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The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER
April/May 2024



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April

- 7 YQCA, Youth & Ag Building, Lancaster
- 13 Steer/Market Heifer Weigh-Ins, 9:30-11:30am at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 13 YQCA, Multi-Purpose Building, Darlington
- 14 Shooting Sports Practice (Archery), 3:15-4:15pm at Tri County Archery in Platteville
- 19-24 National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.
- 21 Shooting Sports Practice (Air Rifle), 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 28 YQCA, Youth & Ag Building, Lancaster
- 28 Shooting Sports Practice (Air Rifle), 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds

May

- 3 Swine Tag Request Deadline (pick up on 5/4); see details in swine info email sent through 4H Online
- 5 Shooting Sports Practice (Air Rifle), 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 16 Food Fight Donation Deadline
- 19 Shooting Sports Practice (Air Rifle), 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds

June

- 11 4-H Cooking Class (Italian Menu), 9am-1pm
- 20 Area Animal Science Days, Green County
- 22 Exploration Day (including YQCA training), Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 25-27 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells

2023-2024 4-H Ambassadors Spotlight

Iowa County will be highlighting two ambassadors in each newsletter. This month's Ambassadors Spotlights are Jady Swinehart and James Steele, both of Pleasant View 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?
8 years

What is your favorite 4-H activity and why?
creating projects for the fair because I like to show my creative side.



What is a hobby/interest you have outside of 4-H?
softball for my traveling team all year round and I also do cross country and I enjoy hunting.

Why did you become an Ambassador?
so I could represent 4-H and be a great example for younger members.

What is your favorite part about being an Ambassador?
I like helping out with various activities at the fair.

What projects do you show at the fair?
photography, cultural arts, and scale models.

JADYN SWINEHART
PLEASANT VIEW 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





YQCA is a fair requirement to show animals at the Iowa County Fair; it is **NOT** a 4-H sponsored training or requirement to participate in the 4-H program. YQCA offers an in-person class as well as an online version. The online version is a better educational opportunity...it is set up for the age level the youth sign up for when taking the training. The in-person training is set at the lowest level to reach all audiences in attendance.

When signing up for the YQCA training, you must login online to register and pay the \$3 per person fee. Youth also need to complete the pre-survey when signing up. Please go to the following link to register: [YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](https://yqcaprogram.org)

We are lucky here in Iowa County to have a Dairy Educator who offers two training for each county in our area. Below are the dates that Jackie McCarville is hosting YQCA training for the rest of the season. You may attend any of these in-person events, you just need to register through YQCA and pick the correct date and location. If you cannot attend any of the in-person events, you will need to complete the training online.

Grant County

April 7 & April 28: 3pm at the Youth and Ag Building, 916 E. Elm St. Suite A, Lancaster

Lafayette County

April 13: 9am at the Multi-Purpose Building, 12016 Hill Street, Darlington

Iowa County

June 22: 8:45am at 4-H Exploration Day, Iowa County Fair Grounds, 900 Fair Street, Mineral Point

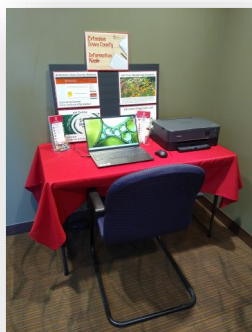
4-H Ambassador Applications

All youth who have completed 8th grade to 12th grade and who completed their 2023 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).

All application materials are due by Friday, July 12th. Interviews will be held on Monday, July 22nd.



Extension Information Kiosk Now Available



The Iowa County Extension Office is excited to announce the addition of an Information Kiosk to the lobby area of our office. This computer is available at no charge to the public for Extension-related use, including accessing the Extension Iowa County website, registering for 4-H or other 4H Online activities, signing up for ag programs, submitting questions to the “Ask Your Gardening Question” site, access to the UW-Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab, and much more!

We hope this will be a useful tool for those with limited or no Internet accessibility at home, allowing them to take advantage of Extension programming.

Day in the Arts



Iowa and Lafayette County 4-H Clubs held their annual Day in the Arts on March 9th, at Belmont High School. Youth of all ages (including Cloverbuds) showcased their passion, skills, and talents in a variety of categories, including visual arts (art, drawing & paint, and crafts), music, photography, and communications.

Congratulations to everyone who participated - it was wonderful to see so many talented 4-H'ers! Pictured are the merit award winners from each of the 5 categories.



Mounds View 4-H COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

2024

Visit [Typensave.com](https://www.typensave.com)

Username: moundsview4h Password: carrot433

SUBMIT RECIPES ONLINE!

Go to Mounds View 4-H Community Cookbook Facebook page to order!

\$20

Deadline April 30

Mail cash or check to:

PO Box 273, Barneveld, WI 53507

Checks made out to Mounds View 4H. You can also mail your recipe & order.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



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Area Animal Science Day is a series of day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include dairy cattle evaluation; livestock k (beef, sheep, swine, & meat goats) evaluation; oral reasons contests for senior members; and dairy showmanship contests. In addition, each site may offer a variety of workshops, such as poster and photography contests or horse judging activities. Watch for more information!

Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

The Iowa County team was very successful at the Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon held on March 16th. The Junior team consisting of Sam Sennhenn, Blake Schauff, Caleb Formo, and Grant Schauff placed 1st in Skillathon and 2nd in Quiz Bowl. Caleb Formo also placed first in the individual portion of the Skillathon. The Senior team consisting of Riley Sennhenn, Johnny Robinson, and Cole Schauff placed 5th in Skillathon. Congratulations to all of the participants, and a big congrats to our Iowa County 4-H contestants.



Dairy Quiz Bowl



The mixed dairy bowl team of Lily, Evy, and George Linscheid and Elise Gilbertson placed second in the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl competition held on March 2nd in Green Bay. Congratulations, and way to represent Iowa County 4-H!

Special thanks to the Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association for paying for registration!

2024 Iowa County 4-H Summer Camp

COME AND JOIN US

IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA

4-H SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 2nd in 4-H Online

Thank you to the Iowa County 4-H Leaders Association Camp will only be \$100 per youth

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

4-H Food Fight is Back!



The Rockwell Mills 4-H Club is challenging all Iowa County 4-H clubs to a Food Fight to raise food, money, and supplies for the Iowa County Food Pantry. All clubs should bring their food and supplies to the Food Pantry at 138 S. Iowa Street in Dodgeville (entrance at back of building) on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, between 3:30 and 5:30pm. We will be adding up the weights of items and money and will determine the top large club (over 25 members) and top small club (25 or fewer members).

Rockwell Mills 4-H Club will be participating, but will not be eligible to compete.

Items most needed by the food pantry at this time are: Hamburger Helper, canned ravioli, cereal, and peanut butter.

Rules:

1. All food will be physically weighed by the Food Pantry staff on their scale.
2. No home canning is allowed. Home canned items will be negatively assessed at 16oz each.
3. No expired items are allowed. Expired items will be negatively assessed at 16oz each.
4. All donations must be made on or before May 16th to count in the Food Fight.
5. Every \$1 donated equals 1 pound.

Questions? Please email rockwellmills@gmail.com.

Club News

REWEY LUCKY STARS 4-H CLUB NEWS by Alayna and Olivia Enloe, Reporters

On February 25th, the Rewey Lucky Stars headed to the Wyatt Farm for our first annual Goat-a-Palooza. We enjoyed running around with the chickens and holding goats. Afterwards, we played bingo with goat-themed prizes. All in all, it was a very fun day with interesting experiences.



COBB BUSY BADGERS 4-H CLUB NEWS by Natalie Mayne, Reporter

At the March meeting, we did old business and checked committees and the outlook of upcoming meetings. We also talked about the Gard farm event. We talked about asking people and businesses to donate items to fill the bags that we will be filling for the event. We read the email and looked to see if there was any interest in the trash pickup around Dodgeville. After that, Evy, Lilly, Landen, Clara, and Natalie did demonstrations. At the end of the meeting, we had root beer floats, cookies, and made paper 4 leaf clovers for 4-H and St. Patrick's Day.



COUNTRY CARDINALS 4-H CLUB NEWS by Bella Ortiz, Reporter

Country Cardinals 4-H has started out 2024 with some great events and activities!

At our January meeting we celebrated those who earned recognition from the 2023 Iowa County Fair. Guest Speaker Dan Brandt, 4-H Youth Development Educator, joined our January meeting and talked about the February 3rd Project Learning Day and 4-H summer Camp, and other ways to get involved with 4-H.

Our February meeting took place on February 11th after our 4-H club helped with the Highland Ambulance Valentines breakfast at Highland School. During the breakfast club members helped clear tables, clean and put out clean placemats. We discussed the upcoming Easter egg hunt and brainstormed future guest speakers to have at our meetings where members can learn new skills like sewing, photography etc. Also, in February members and families had a great time at Tyrol Basin tubing together.

March's meeting started with a guest from our local community. She demonstrated how to make a stuffed animal and shared her experiences with sewing. We also filled Easter eggs with goodies for the Easter Egg hunt on March 24th. We had over 80 excited kids join us on the hunt for eggs. Our new 4H apparel arrived and were handed out to members! Reminders about deadlines for entering Fair projects and completion of YQCA training were talked about.



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Jackie McCarville & Mia Hillenbrand - 2026

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