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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER  
December 2023



## 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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### December

- 1 Record Books due to Club Leader
- 8 Selected Record Books Due to Extension Office

### January

- 14 Iowa County 4-H Awards Day 1PM at HHS Building Dodgeville
- 22 Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00pm @ HHS

### February

- 3 Exploration Day (Project Learning Days)



## 2023-2024 4-H Ambassadors Spotlight

Iowa County will be highlighting two ambassadors in each newsletter. This month's Ambassadors Spotlights are Quentin Koss of Kountry Kousins 4-H Club and James Steele of Pleasant View 4-H Club. Read Below to learn more about each of them.



UW-MADISON EXTENSION





# IOWA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR

Meet our Iowa County 4-H Ambassador

**How long have you been a 4-H Member?**  
9 years

**What is your favorite 4-H activity and why?**  
Poultry because I love my chickens.

**What is a hobby/interest you have outside of 4-H?**  
Track and Football

**Why did you become an Ambassador?**  
To engage in more activities and help the judges at the fair and help the judges at the fair.


**What is your favorite part about being an Ambassador?**  
Cloverbud judging, it is interesting to see what the cloverbuds can make and to see their smiles after getting their ribbons.

**What projects do you show at the fair?**  
Poultry, fishing, scale models, and flowers.

## QUENTIN KOSS

KOUNTRY KOUSINS 4-H CLUB





# IOWA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR

Meet our Iowa County 4-H Ambassador

**How long have you been a 4-H Member?**  
9 years

**What is your favorite 4-H activity and why?**  
woodworking or just crafts

**What is a hobby/interest you have outside of 4-H?**  
I am a part of my school's play/musical

**Why did you become an Ambassador?**  
I became an ambassador because I wanted to give back to my community, and help out where I can.

**What is your favorite part about being an Ambassador?**  
helping with 4-H events.

**What projects do you show at the fair?**  
I like to show artwork that I've made, like leather work and blacksmithing creations. I like doing woodworking, and I also bring in a lot of photography projects. On top of that I also train dogs for the dog shows.

## JAMES STEELE

PLEASANT VIEW 4-H CLUB

**4H**  
*Ambassador*



## Club News

### PLEASANT VIEW & JONESDALE JAYS 4-H CLUB NEWS

by Hunter Robb, Pleasant View 4-H Club Reporter

Pleasant View & Jonesdale Jays met together this month and carved pumpkins together. A meeting was held before carving pumpkins. We reviewed and approved by-laws and approved the treasure's report.

Our next meeting will be in December.



On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, members of the Five Point 4-H Club enjoyed a crisp fall day at Enchanted Valley Acres in Cross Plains. Everyone had a great time exploring the huge corn maze, sliding down the giant slide, jumping on the giant pumpkin jump pads, playing games, and much, much more!

### RED BARN 4-H CLUB NEWS by Patrick Fritsch, Club Reporter

The Red Barn 4H club met Saturday October 21. During our meeting we discussed record book due dates, gift wrapping in Dodgeville, Christmas in Montfort, and adding an additional fundraiser. We signed a thank you card for the family who made our animal and barn cutouts for the fair. After the meeting, we planted tulips bulbs around the community building in Montfort. We can't wait to see them grow in the spring.

### REWEY LUCKY STARS 4-H CLUB NEWS by Tucker Leix and Blake Schauff, Reporters

On Sunday, November 12, the Rewey Lucky Stars had a meeting. At this meeting, we welcomed new members to the club. We ate pizza and drank soda also to welcome the members. Mr. Shimshak, Iowa-Grant Superintendent, also gave us a fun night of stargazing and seeing some planets. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Shimshak for making this such a fun meeting.



## Courthouse Project Pick-up

Congratulations to everyone who had artwork displayed at the Iowa County Courthouse! The projects have been returned to the Extension office and can be picked up during regular Extension Office hours (8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday).

# 2024 Iowa County 4-H Summer Camp

**COME AND JOIN US**

**IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA**

## 4-H SUMMER CAMP

**SAVE THE DATES**

**JUNE 25-27  
2024**



**UPHAM WOODS  
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**



**STAY TUNED FOR MORE  
INFO ABOUT REGISTRATION**

**OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 3-8**



**IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA**

## SUMMER 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR SEARCH

Applications are now open for 4-H Summer Camp Counselors. Must be in 9th-12th grade to apply. Simply scan the QR Code below to be directed to the application. Applications are due January, 26th, 2024.

**CAMP DATES  
JUNE 25-27  
2024**

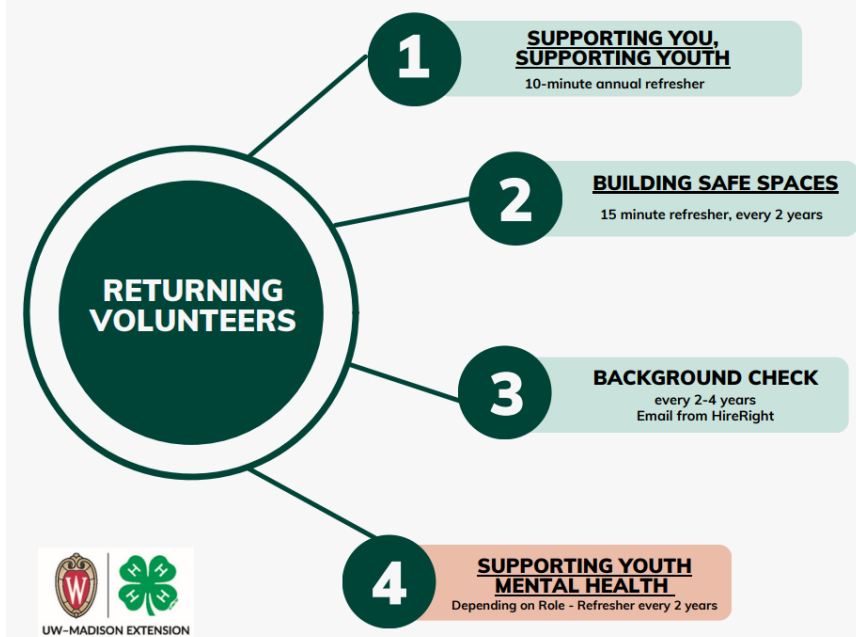
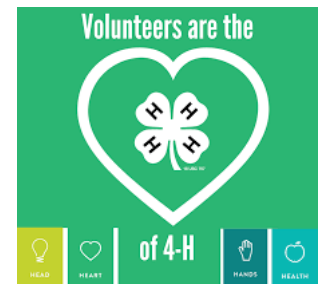
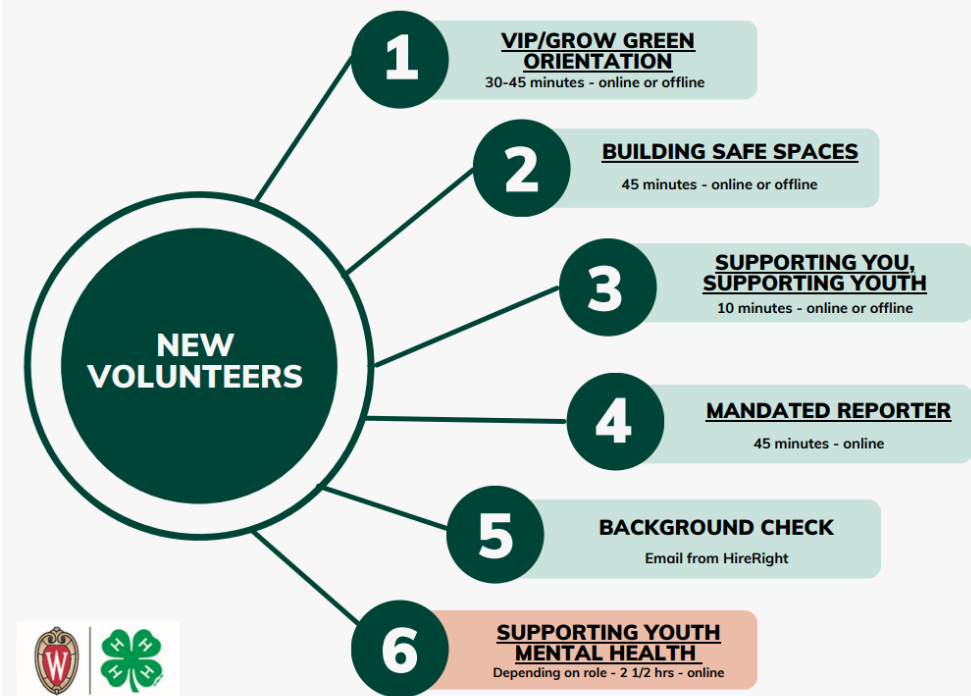


# Parade Float Driver Requirements

Many 4-H clubs will plan on entering a float in a local parade. Just a reminder that there are specific requirements for 4-H parade float drivers that must be adhered to. The float must be driven by a 4-H adult volunteer 21 years of age or older and an authorized driver by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In order to become an authorized driver, volunteers must complete the UW-Madison Volunteer Driver Authorization Request form. If you need a copy of this form, please contact Tom at the Extension office at (608) 930-9850 or at [tom.harman@iowacounty.org](mailto:tom.harman@iowacounty.org). The form says to allow 10 working days for processing, so be sure to submit your form well before the date of the parade!



## Volunteer Trainings





## ***2023 Awards Day***

**IOWA COUNTY**

# **4-H AWARDS DAY**

**SUNDAY**

## **JANUARY 14th**

**AT HHS BUILDING, DODGEVILLE, WI**  
**1:00PM**

*The Events*

**AWARD CEREMONY**  
**PROJECT AWARDS**  
**RECORD BOOK WINNERS**  
**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**  
**KEY AWARD WINNERS**

**TICKET**  
**FREE**  
Per Person

## ***Iowa County HCE Scholarship***

The Iowa County Association for Home & Community Education (HCE) will be offering two \$300 scholarships to students planning to enroll or presently enrolled full-time in two or more years of post-secondary education in a program that benefits families or communities. Current post-secondary students are eligible to apply!



Programs or related fields may include, but are not limited to, education, health care, childcare, food service, communications, agriculture, etc. Scholarships will be awarded upon the recipients' successful completion of the Fall 2024 semester (GPA of 2.5 or higher) and proof of full-time registration for the Spring 2025 semester.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of Iowa County, WI or attend an Iowa County, WI school.
- A child or grandchild of an Iowa County HCE member OR a current Iowa County 4-H or an Iowa County 4-H graduate.

The application is due no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

This application is available electronically by email from [tom.harman@iowacounty.org](mailto:tom.harman@iowacounty.org) and requesting it as a Word attachment. It is also available at <https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/scholarships>.

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***



**IOWA COUNTY 4-H  
EXPLORATION DAY**

"Exploring what 4-H is all about"

<b>3 FEB. 2024</b> 9 AM -12PM	<b>HHS Building</b> 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533
	<b>More Info Contact :</b> <a href="mailto:dan.brandt@wisc.edu">dan.brandt@wisc.edu</a>

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## ***THE CLOVER CONNECTION***

### **IOWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL**

**Co-Presidents:** Laura Anderson & Sally Hanson

**Vice President:** Emi McCarville

**Secretary:** Deb Ivey

**Treasurer:** Deena Vinger

**Fair Representative:** Bill Mitchell

#### **Directors:**

Jackie McCarville & Deb Ivey - 2023

Sally Hanson & Deena Vinger - 2024

Laura Anderson & Dustin Strobush - 2025

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