

4-H Alumni News

December 2023



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, My HANDS to larger service, my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world!



Howard County 4-H Alumni Committee:

Judy Bartels, Lowell Dohlman, Therma Fitzgerald, Jim Zajicek, Marge Johnson, Rhonda Vobr, Melissa Schatz, Sharla Fencl, AJ Friedges, Gladie Church, Aaron Schatz, Melissa Schatz, and Bart Wilson,

What Does the Alumni Committee Do:

The goals and mission were developed during the founding of this group. The group strives to reach the goals of the mission each year. If you have ideas that the Alumni Committee can build from in order to reach our mission, please share with the Howard County Extension Office.

To increase the Howard County 4-H Endowment Fund to a level that the interest created would help support and grow our county 4-H program as well as provide scholarships for young people.

To rekindle the 4-H spirit in 4-H Alumni to move local alums to volunteer their talents and time in the Howard County 4-H program.

To create an alumni pool of short-term volunteers from which we can draw for long-term volunteers in years to come.

To provide opportunities for alumni to gather, to provide fellowship and to support and promote the benefits of being a 4-H member in Howard County.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Spring of 2023 scholarships were awarded to Kelsey Burke, Christopher Bigalk, and Nora Ryan. Each scholarship applicant submitted an application, participated in a scholarship interview and helped volunteer at the county fair in June 2023. Each awardee received a \$500 scholarship.

Scholarship recipients Kelsey Burke, Christopher Bigalk, and Nora Ryan.



ENROLLMENT FEE SUPPORT

The 4-H Alumni Committee supports enrollment fees for 4-H members in Howard County. During the 2022-2023 year they supported \$7.00 of the \$30 enrollment fee for each Howard County 4-H member.

For the 2023-24 year, the Committee will be supporting 4-H enrollment fees for each member at \$10 per member.



HOWARD COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI CELEBRITY BEEF SHOW

Each year the 4-H alumni committee sponsors the Celebrity Beef Showmanship contest at the Mighty Howard County Fair. This is one of their major fundraisers for scholarships.



The 4-H Alumni Celebrity Showmanship contest was held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Mighty Howard County Fair in Cresco, Iowa.

There were 25 participants in the show: The winner, who was sponsored by Decorah and Cresco Bank and Trust, was Josh Reis. He received a trophy in memory of Russell Fitzgerald as well as a certificate to Sue-Z-Q's. The Alumni Committee sponsored this Celebrity Showmanship show to raise money to support 4-H Scholarships and 4-H enrollments in the county. The participants in the show were able to use 4-H or FFA beef animals already stalled in the barn during the fair.

Other participants in the show were: Jayden Burns sponsored by Eastman Auction; Travis McCabe sponsored by F7 Farms (AJ And Karn Friedges); Ron Dohlman sponsored by Wacha Insurance; Renee Ptacek sponsored by Elma Locker; Ethan Govern sponsored by Cray Insurance; Mike Lockie sponsored by Christensen Agri Seeds; Chuck Larson sponsored by Dave and Ruthie Fritcher; Stacy Dohlman sponsored by CUSB Bank; Mike Root sponsored by Cresco Motor Company; Emmitt Pietan sponsored by Hindt Hudek Funeral Homes; Wes Dohlman sponsored by Farmer's Feed and Grain; Rachel Boyle sponsored by 3B Ag LLC; Carver Hale sponsored by Vic and Sharla FencI; Tori Kulow sponsored by Fisk Farm and Home; Nathanael Dohlman sponsored by Hanson Tire; Angie Mahr sponsored by Johnson Farms, Lime Springs; Madison Fitzgerald sponsored by The Steel Shop; Jeff Springer sponsored by Therma Fitzgerald; Mark Ries sponsored by People's Savings Bank of Elma; Jason McCabe sponsored by Olsgard's Silo Press; Jason Ludwig sponsored by Decorah and Cresco Bank and Trust; Dan Christensen sponsored by Osage Vet Clinic; Nate Hale sponsored by Helm Fertilizer Coop; Bob Owen sponsored by A & K Feed and Grain. Donations were also received from LinkD Feeders and from Mary Willis and Family in Memory of George Willis.



CELEBRITY SHOWMANSHIP AT MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR 2024

We invite you to participate in the Celebrity Showmanship Class at the fair this year. You can participate as a sponsor or as an exhibitor. This year a new class has been added. There will be Dairy Celebrity Showmanship. Beef Showmanship will also be available to participants. You can show off your youthful dairy or beef showmanship skills by participating in this show.

Celebrity Dairy Showmanship – Wednesday, June 25, 2024. Open to adults not currently showing as a 4-H or FFA member. Show attire required will be hard-soled boots and appropriate show dress. Winner receives the Don Bartels Memorial trophy and certificate from Sue-Z-Q;s. Entry fee is \$100. If you want to participate, but don't have a sponsor, let Lowell Dohlman know at 641-220-4425 or Judy Bartels at 641-330-5865. Eligible animals will be animals already in the barn shown by a current 4-H or FFA member at the 2024 fair. You can register day of show from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. A waiver must be signed before participating.

Celebrity Beef Showmanship – Saturday, June 29, 2024. Open to adults not currently showing as a 4-H or FFA member. Show attire required will be hard soled boots and appropriate show dress. Winner receives the Russell Fitzgerald Memorial trophy and certificate from Sue-Z-Q;s. Entry fee is \$100. If you want to participate, but don't have a sponsor, let Lowell Dohlman know at 641-220-4425. Eligible animals will be animals already in the barn shown by a current 4-H or FFA member at the 2024 fair. You can register day of show from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. A waiver must be signed before participating.

We would love to see you participate. Another option would be to come, watch, and support the exhibitors displaying their skills.

GENEROSITY in 2022-2023

During the 2022-2023 year, generosity from many people monetarily and many others volunteering to help with the Beef stand at the Mighty Howard County Fair was greatly appreciated.

Gerald Wilson, Bruce Blaser, Dave and Ruthie Fritcher, Barry Christensen, Bev Meade, Roger and Elaine Kleve, Duane and Kelly Bodermann, Anna Howard, Bart and Julie Wilson, Steve Christensen, Ron and Janice Klimesh, Dustin and Andrea Klimesh, Jeff and Shirlee Haw, Vic and Sharla Fencl, Jed and Joyce Becker, Janet Dahlke, Keller Lawn Service, Therma Fitzgerald, and Marge Johnson.



CONTRIBUTION FORM:

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Years as a 4-H member: _____

Number of Years as a 4-H Leader _____

Please mail this form back to the Howard County Extension Office with contribution.

Howard County Extension and Outreach Office
132 1st Avenue West
Cresco, IA 52136

Checks made payable to the Howard County Extension and Outreach.

Your contribution in the Howard County 4-H Alumni is an investment in the future of Howard County 4-H members.

Your contribution will be invested in the Howard County 4-H Alumni Fund. These funds will be utilized for scholarships for graduating 4-H members and to offset the 4-H enrollment program fees.

To support the Howard County 4-H Alumni Committee – check all that apply:

_____ I have enclosed my contribution of \$ _____

_____ I would be willing to help with 4-H activities in Howard County.

_____ I would like to receive Howard County Alumni updates and opportunities.

_____ I would like more information to join to 4-H Alumni Committee.

_____ Please send me information on how my child(ren) may join 4-H.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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