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# The Clover Connection

IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September/October 2024



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### October

- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 27 Trunk or Treat, 2-4pm at Iowa County Fairgrounds

### November

- 1 Club Charters Due Online
- 1 Record Books due to Extension Office
- 1 Awards and Scholarship Application due to Extension Office
- 6 Awards and Scholarship Interviews
- 25 4-H Leaders Meeting, 6pm at HHS Building

### December

- 1 Re-enrollment Deadline to be Eligible for Financial Support (for travel, camps, other activities)
- 2 County Awards Paperwork due to Extension Office
- 8 County 4-H Awards Day, 1pm at HHS Building

### January

- 1 Clover Connection Newsletter goes exclusively digital (*printed copies will still be mailed to those who request them - see page 7 for details*)

### March

- 1 Exploration Day, HHS Building



## 2024-2025 4-H Ambassadors



Congratulations to the five young adults who been selected to be Iowa County 4-H Ambassadors for 2024-25: Quentin Koss and Olivia Koss, Montfort, members of Kountry Cousins 4-H; Kolton Wehler, Avoca, a member of Circle A 4-H; Madelyn Steffes, Mineral Point, a member of County Line 4-H; and Jadyn Swinehart, Mineral Point, a member of Pleasant View 4-H. The 2024 H-Team consists of Jadyn Swinehart representing “Head”, Madelyn Steffes representing “Heart”, Quentin Koss representing “Hands”, and Kolton Wehler representing “Health.”

Pictured left to right: Kolton Wehler, Olivia Koss, Jadyn Swinehart, and Madelyn Steffes (not pictured is Quentin Koss).

## Updated Trip Costs from WI 4-H

	<b>Trips and Awards</b>	<b>Age eligibility</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Your cost (approximate)</b>
Fall Application	<b>Advanced Space Academy February 15-22, 2025:</b> Fly to Huntsville, Alabama. College and career experiences, astronaut exercises, engineering challenges.	10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	About \$2700	About \$1,800
Fall Application	<b>Space Camp May 1-5, 2025:</b> A camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects of life exploring places beyond Earth!	6 to 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, max age 15	About \$1300	About \$867
Spring Application	<b>Fall Forum November 4-6, 2024:</b> Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.	7 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> grade	About \$185 (Day only \$65)	About \$92.50 (Day only \$32.50)
Spring Application	<b>Summer Academy, Madison, WI, June 16-19, 2025:</b> Participate in a variety of seminars, motivational speakers, dances, recreation, and more. Stay on campus at UW-Madison.	7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> grade at time of selection	About \$600	About \$400
Fall Application	<b>Citizenship Washington Focus June or July 2025:</b> 9 days across the country and in Washington, D.C., meet 4-Hers nationwide, learn about citizenship, government, history. Lots to see and do. Two weeks offered	10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade at time of selection. Min. age 15	About \$2,500	About \$1,667
Fall Application	<b>National 4-H Conference Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2024:</b> Arlington, Virginia April 19-24. Wisconsin 4-H annually selects only 8-10 youth to attend this conference. One day is spent on Capitol Hill updating legislators on current developments in 4-H and touring.	10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade at time of selection. Min. age 15 Max age 18	About \$2,000	About \$1,333
Spring Application	<b>National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA April 11-16, 2025:</b> Travel by plane to Georgia where you will spend Thanksgiving weekend celebrating accomplishments you and others have made in 4-H. Expect a lot of motivation and inspiration at this one.	Grades 10-12 at time of selection. Max. age 18	About \$1,500	About \$1,000
Fall Application	<b>American Spirit East June or July 2025:</b> Youth will learn about America’s heritage and build awareness of the many steps taken to gain US Independence and freedom by visiting historical sites in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and more. June/July dates	Grades 8 – 10 at the time of registration	About \$2,200	About \$1,467

Wisconsin 4-H has released updated costs for many of the trips and experiences for the 2024-2025 year. In most cases, these costs ended up being higher than originally anticipated.

Although these trips and experiences are not cheap, they are wonderful opportunities for youth to reach out beyond their home club to learn things, see places, and meet people they otherwise wouldn’t.

Scholarships are available that effectively pay for about one-third the cost of a trip (the difference between the “total cost” and “your cost” on the chart). The scholarship form is available on the Iowa County 4-H website under “Opportunities”, then “Scholarships/Awards”

<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/scholarships/>

## It's 4-H Re-Enrollment Time!

### 4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



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](https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/07/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide_.pdf)

Youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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.



This system will not allow county staff to approve an adult volunteer if background screening and/or mandated reporter training is needed. In addition, all adult volunteers are required each year to participate in Supporting You, Supporting Youth training (takes the place of Title IX). In addition, background checks will be conducted every two years.

Are you thinking of being a driver for a 4-H parade float in 2025? Why not complete the UW-Madison Volunteer Driver Authorization Form now along with your re-enrollment materials so you're ready to go for parade season? This form must be filled out each year and can take some time to process; if you complete it now, you won't have to worry about it later! 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).

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

## Reminder



**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!**



Another Iowa County Fair is in the books! Congratulations to everyone who exhibited items or animals at the fair - your hard work and dedication were on display for all to see. We'd like to acknowledge those whose entries were awarded special recognition, either by earning merit ribbons, Judge's Choice selections, or special awards, or by being selected for display at the courthouse. Please note that these results were provided by the fair office and are listed in alphabetical order by project.



**Ayrshire** - Kinley Jorenby, Cyntanah Nafzger, Jarvie Nafzger

**Beef** - Tate Lindner, Griffin Pohlman, Kendyll Theobald, Jaycee Tibbits

**Brown Swiss** - Alayna Enloe, Leah Hoffman, Hailey McDonald, Evelyn Wyse

**Cat Showmanship** - Riley Reynolds, Ruby Reynolds, Lexie Yager

**Dairy** - Mackenna Gilbertson, Kinley Jorenby, Tatum Kurschner, Evelena Linscheid, Lillian Linscheid, Jordan Norton, Haylee Yager

**Dog Showmanship** - Peyton Brant, Shayla Holz, Dawson Pete, Paula Roum, Addison Walker

**Guernsey** - Dieter Johnson, Cyntanah Nafzger

**Jersey** - Izzy Dannenberg, Kelsey Hardy, Ella Parish, Faith Pearson

**Market Steers** - Myah Batton, Bode Brokopp, Stevie Brokopp, Brody Lindner, Kaycee Lindner, Chelsey Mueller, Makinley Pohlman, Atley Potterton, Grant Schauff, Kendyll Theobald, Jimmy Tibbits, Bryar Yelinek

**Milking Shorthorn** - Kyra Chrostowski, Lily Heisner, Ellie Ihm, Ella Parish, Mia Rickey

**Goats (Meat & Dairy, including Showmanship)** - Jayden Henderson, Payton Heins, Joss James, Tatum James, Zariyah Jones, Riley Kurschner, Carmen Parish, Kelsey Phillips, Ellen Robinson, Johnny Robinson, June Spurley, Sadie Spurley, Kam Willey, Emerson Wyatt, Landon Wyatt

**Poultry** - Kaleb Dolan, Cash Flannery, Olivia Koss, Evan Olson, Ella Parish, Josie Rech, Chelsea Schlafli, Riley Sennhenn, Samuel Sennhenn, Connor Starr

**Rabbits (including Showmanship)** - Caitlyn Fritsch, Sawyer Kamholz, Jayedan Koos, Natalie Mayne, Alex Poppe, Madelyn Steffes, Raelyn Syvrud, Aidan Tassoul

**Sheep (including Showmanship)** - Wyatt Barth, Quade Doyle, Andrew Formo, Caleb Formo, Kaitlyn Formo, Harper Heins, Payton Heins, Rachel Heisner, Aiden Patterson, Garrett Rech, Keegan Wenger

**Swine** - Izzy Dannenberg, Jake Dannenberg, Sawyer Dannenberg, Ada Kahl, Britton Leix, Jace McReynolds, Dekker Potterton, Luke Schubert, Breanna Tibbits, Jimmy Tibbits, Tyler Vondra, Lexie Yager, Bryar Yelinek



**Animal/Vet Science** - Briceson Anderson, Isabel Durst, Chelsey Mueller

**Art/Drawing & Painting** - Briceson Anderson, Wyatt Barth, Paitin Cullen, Zach French, Natalie Giddings, Aurora Hoffman, Lucy Howard, Olivia Koss, Jenna Kurschner, George Linscheid, Natalie Mayne, Norah Mullin, Isabella Ortiz, Morgan Oxnem, Ruby Reynolds, Autumn Robb, Hailey Schaaf, Maddyn Siefert, June Spurley, Myles Strobush, Kristina Vinger, Morgan Washburn

**Ceramics** - Zach French, Caitlin Fritsch, Raelee Hampton, Clara Mayne

**Child Development** - Briceson Anderson, Hayden Turner

**Clothing & Consumer Savvy** - Kallie Oxnem, Maizey Strobush, Myles Strobush

**Clothing Preview** - Charity Oxnem, Kallie Oxnem

**Communications** - Naomi Troester

**Dioramas** - Mya Hoffman, Jase Jenson, Zander Simenson

**Field Crops** - Raelee Hampton, Charli Leonard

**Flowers** - Ella Hillebrand, Lucy Howard, Josie Rech

**Food & Nutrition** - Hailee Kohout, Anna Lee Luna, Reese Mullin

**Food Preservation** - Charley Draude

**Geology** - Evie Koss

**Health/Social Sciences** - Briceson Anderson

**Home Environment** - Mya Hoffman, Isabella Ortiz, Ruby Reynolds, Hayden Turner

**Home Grounds** - Kolton Wehler

**House Plants** - Olivia Koss, Kolton Wehler, Emerson Wyatt

**Jewelry** - James Steele

**Knitting & Crocheting** - Emily Graber

**Leather Craft** - Quayde Doyle

**Mechanical Science** - Adam Eastman, Luke Sigg, Madelyn Turnquist

**Natural Sciences** - Evie Koss, Caleb Rue

**Photography** - Wyatt Barth, Lucille Bartz, Isabella Bowles, Paitin Cullen, Charley Draude, Keeley Eagan, Brianna Gollon, Mallory Gould, Caitlyn Fritsch, Brinley Hall, Haven Hampton, Kelsey Hardy, Harper Heins, Isabel Howard, Easton Jenson, Kinley Jorenby, Sawyer Kamholtz, Alexandra Kleist, Evie Koss, Annabelle Luna, Norah Mullin, Aubrey Oxnem, Morgan Oxnem, Carmen Parish, Ella Parish, James Steele, Allison Tiber, Kristina Vinger, Morgan Washburn, Parker Woods

**Scrapbooking** - Briceson Anderson, Quayde Doyle, Aurora Hoffman, Charity Oxnem, Myles Strobush

**Shooting Sports** - Briceson Anderson

**Vegetables** - Briceson Anderson, Taylor Durst, Charli Leonard, Riley Sennhenn, Samuel Sennhenn, Maizey Strobush, Tyler Vondra

**Woodworking** - Kaleb Krueel, Riley Kurschner, Peyton Raisbeck, Blake Robb, Lucy Rosemeyer, Riley Sennhenn, Mason Washa

**Youth Leadership** - Addison Gollon



# 4-H Opportunities & Awards Day

## 2024 Record Books

### 4-H AWARDS & GRADUATING SCHOLARSHIPS

All Club Record Book Winners are Due to the Extension Office Nov. 1st

All youth in Iowa County are encouraged to complete a record book. This year we have 3 different options to complete your record books!

Rubrics are available online for each type

- Traditional Record Book
- Digital Record Book
- EZ Record Book

Applications can be found on the county website:  
<https://iowa.extension.wisc.edu/>



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## Apply Today SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H TRIPS

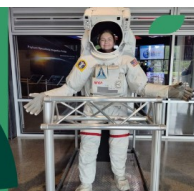
All applications are Due Nov. 1st

All youth in grades 6th through 12th are encouraged to take a look at the scholarships for trips this upcoming year!

All in person interviews held Nov. 6th

- Advanced Space Camp 10-12 grades
- Space Camp 6-8 grades
- Citizenship Washington Focus 10-12 grades
- National 4-H Conference 10-12 grades
- American Spirit East 8-10 grades

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## Apply Today 4-H AWARDS & GRADUATING SCHOLARSHIPS

All applications are Due Nov. 1st

All graduating 4-H members and youth in grades 10-13th are encouraged to take a look at the scholarships and awards for 2024.

All in person interviews held Nov. 6th

- 4-H Key Award
- 4-H Adult Leaders Educational Scholarship

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IOWA COUNTY  
2024 4-H AWARDS DAY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th  
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





## Club News

Mounds View 4-H: This summer, the members of the Mounds View 4H Club helped to organize a community wide cookbook creation and sale. The kids worked to solicit traditional family recipes and learned so much throughout the process!

*"It was fun to help make some of these yummy recipes"* – Kyson Thompson.

In total, the club was able to create a delicious book with 563 recipes. 278 copies were sold, and many community members are clammering for more.

*"I enjoyed talking to neighbors and family about foods that make them happy!"* – Hadlee Bymers

## Important Newsletter Changes



In an effort to reduce costs and save money, beginning in January 2025, the Clover Connection newsletter will be offered exclusively in digital format. What does this mean? Instead of printing and mailing almost 300 pieces each time a new Clover Connection comes out, we will send a link through 4H Online (RegMax) to the newsletter on our website. From there you may download, read, and print the newsletter out (the whole thing if you wish, or just the pages you want to print).

**NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HARD COPIES OF THE CLOVER CONNECTION NEWSLETTERS VIA MAIL,** please contact Tom Harman at (608) 930-9850 or [tom.harman@iowacounty.org](mailto:tom.harman@iowacounty.org). We will still mail newsletters to those who request them.

## Livestock Judging

Iowa county was well-represented at the State Livestock Judging competition this year. Congratulations to all who participated!



The junior team, consisting of Tyler Vondra, Caleb Formo, Blake Schaaf, and Grant Schaaf, placed first overall at state. All four team members placed in the top 10 in the junior individual results.



The senior team, consisting of Cole Schaaf, Chelsey Mueller, Johnny Robinson, and Luke Schubert, placed third at state. In addition, Cole, Johnny, and Luke placed in the top 10 in the senior individual results.



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**Secretary:** Jackie McCarville

**Treasurer:** Deena Vinger

**Fair Representative:** Bill Mitchell

### Directors:

Sally Hanson & Deena Vinger - 2024

Laura Anderson & Dustin Strobush - 2025

Jackie McCarville & Mia Hillenbrand - 2026

**Youth:** Jayden Swinehart, Kolton Wehler, Madelyn Steffes, and Quentin Koss

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