9th graders and older.

Poster - Should promote 4-H or a 4-H activity/event; on 14" by 22" poster board; any medium. On the back, include name, grade, club, and date. Posters may be kept for display throughout the year.

Promotional Display - Should promote 4-H or a 4-H activity or event; size limit: 21" X 32", designed to stand up; may include brochures, pictures, and other promotional materials. Displays may be kept for display throughout the year.

Any Other Public Speaking - Participants may present individually or in a group. Prior to starting the presentation, participants should introduce the presentation.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Members are limited to two Photography entries. Participants must be enrolled in the Photography project. Photos must have been taken in this project year. Photos must be mounted or matted/framed and should **NOT** include captions.

ARTS, DRAWING AND PAINTING AND CRAFTS

Members are limited of a total of two art, drawing, painting, and/or craft entries. Participants must be enrolled in the Art, Arts and Crafts, or Drawing and Painting project. Members are limited to presenting up to two pieces from the categories listed below. Exhibits must be matted, framed, or otherwise ready for display. Exhibits must have been completed in this project year. Exhibits must be labeled with your name, club, grade, and title or description of the exhibit.

Art - Any original work

Crafts - Items that followed/used a pattern, kit, directions, mold, picture, or example

Drawing and Painting - Any original work

CLOVERBUDS

Open to any youth in 5-year-old Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. Entries can include any performances or exhibits modelled after the before mentioned divisions: music (vocal or instrumental), dance, public speaking (i.e. the 4-H Pledge), demonstration, photography, arts and crafts. Youth in this category will be evaluated separately from older youth and participation will be celebrated. Performances are limited to 3 minutes.

Animal Sciences Education Series



The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the spring of 2022. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the second Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer time. Register for any or all the events to get the connection information by email.

For registration and details about each presentation , go to: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h</u>. On this webpage, you can also find an educational verification form. Complete the form and turn it in to your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as "county educational requirements."

These sessions will provide awareness and knowledge of animal agriculture in the challenge areas listed. They will also give details on careers and how this area connects with your animal project. There will be a case study to further develop discussion skills with a local project leader, agriculture, and/or science teacher on the discussion topic. Younger youth can learn through a take-home activity they talk about with parents and/or project leaders.

- January 13 Grand Challenge: Animal Health & Welfare
- February 10 Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture
- March 10 Grand Challenge: Food Safety Pork Carcass Evaluation, Fabrication and Cooking with Pork
- April 14 Grand Challenge: Land and Water
- May 12 Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Youth from Iowa County will receive kits to further explore the February - May topics at no cost.

For more information visit https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Animal &

Annual Leader Training



We know it is important for youth to have a voice in decision making. We also know support from adults - both in and outside their family - is vital to their development. The combination of both helps them feel connected and valued in the 4-H program.

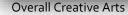
The 2021-2022 Wisconsin 4-H Annual Leader Training will strengthen your skills in creating strong and positive Youth Adult Partnerships. This two-part series will be offered virtually. The first session was offered back in November. Session 2 will be on Monday, January 31, 2022.

An in-person training will be held March 28th at 6:00pm. All 4-H clubs are required to attend one training per year.

Iowa County 4-H Awards Day

Iowa County 4-H's 2021 Awards Day was held on Sunday, November 7th at the Cobb Community Center. Congratulations to all who were recognized for their 2021 4-H accomplishments!









Overall Agriculture



Overall Home & Family



Overall Mechanical Sciences



Overall Plant & Nat Science





UW-Madison Science Expeditions Open House



Where can you experience science as exploring the unknown? Discover UW-Madison's "Science Expeditions" open house April 8-10, 2022. Come to campus. Connect with the people, places and programs in STEM at your public land-grant university. Chat with scientists, try your hand at Exploration Stations, and tour labs. Learn about agriculture, engineering, liberal arts & sciences, design technologies and health sciences.

It's free for everybody. Mark your calendars today. Watch for more information and schedules at www.science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions.

4-H Finances - Did you Know?

All adults and youth authorized account signers for 4-H clubs and groups need to be enrolled in Iowa County 4-H.



Upcoming Opportunities



Art Classes - Grandview Winter Academy 2022

Registration and materials pick-up is <u>January 14th, 5-7pm</u> and <u>January 15th, 9-11am</u> at Grandview House. All classes are \$3 for youth under age 18 and \$5 for adults, and will have the option of Zoom. If you have questions, you may send them an email at <u>nicksgrandview@mhtc.net</u>.

Available Classes: January 22nd, 9-noon: Winter Landscape Watercoloring Class (all ages) February 4th, 6:30-8pm: Love Explosion Valentine's Day Card (7th grade and up) February 10th, 5-8pm: Zen Painting (all ages) February 25th, 5-8pm: Cartooning 101 Instruction (all ages) March 4th, 6-8pm: Woven Pendants (all ages) Not yet scheduled: Creative Journaling (7th grade and up)



2022 Iowa County 4-H Calendar

	January 2022		February 2022
3 13 22 24 31	January 2022 Washington Focus Applications DUE Equine Board Meeting, 6pm Shooting Sports Certification Leaders Council Meeting, 7pm State Annual Leader Training via ZOOM, 6:30pm	5 5	February 2022 Project Learning Day, Morning Officer Training, Noon to 1:30pm
13 15 15 28 30 TBD	March 2022 Iowa/Lafayette Day in the Arts, 1:00pm in Belmont Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship DUE Educational Trip Funding Requests DUE Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm Culver's Fundraiser Steer ID	TBD	April 2022 Shooting Sports Practice, New Members ONLY, Fairgrounds
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2-9 18 TBD TBD TBD TBD	July 2022 Citizen Washington Focus Trip Ambassador Banquet Farmers Appreciation Day Dog practices, Fairgrounds Summer Art Days Project Learning Day, Saturday	1 TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD	August 2022 County Fair Entries Due 4-H Dog Practices, Fairgrounds Foods Review Clothing Preview Horse Show, Fairgrounds Dog Show, Fairgrounds
1 1-5 26 TBD	September 2022 Club Annual Financial Reports DUE Iowa County Fair Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm State 4-H Gymkhana & Horse Expo	2-8 10 10	October 2022 National 4-H Week Record Books & Awards DUE to County Scholarship & Key Award Applications DUE
1 4-6 28 TBD	November 2022 Annual Club Charter Renewal Due State 4-H Fall Forum Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm Iowa County 4-H Awards Day	1	December 2022 4-H Re-Enrollments DUE Online

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IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

President: Shelly Osterndorff - 2022 Vice President: Ellie Ihm - 2024 Secretary: Jackie McCarville - 2023 Treasurer: Angie Schubert - 2023

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