



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May/June 2023



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May

- 1 4-H Camp Registration Deadline
- 7 Rabbit Meeting, 3:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 9 State 4-H Horse Hunt, Jump, & Dressage Show Entries Due
- 12 State Horse Speaking Contest, Dodge County Fairgrounds
- 13 State Horse Quiz Bowl, Dodge County Fairgrounds
- 20 Swine ID DUE
- 27 Horse Huntseat/Dressage Clinic, 9:00am at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 31 YQCA, 6:00pm at HHS Building

June

- 1 Horse ID's and Coggins Due
- 3 June Dairy Breakfast, Arena Cheese
- 9 Area Animal Science Day, Wood County
- 11 YQCA, 3:00pm at HHS Building
- 11 Horse Huntseat/Jumping Clinic, 9:00am at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 16 Area Animal Science Days (Dairy only), Mineral Point
- 19-22 Summer Academy at UW-Madison, 7th-10th Graders
- 20-23 4-H Camp at Upham Woods, 3rd-7th Graders
- 23-25 State 4-H Horse Hunt, Jump, & Dressage Show
- 26 Area Animal Science Day (Livestock only), Crawford County
- 28 Area Animal Science Day, Barron County

July

- 7 Ambassador Applications Due
- 8-9 Farmers Appreciation Days, Dodgeville
- 17 Ambassador Banquet
- 20 Cloverbud Day Camp, Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 22 Summer Project Learning Day, Iowa County Fairgrounds



Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest



Iowa County had two teams participating in the Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Contest on the UW-Madison campus. The team of Caleb Formo, Cole Schauff, and Riley Sennhenn finished second overall in the Junior division! **Congratulations** to all who participated - great job representing Iowa County!

Congratulations to Caleb Formo, Cole Schauff, and Grant Schauff, who all finished in the top 10 individually in the Junior division of the Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Contest! Great job to all who participated - way to go Iowa County!



Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double-elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills.

Horse Project News



The 4-H Horse Project had a busy spring!

We kicked off March with 4-H Horse members helping with Feeding Friends at the Dodgeville United Methodist Church. On March 26th, the Iowa County 4-H Horse group hosted our annual Tack Sale fundraiser at the Dodgeville Middle School.

There were eight horse members who participated in the Midwest Horse Fair Judging Competition. June Spurley placed 4th in individual judging for her age division. June Spurley, Raelee Hampton, and Raleigh Cullen place third as a team for their age division.

We had a lot of horse members help out as balloon runners for the Mounted Justice–Cowboy Mounted Shooting on April 22-23.

Horse members, keep tuned to your emails and instant messages for upcoming open rides and clinic dates. If you have any questions please email dvinger@rv3d.com or call/text Deena at 608-574-5453.

Upcoming Events

May 12 – State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest

May 13 – State 4-H Horse Hippology and Quiz Bowl

May 27 – Huntseat/Dressage Clinic at Iowa Co Fairgrounds at 9 a.m.

June 1 – Horse ID's & Coggins Due

June 11 – Huntseat/Jumping Clinic at Iowa Co. Fairgrounds at 9 a.m.

June 23-25 – State 4-H Horse Hunt, Jump & Dressage Show – Entries due to Deena by May 9



Meet Dan Brandt - Iowa County 4-H Youth Development Educator



I am very excited to be joining Iowa County Extension and the 4-H Team! I have worked with kids and young adults for many years. I recently taught Government, Geography, and World History at the Middle School level and High School Psychology and Sociology. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2013 with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture, Political Science, and Education. I have previously worked in Extension as the Iowa County Horticulture Intern for the summers of 2007, 2008, and 2009. While working with Extension I decided I really enjoyed working with young adults and children and switched my degree two weeks before graduation to Education. When the Iowa County 4-H Youth Development Educator role opened, I knew I had to apply, as I have always wanted to work in Extension and bring the values and education right to the youth of Iowa County. In my free time, I also run a small craft store business called Wisconsin Yard Art located in Kieler, WI, specializing in Wisconsin Badger décor, seasonal décor, wood, metal, and cement products.

Dan can be reached at dan.brandt@wisc.edu.

Project Learning Day



Saturday, July 22nd will be the Iowa County 4-H Summer Project Learning Day at the Iowa County Fairgrounds! This is a great opportunity for 4-H 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 sent out once details have been finalized. Stay tuned!

Ambassador Applications



All youth who have completed 8th grade to 12th grade and who completed their 2022 4-H Record Book are eligible to apply for an official role as an Iowa County 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors get a jump start on career development by interviewing, speaking in public, planning events, and promoting 4-H. Contact the Extension office at (608) 930-9850 or tom.harman@iowacounty.org for an application (it is also available on our website).

The deadline to apply is **July 7th**.

Cloverbud Day

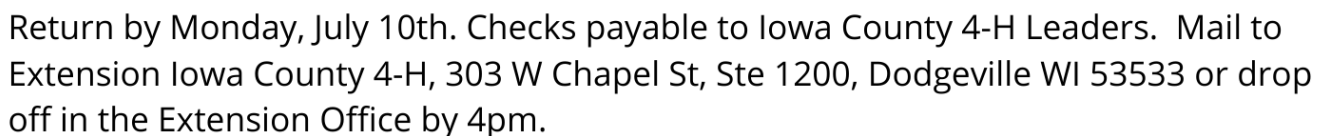


Register by: Monday, July 10th!!! Limit of 20 participants!!



***Please remember to bring weather appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, and water (optional).**

Parent Signature: _____



Pollinator Week Art Contest



Wisconsin Celebrates
POLLINATOR WEEK
June 19-25, 2023



Calling all artists! As part of Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinator Week, we want you to put your creativity to the test by designing a butterfly and telling us about it! Winning entries will receive prizes from Extension 4-H and have your original art displayed on the UW-Madison Division of Extension Horticulture and 4-H webpages, social media platforms, and future marketing.

Art Contest Guidelines

- Artwork and entry form due by June 30, 2023
- Entry must be the contestant's original work; use the butterfly template provided: [Butterfly Template](#)
- Entries can be submitted by mail or online

Submit by Mail:

Complete the [entry form](#) and send to:

Pollinator Week Art Contest

UW Madison Division of Extension – Sauk County

Attn: Tim Ripp

505 Broadway St.

Baraboo, WI 53913

Age Categories: Child (0-5), Youth (6-12), Teen (13-17), and Adult (18 +)

Winning Entries: Prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each age category. Winners will be announced on the UW Extension Horticulture website here. Winning artwork may be featured in future 4-H and horticulture marketing.

For more information about pollinators, Pollinator Week, or this contest, please visit the UW Extension Horticulture website here: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/pollinator-week/>. You can click on the links on this page using the online version of this newsletter posted to the Iowa County 4-H website, or hard copies of the entry form and butterfly template are available by calling the Extension Office at (608) 930-9850.

YQCA Training



May 31st at 6pm or June 11th at 3:00pm

Iowa County Health & Human Services Building
303 W Chapel St., Dodgeville

» Register at <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

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

There will be YQCA training sessions on Wednesday, May 31st (6:00pm) and Sunday, June 11th (3:00pm). Both will take place at the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville (303 West Chapel Street). You can register for these training sessions at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. You **MUST** register online, pay the \$3 fee online, and **COMPLETE THE PRETEST** before attending the training.

All youth who will be keeping animals overnight at the fair are required to participate in YQCA training to exhibit at the 2023 Iowa County Fair. Youth will need a current YQCA certification number to complete fair entries by the deadline of August 1st.

YQCA is not associated with Extension or 4-H, therefore you will need to contact the Help Desk at YQCA for assistance navigating the website. A graphic showing how to access the pretest is below. If you have any questions regarding these training sessions, please contact Jackie McCarville at (608) 328-9440.

STEP 2

Select user to take course. Select the participant, state, and training.

Enter coupon code or credit/debit card details.

STEP 3

To view purchased trainings, use the dropdown menu to select "Enrolled Trainings"

STEP 4

Prior to the training, return to the "Enrolled Trainings" page to complete the course pre-test.

STEP 5

Attend training.

STEP 6

Following training, log back in to take post-course survey and access certificate.

INSTRUCTOR ENROLLED LIST					
Instructor-Led Training Enrolled Sessions					
#	Enroll User	Course	Instructor	Training	Enroll Time
1	YOUTH NAME	Age 10: Junior	INSTRUCTOR NAME	May, 17 2022 1:00 PM Northeast 4-H Club Training 4-H Building ABC Street Suite A Small Town, NE 11111	2022-03-17 11:11 AM

To access the YQCA online pre-test, follow these steps!

Club News

BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB NEWS by Makenna Gilbertson, Reporter

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met in February at the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville. New business is the 4-H Day in the Arts on March 19th at the Mineral Point School. Members can enter their art, photography, music, or speeches. The Hollandale Easter Egg Hunt will be in April. We will help fill the eggs at our next meeting. Our annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser event will be in June. The date will be announced soon!

After the meeting we played some team building games and then some club members went ice skating. It was fun! Next meeting is Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Pecatonica Elementary School in Hollandale.

BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB NEWS by Makenna Gilbertson, Reporter

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met in March at the Pecatonica Elementary School. Before the meeting we filled Easter eggs for the Hollandale Egg Hunt.

Old Business was 4-H Day in the Arts. The Howard family participated and talked about it. The members who went ice skating after the last meeting also had fun.

New business is that our Ice Cream Social is scheduled for June 14 at the Hollandale Legion Building.

Next meeting is Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pecatonica Elementary School in Hollandale. Weather permitting, we will do roadside cleanup after the short meeting.



AVOCA CIRCLE A 4-H CLUB NEWS by Khloe Pauls, Reporter



Members of the Avoca Circle A 4H Club planted bean seeds at the monthly meeting in March. On March 18th the club members braved the cold weather and participated in the annual Avoca St Patrick's Day Parade.



Members of the **Five Point 4-H Club** went bowling at Midway Lanes in Mineral Point on Sunday, March 12th. The event included pizza, snacks, and a whole lot of 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!*

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