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The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

November-December 2022



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November

- 1 Annual Club Charter Renewals Due
- 4-6 State 4-H Fall Forum
- 6 Iowa County 4-H Awards Day, 1:00pm @ HHS
- 28 Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00pm @ HHS

December

- 1 4-H Re-enrollments Due Online

February

- 4 Project Learning Day, 9:00-Noon @ HHS

June

- 20-23 4-H Camp, Upham Woods



A note from Iowa County 4-H Youth Educator, Sarah Weier:

As a college graduate, I had one goal...to be a county 4-H educator. This was a goal that took me most of my working career to obtain! It is therefore with a heavy heart that I announce my retirement. My last day will be January 6, 2023.

To all current and former 4-H members: working with you has been my greatest satisfaction these past 5 years. You all have a gift to make the best even better!

Take Care, Sarah Weier

Club News

PLEASANT VIEW 4-H CLUB NEWS by Rachel Heisner, Reporter

On Sunday, July 17, Pleasant View 4-H Club had their July meeting. The main topic of the meeting was the Iowa County Fair. The theme this year is "Ticket to Success." Fair entries are due August 1. The club will have signs for each type of animal that members show. The club will also have a plant display set up on the fairgrounds and will have a food stand in the project building, during the fair.

Another thing that happened at the meeting was, the clover buds made wind socks to hang up or they can run around with them. They were made from milk jugs and ribbon. We also introduced new members to the club. The club also discusses the State Fair, which is just around the corner. You must be 12 years old or older to enter any project at the state fair.

Pleasant View 4-H had two good fundraisers this summer. There was a food stand at the fairgrounds and a pop stand at Farmers appreciation Days.

Club member Colin Judd is spending his summer in Georgia doing army training. He is training to be in the army national guard. Please send good thoughts his way.



PLEASANT VIEW 4-H CLUB NEWS by Cyntannah Nafzger, Reporter

The Pleasant View 4-H Club held their August meeting with farm tours on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Everyone was invited to the farm to see the projects that some of the kids were planning to take to the Iowa County Fair. The first stop was at 3:00pm at the Joan, James, and Isaac Steele residents near Dodgeville. They had a good turn out of families. Sawyer Kamholtz and James and Isaac Steele shared their projects of rabbits, chickens, and potbellied pigs.

The second and last stop of the day was at the James Farm in rural Mineral Point for the Nafzger family. I showed everyone two fall dairy calves: a Guernsey one that I will be showing and a Red & White Holstein that Jarvie will be showing. Members were to guess which animal of the two was the Guernsey breed. I explained the difference between the two different breeds. I also talked about what a good dairy animal should look like to show them. The younger 4-H members enjoyed petting a new baby calf and feeding it a bottle of milk. The members were invited into the barn to watch the milking of the cows.

A club meeting was held in the calf shed led by Deb, Jessie, and Atley Potterton. We talked about old and new business, the upcoming fair, setup, food stand, decorations, and record books. James Steele shared his wood burning project with the group. Thank you to the Schaaf family for providing the refreshments and snacks.



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

9/13/22 - 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 do well at the Iowa county fair. At the fair, our club received herdsman awards in sheep, goats, dairy, and swine. 4-H online is open to enroll. We decided that the club will pay for everyone's dues again this year. A reminder that nominations are next meeting. Record books will be due in October, these are done to be eligible for county awards. There are lots of trips available that are included in the newsletter. We had two birthdays this month. Ellie moved to end the meeting and Annie seconded it.

*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!*

Club News

Cobb Busy Badgers 4-H CLUB NEWS by Kristina Vinger, Reporter

At the August meeting, Cobb Busy Badgers took some time to play some “minute to win it” games.



Iowa County 4-H Recognitions



Julia Searls and Kelsey Hardy were amongst fifteen Wisconsin dairy youth to receive James W. Crowley State 4-H Dairy Leadership Awards at the 2022 Wisconsin Junior State Fair. These youth were rewarded for their outstanding dairy project work and leadership ability. Each award winner received a plaque provided by the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund. Both Julia and Kelsey also received scholarships. Crowley Awards require the youth to be 4-H members nominated by the county 4-H educator. Congratulations!

The Iowa County Livestock Judging Team recently competed at American Royal in Kansas City. Participating youth, pictured left to right include Andrew Formo, Payton Heins, and Luke Schubert. Results have not yet been posted at the time of this writing, but great job representing Iowa County!



Shake Rag Art Party



Shake Rag Alley in Mineral Point is holding a “Makers & Shakers Art Party” on Wednesday, November 16th where they will be making recycled sweater pumpkins. This is a great opportunity to make a fun centerpiece or guest gift for your Thanksgiving table. Attendees will make pumpkins using recycled sweaters in a variety of colors and with assorted “bits and baubles” for decorations.

The class is limited to 25 students, and the registration deadline is November 14th. The cost for the class is \$17 (\$5 for the class, \$12 for materials), but the fee will be waived for middle and high school students! To register, call their office at (608) 987-3292.

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 Enrollment Prize Drawing

Would you like 4-H playing cards, or 4-H scrapbook paper, or a gift card for some yummy treats? If so, be sure to submit your enrollment for the 2022-23 4-H year at 4H Online. All youth members who enroll in Iowa County 4-H by midnight on December 1st will have their names entered into a drawing for 4-H items and gift cards!



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

Volunteer Opportunity



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A big part of 4-H is helping others in the community, and a great, easy way to volunteer over the holiday season is to be a bell ringer with the Salvation Army. To sign up or to learn more, please visit www.registertoring.com, email the Iowa County Salvation Army at lowacountysalvationarmy@gmail.com, or call (608) 553-4138.

Volunteering CAN make a difference!

Dog Project Notes



The Iowa County 4-H Dog Project had four members participate in the 4-H Wisconsin State Dog Show in Jefferson county: Samantha Ihm, Shayla Holz, Paula Roum, and Kelsey Phillips.

Project members worked hard and practiced all summer and fall. They competed against other youth from all over the state in three segments: Agility, Obedience, and Showmanship. The team did a fantastic job representing Iowa County. Thanks to the dog project leader, Pam Pishion, and all the other coaches for their time and dedication!

Congratulations to all of the dog project members who participated in the Iowa County Fair Dog Show! Keep up the great work, and keep practicing over the winter. We look forward to seeing what you do in 2023!



Project Spotlight: Youth Leadership & Ambassadors

The Youth Leadership and Ambassadors projects are both designed to give older 4-H members the opportunity to lead, learn, and teach. Youth Leadership is focused on the club level – think officers, project leaders who help young members, and committee chairs. Ambassadors are the county-wide group of youth who promote 4-H, do community service, recreation, and share the youth voice with adult leaders.



At the county fair, members in Youth Leadership and Ambassadors enter projects in Department 33. We are working on adding classes that reflect what youth do in 4-H as older members. Possible additions may be promoting through social media as well as traditional media (radio, newspaper) and a poster highlighting a 4-H experience such as American Spirit or national judging teams.

Please consider adding Youth Leadership and/or Ambassadors to your 4-H projects!

4-H Project Day Returns



Save **Saturday, February 4, 2023**, for Iowa County 4-H Project Day in Dodgeville. Clubs lead a 50-minute session for members to learn a new skill, explore a project area, or make a project ready to exhibit at the fair. Session and registration information will be in the next newsletter.

Past programs include: art, how to become a member of a judging team, simple woodworking projects, electricity, foods, and more. The following clubs should send a short description of the class and size limit to Tom at the Extension office by **December 5th**:

Blue Ribbon, Cobb Busy Badgers, Country Cardinals, Five Point, Kountry Kousins, Mounds View, Pleasant View, and Red Barn

The other eight clubs will be asked to teach at our summer project day!

Camp Counselor Applications



Campfire skits, meal-time songs, evening chatter, and leading games are all activities 4-H camp counselors participate in! Youth counselors help select the camp theme, logo, t-shirt colors, group names, and more. Camp counselors make life-long friends planning and carrying out the responsibilities while being role models for younger 4-Hers. All these activities also make for a great line on college, scholarship, and job applications!

Any 4-H member currently in grades 9 to 13 are needed. Applications are available by contacting the Extension office (sarah.weier@wisc.edu or calling 608-930-9850). Deadline is December 15th, with our first meeting scheduled for January 15th at 2:00pm at the Platteville Public Library.

Next Leaders Association Meeting Highlights

The next meeting on the Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association will be Monday, November 28th at 7pm in the Community Room of the HHS Building, Dodgeville. A ZOOM option will be available for those who request. According to the by-laws, membership is open to all approved adult 4-H leaders and 4-H members in grades 7 and above. Every club has two votes on matters that may come before the association.



Agenda items for the November meeting include electing two individuals to the Leaders Council and selecting a theme. Council terms are for three years. The council members elect officers of the association and meet as needed. Nominations for the two positions will close on November 14th. If interested, please let any council member know (these folks are listed on the last page of this newsletter). The theme for the 2023 4-H year is used in promotions, and many clubs decorate the county fair barns using the theme. Theme suggestions should be sent to Sarah Weier by November 20th to be included on the ballots.

Horse Project News

The 4-H Horse Project had a busy two months of showing.



IOWA COUNTY PLEASURE SHOW

Kris Vinger, Lily Linscheid, June Spurley, Ella Barnett, Jessica Vinger, Taylor Durst, Aly Peterson, Jake Barnett. Front: George Linscheid, Evy Linscheid, Raelee Hampton, Sadie Spurley & Haven Hampton.



IOWA COUNTY GYMKHANA SHOW

Kammy Kolb, Jessica Vinger, Austin Shearer, Sadie Spurley, Evy Linscheid, Lily Linscheid, June Spurley, Raelee Hampton. Front: Aly Peterson, Kris Vinger & George Linscheid.



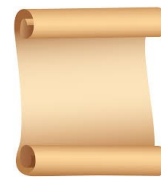
4-H State Gymkhana: June Spurley, Lily Linscheid, Austin Shearer, Jake Barnett & Kris Vinger



4-H State Horse Expo: Aly Peterson, June Spurley, Lily Linscheid, Kris Vinger, Taylor Durst, Jessica Vinger, Jake Barnett

4-H Club Charters

Club leaders: The second part of the 4-H charters is due November 1st. Once again, this will be completed via an electronic survey. You will be asked for contact, meeting time, and planned activities, but no calendar. A paper version is available by contacting the Extension office. Please submit paper copies by ASAP, as these will need to be entered into the program. THANK YOU to those clubs who have already completed this step!



Thrive Survey



Watch your email inbox (the one you use with 4H Online) the first week of November for your link to participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey! Youth ages 13-18 will receive a link to share your input about your 4-H experiences. The results will help us evaluate and communicate how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. The survey link will be open for 4 weeks. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Fill out the survey to help Wisconsin achieve a 30% response rate!

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model and some of the results from the 2021 4-H Thriving Study in Wisconsin, please visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#).

Watch for your link in email and help us tell the story of 4-H in Wisconsin!

Celebrate your SMART Goal Successes!

Celebration is an important part of the goal process. Recognizing accomplishments unifies 4-H members around an outcome, reminds them to focus on the positive, and motivates them to create new goals. Wisconsin 4-H promotes celebrating your successes through the offering of grants to clubs and groups that met their 2021 Charter SMART goals.



Did your Wisconsin 4-H club or group meet their 2021 charter SMART goals? Apply for a Wisconsin Chartered 4-H Club and Group SMART Goal Grant and celebrate with your members and those who helped you meet the goal. Funds are available to celebrate as a club or group your success! Approximately 30 grants will be awarded for the following amounts: \$100, \$200, or \$300. Apply by **November 30, 2022**, using the form found [here](#) (if viewing this electronically; link will also be on the Iowa County 4-H website).

Grantees will be contacted after December 12, 2022, if they will be awarded the funds to celebrate their SMART goal success! Clubs and groups will be selected based on the level of youth involvement in the goal planning, actionable steps/objectives to reach the goal and the celebration plans. Your club or group can decide how to spend the SMART goal celebration funds.

We ask in return for the grant funds that you send us a photo and caption telling us how the funds were used to celebrate the club's SMART goal success. We may share your story on social media and in the WI 4-H newsletter.

These grants are made possible by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

Order Your Wisconsin 4-H Gear!



Are you ready for some Wisconsin 4-H merchandise? Wisconsin 4-H is excited to launch the Wisconsin 4-H Pop-up Store, where YOU can order Wisconsin 4-H merchandise. There are currently a limited number of options, but hopefully if this is a success they may be able to offer more items in the future! Most options come in multiple colors.

Some of the items you can look forward to purchasing include:

- T-shirts & sweatshirts
- Pullovers and jackets
- Water bottles, coffee mugs
- Bags and more!

The store will be open for individual orders from now until November 9th. Items will be received around the first week of December. Shipping is a flat rate \$15.

Here is the link to the pop-up store: <https://go.wisc.edu/fdyj54>



Reminders

IOWA COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS: If you receive a premium check for the projects you entered in the Iowa County Fair, remember to cash them as soon as possible. They are void after **90 days!**



SEND THAT THANK YOU NOTE: Be sure to send a thank you note to the livestock auction buyers, sponsors of merit ribbons, and sponsors of trophies. These businesses and individuals support 4-H, the Iowa County Fair, and the youth of Iowa County year after year.

Addresses for most sponsors can be found in the back of the Fair book. Each year we have sponsors decide not to provide awards because they DID NOT receive a thank you!

Thank you notes are important!

New Way to Support Iowa County 4-H

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has developed an online method for supporters of 4-H to give monetary donations to their county programs. By donating to 4-H, your support will provide our youth access to educational resources and learning opportunities when they need it most. These hands-on learning experiences will help kids build the confidence and skills they'll need to navigate life's challenges. Here are some examples of how your support will impact our youth:

<p>\$25</p> <p>Your gift can help youth by providing an educational kit, connecting a youth with a virtual program or helping defray the cost of a 4-H experience.</p>	<p>\$50</p> <p>Your gift can help youth by reducing costs for a young person participating in local, regional, state and national 4-H activities.</p>	<p>\$100</p> <p>Your gift can provide materials for a club or county program so youth can connect with peers, mentors and opportunities.</p>	<p>\$250</p> <p>Your gift can support a program or event that will introduce youth to 4-H through fun, hands-on activities and skill-based learning.</p>	<p>\$500</p> <p>Your gift can help our youth development professionals create research-based solutions to help our youth overcome educational, mental health and access-related challenges.</p>
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Your support makes it possible for 4-H to continue investing in the people, programs and resources that make a meaningful difference. To make a donation, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website, and under "Support 4-H" select "County Support". Then choose Iowa County from the list (or you can follow this link: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/iowa-county-4-h/>). Thank you for your support of Iowa County 4-H!

Courthouse Project Pick-up

Congratulations to everyone who had artwork displayed at the Iowa County Courthouse. The projects will be returned to the Extension office and will be ready for pick-up beginning November 2nd after 1:00pm.



Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest



Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have once again teamed up again to present the "Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest" for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H members to create and submit a flavor recipe. Entries are due no later than November 15, 2022.

Five top finalists will be selected, with one finalist chosen as the grand prize winner. The grand prize winner will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party and a \$500 prize for their club. The winning flavor will also be produced in 2023 as a Feature Flavor for the month of July. The 4 additional top finalists will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party.

For more details or to enter, check out the Cedar Crest website: <https://cedarcresticecream.com/2022-cedar-crest-ice-cream-4-h-flavor-contest/>.

4-H Awards Day Recipients



Recipients of Key Awards, Scholarships, Ambassadors, Outstanding Record Books, Overall Ag, Overall Home and Family, Overall Creative Arts, Overall Mechanical Sciences, Overall Natural and Plant Sciences, Overall Achievement, and graduates will be recognized at the awards day ceremony on November 6th at 1:00pm at the Health & Human Services Building in Dodgeville. Below is the list of youth receiving awards at 4-H Awards Day. Please plan to attend the awards day to receive your awards!

Briceson Anderson	Jensen Hertrampf	Emi McCarville	Blake Schauff
Abilene Bartz	Shayla Holz	Bryn Meyer	Cole Schauff
Henry Bartz	Ellie Ihm	Landyn Moellers	Grant Schauff
Marissa Cleary	Tamra Ihm	Chelsey Mueller	Julia Searls
Kyra Danz	Colton James	Abigail Murphy	June Spurley
Kaleb Dolan	Ella James	Charity Oxnem	Sadie Spurley
Izabel Durst	Jalen Kittleson	Kallie Oxnem	Emmitt Steffes
Taylor Durst	Evie Koss	Morgan Oxnem	Madelyn Steffes
Adam Eastman	Olivia Koss	Carmen Parish	Jadyn Swinehart
Logan Eastman	Quentin Koss	Ella Parish	Aidan Tassoul
Caitlyn Fritsch	Erin Lasse	Riley Reynolds	Aida Tuttle
Emma Giddings	Erica Rose Lease	Ruby Reynolds	Jessica Vinger
Elise Gilbertson	Baylee Leix	Mackenzie Ripp	Kristina Vinger
Makenna Gilbertson	Tucker Leix	Autumn Robb	Morgan Washburn
Emily Graber	Elyse Linscheid	Annie Robinson	Kolton Wehler
Raelee Hampton	Evelena Linscheid	Ellie Robinson	Alexa Weier
Kylee Hathaway	George Linscheid	Joey Robinson	Natalie Wilson
Harper Heins	Lillian Linscheid	Johnny Robinson	Bryar Yelinek
Payton Heins	Makaya McCarthy	Paula Roum	

Leader Recognition

First Year: Jennifer DuBois, Jenna Hertrampf, Rebecca Kleist, Kassandra Koch, Jessica Kurschner, Isaac Page, Karmyn Page, Joan Steele, Natalie Wyse

Five Years: Meghan Durst, Carolyn Laufenberg, Brittany Ogden, Tina Parish, Karen Wilkinson

Ten Years: Heather Bowles, Audra Kuhls, Jonathan Osterndorff, Angela Schubert

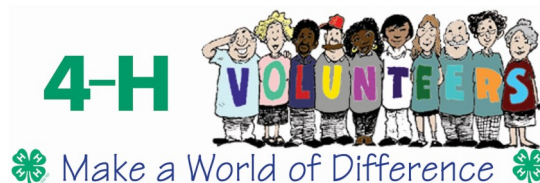
39 Years: Judy Mitchell

40 Years: Jim Parish, Karen Parish, Elisabeth Springer

42 Years: Lorrie Schriefer, Elaine Bunker

43 Years: Bob Bunker, Bill Mitchell

47 Years: Gene Schriefer, Sr.



Thank you to ALL of our amazing leaders!

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