



Extension
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The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 29 Trunk or Treat, 2:00-4:00pm at the Fairgrounds

November

- 1 Annual Club Charter Renewals Due
- 1 Thrive Survey Sent Via Email
- 6 Opportunity/Scholarship Applications Due
- 4-5 State 4-H Fall Forum
- 27 Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00pm @ HHS

December

- 1 4-H Re-enrollments Due Online
- 1 Record Books Due to Club Leaders
- 8 Selected Record Books Due to Extension Office

January

TBD Iowa County 4-H Awards Day (date and location to be determined)

February

- 17 Project Learning Day



2023-2024 4-H Ambassadors

The Iowa County 4-H Ambassador Interviews and Banquet was held on Monday, July 17th. Congratulations to the 2023–24 4-H Ambassadors: Erica Rose Lease and Estella James (Royalty), Morgan Oxnem (Head), Emi McCarville (Heart), Jaydn Swinehart (Hands), Logan Eastman (Health), Caitlyn Fritsch, Quentin Koss, Madelyn Steffes, James Steele, and Kolton Wehler. We also would like to recognize this year's graduating Ambassadors: Ellie Ihm and Abigail Murphy. Thank you for all you have done for Iowa County 4-H!



Logan



Morgan



Jaydn



James



Erica Rose



Emi



Kolton



Madelyn



Caitlyn



Quentin



Ella

4-H Educational Experience Opportunities & Scholarships

Wisconsin 4-H is starting to plan for 2024 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 **November 6th**. The application and details of the opportunities available to Iowa County 4-H members can be found on the Iowa County Extension website on the main 4-H page. 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). Opportunities include:



Space Camp
Advanced Space Academy
State 4-H Youth Conference
Citizenship Washington Focus

American Spirit East
State 4-H Art Camps
National 4-H Congress
4-H Key Award



4-H Scholarships

More information about these and other opportunities, including 4-H Foundation Scholarships, can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

Horse Project News



IOWA COUNTY
4H
HORSE PROJECT



The Horse Project has had a busy summer. We have had wonderful clinicians sharing their knowledge and expertise. Iowa County was well represented at the State 4-H Horse Shows. Our members won many top 10's, Reserve, and Champion placings. Kammy Kolb, Jake Barnett, Kris Vinger, and June Spurley participated at the WI State Huntseat & Dressage Show in June at Plymouth, WI. Kris Vinger, Jake Barnett, June Spurley, and Austin Shearer participated at 4-H State Gymkhana and 4-H State Horse Expo at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in September. Follow our Facebook page for more photos from shows, education events, and horse information.



Thrive Survey

4-H THRIVING MODEL SURVEY
OPENS NOVEMBER 1



Information sent to 4-H via email 11/1/17 and the email used in December

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 20% response rate!

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

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!

Iowa County 4-H Summer Recap



Project Learning Day was held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at the Iowa County Fairgrounds in Mineral Point. The morning consisted of 50-minute sessions for Iowa County 4-H members to learn a new skill, explore a project area, or make a project ready to exhibit at the fair.



4-H camp took place from June 20-23 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. 75 4-H youth from Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette counties attended and enjoyed activities such as hiking, swimming, canoeing, and arts & crafts.

It was a great time, and we look forward to going back again next year!



Iowa County 4-H Summer Recap

On Friday, July 28th, twenty-three 4-H members met at the Iowa County Fairgrounds to participate in a **Summer Show Clinic** in preparation for the fair. The youth learned about clipping, cleaning, and taking care of their animals before and during the fair. They made trail mixes and ear tags that could be entered into the fair as a project. Thank you to all who helped fund the lunch and the activities for the day, and a BIG thank-you to the presenters!



It's 4-H Re-Enrollment Time!



Re-enrollment for current families (and enrollment for new families) in your 4-H club and projects has begun 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 fee is \$10 per youth member, or \$30 for a family of three or more.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Brandt at 930-9858 or dan.brandt@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 Supporting You, Supporting Youth training (takes the place of Title IX).

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

Questions? Need Assistance? Please contact Dan Brandt, Iowa County 4-H Coordinator, at dan.brandt@wisc.edu or 608-930-9858

4-H Club Charters

Club leaders: 4-H charters are 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 ASAP, as these will need to be entered into the program. THANK YOU to those clubs who have already completed this step!



Club News

Red Barn 4-H CLUB NEWS by Patrick Fritsch, Reporter

Red Barn held their club picnic on August 20 at the Montfort Ballpark. While plans originally included playing some kickball or other games, it was hot. Members enjoyed a potluck lunch. During our meeting, we started to talk about projects and activities for the next year. Some of the activities include fall bulb planting in Montfort, a woodworking project, Christmas cookie decorating, and an aeronautics activity to name a few. The club voted to purchase club shirts.

*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!*

How Can You 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:

\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500
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.	Your gift can help youth by reducing costs for a young person participating in local, regional, state and national 4-H activities.	Your gift can provide materials for a club or county program so youth can connect with peers, mentors and opportunities.	Your gift can support a program or event that will introduce youth to 4-H through fun, hands-on activities and skill-based learning.	Your gift can help our youth development professionals create research-based solutions to help our youth overcome educational, mental health and access-related challenges.

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 6th after 1:00pm.



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Treasurer: Deena Vinger

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Directors:

Jackie McCarville & Deb Ivey - 2023

Sally Hanson & Deena Vinger - 2024

Laura Anderson & Dustin Strobush - 2025

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