

The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



March/April/May 2022

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March

- 28 YQCA at Dodgeville American Legion, 4:00pm
- 28 Annual Leader Training at Dodgeville American Legion, 6:00pm
- 28 Leaders Association Meeting at Dodgeville American Legion, 7:00pm
- 29 Horse Judging Practice at Inkwell Printers, 4:15pm
- 30 Culver's Fundraiser

April

- 2 Steer ID Check/Weigh-In at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 8-10 UW Science Open House, Madison
 - 9 State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl, Madison
 - 9 Horse Judging Practice at Ann Nelson's Farm in Arena, 2:00pm
 - 14 Animal Science Zoom, 7:00pm
 - 16 Food Fight donations due, Iowa County Food Pantry, 9-11am
 - 30 State 4-H Meats Judging, UW-Madison

May

- 12 Ag Science STEM Kit Zoom, 6:00pm
- 12 Animal Science Zoom, 7:00pm
- 13-14 4-H State Horse Speaking Competition, Horse Bowl, and Hippology Competition at Dodge County Fairgrounds



Youth Conference Canceled for 2022

(A note from Wisconsin 4-H)

It is with disappointment that we share the decision to cancel the Youth Conference for the summer of 2022. This annual event, which brings together over 400 young people in grades 7-10 on the UW-Madison campus, has long been a stepping stone in the 4-H experience.

Currently, staff and volunteers are engaged in conversations to determine alternative programming that may be offered yet in the summer of 2022. Although not Youth Conference, we hope to provide opportunities for young people to learn, lead, and grow on campus, while also simultaneously planning to ensure a widely successful Youth Conference in 2023.

We are thankful for your patience and perseverance throughout these challenging years. We are dedicated to supporting a growing and thriving Wisconsin 4-H program and look forward to the months and years ahead.

Club News

COUNTY LINE 4-H CLUB NEWS by Johnathon Robinson, Reporter

2/19/22 - We started our official meeting at 7:00pm, with the pledge and attendance. Payton Heins read the last meeting's minutes. Then we had our treasure report. New business: there is still a sign up sheet for refreshments; each family should sign up for bringing treats to the meetings. Ice skating at Harris Park is scheduled for March 4th later in the afternoon. There were four February birthdays: Brianna, Joey, Riley, and Emmitt. We are planning on doing the YQCA together. The YQCA is a requirement if you are taking an animal to the county fair or state fair. We are going to do highway cleanup in April. We had a demonstration on judging dairy cattle. Annie moved to end the meeting, and Johnny second it.

COBB BUSY BADGER 4-H CLUB NEWS by Kristina Vinger, Reporter

The Cobb Busy Badgers high schoolers will be busy helping out at Gard farm event May 11, helping students around the Farm. Our club will buy goodie baskets of cheese and other products for the bus drivers, teachers, and the hosts. A future service activity we will be participating in will be helping the Food Pantry pack and carry food to cars.

We had our very first talks and demos of the year:

- Tips for succeeding in showmanship led by Julia Searls
- How to set a volleyball taught by Elyse Linscheid
- How to make a homemade bird feeder by Landen Leibfried



Circle A 4-H Club made Valentines Day cards for Crest Ridge Assisted Living, Dodgeville.



Fur, Fin, & Feather: Teaching Show



Youth are invited to participate in the upcoming **Fur, Fin, & Feather: Teaching Show**, slated for Saturday, April 30th at the Barney Center in Sparta, WI. This show is unique in the aspect that it focuses on teaching and learning. For rabbits and poultry, there will be an all-breed show and showmanship competition. For rabbits, there will also be a breed judging class/giving reasons. The judges for these shows will slow down classes and work with youth to give them advice and teach them more about their animals/ showmanship skills and how to improve.

In addition, there will also be a small pet and cat show (no dogs or livestock). This is an opportunity for youth to present their small pets to a judge, answer their questions about their care, management, and relationship with their animal, and receive a participation certificate/award.

Finally, there will be a photography and poster show, along with an educational poster session, and an opportunity to complete a service project (making cat toys to be donated to local shelters). There is so much to do at the Teaching Show! It is open to Cloverbud-13th grade, however, Cloverbuds will be under some restrictions.

For applications and full set of rules/instructions, please visit the show bill found here: <u>https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/Fur-Fin-Feather-Show-Bill.pdf</u>

The online entry form can be found here: https://forms.gle/w291Udd3PC4fsCiz8

Horse Project News

Iowa County was well represented at the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Association 2021 All-Around Awards. These awards are from points earned throughout the year at State Horse Events and Educational Events.

Congratulations goes to:

- Senior All-Around Grand Champion went to Jessica Vinger
- Junior All-Around Grand Champion went to Kristina Vinger
- Junior All-Around Reserve Champion went to June Spurley

Here are some upcoming dates for the Horse Project:

March 29th at 4:15pm: Judging Practice at Inkwell Printers
April 9th at 2pm: Judging Practice at Ann Nelson's Farm in Arena
May 13th & 14th: 4H State Horse Speaking Competition, Horse Bowl and Hippology Competition – at Dodge County Fairgrounds. Entries due April 1st, Contact Deena 608-574-5453

June 17th-19th: State Hunt & Dressage Show at Plymouth County Fairgrounds; Entries due May 15th; contact Deena at 608-574-5453

June 1st: Horse ID's and Coggins are due







Dairy Breakfast Volunteers Needed

The Iowa County Dairy Promotion Committee would like to have you consider being a part of the Breakfast on the Farm this year. The event was canceled in 2020 and was a drive-thru in 2021. This year, we are at Model Dairy Farm, Dodgeville on Saturday, June 4th. Model Dairy is owned and operated by Kyle and Amy Beth Levetzow.

We are expecting a great turnout and would appreciate if you would consider helping promote dairy to make this a great experience on the farm. We will be setting up two serving lines and will need servers and support for both lines. There is set-up and clean-up for those who are not comfortable dealing with food and people. For the volunteers that are younger, the event and experience, which is casual, will look good on a resume in the future.



The event is divided into two different shifts. The first shift will be serving visitors from 6:30am to 8:45am and second shift from 8:45am to 11am.

The tasks that you, your friends, and family or organizations can sign up for are serving food or cooking pancakes, sausage, and eggs. That will add tasks of mixing pancakes and running from cooking to food lines. There is bussing tables, serving coffee, and monitoring trash and cardboard boxes. Let's not forget clean-up, which consists of picking up tables and chairs and washing dishes after 11:00am for a short time. Please contact Bruce Paull for more information of if you have questions: <u>mouser.bruce@yahoo.com</u> or (608) 341-8443.

National Dairy Month Promotion Kits



National Dairy Month pays tribute to the many ways Wisconsin dairy farmers contribute to our communities, deliver delicious nutrition, and care for their land and animals. To share this story, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin has developed key messages to share with consumers and relevant resources to *Learn. Eat. Enjoy.*

Groups who wish to promote dairy can receive a National Dairy Month kit for events to celebrate Wisconsin dairy farmers and remind consumers to buy local Wisconsin dairy. DFW has created two robust kits of assets that will build consumer confidence in dairy and elevate your National Dairy Month promotions. Physical and digital assets were developed to support the promotions to fit the needs of your community. Kits can be ordered at this link:

https://wisconsindairy.org/Promote-Dairy/dairymonthpromotion/NDMkit

Important Dates and Details:

- Physical kits quantities are limited and will be subject to change based on supply chain conditions.
- Physical kits will be sent after May 1, 2022. Digital kits will be emailed to groups by April 15, 2022.



2022 Day in the Arts

"Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up" – Pablo Picasso



Iowa and Lafayette County 4-H Clubs held their annual Day in the Arts on March 13th, 2022 at Belmont High School.

Youth of all ages (including Cloverbuds) showcased their passion, skills, and talents in a variety of categories, including visual arts (art, drawing & paint, and crafts), instrumental and piano solos and duets, large group performances, dance and vocal solos, photography, and communications (illustrative talks, interpretive reading of poetry, demonstrations, public speaking, and Farrago).

Special thanks to our judges for the day: Paula Daentl (communication arts and Cloverbuds), Eric Amweg (instrumental, piano, and vocal solos), and Julia Harman (photography and visual arts). Thanks also to 4-H Ambassadors from both Iowa and Lafayette counties, who helped set up, take photos, and run the day: Mariah & Marcus Kendall, Sam Turpin, and Makenna Martin (Lafayette County); and Ellie Ihm, Emi McCarville, and Erica Ludlum (Iowa County). We would also like to extend a thanks for the treats, provided by the Lafayette County Dairy Promotion Committee and the Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Association.

Merit Winners for the day included:

Photography: Evie Koss

Large Group/Vocal/Dance: Kiara Mailloux (vocal solo); Pleasant View 4-H Club-Lafayette County (large group) Instrumental: Gemma Mailloux (violin solo) and Gabriel Mailloux (trumpet solo)

Communication Arts: Cassidy Gleason (demonstration) and Sam Turpin (Farrago)

<u>Visual Arts</u>: Kallie Oxnem (clay piece), Riley Kammes (drawing & painting), Olivia Koss (drawing & painting), and Quentin Koss (craft item)

<u>Cloverbuds</u>: Celine Mailloux (public speaking-poem)

Congratulations to ALL who participated, and thank you for sharing your talents!





Iowa County Fair board is requiring any youth who show animals in the following departments: dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry to take YQCA in order to exhibit at the 2022 Iowa County Fair. No other educational requirement will be needed to participate in the Iowa County Fair Auction.

Youth will need a current YQCA certification number to complete fair entries by the deadline of August 1st.

On March 23, 2022, YQCA changed platforms, which means a new website address and new way to log into accounts. The old website will not direct you the new website. In addition, YQCA and 4H Online are no longer able to share data. The new YQCA website is: <u>https://yqcaprogram.org/</u>. What does this mean for families?

- 1) Families will need to create an account on the new website for YQCA. You can use the same email and password as 4H Online or use a different email/password. It is your choice.
- 2) Extension will not be able to download a list of youth with their YQCA certificate numbers. We have a list dated March 22nd; this information may not be accessible going forward. Families will need to download the YQCA certificate information and have it ready to type into fair entry. FYI: Wisconsin State Fair requires youth to have a printed valid certificate that doesn't expire before the end of showing at the fair.
- 3) The new YQCA website allows families to register multiple youth and make one payment with credit card. Cost will remain the same: \$3.00 for in-person session and \$12.00 for on-line course.
- 4) Families are asked to upload current certificates in PDF or JPEG to the new website, as none of the old data will be transferred to the new site.

At the new website, you will find information on the transition, how to upload a certificate, and a frequently asked question (FAQ) tab. YQCA is separate from Extension therefore we cannot answer questions regarding the change.

Several opportunities will be available to take an in-person class in Iowa County. Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Educator, will be teaching the course. Look for dates and time in the calendar on the front of the newsletter, watch you email and Iowa County 4-H Facebook page for class information.

Youth can also take YQCA online at <u>https://yqcaprogram.org/</u>. Youth who are 19 as of December 31, 2021 and older MUST take the online course.

YQCA Test Out Option – search the new website for this option for a certificate valid for several years. Test out is available for youth in certain age groups.

4-H Finances - Did you Know?

If your club is holding a fundraiser, two unrelated people should count starting cash and ending cash to ensure accountability. Best practice is to have both people sign a statement with amounts to turn in to the treasurer.



4-H Food Fight

Saturday, April 16th - Iowa County Food Pantry, Dodgeville



County Line 4-H Club is challenging all Iowa County 4-H clubs to a Food Fight to raise food and supplies for the Iowa County Food Pantry. All clubs should bring their food and supplies to the Food Pantry at 138 S Iowa Street in Dodgeville (entrance behind building) on Saturday, April 16th, 2022 between 9am and 11am. We will be adding up the weights of items and money and will determine the Top Large Club (over 25 members) and Top Small Club (25 or fewer members).

County Line 4-H Club will be participating, but will not be eligible for the award for the winning club.

The food pantry is currently very low on hamburger, soup, cereal, peanut butter, ravioli, apple juice, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and laundry detergent.

Rules:

- 1. All food will be physically weighed by Food Pantry staff on their scale.
- 2. No Home canning is allowed. They will be negatively assessed at 16oz each.
- 3. No expired items are allowed. They will be negatively assessed at 16oz each.
- 4. No Ramen Noodles allowed. They will be negatively assessed at 16oz each.
- 5. All donations made must be made on or before April 16th to count in the Food Fight. Please call to make arrangements, 935-2326 ext 602.

Every \$1 donated equals 1 pound.

Any questions, please contact Michelle Ripp at michelleripp11@gmail.com.

Gardening Project Ideas

Have you always wanted to take the **gardening project** in 4-H, but don't have space for a garden at your home? We have nine community gardens located in Dodgeville that are being made available to local 4-H families. Families will be able to harvest and use produce. There is no requirement that produce needs to be donated to the food pantry. Youth enrolled in the 4-H gardening project can exhibit vegetables at the county fair.



Or maybe your 4-H club would like to have one garden as a community service project. Families could take turns weekly tending the garden, and fresh produce could be donated to food pantry or community feeding programs.

The gardens, located at Grace Lutheran Church and the Congregational United Church of Christ, are 4'x8'. Water is available on-site when the rain barrel is empty or if no rain barrel is available. Gardens have compost tumblers and chicken wire perimeters for rabbit control. A grant has been submitted for mulch, hand tools (rakes, trowels, etc), compost, tent-style trellises for growing plants upward, hoes, and rakes. A storage tote will be on-site for hand tools and hoses. If grant monies are available, basic vegetable seeds or seedings like green beans, peas, carrots, zucchini, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, onion sets, and tomatoes will be provided. NOTE: tomatoes will need to be planted in buckets to prevent the spread of tomato blight.

If this idea interests your family or club, please contact Donna Peterson at 608-574-5389 or email <u>dpeter8182@gmail.com</u> to reserve a spot.

Space Camp is Back in 2023!

2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy



High / Low Ropes

NASA Simulators Russian Language

Course

Lessons Scuba Diving Fighter Jet Simulators Advanced Rocketry Meeting NASA

Engineers · Land, Air, and Sea

Robotics Training

STEM Challenges

Simulated Space

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and teambuilding activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission. \odot

Grades: 10th-12th graders as of January 1, 2023

Dates: January 21-27, 2023

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

Lodging: Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

Meals: All meals will be included in the price.

Transportation: Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

Registration: July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

More information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu

More info to come via 4-HOnline in June...



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4-H Day Camp

lowa and Lafayette Counties will be holding all-day day camps at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville this June. Day camp for youth in grades 3-5 will be on Monday, June 13th, and camp for grades 6-7 will be on Tuesday, June 14th. For both days, camp will begin at 8:30am and end at 4:00pm. The cost for the camp is \$25, which includes lunch, snacks, and a T-shirt. Registration is limited to 60 youth for grades 3-5 (30 from each county) and 40 youth for grades 6-7 (twenty from each county. Registration will open in 4-H online on April 1st and will close on May 15th.



Cloverbud Volunteers Needed



Do you enjoy working with the Cloverbuds? Do you have ideas and time to help with the summer Iowa County 4-H Cloverbud Day? We are looking for a few adults to plan, teach, and/or help at this fun-filled day. Thank you to our excellent Cloverbuds leaders, Beth Graber and Deb Ivey, who are retiring after volunteering at this successful event for many years. Contact Sarah or Tom at the Extension office by April 15th if you would like to be on the county Cloverbud Day committee.

Iowa County 4-H Culver's Share Day



Culver's of Dodgeville 1122 N Johns St, Dodgeville, WI 53533 (608) 935-9094 Come out to support Iowa County 4-H by dining at Culver's of Dodgeville on Wednesday, March 30th!

10% of all sales on that day will be donated to support Iowa County 4-H!



Join the Youth Mental Health Movement

Adults who volunteer with young people care about young people. One way to show we care is to give help and support when someone is feeling down. That's what the Supporting Youth Mental Health for Volunteers Training (Supporting YMH, for short) is all about: knowing how to support youth when they're down, whether it's simply a bad day or if it's more than that.

Supporting YMH has two parts:

- 1. A 1-hour online training
- 2. A 1.5-hour live training offered virtually or in-person

A team of youth, volunteers, and staff developed this training. Now, it's available to you! Starting in Fall 2022, all overnight 4-H chaperones are required to have YMH training.



For more information and to register for training, go to: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/6yffbq</u>. Use the same link to find out more about waivers for those recently trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

May is Mental Health Matters Month

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Basics OnDemand



NAMI Basics OnDemand is a free, six-session online education program for parents, caregivers, and other family who provide care for youth aged 22 or younger who are experiencing mental health symptoms. NAMI Basics OnDemand is an adaptation of the in-person course offered in 43 states by NAMI affiliates.

For more information or to register for the course, visit their website here:

https://www.nami.org/Videos/NAMI-Basics-OnDemand

Beef ID/Weigh-In April 2nd

ThBeef ID for the Iowa County Fair is scheduled for <u>Saturday, April 2nd at the Iowa County Fairgrounds</u> <u>from 9:00AM-12:00PM</u>.

Market heifer class animals will also need to attend beef ID. No bulls will be allowed at the identification. No recent castrations, steers must be healed over. **Steers identified for State Fair that will also be shown at the lowa County Fair MUST attend Steer ID. There are NO exceptions.** Contact Tim Lindholm at (608) 574-3101with questions.

On April 2nd market animals will be weighed and tagged for exhibition at the Iowa County Fair. Animals must be identified as Home Born and Raised at weigh-in to be eligible for the Home Born and Raised class at the Iowa County Fair. If an exhibitor wants his/her animal in the Iowa County Fair Rate of Gain Contest it must be weighed on April 2nd.

In order to be eligible to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair youth must have a valid YQCA certificate. You can take the test online at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login or attend an in-person class (dates announced in the 4-H newsletter). If you club or group wishes to have an in-person YQCA class at your school or in your community, please contact Sarah Weier to schedule.

Chris Clover T-Shirt Design Contest



We're excited to learn about what is important to YOU in this new challenge. We hope you'll help us by designing a shirt for Chris Clover so we can share with everyone else!

Here's what to do:

Download the Chris Clover shirt template from the options below or at **<u>4h.extension.wisc.edu</u>** and search for "Chris Clover t-shirt", or if you want to create your own or free draw, please do!

PDF Printable | Digital Graphic (PNG Transparent) | Digital Graphic (PNG white) | Digital Graphic (Adobe Illustrator editable)

Create your shirt about a cause, project, history, anything important to you. Write about your shirt and any information or resources you have that will help others learn.

Submit your design at <u>http://bit.ly/wi4hmovementpic</u>. We can't wait to learn about what is important to you!

Scholarship Oppotunities



Iowa County HCE Scholarship

lowa County HCE will be offering two \$300 scholarships for students planning to enroll or presently enrolled in a college program that benefits families or communities. Applicants must be lowa County residents or attend high school in lowa County. They also need to be a relative of an lowa County HCE member or be an lowa County 4-H'er or 4-H graduate. If selected as an HCE scholarship recipient, they must successfully complete the fall 2022 semester and show proof of full time registration for Spring 2023.

Applications are due by April 1. Call the Extension Office at (608) 930-9850 to request a paper copy, or you can download the application at the Extension website: <u>https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/</u>

Southwest WI Pork Producers Scholarship

The Southwest Wisconsin Pork Producers is awarding one **\$1,000** scholarship to a deserving student. The application is open to high school or college students from Grant, Iowa, or Lafayette Counties . All application questions, requirements, and requested files must be submitted by **April 15th**, **2022**.

Scholarship is open to high school and college students from Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties who show a dedication and involvement within the swine industry. Successful candidate must be pursuing a career/degree in an agricultural related field and must be a student in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in high school or college. One letter of recommendation must be attached.

Please direct any questions to Morgan Worek at 608.553.2196 or email them to <u>southwestwi-</u><u>pork@gmail.com</u>. Application can be found on the Extension website and should be emailed to <u>southwestwipork@gmail.com</u> by April 15th, 2022.

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