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IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August/September 2022



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2022 Theme:

4-H...Your Ticket to Success!

August

- 7 Air Rifle/BB Practice, 5:30pm at Fairgrounds
- 14 Air Rifle/BB Practice, 5:30pm at Fairgrounds
- 18 Foods Review, 6pm at HHS Building, Dodgeville
- 20 Horse Show, 6:00pm at Fairgrounds
- 21 Air Rifle/BB Practice, 5:30pm at Fairgrounds
- 25 Clothing Review, 5:30pm at Iowa County Law Enforcement Center, 109 E Leffler St, Dodgeville

September

- 1 Club Annual Financial Reports Due
- 1 4-H Registration for 2022-2023 Opens in 4H Online
- 1-5 Iowa County Fair
- 10-11 State 4-H Gymkhana
- 16-18 State 4-H Horse Expo
- 17 Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshop, Marshfield
- 26 Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm at HHS Building
- 30 Applications for Scholarship, Trips, and Key Award Due

October

- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 10 Record Books & Awards Due to County



Club News

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

7/13/22 - We started our official meeting at 7:00pm with the pledge and attendance. Payton Heins read the last meeting's minutes. Next we had our treasurer report. New business, we had lots of members participate in shows and contests since our last meeting. Fair entries need to be done before August 1st. Your non-animal state fair entries are due on July 25th. On Sunday, July 31st there is air rifle practice at the fairgrounds. There is an Ambassador meeting at the HHS building on July 18th. On August 18th there is an opportunity for food review, and on August 25th there is an opportunity for clothing review. We have opened the food stand sign up for the fair. We had four birthdays. We also had an activity on livestock trivia. Ellie moved to end the meeting, and Annie seconded it.



JONESDALE JAYS 4-H CLUB

The Jonesdale Jays 4-H Club held a food stand fundraiser at the Jammin' on the Porch concert in Mineral Point on Friday, July 8th.

CIRCLE A 4-H CLUB

To celebrate June Dairy Month, Circle A 4-H served free ice cream on June 16th at Walsh's in Muscoda.



RED BARN 4-H CLUB

Can you spot the Red Barn 4H Club members hiding in the corn? The club plants, tends, and harvests sweet corn, which was sold in Livingston on July 24th.



*Does your club have news that you would like to have featured in the Clover Connection newsletter?
Contact Tom Harman at tom.harman@iowacounty.org!*

4-H Day Camp

The Iowa and Lafayette Counties' 4-H day camps were held at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville on June 13th and 14th. Participants enjoyed a variety of wild west-themed activities such as lassoing and archery, as well as the ropes course, giant swing, ukuleles, and more!



Best Wishes



As some of you may know, Shelly Osterdorff, the leader of the Rewey Lucky Stars 4-H Club and the President of the Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association for the past six years, has recently been hospitalized in Madison with serious health issues. Her family is hoping she is able to return home soon, but it seems she will have a long road to recovery ahead of her. Get-well wishes and notes of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Shelly's address is: 1528 New California Rd, Livingston, WI 53554.

Cloverbud Summer Pen Pal Program

We hope that everyone who signed up for the Cloverbud Summer Pen Pal Program has had a chance to correspond with their dedicated pen pal. As a reminder, participants are expected to mail three letters to their pen pal before mid-August. Then the pen pals will meet at the Iowa County Fair on Sunday, September 4th during Cloverbud judging!



It's 4-H Re-Enrollment Time!



Re-enrollment for current families (and enrollment for new families) in your 4-H club and projects will begin September 1st and is done through 4-H Online. The address is <https://wi.4honline.com>.

User friendly instructions and further details of how to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H can be found on the Iowa County 4-H website here:

https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/07/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide_.pdf

Youth in 3rd grade and up are full 4-H members and are able to choose from any of the projects listed in the project guide. Youth in grades K-2 should choose "Cloverbud".

Current members must re-enroll by December 1st to be eligible for financial support to attend educational travel, camp, and other 4-H events and activities. You can add projects and make changes until April 1st. On April 1st, member and project enrollment is shared with the Iowa County Fair.

The enrollment fee must be paid to your 4-H leader when you re-enroll. The fee is \$10 per youth member, or \$30 for a family of three or more.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Weier at 930-9858 or sarah.weier@wisc.edu.

4-H Adult Re-Enrollment Tips



Adults who wish to be leaders will be asked to check box 'I'm confirming I want to enroll in 4-H as a Volunteer'. You will then select the volunteer type, and options will appear on the screen depending what you select. If you wish to be part of a club, select 'Club Volunteer' then the role: Activity Leader, Club Enrollment Coordinator, Club Leader, or Club Project Leader. When you select 'Club Project Leader', a list of projects will appear for you to select.

If an adult did not enter a birthdate in the old 4H Online, a date of 1/1/1920 has been entered for you. You may edit if you like after your enrollment is approved, but it is not required.

This system will not allow county staff to approve an adult volunteer if background screening and/or mandated reporter training is needed. In addition, new this year, all adult volunteers are required to participate in Title IX training.

If you are an adult 4-H volunteer and need a paper enrollment copy, please contact the Extension office.

Questions? Need Assistance? Please contact Sarah Weier, Iowa County 4-H Coordinator at sarah.weier@wisc.edu or 608-930-9858



Pen of 3 Carcass Competition

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, September 11, 2022

What: Pen of 3 Commercial Carcass Competition/A Market Perspective, following live judging.

When: 10:00 A.M. Sunday, September 11, 2022

Where: Indoor Arena at Jefferson Co. Fair Park, Jefferson WI, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.

Why: The Pen of 3 Carcass Competition is an opportunity for sheep producers including 4-H and FFA members to receive both a live evaluation by a commercial lamb buyer and indexing measurements taken after harvest to determine loin eye, back fat, and leg score to assist them with genetic, breeding and feeding decisions for their respective flocks.

How: Lambs are entered through ShoWorks on the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival website. www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com, click on Education-Pen of 3 and follow entry instructions.

Who: Open to members of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Breeders Cooperative.

Entry cost: \$25/pen

We would like to invite 4-H and FFA members and any interested producers to participate in this unique educational experience.

During the live evaluation, the lamb buyer will be available to answer questions regarding factors important for placing, purchasing and transport of lambs. At 10:30 A.M. there will be a presentation "A Market Perspective", which will take place in the Indoor Arena. *There is no cost to attend.*

Sheep producers participating in the event will also be on hand to discuss their sheep, the breed and breeding program, feeding, management and their views regarding this reality-based competition.

Participation by the public is also encouraged. Interested festival goers can place pens according to their preference and to estimate the loin eye size of a lamb of their choice. Results of this portion of the event will be posted in the online version of the Wisconsin Shepherd (wsbc.com) and on the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival website.

Payouts will be based on live and carcass evaluation. MSABD Discovery building Meats lab is buying the lambs.

The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival is a function of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative. For information on membership and the activities of the co-op, please visit www.wsbc.com or call 608-743-9080 (weekdays after 5 pm)

American Spirit East Experience



My name is Quentin Koss. I am a member of Kountry Kousins 4-H Club. This year, I was chosen to represent Iowa County on the American Spirit East Experience. The American Spirit Experience is a 10-day bus tour visiting historic sites on the east coast. This trip has taught me many things about American history, many life lessons for myself, and has given me the ability to meet many new friends. I have been asked to share my experience with fellow 4-Hers upon my return...if you are interested in me coming to speak at your club please contact me at 608-574-6855.
#Wisconsin4HAmericanSpirit

4-H Educational Experience Opportunities & Scholarships

Wisconsin 4-H is starting to plan for 2023 educational programming, which involves travel and registration costs. An application to be considered for funds from Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association is due by **September 30th**. The application can be found on the Iowa County Extension website on the main 4-H page, under the list of experiences/opportunities (<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>). 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).

Advanced Space Academy: Fly to Huntsville, Alabama. Participate in college and career experiences, astronaut exercises, and engineering challenges. Must be in grades 10-12 as of January 1, 2023. Dates: January 21-27, 2023. Approximate cost: \$1,650.

State 4-H Youth Conference: Participate in a variety of seminars, motivational speakers, dances, recreation, and more. Stay on campus at UW-Madison. Ages: Grades 7-10 at the time of selection. Dates: Several days in mid to late June (actual dates TBD). Approximate Cost: \$350.

Citizenship Washington Focus: Travel by bus to Washington D.C. for nine days to learn about citizenship, government, and history. Ages: grades 10-12 at time of selection, must be 15 years old. Dates TBD (there are typically several options to choose from). Approximate cost: \$1,750.

American Spirit East: Youth will learn about America's heritage and build awareness of the many steps taken to gain US Independence and freedom by visiting historical sites in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and more. Ages: Grades 8-10 at the time of registration. There are various options for this trip, specific dates TBD. Approximate cost: \$1,650.

State 4-H Art Camps: Upham Woods, WI Dells

Art Beat - explore the arts for youth, parents, and leaders. Tentative dates: March 17-19, 2023. Grades 3-5, cost TBD.

Art Camp - experience with six different art tracks, including music, photography, communication, theatre, culinary arts, and arts in nature. Tentative Dates: October 21-23, 2022. Grades 6-8, cost TBD.

National 4-H Congress: Travel by plane to Atlanta, GA over Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate accomplishments, hear motivational speakers, and do community service in the city. Ages: Grades 10-12 at the time of selection. Approximate Cost: \$1,750.

4-H Key Award: This is the highest recognition you can receive in 4-H. You receive a certificate and key pendant at Awards Day in the fall. Ages: Grade 10 or older at time of selection. Cost: none.

4-H Scholarships: Graduating 4-H members are invited to complete a scholarship application.

4-H Finances - Did you Know?

4-H dues will remain the same for 2022-23, with payment procedure the same as last year: \$10.00 per youth, with a maximum of \$30.00 per family; clubs will be invoiced on December 1st.



4-H Forensic Day



Iowa County 4-H Forensic Analysis Fun Day

Whodunit?



Wednesday, August 10th - 9AM to 1PM

Iowa County Health and Human Services Building,
Dodgeville

Open to 4-Her's and non 4-her's in Grades 5th to 8th. Feel free to bring a non 4-H friend, just please be sure that they also are registered so our numbers are accurate.

Register by: Monday, August 8th!!!

Limit of 20 participants!!



Freeze! A crime been committed and we need your help to solve it!

Plan to join us and have fun analyzing such aspects of a crime scene and its analysis as finger prints, DNA extraction, and ink typing, along with other fun activities. Not only will you get the chance to learn about forensic analysis, but you may also be able to help aid in solving a crime.

Lunch and morning snack will be provided.

Transportation: Parents are responsible for getting youth to and from the Iowa County Health and Human Services Building.

Parents can arrive at 1:00pm to pick up their youth.



Registration Due: August 8th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

4-H Club/School District: _____

Phone: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Return by Monday, August 8th. Mail to Extension Iowa County 4-H, 303 W Chapel St, Dodgeville WI 53533 or drop off in the Extension Office by 4pm.

Area Animal Science Days & Dairy/Livestock Judging Results

These Iowa County 4-H members participated in the June Area Animal Science Days:

Dairy Judging Teams

Senior Dairy: Evan Hathaway, Abigail Murphy, Julia Searls

Junior Dairy: Gage Dolan, Kaleb Dolan, Izabel Durst, Elise Gilbertson, Makenna Gilbertson, Emmitt Steffes, Madelyn Steffes, Haylee Yager

Livestock Judging Teams

Senior Livestock: Andrew Formo, Payton Heins, Luke Schubert, Jimmy Tibbits

Junior Livestock: Caleb Formo, Harper Heins, Mackenzie Liddicoat, Johnny Robinson, Blake Schauff, Cole Schauff, Grant Schauff, Riley Sennhenn, Sam Sennhenn, Jacee Tibbits, Ty Vondra

The Junior Team placed 5th overall, with Caleb Formo receiving 1st place overall individual overall. The Mixed Team placed 5th overall, with Andrew Formo placing 6th overall individual. Congratulations!

Dairy: Top 10 Not On a Team: Julia Searls

The youth below competed at the State Judging events in Livestock and Dairy:



Livestock: Junior Team (placed 4th overall)

Johnny Robinson (10th overall individual, 1st overall in reasons)

Blake Schauff

Grant Schauff

Ty Vondra (2nd overall individual)



Livestock: Senior Team (placed 3rd overall)

Andrew Formo

Payton Heins

Luke Schubert

Clean Sweep Event

There will be a Clean Sweep event for residents of Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette counties, where individuals may dispose of unwanted or hazardous materials. Dates will be September 23rd & 24th in Grant County, September 30th in Iowa County, and October 1st in Lafayette County. Look for more information in the community and posted on the Extension website soon!



Ways To Rock Your Record Book

Summer is a great time to really start thinking about and working on your 4-H record book. You definitely do not want to wait until the last minute! But why are record books so important? Reflecting on your year of learning is a huge part of being a 4-H member, and summer will (hopefully) provide time for you to think about all of the great 4-H activities and achievements you have done and what you have learned in your 4-H projects over the past year.

Additionally, we live in a society where accurate and organized records are a necessity. Many jobs involve reporting what we've done. If youth learn to keep accurate records, it will help youth later on with managing money, a checkbook, or a business. Record books will also help youth think through goals and how much they have accomplished. Completing record books prepare youth for scholarship and job applications and help youth develop skills for life. More immediately, completing a record book helps 4-H members to qualify for trips and the Ambassador program.

Here are some tips for completing your record book:

Make sure you keep track of what you've done either on the calendar or in a notebook so when it comes time to do that record book, you are halfway there!

What Should I Put in My Record Book?

- General information
- My 4-H Story
- Financial Records
- Project records – goals and what you learned
- Be sure you have all the required records for your project.



What Should I Leave Out of My Record Book?

- Last year's records.
- Ribbons, letters, certificates, program booklets, score sheets, do NOT belong; keep these for a scrapbook.

What Makes a Good Record Book?

- Neatness: Use a computer or write with the same color ink; print if you can.
- Completeness: Anyone reading your record book should be able to tell exactly what you did in your project work and what you learned. Don't leave us guessing because you didn't explain well enough. Essay form (complete sentences and paragraphs) is fine. You may also use an outline form. If there is a question on your record sheets that you can't answer, write "does not apply."
- Accuracy: It is important that the work and learning you report was actually done by you.

What Can I do to Make My Record Book a Little More Special?

- Photographs. Pictures that show you working on a project or that help to explain what you have done are fine. Remember, the pictures must be part of your project work...a record book is not a photo album.

Start early! Find time to work on your 4-H record book today! Cloverbud and Record book pages can be found on our website here:

<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects/>

If you need a paper copy of the forms, please contact Tom Harman in the Extension office at (608) 930-9850 or at tom.harman@iowacounty.org.

NOTE - members must turn in their record books to their club leaders, NOT the Extension Office!

Fair Updates



Attention Iowa County 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters

It will soon be Iowa County Fair Time!

Vita Plus Dodgeville is proud to support the hardworking 4-H and FFA exhibitors at the Iowa County Fair. We would like to continue to support the Iowa County fair participants by providing feed and shavings. See below for dates these items will be available.

August 27 to 28 • shavings

August 29 • texturized feed for cattle and fine rolled corn for swine

Pick up these items is at the Vita Plus Dodgeville dock.

On the clipboard at the dock, please include the following:

- Participants name
- 4-H Club
- How many bags of feed and shavings

We ask that participants only take what they need for the fair.

Congratulations and good luck from all of us at Vita Plus Dodgeville.

Vita Plus Dodgeville has generously offered to supply feed and shavings for youth exhibiting livestock at the 2022 Iowa County Fair.

To the left is a letter regarding pick-up dates and type of feed available. Please **ONLY** take what the youth will be using during the fair.

Thank you notes should be sent to:

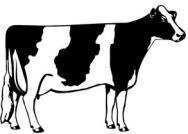
Vita Plus-Dodgeville
208 King Street
Dodgeville WI 53533

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board for all employees to read!

Animal Auction: At the July 27th fair board meeting, a motion was made that NO animals will be in the sale ring during the auction. This motion passed, which means youth will **NOT** be bringing any animals into the auction. You are encouraged to have a large picture of your animal to show during the auction. **REMINDER:** Be sure to contact potential buyers for your animals! This is an important step in marketing your project.



Rule 17 from the Iowa County Junior Fair Book under Junior Livestock Auction: Non-auction animals hauled to market will be charged a trucking fee to be paid to the species superintendent when the animal is loaded on Monday; \$10 for large animals and \$5 for small animals.



Dairy Project Leaders: Please notify Sean Brown by **August 20th** the number of heifers and cows your club will be exhibiting at the fair. This number is used for stalling and milk house scheduling. Sean's phone is (608) 553-1412.

Barn Decorations: A reminder that the theme for 4-H barn decorations can follow the Iowa County 4-H theme: "4-H is Your Ticket to Success".

Youth ages 7 and under will not receive exhibitor season passes, as they are admitted free to the fair.

Alcohol Policy: Please remember that no alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the youth areas or barns. Any reports or complaints should be made to the Iowa County Fair Board and could result in that

2022-2023 4-H Ambassadors

The Iowa County 4-H Ambassador Interviews and Banquet was held on Monday, July 18th. Congratulations to the 2022–23 4-H Ambassadors: Emi McCarville and Kristina Vinger (Royalty), Ella James (Head), Ellie Ihm (Heart), Morgan Oxnem (Hands), Erica Rose Lease (Health), Izabel Durst, Logan Eastman, Caitlyn Fritsch, Quentin Koss, Abby Murphy, and Jadyn Swinehart. We also would like to recognize this year's graduating Ambassadors: Laurianna Dannenberg, Kelly Gaffney, Emily Graber, Alana McCarville, and Emma Steffes. Thank you for all you have done for Iowa County 4-H!



Izabel



Logan



Caitlyn



Ellie



Ella



Quentin



Erica Rose



Emi



Abby



Morgan



Jadyn



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THE CLOVER CONNECTION

IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

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Vice President: Ellie Ihm - 2024

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Shelly Osterndorff & Laura Anderson - 2022

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Youth: Emi McCarville, Kristina Vinger,

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