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HARDIN COUNTY

4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September 2020

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear 4-H Families:

We know that the start of the school year is at the top of your priority list right now. We hope you all have the best, safest, school year possible. You are all on our minds.

We are excited to begin re-enrollment this fall. Please note that due to COVID-19's economic impact in 2020, the Hardin County Extension Council has offered to pay the full \$30 4-H enrollment fee for members who enroll prior to December 1, 2020. They will pay \$15 for late enrollments. They will also pay up to \$15 for Clover Kids enrollments prior to December 1st.

The 4-H year will get off to a relatively slow start this year, but we are planning for the best 4-H year possible! There are so many unknowns right now, but we will all work hard to give you all the greatest 4-H experience we can. Though things may be different, your determination through fair proved that we can meet the challenges thrown at us. Please be patient with us, and we will succeed!

We hope everyone read in the newsletter and saw the emails that the August 4-H Family Newsletter was the last paper email we plan to mail out. If you prefer to receive a paper newsletter, email hardman@iastate.edu or xhardin@iastate.edu and let us know. Newsletters, as well as all 4-H correspondence, will be sent to your "family" email in 4HOnline. Let us know if that email needs to be updated.

Lori Hardman
HARDIN COUNTY EXTENSION
County Youth Coordinator
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RECORD BOOKS

**Due September 15th at
the Extension Office or
to your leader.**

(see inside for more information)

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M-F 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 12:30 - 4:30 PM

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin>

4-H ONLINE:

If you would like to learn more about your online membership, visit our website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/4h>.

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4-H Calendar

Sept 1	2020-21 4-H Enrollment Begins
Sept 15	Records Books due to your club leader or at the Extension Office
Sept 21	4-H Club and Clover Kids Leader Meeting, Youth Building, Fair Grounds
Oct 4-10	National 4-H Week
Nov 21	4-H Award's Night
Dec 5	Beef Weigh-In



NEW! 4HONLINE 2.0

Coming this fall!

Please stay connected for the announcement of when it is ready to take enrollments!

2020-21 4-H ENROLLMENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1st

Members and Leaders, re-enrollment in 4-H or Clover Kids begins on September 1st.

We are getting a major update to 4HOnline any time now called "4HOnline 2.0". We were hoping it would be ready to take enrollments by September 1st, but it looks like it will be ready in October. You can wait to enroll online, or you may use paper enrollment forms. Either way will be acceptable this year.

The timing is bad, but the upgrade is much needed. As you might have experienced, 4HOnline does not work well with smart phones or tablets. Also, many details like updated YQCA certification dates, etc., seem to lag behind. Because of this and many other issues, the 2009 software just isn't cutting it. The new 4HOnline 2.0 is also expected to be much more user friendly, and we can't wait to use it. We will keep you posted as soon as the system is available. Thank you for your patience!

The 4-H enrollment fee is \$30 up to December 1st, with a \$15 late fee after December 1st. Clover Kids club fees vary by club (contact a leader for details). **Due to COVID-19's economic impact in 2020, the Hardin County Extension Council has offered to pay the full \$30 4-H enrollment fee for members who enroll prior to December 1, 2020. They will pay \$15 for late enrollments. They will also pay up to \$15 for Clover Kids enrollments prior to December 1st.**

If you have a 4th grader needing to join a 4-H club, or a kindergarten joining Clover Kids, please see our directory of 4-H Clubs and Clover Kids Clubs on the last two pages of the newsletter.

9th-12th Graders - JOIN COUNTY COUNCIL!

Incoming 9th through 12th grade 4-Hers, do you want to take your 4-H experience to the next level? Then we challenge you to join County Council! The Hardin County 4-H Youth Council is a group of 9th-12th grade 4-H members who are ambassadors of the 4-H program and are positive role models for younger 4-H members. Council members must be willing to take time for Council business and assume responsibility of planning, coordinating, or assisting at events like the Hardin County Fair.

The purpose of County Council is to develop leadership, citizenship, life management skills, and serve as a liaison between clubs, the community, and Extension staff in creating positive youth experiences for Hardin County 4-Hers. While our activi-

ties will benefit and serve the youth in Hardin County, we also want to provide opportunities to improve YOUR 4-H experience as well.

Interested 4-H members should complete the application by September 15th. Due to COVID-19, we will not be requiring interviews this year.

Applications are up on our website. Contact hardman@iastate.edu or 641-648-4850 or 1-888-648-5005 if you have questions.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR ME? I would love to hear your thoughts on 4-H planning. Do you have any workshop ideas that you think would be great for Hardin County 4-Hers? How about project groups, community service projects or fair activities? Do you have anything that you think would be great for our newsletter? I would love to hear all of your ideas. The sky is the limit! Feel free to contact me any time. - Lori

2020 STATE FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Over the last three weekends in August, The Iowa State Fairgrounds hosted 2020 Fair Special Edition Iowa 4-H and FFA Live-stock Shows. Despite the Iowa State Fair being cancelled, Iowa 4-H and FFA and its numerous volunteers, came together to offer the youth in the state an opportunity to exhibit their live-stock projects at the This Special Edition show. A total of 3,946 entries from across the state were exhibited. Twelve Hardin County 4-Hers also exhibited their animals:

Alden Active Achievers:

Joslin Johnson: Breeding Sheep – 1 blue, Market Sheep – 1 blue

Taylor Johnson: Breeding Sheep – 1 blue, Market Sheep – 3 blues

Afton Klaffke: Breeding Swine – 4 blues, Market Swine – 3 blues

Concord Sherman Challengers:

Cameron Madden: Breeding Swine – 2 blues, Market Swine – 2 blues, 2 purples (both 3rd placings)

Dylan Madden: Breeding Swine – 2 blues, Market Swine – 3 blues

Lane Madden: Breeding Swine – 2 blues, Market Swine – 2 blues

E-NP Bearcats:

Kathleen Mosher: Breeding Swine – 1 blue, 1 purple (3rd place), Market Swine – 2 blues 1 purple

Independent Members:

Nadine Klaffke: Market Beef – 1 blue (3rd place)

Tipton Grant Toppers:

Hailey Faris: Market Beef – 1 purple

Logan Faris: Market Beef – 1 red

Union Whitten Hustlers:

Klayre Gallentine: Horse – 3 reds, 1 blue, 1 purple

Kade Pekarek: Poultry – 2 reds, 1 blue, 7 purples (3 – 1st placings, 1 – 2nd placings, 3 – 3rd placings and Asiatic Champion, Asiatic Reserve Champion, and Large Fowl Champion)

As of newsletter publishing date, the Iowa State 4-H office is still waiting on completion of all Static and Communications Exhibits. We will publish full results when they are ready. In the meantime, you may go to <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/14524> to view results. Sort by “Hardin County”.

Congratulations to all of our State Fair exhibitors! We are proud of your hard work and accomplishments!

4-H WEEK WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

National 4-H Week is coming up on October 4-10, 2020. This means its time for our annual Window Display Contest, a great way to promote your 4-H club in your local community. Your imagination is endless...decorate with pictures, posters, fair exhibits, whatever you think will celebrate 4-H!

To get started, contact a local business or organization to make arrangements for a club display. Sign up at the Fall Leaders' Meeting or contact hardman@iastate.edu by September 30th and let us know where your window will be. Set up displays by **Monday, October 5th**. Display may be judged any time between October 6th and 9th.

Displays will be evaluated during National 4-H Week on the following criteria: 1) Simplicity – Easy to see and understand the message conveyed; 2) Originality – Unique display; 3) Interpretation of 4-H and theme; 4) Quality of work – How well the display is put together, attractiveness, neatness; 5) Use of available space, and 6.) Advertising potential (meaning, if someone was to view the display and wanted to join your club, would they know how to find out more information?)

All 4-H clubs are strongly encouraged to participate. Awards: \$50 is awarded to first place; \$30 is awarded to second place; \$20 is awarded to third place; \$10 is awarded to every club participating.

“FALLING INTO 4-H”

4-H Week Window Theme

The original 2020 4-H theme was based on the Olympic Games. Since this major sports event was postponed until 2021, we decided that it would be more appropriate to come up with an original theme for this coming 4-H Week. We are suggesting “Falling into 4-H”. Decorate your windows with the beautiful fall season in mind!



IT'S RECORD BOOK TIME!

Exhibiting at the fair is your time to showcase what you did and learned through your 4-H projects during the year. Completing and turning in your 4-H Record Book is the final wrap-up of the project for the year.

Record books are an important part of the 4-H experience, and are required to receive your premium money as well as year-end awards.

PREMIUM MONEY:

Record books need to be completed and turned into your club leaders or FFA Advisor by **September 15th** in order to receive your fair premium check. Record books may also be dropped off at the Hardin County Extension Office by September 15th. The purpose of this is to promote record keeping and responsibility in your projects for the entire year. 4-H leaders and FFA advisors will maintain a list of record books turned in and report them to the Hardin County Fair Board.

Failure to turn in your record book by September 15th will result in forfeiture of all premiums for the current year. Premium checks must be deposited by **December 31, 2020**.

ANNUAL AWARDS:

Record books must be completed to receive awards at our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 21st. Please see the following pages for more details and applications.

COVID-19 CHANGES TO THE 4-H YEAR:

We realize that the COVID-19 lockdown affected your ability to participate in 4-H this year. Many activities were cancelled or

altered. Because of this, we have come up with a different 4-H Club Member Leadership Application that will be used for 2019-20 only, as we hope that the 2020-21 4-H year will be more normal. Please take a look at the application enclosed.

NEW OPTION FOR PROJECT RECORDS:

Each year while evaluating record books, our Youth Committee notices that some 4-Hers have incomplete records, particularly those who require supporting materials like Animal Worksheets, Photography Worksheets, etc. Often, one of the required documents is forgotten. This year, we have developed some new forms that members may utilize. They are called "complete records". For example, the Breeding Animal Complete Records combine both the Project Record and the Breeding Animal Worksheet all in one, so nothing is left out. Hopefully, this will prevent 4-Hers from not being qualified to receive a project awards. Both the old and new forms are available on our website.

Don't forget to submit all of your award applications, along with your record books, by September 15th. Stay tuned for more information about 4-H Awards Night. All award applications are included in this newsletter. All record book forms and applications may also be found on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/record-book-and-awards-night>.

If you do not have access to a printer, please contact us and we can print off forms for you!

WELCOME KATIE LUBBERT, NEW YPS

Katie Lubbert has been hired as Youth Development Field Specialist II for Grundy, Hardin, Tama and Marshall Counties. Katie began on July 16. She will be housed in the Tama County office. Her email is lubbert@iastate.edu.

Katie trained in Youth Development with the University of Northern Iowa's Camp Adventure program and later went on to graduate from the University of Hawaii (BA 2006). After graduation, she taught English, Art and Theatre at Moanalua High School (Honolulu, HI) and eventually returned to Reinbeck, Iowa where she currently resides with her husband and two young boys.

Katie has many years of experience developing youth programming and has worked with youth and teens in a wide variety of ways across her career. As the Child Care Director for the YMCA of Black Hawk County, she collaborated with parents and schools to determine the needs of the children enrolled in five area before-and-after school programs.

Prior to her work with the Y, Katie served as a Regional Coordinator for the Army Reserve's Child, Youth & School Services program in the Pacific Region. She worked in conjunction with Army Reserve Family Programs to provide a multitude of unit and community-

based services that fostered the growth, development & readiness of dependent youth of Army Reserve Soldiers.

Katie is excited about her new role with 4-H Youth Development and said, "Iowa 4-H has a strong reputation of high-quality youth programming – I am honored to be working for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. I look forward to learning more about the strengths and needs of the families and youth in these counties and to work with the 4-H staff and community partners to help support those needs."





Frequently Asked Questions

Completing Your 4-H Record Book and Awards

* All Record Book forms can be found at:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/record-book-and-awards-night> .

How are record books and the Awards Banquet related?

4-H'ers must complete a record book to be able to apply for a project award. The project award application is attached. Please check mark what project area you would like to apply for and insert the application in your record book. Complete your record book and return it to your club leader by September 15. The Youth Committee will decide who will receive project awards. If you are selected to receive an award, you will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

Who turns in a record book?

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to turn in a record book. This includes those who just completed their first year of 4-H. Everyone is eligible for a 4-H Club Leadership Award. Record books will be returned to club leaders at the Awards Banquet.

What awards can I apply for?

1. **Project Awards** – (5th-12th grade) complete application and have two years of records in project area
2. **Club Member Leadership Award** – (4th-12th grade) complete application
3. **Chicago Award Trip** – 10th-12th graders, odd years
4. **Personal Development Awards** (11th and 12th grade) highest recognition awards, complete application

What is the 1st Year Member Award?

All first year members beginning their 4-H career, regardless of grade in school, are recognized for their membership. We want to reward youth for making a commitment to the 4-H program and encourage them to continue being a 4-H'er in Hardin County. If this is your first year and you are not sure how to get started, please call (641-648-4850 or 1-888-648-5005) or stop by the Extension Office to pick up your first Record Book and your forms. Record Books are free to first year 4-H'ers and include the title page, goal sheets and a yearly summary. You may need other forms including: Photography, Market Animal (beef, meat goat, sheep, swine), Breeding Animal (beef, meat goat, sheep, swine), Dairy, Dog, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbits, Pet.

What are project awards?

Project awards are given to 4-H members based on the project areas in their record book. The 4-Her must complete a project record sheet, any required supplemental forms that apply (see handout included in this mailing) and have set at least one well-written goal for the 4-H year just completed, as well as one previous year. Example: Sue wants her market beef project records judged to receive a Project Award. Sue must have two years of records in order to apply for an award. She raised a market steer last year and market heifer this year. She completed her project record sheet, market animal worksheet, and set one well-written goal both years. If the 4-H youth committee decides to award her, she will receive her medallion at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

How do I apply?

On the website or in this mailing you will find award applications. Place them, complete, inside the front cover of your record book when turning it into your club leader by September 15. A sample evaluation form is available on our website for you to review.

Can I apply for more than one project area?

Yes! You may apply for as many as you would like, as long as you have two years of records (including the year just completed) for each project area, in your record book.

If I receive an award my second year in 4-H (for example), will I ever be able to apply for this award again? Yes! Awards are divided into three categories: Juniors 4-6 grades, Intermediates 7-8 grades, and Seniors 9-12 grades. If you receive an award as a junior, you may apply again once you are an intermediate. You can receive an award up to three times (junior, intermediate, senior). Please remember more is expected from your records as an intermediate and senior.

What is the Club Member Leadership Award listed on the Awards Application?

The Club Member Leadership Award recognizes those that have been an active member of 4-H. This includes attending club meetings, participating in club demonstrations and presentations, helping with community service projects, and completing a record book. All 4-H'ers (4th – 12th grade) are encouraged to apply. Complete the "Club Leadership Award Application" form on the website and return it with your record book by September 15 to your club leader.

What are the Personal Development Awards?

11th-12th graders may apply for Personal Development Awards through an application available online or in the newsletter. Awards include: Achievement, Agriculture, Ak-Sar-Ben, Citizenship, and Leadership. Record books will also be considered as part of the evaluation process to look at your activities and involvement. No more than 3 senior personal development awards will be awarded per 4-Her each year. This is the highest level of award Hardin County gives out.

After the awards banquet, what do I do with my medallions?

When you receive your first award as a 4-H'er, you will receive a wooden plaque to place your medallions on. If you fill your wooden plaque, another one can be purchased from the Extension Office for \$10.

What about the Chicago Award Trip?

The Chicago Award Trip is an opportunity for 10th-12th grade members to spend three days in Chicago over Thanksgiving break. The trip is shared with Hamilton, Humboldt, Webster and Wright Counties and occurs on odd-numbered years. Application is included with the newsletter during qualifying years, as well as on our website.

What is the Club Secretary Book Award and the Club Treasurer Book Award?

We are challenging each club to polish their record keeping skills as a club. The books are due to the club leader September 15th and will be turned into the Extension Office. Judging criteria can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/4h>. Awards will be presented at the 2020 4-H Awards Banquet and secretaries and treasurers will receive medallions for their plaques.

APPLICATION FOR PROJECT AWARDS

Name: _____ . I was in _____ grade during 2019-20.

Club: _____

To be eligible for county awards 4-H members must:

1. Submit at least 2 COMPLETE years of project records (2019/20 and one previous year).
2. You can receive an award only once per junior, intermediate, or senior age division.

Directions for completing form:

- 1.) (X) awards for which you wish to be considered for this year.
- 2.) Place the completed form inside the front cover of your record book.

PROJECT AREAS:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse and Pony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ag & Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Grounds Improvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture & Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive | <input type="checkbox"/> Llama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef - Breeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef - Market | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket/Bottle Calf | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Adventures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Selection | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing & Fashion | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Management | <input type="checkbox"/> SET (Science, Engineering & Technology) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing & Needle Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Storytelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep – Breeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep – Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Engine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion ReVue | <input type="checkbox"/> Swine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goats - Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goats - Meat | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking |

***Remember, you did not have to take an exhibit or animal to the fair to be eligible for a project award!
(Place completed form inside front cover of record book)***



Club Member Leadership Award Application

Name: _____ I was in _____ grade last year.

Club: _____

Criteria for the following awards must be accomplished during the 2019-20 4-H year:

**Please note that the below criteria were modified to reflect the 2019-20 4-H year, considering limitations due to COVID-19. Hardin County 4-H reserves the right to revert back to the application used previously for 2020-21 and beyond).*

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Junior Merit must meet 3 criteria below, and **Junior Excellence** must meet 4 criteria below (* required for Excellence):

- _____ I attended a minimum of 50% of my club's meetings/activities this year.
- _____ I completed one or more project areas and turned in record keeping materials. Project:
- _____ I helped with my 4-H club fundraising project :
- _____ I entered a static, communications, or clothing event exhibit at the 2020 Hardin County Fair
- _____ I entered an animal/livestock exhibit at the 2020 Hardin County Fair
- _____ I participated in the following community service/individual citizenship project:
- _____ I participated in 4-H home learning about one or more of my project areas this year**:
- _____ I participated in the following 4-H county activity(ies):
- _____ I participated in the following 4-H area or state activity(ies):
- _____ I served as an officer of my club or participated in 4-H leadership activity (ex: served on a committee).
- _____ ***I gave a talk, demonstration (working exhibit) or presentation for my club. Topic:**

INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Intermediate Merit must meet 3 criteria below, and **Intermediate Excellence** must meet 5 criteria below (* required for Excellence):

- _____ I have completed two years in 4-H.
- _____ I attended a minimum of 50% of my club's meetings/activities this year.
- _____ I completed one or more project areas and turned in record keeping materials. Project:
- _____ I helped with my 4-H club fundraising project :
- _____ I entered a static, communications, or clothing event exhibit at the 2020 Hardin County Fair
- _____ I entered an animal/livestock exhibit at the 2020 Hardin County Fair
- _____ I participated in the following community service/individual citizenship project:
- _____ I participated in 4-H home learning about one or more of my project areas this year**:
- _____ I participated in the following 4-H county activity(ies):
- _____ I participated in the following 4-H area or state activity(ies):
- _____ I served as an officer of my club or participated in 4-H leadership activity (ex: served on a committee).
- _____ ***I gave a talk, demonstration (working exhibit) or presentation for my club. Topic:**

SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Senior Merit must meet 3 criteria below, and **Senior Excellence** must meet 6 criteria below (* required for Excellence):

- _____ I have completed four years in 4-H.
- _____ I attended a minimum of 50% of my club's meetings/activities this year.
- _____ I completed one or more project areas and turned in record keeping materials. Project:
- _____ I helped with my 4-H club fundraising project :
- _____ I entered a static, communications, or clothing event exhibit at the 2020 Hardin County Fair
- _____ I entered an animal/livestock exhibit at the 2020 Hardin County Fair
- _____ I participated in the following community service/individual citizenship project:
- _____ I participated in 4-H home learning about one or more of my project areas this year**:
- _____ I participated in the following 4-H county activity(ies):
- _____ I participated in the following 4-H area or state activity(ies):
- _____ I served as an officer of my club or participated in 4-H leadership activity (ex: served on a committee).
- _____ I have applied for State Senior Recognition. Please list:
- _____ I have served on County Council one or more years.
- _____ ***I gave a talk, demonstration (working exhibit) or presentation for my club. Topic:**

4-H'er Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Adult 4-H Leader Signature _____ Date _____

****4-H home learning about a project area** - though maybe you did not take an exhibit to fair, what activities did you do at home that reflect on what you are learning through 4-H? For example, did you raise a steer that you did not bring to fair? Did you make meals for your family though you did not exhibit a Food and Nutrition project?

(Place completed form inside front cover of Record Book)



Senior Personal Development Awards Application

(10th –12th graders in 2019-20 4-H Year)

Name: _____

Club: _____ Grade in 2019-20: _____

11th-12th graders in 2019-20 are asked to complete the following for the awards they are applying for. Record books will also be considered as part of the evaluation process to look at your activities and involvement. Please “X” what you are applying for. No more than 3 senior personal development awards will be awarded per 4-Her each year. If needed, feel free to use additional paper for your responses.

_____ **Achievement:** recognizes 4-H members who have shown outstanding personal growth through participation in a variety of 4-H projects and programs. ***Please describe how you have shown outstanding personal growth through your 4-H participation:***

_____ **Agriculture:** recognizes 4-H members who have acquired and demonstrated great strides in an agriculture project(s). The recipient must be an active member participating in a livestock or other agriculture related project area. ***How have you acquired and demonstrated great strides through your agriculture project (s)?***

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_____ **Ak-Sar-Ben:** recognizes 4-H members who make significant progress toward leadership through service in the 4-H program. The recipient need not have participated in Ak-Sar-Ben, but must be active in county program. ***How have you shown leadership through community service through 4-H?***

_____ **Citizenship:** recognizes 4-H members who have learned the meaning of citizenship and have demonstrated their understanding through good citizenship practices. ***What does citizenship mean to you, and how have you shown/demonstrated good citizenship in 4-H?***

_____ **Leadership:** recognizes 4-H members who have acquired and demonstrated leadership skills and abilities in individual 4-H projects and overall 4-H program. ***How have you demonstrated leadership skills in 4-H?***



Hardin County 4-H

SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION

Year: _____

Any Hardin County 4-H adult volunteer (leader, superintendent, committee member) or staff member may nominate a current 4-H member for the Spirit Award. The adult volunteer should write a short statement on why the member deserves the award. Nominations are due to the Extension Office by September 15th, and the awards will be presented at the Hardin County 4-H Awards Banquet.

The Spirit Award is designed to recognize a 4-H member who has gone above and beyond to be helpful behind the scenes at club and/or county events, and/or make 4-H more fun and rewarding because of their attitude, participation, or extra effort. **4-Hers do not have to complete a record book to qualify.** A member may receive a Spirit Award once as a Junior, once as an Intermediate, and once as a Senior.

Volunteer making nomination(s): _____

1.) Name of 4-Her: _____

Club: _____

Circle: **JUNIOR** **INTERMEDIATE** **SENIOR**

Why is this 4-Her deserving of the Spirit Award?

2.) Name of 4-Her: _____

Club: _____

Circle: **JUNIOR** **INTERMEDIATE** **SENIOR**

Why is this 4-Her deserving of the Spirit Award?



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4-H CLUB DIRECTORY

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What is a 4-H Club?

A 4-H club is an organized learning community for youth in 4th through 12th grade that meets regularly with adult volunteers or staff for a long-term, progressive series of educational experiences. 4-H is designed to teach youth valuable life skills while building friendships and having fun! Please contact a leader about meeting times and locations.

Alden Active Achievers 4-H Club

Meets: In Alden

Club Leader(s): LaRae Johnson, 641-373-0649, l_vanlangen@yahoo.com
 Amy Klaffke, 515-571-3600, klaffke06@gmail.com
 Lindsay Lancaster, 515-729-4447, jon.lins.lancaster@gmail.com

Concord Sherman Challengers 4-H Club

Meets: In Radcliffe

Club Leader(s): Lance Stolee, 515-203-0105, lstolee75@gmail.com

Eldora Eagles 4-H Club

Meets: In Eldora

Club Leader(s): Teresa Stansbury, 641-485-5977, tstansbu@iastate.edu
 Julie Walters, 641-858-6547, cjwaltersfarms@heartofiowa.net

Ellis Jackson Ag Stars 4-H Club

Meets: In Iowa Falls

Club Leader(s): Mindy Rodamaker, 515-689-0887, mindy.rodamaker@gmail.com

E-NP Bearcats 4-H Club

Meets: In New Providence

Club Leader(s): Andrea Brown, 641-497-5717, pabrown@heartofiowa.net
 Ted Mosher, 515-689-2203, rgroepper@yahoo.com

HC Rough Riders 4-H Club

Meets: In Eldora

Club Leader(s): Martha Steding, 641-373-2434, mmsteding@gmail.com
 Megan Warburton, 515-689-8887, megangranner@hotmail.com



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Tipton Grant Toppers 4-H Club

Meets in: Hubbard

Club Leader(s): Carter Zeisneiss, 515-460-2180, czeis11@hotmail.com
Chad Zoske, 641-485-8476, cdzoske@heartofiowa.net

Union Whitten Hustlers 4-H Club

Meets in: Union

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CLOVER KIDS CLUBS

Children in **kindergarten through 3rd grade** can participate in Clover Kids, which offers hands-on activities designed to build life skills and foster new friendships. Clover Kids also have the option to exhibit at the Hardin County Fair in a non-competitive, learning environment.

Cadet Clovers

Meets: in Iowa Falls

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Eldora Eagles Clover Kids

Meets: In Eldora

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Hubbard Radcliffe Clover Kids

Meets: in Hubbard

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New Club Coming Soon!

More details about a new Clover Kids Club in Alden/Buckeye coming soon!

Contact leader, Emily Klaffke, 641-295-2295, beklaffke@gmail.com

Parents/guardians are typically encouraged to attend all 4-H & Clover Kids meetings/activates with their children, however, restrictions may apply due to COVID-19. Please contact a leader for more details.