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# The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March 2023



## 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### March

- 6** Virtual Animal Science: Reproduction Technologies, 7pm
- 12** Archery Practice, 4-6pm at the Tri-County Archery Club, Platteville
- 15** Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships Applications DUE, 5pm
- 17-19** State 4-H Art Beat, Grades 3-5, Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells
- 19** Day in the Arts, 1pm at Mineral Point High School
- 25** Livestock Quiz Bowl, UW-Madison
- 27** Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm at HHS Building
- Horse Quiz Bowl Practices - Sundays at 6:00pm

### April

- 14-16** UW-Madison Science Expedition
- 16** Archery Practice, 4-6pm at the Tri-County Archery Club, Platteville
- 20** May/June Clover Connection Newsletter Article Deadline
- 20-24** Space Camp
- Horse Quiz Bowl Practices - Sundays at 6:00pm

### May

- 1** 4-H Camp Registration Deadline
- 13** State Horse Quiz Bowl, Dodge County Fairgrounds
- 20** Swine ID DUE

### June

- 19-22** Summer Academy at UW-Madison, 7<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> Graders
- 20-23** 4-H Camp at Upham Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Graders



## ***Dairy Quiz Bowl***



The Iowa County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team competed in the State Dairy Quiz Bowl competition on February 25<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay. Members of the team included Evy Linscheid, George Linscheid, Madelyn Steffes, and Lily Linscheid. The team has been practicing with coach Angela Davis-Brown since fall and placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the competition! The team was asked a number of dairy-related questions, such as, "How many pairs of ribs does a dairy cow have?" (Answer: 13 pairs of ribs, for a total of 26 ribs). Congratulations Team!



## ***Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest***

The statewide youth wildlife art contest has 18 categories, including art, photography, trail camera pictures, nesting/feeding structures, taxidermy, and posters. **This 4-H activity is open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members.** You may be enrolled in any 4-H project to participate in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities.

The contest is open to youth in grades K to 13. Contact Tom in the Extension office for a complete description of categories and entry form. Entries must be postmarked by March 11<sup>th</sup>.



## ***YQCA Training***



**March 12th at 5:30pm**

**Cobb Community Building  
404 Motel St., Cobb**

- » <https://yqcaprogram.org>
- » Any questions, please contact Jackie McCarville at 608-328-9440

**You MUST register online, pay the \$3 fee, and complete the pretest**

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If you need to complete YQCA training this year, there will be a session led by Jackie McCarville on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Cobb Community Building. You must register online, pay the \$3 fee, and complete the pretest. There may be a couple more county-wide YQCA sessions later in the spring, but nothing has been confirmed yet, so be sure to attend this one if you can!

## Wisconsin 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### T-shirt Design

- Design must include the Official 4-H Clover
- Design must only be on the front and one color
- Please do not use your club/county name on the design as we want the design to represent all of Wisconsin 4-H
- Have fun and be creative!
- Use this form, or any blank sheet of paper/file
- Submit to <https://go.wisc.edu/77ts2>



Want to see your design on a statewide 4-H shirt? Turn in a one-color design between now and March 20! You can draw your design on the form found here: <https://go.wisc.edu/egj6p2> or on a blank piece of paper. Designs can be free-drawn or computer-designed. Designs must be original and should use the official 4-H clover. Completed designs should be uploaded to: <https://go.wisc.edu/75ts32>



## Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2023. **To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.** Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years, should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2023-2024 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

For more information, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship website here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>. A link to an information sheet is also posted on our website.

## Iowa County HCE Scholarship

The Iowa County Association for Home & Community Education (HCE) will be offering two \$300 scholarships for students planning to enroll or are presently enrolled in a college program that benefits families or communities. Applicants must be Iowa County residents or attend high school in Iowa County. They also need to be a relative of an Iowa County HCE member or be an Iowa County 4-H'er or 4-H graduate. If selected as an HCE scholarship recipient, they must successfully complete the Fall 2023 semester and show proof of full time registration for Spring 2024.



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

*Iowa & Lafayette County*

# DAY IN THE ARTS



**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - 1:00PM**  
**MINERAL POINT HIGH SCHOOL**

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*Day in the Arts provides an opportunity for youth to showcase their creative talents through music, speech, demonstrations, visual arts, and photography.*

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**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN GRADES KG TO 13**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2023**

**REGISTER THROUGH 4-H ONLINE**

**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)

## **MUSIC**

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.

## **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: 3-7 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under; 6-10 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

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

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

**Illustrated Talk** - should be written by speaker and illustrated with charts, posters, etc. Time limit: 2-4 minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders; 3-6 minutes for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders; 5-8 minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## ***Project Learning Day***

Project Learning Day was held on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the HHS building in Dodgeville. 4-H members from around Iowa County gathered to participate in sessions led by 4-H clubs and volunteers. Topics included nutritious snacks, handmade bookmarks, easy science experiments, picture frame art, Valentines Day necklaces, cereal box collages, and an introduction to Raspberry Pi (a simple, single-board computer). Thank you to all of the volunteers and Ambassadors who helped to make the morning a fun and educational experience for all!



## ***Summer Academy***

Youth currently in grades 7-10 are invited to join Wisconsin 4-H on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy from June 19-22, 2023. With the theme of “Exploring Your WHY,” the Academy is about helping youth find their spark and get a head start on their future, all while having the chance to stay in a dorm on the UW-Madison campus and making friends from around the state!



There will be seven content tracks for the 2023 Summer Academy, with youth able to select their track and receive an engaging experience in their content area: Arts & Communication, Leadership & Civic Engagement, Agriculture & Animal Sciences, STEM, Hospitality/Culinary, Construction/Trades, and Human Services. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities.

Registration will open online in early April, and the cost will be \$350 per youth, which covers registration, lodging, meals, transportation, and all other involved costs. More information is available on the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>, and details will be provided closer to the opening of registration.

## ***4-H Camp***



4-H Camp at Upham Woods is BACK for 2023! Iowa County 4-Hers in grades 3-7 have the opportunity to join youth from Grant and Lafayette Counties for 4 days and 3 nights of 80's Hollywood fun! Camp will run from June 20-23, 2023. 4-H youth in grades 3-7 will be notified when camper registration opens in 4-H Online. Details, including cost, are still being finalized and will be available when registration opens. Each county has a limited number of spots, so be sure to sign up early! The deadline to register is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Club News

## COBB BUSY BADGER CLUB NEWS by Natalie Mayne, Reporter

**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023** - The Cobb Busy Badger January meeting was held January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Cobb Community Center. We discussed new business, which included the retirement of Sarah Weier, and we reviewed the plan for the year and handed out copies of the plan. We also discussed old business, which included a Project Learning Day update and a newsletter review. Then we reviewed the next meeting that will be held February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cobb Community Center at 6:30pm. After that, Elyse, Julia, Landen, Lily, Espn, and Natalie all did demonstrations. After that, we enjoyed snacks and milk.



## COUNTRY CARDINALS CLUB NEWS by Kelsey Komplin, Reporter

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023** - The February meeting of the Country Cardinals 4-H Club was held after the Highland Ambulance Valentine's Pancake Breakfast. 4-H members helped keep the Pancake Breakfast running smoothly. Highlights of the meeting include talking about Project Learning Day that was held on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We also went to Tyrol Basin for some tubing fun on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was also reminded to members that YQCA training is due August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Iowa County Fair. Each member needs to complete a talk or demonstration no later than the October meeting. We'll be gearing up for our annual egg hunt at our March meeting. Also, each family was asked to pick a month to provide snacks/drinks.



Members of the **Five Point 4-H Club** went tubing at Tyrol Basin on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The ice storm that came through the area on Thursday made the hills very fast, and all in attendance had a great time!



Members of the **Clyde Go Getters 4-H Club** participated in a learning activity that included communication, teamwork, and leadership. Members of all ages worked together to figure out how to stack cups using rubber bands to grasp the cups. Sounds like fun!

*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](mailto:tom.harman@iowacounty.org)!*

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