

DUBUQUE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

September 2020



4-H CLUBS

- Asbury Juliens*
- Bankston 4-H Friends*
- Dubuque County Trailblazers
- Farley 4-H Friends*
- Fillmore Achievers*
- New Vienna Future Leaders*
- Peosta 4-H Pals*
- Placid Pepper Uppers*
- Rickardsville Jr. Farmers*
- Riverside Achievers*
- Sherrill Community*
- Table Mound Express
- Washington Senators*
- Worthington Jr. Helpers*

*Includes Clover Kids

Greetings!

Hello Dubuque County 4-H members and families!

With the end of our 4-H year coming to a close, I wanted to tell all of Dubuque County 4-H thank you! Also a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped with and participated at the 2020 Dubuque County Fair! The fair shows would NOT be what it is without all of your support and dedication. We know this year has been a little bit different, but I look forward to this upcoming 4-H year and seeing how we can make this year the best yet!

Thank you,
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Dubuque County 4-H Royalty



Congratulations to our new 2020 4-H Royalty! Abigail King of the Asbury Juliens was crowned the 2020 Dubuque County 4-H Queen and Madelyn Deutsch of the Asbury Juliens was crowned the 2020 Dubuque County 4-H Princess. The Dubuque County 4-H Royalty are available to help clubs with events or at club meetings. Reach out to the Dubuque County Extension Office if you are interested in their help.

Dubuque County & Iowa State Fair Results

Dubuque County 4-H/FFA Results: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dubuque/news/dubuque-county-4-hffa-fair-results>

Congratulations to all of the 4-H and FFA members who participated in this year's fair! At this year's fair we saw some amazing projects and livestock shows. Click the link above to view the results for Dubuque County members. Live videos and pictures from fair are on the Dubuque County 4-H Facebook page.

Iowa State Fair Results: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-state-fair-results>

Great job to all of the Dubuque County 4-H and FFA members who participated at State Fair! Results are currently being added to the results page. Click the links above to view the results for Dubuque County members.

Fair Thank You Notes

Remember to write thank you notes to ribbon and trophy sponsors! Without the help of these families and businesses these awards would not be possible. Ribbon and Trophy sponsor addresses are on the back of your ribbon or plaque. If you would like 4-H Thank You notes, you can stop by the Extension Office and we will give you some and will pay for the postage and mail them out for you!

Tips for Writing a Thank You Note:

1. Greet the recipient
2. Give the specific reason you are thanking them
3. The reason you appreciate them
4. How you plan to use the gift or why the gift is important to you
5. A comment or detail about yourself
6. A repeat of your thank you
7. A closing and signature of your name



Virtual Achievement Auction

This has been an unusual year for all of us and we appreciated your patience as we figured out a plan for an auction. As you know, this year's auction was a virtual achievement auction. We had over 100 youth participate. Dubuque County Extension staff and Council say THANK YOU for participating!

Participants should have received checks from buyers. We ask that you send them a thank you note. If you are in need of thank you notes, or want a 4-H Thank You Note, you can stop by the Dubuque County Extension Office. As always, we are willing to mail your thank you notes for you if you drop them off at the Dubuque County Extension Office.

Post Fair Survey

We want your input! Dubuque County 4-H has put together a survey to gather your thoughts and feedback from the 2020 4-H and FFA Shows! All exhibitors, parents, volunteers, committee members, and leaders are welcome to take the survey. We will be sharing some information with livestock committees as needed. https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b8VUZfsnZIE1Ozr



4-H Enrollment for 2020-2021

It is that time to start planning for the new 4-H year! Enrollment for this year is going to be a little bit different. 4-H Online is updating to a new version. Enrollment will not be open right away and there is not an exact date yet. Watch your emails for more details.

Being that enrollment for 4-H will not open right away, we ask leaders to take attendance at EVERY meeting for record keeping and insurance purposes. After your meetings, please send attendance sheets to Sarah at the Extension Office. If you know of someone who would like to join 4-H, please have them give the Extension Office a call. We will keep a record of information until enrollment opens.

Enrollment Nights: October 21st & November 3rd

With 4-H Online updating, we wanted to offer Enrollment Nights! Dubuque County 4-H staff will be offering two nights for families to come into the office and get help with enrollment. If you are not able to make these dates, but would still like help, email Sarah to set up an appointment.

On October 21st and November 3rd, the Dubuque County Extension Office will be open until 8:00pm. Please feel free to stop by anytime between 4:30pm and 8:00pm for help. Let Sarah know if you plan on attending so we can plan ahead.



Contact Sarah: 563-583-6496 | sludwig@iastate.edu

Annual Fall Leader Training

Who: ALL VOLUNTEERS/LEADERS

When: October 6th, 2020 at 5:30pm

Annual Leader Training will be held on October 6th virtually at 5:30pm via Zoom. All volunteers/leaders who help with a club on a regular basis need to attend this training. This is a great chance to hear club updates and learn about being a successful club leader! This is a mandatory training for all 4-H leaders. Call or email Sarah to sign up for a training by September 25th. More information to come with the Zoom link.

Virtual Leader Touchbase Meeting

Virtual Leader Touchbase Meeting: September 23rd | 6:30pm-7:30pm

<https://iastate.zoom.us/j/91953780348?pwd=MXcwai9lbHhXdzA5SytnUVpsUnlhUT09>

We will be holding a Virtual Leader Touchbase Meeting on September 23rd. This meeting is designed for club leaders who have questions about holding meetings virtually, virtual meeting activities, and any other questions that come to mind. This is not required and is a meeting where leaders can connect to get ideas. We will be going over record book information for leaders, virtual meeting ideas, and social distancing activities. No registration required.

Fall Meeting Guidelines

Leaders and parents should take into consideration the following guidelines when deciding if face-to-face or virtual meetings are best for this fall. If your club is choosing to host face-to-face meetings this fall, please follow the below guidelines. Our top priority is to keep all youth and volunteers safe. If you are not comfortable attending a club meeting in person, make sure to let your leaders know so that they can make arrangements to host virtual meetings.

Guidance and Expectations:

- Remind participants to stay home if they are sick and follow safety guidelines.
- It is strongly encouraged that all volunteers and members wear face coverings when unable to maintain six-foot social distance. In-person programming should be limited to a participant capacity that allows for the required physical distancing.
- Do not share supplies (ex. Provide a pair of scissors for each member)
- Food at meeting may NOT be potluck and should be limited to pre-packaged and/or catered food.
- It is expected that meeting locations, have adequate facilities and/or equipment for handwashing.
- The willingness of 4-H youth and families to participate in an in-person event may vary. *Continue to provide online educational options along with in-person, such as zoom or phone in, to allow more participation.*
- Meet with Clover Kids in a space that allows for social distancing, utilize outdoor space when possible. We recommend providing visual boundaries to support social distancing. This could be done by arranging individual tables 6 feet apart or taping off space for each participant.
- Take attendance at every club meeting for contact tracing.

Virtual Record Book Workshop

Date and Time: September 15th at 6:30pm

<https://iastate.zoom.us/j/96732700204?pwd=aIBUSUhVTG0wR0IMKzY1OE9jSIRjdz09>

Contact Information: 563-583-6496 or sludwig@iastate.edu

4-H members and parents are invited to the Virtual Record Book Workshop. During this workshop, we will be going over record books, what to put in them, and how to apply for awards. We ask that participants register ahead of time so we can mail out materials to participants. We will be setting aside time to fill our forms and put together the record books. Contact Sarah to register by September 11th.

Record Books: Due October 1st

Record Books will be due to the Extension Office by October 1st if applying for county or state awards. Check with your club leaders for when your record books are due if not applying for awards. It is **required** that leaders check and sign your book every year. Record Books are a great way to reflect on the past 4-H year, but they also help with record keeping skills, communication skills, and more!

Junior 4-H'ers (grades 4, 5, & 6 last school year) may apply for awards in project areas. Intermediate & Senior 4-H'ers (grades 7-12 last school year) are also eligible to apply for project area recognition. A 4-H'er can receive the project area recognition *only once* as an Intermediate or Senior 4-H'er. 4-H'ers in grades 10-12 may also apply to advance to state award consideration. Additional information is available from the Extension office. Members must apply for awards in order to receive recognition.

Record book forms and application can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dubuque/4h> or at the Extension Office.

Check out the new Record Book App! <https://recordbook.app/>

Record Book Guidelines and Forms:

1. Cover Page (including your name, picture, years in 4-H)
2. Self-Evaluation
3. Yearly Summary
4. Project Records - at least one Project Record Form is REQUIRED.
 - Jr. members will fill out a Basic 4-H Project Record
 - Intermediate members will fill out an Experienced Project Record
 - Senior members will fill out an Advanced Project Record
5. Photography Project Record - these are required for photography projects. You will need this form **AND** the Project Record form talked about in #4. Put this form behind the project record forms.
6. Livestock Project Record - these are required for livestock projects. You will need this form **AND** the Project Record form talked about in #4. Put this form behind the project record forms.
7. Any programs, newspaper clippings, ribbons, etc. that reflect on your 4-H year. Think of your record book as your 4-H scrapbook.

Record Books Judging

We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help judge record books. We are looking for parents, leaders, community members, or any other volunteers to help with record book judging. Record book judging is a great way to learn more about the process and to see all of the amazing work that Dubuque County 4-H members do throughout the year!

Judging Dates: October 14th, 15th, & 16th (other days as needed)

Times: Anytime - judges can choose to help judge for just a couple of hours or all day.

Please contact Sarah at 563-583-6496 or sludwig@iastate.edu if you are interested in helping.

Due October 1

4-H RECORD KEEPING AWARD APPLICATION

Name _____ Grade Completed (last school year) _____

Club _____

Is this your first year applying for record book awards? Y N

Junior 4-H'ers (grades 4, 5, & 6 last school year), **Intermediate 4-H'ers** (grades 7-9 last school year) & **Senior 4-H'ers** (grades 10-12 last school year) are eligible to apply for project area recognition. A 4-H'er can receive the project area recognition *only once* as an Intermediate or Senior 4-H'er. 4-H'ers in grades 10-12 may also apply to advance to state award consideration.

PLEASE CHECK THE PROJECT AREAS FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RECOGNITION THIS YEAR.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace | <input type="checkbox"/> Env. & Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ag and Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety & Education in Shooting Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Engineering, & Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship & Civic Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing & Fashion | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Grounds Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Pony | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing & Needle Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture & Plant Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Engine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Swine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | |

State Recognition: 4-H'ers in grades 10-12 may also apply to advance to state award consideration. Additionally, please consider me for state recognition in _____. (Must be a high school sophomore or older. More information will be sent to these 4-H'ers.)

National 4-H Week

SUNDAY

Search-it Sunday.
We will be hiding 4-H clovers around Dubuque County communities. Check our Facebook page for hints. Take a picture of the clover for a prize!



MONDAY

Memory Monday.
Tell your favorite 4-H memory! Use this day to share your favorite 4-H memory on social media or to a friend! Make sure to tag Dubuque 4-H! #dubuque4h #iowa4h

TUESDAY

Tip Tuesday.
"Tip" 4-H for Iowa 4-H Giving Day. Give. Grow. Iowa 4-H is an online giving day to support the Iowa 4-H Program! #growiowa4h

WEDNESDAY

Write-it Wednesday.
Write a note or a thank you note to someone who inspires you in 4-H! This could be a leader, volunteer, or someone you look up.

THURSDAY

Trivia Thursday!
Join Dubuque County 4-H on Facebook Live playing 4-H trivia! At 6:00pm we will start playing trivia. Topics include: 4-H History, Dubuque County Information, Project Areas, Fair, and more!

FRIDAY

Fan Friday.
Wear your favorite 4-H shirt or gear to school or around the house!



SATURDAY

Clover Kids Fall Fun Fest
Fall Fun Fest is a day for current, new, or potential Clover Kids! Enjoy a day full of fall activities at the Dubuque County Extension Office.



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October 4-10, 2020

In honor of National 4-H week, we have come up with a few ideas for 4-H members, alumni, and clubs to participate in! Take a photo of you participating in National 4-H week, send it to dubuque4h@iastate.edu or tag us on Facebook and get entered into a drawing for prizes! As a club, think of some cool ways to celebrate National 4-H week! This could include putting up posters around town, creating yard signs, window decorating at a business in town, drawing 4-H information on your sidewalk, and so much more!

Clover Kids Fall Fun Fest Saturday, October 10

Location: Dubuque County Extension Office

Time: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Free Fall Activities

Open to Clover Kids, 4-H members, and community members. Bring family and friends to join in the fun! Community members will get a chance to learn more about the Clover Kids and 4-H programs in Dubuque County. More details to come.

For questions contact Sarah Ludwig, County Youth Coordinator

Email: sludwig@iastate.edu or Phone: 563-583-6496

September

1 Start of 4-H year

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