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IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February

- 3 Exploration Day, 9am-12pm at HHS Building, Dodgeville
- 11 Shooting Sports Practice, 3:15-4:15pm at Tri County Archery in Platteville
- 25 Horse Kick-Off Meeting, 1:00pm at HHS Building, Dodgeville

March

- 9 Day in the Arts, 1pm at Belmont High School, Belmont
- 15-17 4-H ArtBEAT at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 17 Shooting Sports Practice, 3:15-4:15pm at Tri County Archery in Platteville
- 25 4-H Leaders Council Meeting at HHS Building Dodgeville

April

- 14 Shooting Sports Practice, 3:15-4:15pm at Tri County Archery in Platteville
- 19-24 National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.



2023-2024 4-H Ambassadors Spotlight

Iowa County will be highlighting two ambassadors in each newsletter. This month's Ambassadors Spotlights are Caitlyn Fritsch of Red Barn 4-H Club and Emi McCarville of Blue Ribbon 4-H Club. Read below to learn more about each of them!



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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?

dog showing because I get to run with my dog Skippy and train her. Skippy is a fast dog and I have to come up with new ways to try and keep up to her when it comes to agility. Agility is our favorite thing about dog but we do well in obedience too.

What is a hobby/interest you have outside of 4-H?

I love soccer.

Why did you become an Ambassador?

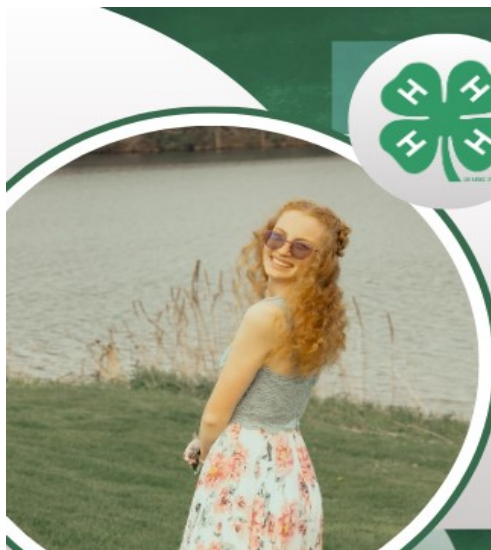
I like to help out and help the people I can.

What is your favorite part about being an Ambassador?

participating in the Barnyard Olympics. It is really fun to see how competitive the kids are and it is nice to see the joy on their face.

What projects do you show at the fair?

photography, vegetables, plants, art, dogs, rabbits, food, home environment pieces, and different types of posters.



CAITLYN FRITSCH

RED BARN 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?

showing pigs because the pig barn is a fun environment to be in and working with the superintendents and different breeders in the county is fun and easy.

What is a hobby/interest you have outside of 4-H?

taking naps in my free time and spending time with my friends and family.

Why did you become an Ambassador?

I saw how the past teams were all close and like a family and I wanted to have that too.

What is your favorite part about being an Ambassador?

working with youth in the county and watching them explore to see what 4-H has to offer for them.

What projects do you show at the fair?

I show pigs at the county fair.



EMI MCCARVILLE

BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB

4H
Ambassador

Day in the Arts

Iowa & Lafayette County



SATURDAY, MARCH 9th—1:00 PM

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

DAY IN THE ARTS



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

OPEN TO ALL 4-H YOUTH IN GRADES KG TO 13

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

REGISTER THROUGH 4-H ONLINE

For information regarding the categories, requirements, and guidelines for the entries, see the information packet available on our [website](#) or contact the Extension Office to have a packet sent to you.

Summer Intern



We will soon begin the search for a 4-H Summer Intern to help support the 4-H programs in Iowa & Lafayette Counties. This position will help support summer 4-H camps, the 4-H programs at the Iowa and Lafayette County Fairs, and much more. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Horse Project News

Jake Barnett, Kristina Vinger, and AJ Shearer qualified for Quarter Horse Congress in Ohio for the 4-H Communication Contest. AJ Shearer placed 1st with his Individual Presentation: "Mounted Shooting". Kris Vinger and Jake Barnett placed 4th on their Team Presentation: "The Art and History of Horse Breeding". They also qualified and competed against 20 teams from 15 states in the Hippology Contest.

On New Year's Eve, some members of the Iowa Co. 4-H Horse Project gathered for ice skating, pizza, and games.

The Kick-Off Meeting is Sunday, February 25th at 1 pm in the HHS Community Room. This is a required meeting to show at the fair and at state horse events. Questions: call/text Deena at (608) 574-5453 or email at dvinger@rv3d.com.

Follow our Facebook page for more photos from shows, education events, and horse information.



Iowa County Awards Day

Iowa County 4-H would like to thank everyone who braved the cold weather to attend our Awards Day. We had a great number of awards to hand out, and it was great seeing all the youth receive their well-deserved awards. Congratulations to everyone who was recognized!

We would like to give a special shout-out to our 4-H Key Award Winners: Emily Graber and Emi McCarville. This is the highest honor and award given in 4-H. The Key Award is given to outstanding 4-H members each year in 9th grade or older with three years enrollment in the 4-H and one year in the youth leadership project. The purpose of the Key Award is to provide special recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, who have developed leadership abilities, and who have been helpful members in their club and community. Congratulations to these exceptional 4-H'ers!

We would also like to give a special shout-out to our Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship Winner, Emily Graber. Scholarship applicants must have been an Iowa County 4-H member for three years prior to graduation and demonstrate a positive attitude, leadership, and responsibility.



**TO MAKE
THE BEST
BETTER** 🍀



Iowa County Awards Day

Outstanding Record Books

Club leaders submitted the best record books from their clubs to the county to be considered for Outstanding Record Books. These were the 4-H'ers from each age group whose record books were judged to be outstanding! Congratulations!

3rd Grade - Rex Poppe (Cobb Busy Badgers), Joslynn Rolli (Rockwell Mills)

Joslynn Rolli was awarded Best Record Book in the division and received \$30



4th and 5th Grade - Briceson Anderson (Country Cardinals), Evie Koss (Kountry Kousins), Ruby Reynolds (Five Point), Hunter Robb (Pleasant View), Sadie Spurley (Iowa County Equine Club)

Briceson Anderson was awarded Best Record Book in the division and received \$30



6th and 7th Grade - Adam Eastman (Cobb Busy Badgers), Makenna Gilbertson (Blue Ribbon), Olivia Koss (Kountry Kousins), Chelsey Mueller (Rewey Lucky Stars), Charity Oxnem (Five Point), Blake Schauff (Rewey Lucky Stars)

Olivia Koss was awarded Best Record Book in the division and received \$30



8th and 9th Grade - Lillian Linscheid (Cobb Busy Badgers), Riley Reynolds (Five Point), June Spurley (Iowa County Equine Club), Madelyn Steffes (County Line), Owen Wyatt (Rewey Lucky Stars)

Madelyn Steffes was awarded Best Record Book in the division and received \$30



10th Grade and Above - Estella James (County Line), Elyse Linscheid (Cobb Busy Badgers), Morgan Oxnem (Five Point), Kristina Vinger (Iowa County Equine Club)

Kristina Vinger was awarded Best Record Book in the division and received \$30



Graduating Members

The county also recognized those 4-H members who are graduating from the 4-H program. We thank them for their years of service and dedication to Iowa County 4-H and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

Alaina DeBois (Pleasant View)
Emily Graber (County Line)
Colton James (Rockwell Mills)

Makaya McCarthy (Rewey Lucky Stars)
Trapper Nafzger (Pleasant View)
Alexa Weier (Five Point)

2024 Iowa County 4-H Summer Camp



4-H Camp Volunteer Opportunity



Summer 4-H Camp needs YOU!

Adults, are you interested in attending 4-H Summer Camp with Iowa, Portage, and Waupaca Counties? Chaperones are needed for a variety of roles during camp. Click this link or scan the QR code to register: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSc55n0YjAdmQ../viewform>



Shooting Sports News

We are looking forward to a new year of shooting. For those enrolled in the project, we will be holding four indoor practices starting in January at Tri County Archery, 9145 County Line Road, Platteville WI. Practices will be held from 3:15 to 4:15. Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment or share the 4-H equipment at each practice.

Upcoming practice dates are:

- Sunday, February 11th
- Sunday, March 17th
- Sunday, April 14th



If you have any questions, please contact Leah McDonald at (608) 558-9302 or leah.holmes@hotmail.com.

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 1st, 2024.

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

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 2024. ***To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by 5:00pm on Friday, March 1, 2024.***

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 2024-2025 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/>.

Club News

On Sunday, January 22nd, Five Point 4-H Club held their annual awards celebration and potluck. Members were recognized for completing record books, and those who were judged to be the best record books received trophies. Also at this meeting, new club officers were introduced, and previous officers were thanked for their service. Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner as well!



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Directors:

Sally Hanson & Deena Vinger - 2024

Laura Anderson & Dustin Strobush - 2025

Jackie McCarville & Mia Hillenbrand - 2026

Youth: Erica Rose Lease, Estella James, Morgan Oxnem, Emi McCarville, Jadyn Swinehart, Logan Eastman

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