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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# ***The Clover Connection***

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

July 2024



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### **July**

- 9 4-H Cooking Class (Chinese Menu), 9am-1pm
- 12 Ambassador Applications Due
- 16 4-H Cooking Class (Mexican Menu), 9am-1pm
- 18 Cloverbud Day, 9:00am at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 22 Ambassador Interviews/Banquet
- 23 Archery Practice, 6:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 28 Shooting Sports Practice, 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds

### **August**

- 4 Shooting Sports Practice, 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 6 Archery Practice, 6:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 11 Shooting Sports Practice, 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 11 Foods Review, 5:00pm at HHS Building
- 15 Clothing Preview, 6:00pm at HHS Building
- 18 Shooting Sports Practice, 5:00pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds
- 19 Club Annual Financial Review Due
- 29 Iowa County Fair Begins (goes through Sept 2)

### **September**

- 19 Safety Day, Iowa County Fairgrounds



## 4-H Camp at Upham Woods



Iowa County 4-H along with Portage and Waupaca County 4-H headed north to Upham Woods! Everyone had a blast at the three day two-night camp this year. We want to send a big thank you out to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation for the grant to help offset the cost of camp and also a big thank you to United Fund of Iowa County to help offset the cost of the bus!



## Exploration Day



Exploration Day was held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. The morning consisted of three 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. Sessions included everything from a YQCA class, to seed mosaics, ice cream making, a catapult launch, super string art, and much, much more! Sound like fun? Be sure to watch the Clover Connection later in the year for information about the next Exploration Day to take place early next year!

## Travel Experiences, Scholarships, and Awards for Older Youth



There are many opportunities available for 4-H youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older, from exciting trips to prestigious awards to scholarships for college. In order to apply for these opportunities, youth must submit a written application which, depending on what they are applying for, may consist of a cover letter, resume, essay, and a letter of recommendation. They will also participate in a brief interview process with a small panel of 4-H adult volunteers and community members. This process is important because it allows youth to gain experience and practice skills that will be valuable throughout their lives (applying for other scholarships, college, jobs, etc).



There are costs associated with the trip experiences, but the Iowa County Leaders Association graciously offers to pay 1/3 of the cost of most of the trips. Some of the 4-H clubs in the county also help to offset part of the costs of the trips for their members.

Depending on the timing of the trip, scholarship, or award, applications may be due in either the fall or the spring. This year, fall application materials are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and spring applications are due on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

An application packet with descriptions, dates, costs, and requirements can be found on website under the 4-H/Opportunities/Scholarships and Awards tab (<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/scholarships/>).

## 4-H Ambassador Applications

All youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tom.harman@iowacounty.org) for an application (it is also available on our website).

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



## From Your 4-H Educator



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Friday, July 5, 2024

Dear 4-H Members:

This letter serves as a notification and periodic reminder that the UW-Madison Division of Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals in admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment. In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, Extension is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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On behalf of Iowa County Extension, I want to thank you for collaborating with Extension on educational programs. We appreciate your support and partnership as we provide education designed to meet the needs of our diverse community members.

Sincerely,

**Dan Brandt** | UW-Madison, Division of Extension  
4-H Positive Youth Development Educator, Iowa County  
303 W Chapel Street, Suite 1200

## Club AFR's Due August 23rd

REMINDER!

**CLUB LEADERS:** As in past years, all 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account **must** complete and submit required documents to their 4-H Program Educator by **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups. Our county will be audited by the state this year along with our local adults we do. So please make sure to check over your AFR completely! See the email sent by Dan Brandt on July 1<sup>st</sup> for more details, or call Dan if you have any questions.

## ***Area Animal Science Days***

On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, youth from around the state attended Area Animals Science Days in Green County. Area Animal Science Days 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.

Iowa County was well-represented, with the Dairy Team consisting of Evan Hathaway, Ella James, Julia Searls, and Kelsey Hardy finishing in first place! In addition, Evan finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Ella finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Julia finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the individual event. Congratulations to all who participated!



## ***Meet the Summer Intern***



Hi! My name is Nicole Totzke, and I am from Mauston, WI. I am currently a Junior at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. I am double-majoring in Agriculture/ Technology Education. My plan after graduation is to teach agriculture at the high school level and share my love for this beautiful industry! I am the Summer Intern for the Iowa and Lafayette County 4-H Programs, and I can't wait to continue learning all the ins and outs of Extension and 4-H. I am so excited to be behind the scenes on almost all the activities and events I attended throughout my 13 years in 4-H!

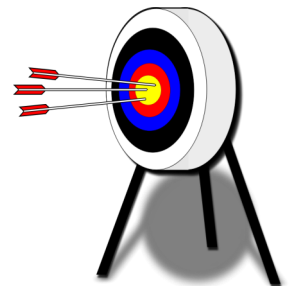
## ***Archery Practice***

Summer is upon us, and we are looking forward to offering a couple archery sessions at the fair house, 900 Fair St, Mineral Point.

For those interested - please join us for two upcoming sessions:

- Tuesday July 23 from 6-7 PM
- Tuesday August 6 from 6-7 PM

If you have any questions, please contact - Leah McDonald at (608)558.9302 or [leah.holmes@hotmail.com](mailto:leah.holmes@hotmail.com). We will have 4-H equipment available to those who need it to share/use.



# Iowa County Fair Information



**Face-to-face judging** for this year's Iowa County Fair will take place on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm until 7:00pm. Projects that will be judged face-to-face will be **Ceramics, Child Development, and ALL Mechanical Science**. Exhibitors may come anytime within the time frame to be judged. Once you are done setting up check in with the superintendent to be put on the schedule to be judged.

Youth who are bringing **farm sets/dioramas** may bring them beginning at noon on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to start setting up. All other Exhibit Building exhibits may be checked in between 2pm-7pm that day. Farm sets/dioramas are judged face-to-face. Once you are done setting up check in with the superintendent to be put on the schedule to be judged.

**Entries for the Iowa County Fair are due August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** Late entries received after August 1<sup>st</sup> will be charged a **\$100** late entry fee and will only be accepted up to ten days prior to the Thursday start of the fair.

To enter your projects for the fair, go to [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com), at the top of the webpage click on "Find your Fair". Select "Wisconsin" in the Filter by State drop-down box and click "Search". Scroll down the list until you find "2024 Iowa County WI Junior Fair", click on it. On the next page, select "Sign in with 4-H Online" (only 4-H members, others must create their own account). Then you may begin entering your projects.

**Please contact Gina Dochnahl at (608) 341-8001 with any fair entry questions.**

## Foods Review & Clothing Preview

Those who wish to participate in either or both of these events must enter these projects (**Foods Review-Department 25** and/or **Clothing Preview-Department 26**) with your fair entries...see information above regarding how to enter your fair entries. Please enter these projects sooner rather than later so we can know how many will be participating and what we will need for judges.

**Foods Review:** Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the HHS Building in Dodgeville (judging starts at 5pm, participants can arrive around 4:30)

**Clothing Preview:** Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the HHS Building in Dodgeville (judging starts at 6pm, participants can arrive around 5:30)



Please take a moment to review the 2024 Fair Book pages for these two departments, as there have been changes to requirements and what is allowed. The Fair Book can be found online at the Iowa County Fair website (in the Exhibits section).



## Parade Float Driver Requirements

Summer is in full swing, and 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!





# Club News

## BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB NEWS by Charli Leonard, Reporter

At Blue Ribbon's April meeting, we had our meeting first and then did roadside clean up in Hollandale along highway 39. The following topics were discussed at our meeting:

- We welcomed new members Izzy Howard and Catherine Sigg.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> is Summer Project Learning Day. Our club will be leading 2 sessions on string art.
- YQCA will also be a session at Project Learning Day. Members who will be taking animals to the fair need to attend or complete the online class.
- Check the Clover Connection and Facebook for dates on 4-H camp, cooking classes, and area animal science days.
- Members were asked to start saving paper bags for our sweet corn sale that will be happening again this summer.



## PLEASANT VIEW 4-H CLUB NEWS

by Gunner Reichling, Reporter

The Pleasant View 4-H Club went on a scavenger hunt at the Bloomfield Prairie in Dodgeville, WI. We all took in the sounds and Prairie around us. As a group we learned about how we can help nature and how it can help us. Some members viewed all the types of plants and animals, while others observed the grasses variety in all the different shapes, colors, and heights. All ages used team work and skills to work together as a group to find everything on the scavenger hunt. Some of these things included different animal sounds we heard, finding different animal homes we could see, and what different colors we could find this time of year.



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

Red Barn 4-H had a busy meeting in April. We were first joined by Pete Hoffman to discuss farm safety. Daphne showed us her Lego structure, and Stevie talked about softball equipment. After the meeting, members then took time to plant assorted flower and vegetable seeds to get a start on spring planting.



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