

Clover Connection

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The Clover Connection newsletter connects the ISU Extension and Outreach – Howard County office with 4-H families. Please read carefully. The newsletter is always available on your 4-H online family account as well as on the [Howard County Extension](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/howard) website.

Record Book Time!

Record books will be DUE September 1st! Please start working on them NOW while it is still fresh in your mind from what you've learned about your project area(s) through exhibiting your projects at the fair. There are some great awards for those who complete their record book, so take the time and fill it out! If you don't know where to begin, visit our website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/howard/record-keeping> for the forms that are needed. If you still have questions, don't be afraid to ask your club leader or Extension Office for some additional help. We want you to succeed, so let us help you! This year we will also be offering a Record Book Work Night on August 3rd at the Extension Office from 5-8 p.m. and August 22nd at the Extension office from 6:30-8 p.m.

Off to State Fair!

IowaStateFair

Congratulations to all 4-H members on an outstanding job at the Mighty Howard County Fair! I loved seeing the pride that you all had due to the hard work, love, and care that you put into all of your projects! Thank you to the leaders, volunteers, parents, and members that helped make the fair a great success for our youth and visitors!

Summer is coming to an end which means.... STATE FAIR! Travel down to Des Moines between August 11 and August 21 and check out the outstanding 4-H exhibits from Howard County and across Iowa! With that, please work on your record book BEFORE school starts so that you can focus on school when it starts! If you have any questions, feel free to call the Extension Office or talk to your club leader. You are all doing amazing things, so use this time to reflect on the accomplishments that you have and what you can do next year. Thank you for everything!

-With 4-H Spirit,
Josey Nolan



my **HEAD**
to clearer thinking,

my **HEART**
to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS**
to larger service, and

my **HEALTH**
to better living, for

my Club, my Community,
my Country,
and my World.

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Fair Wrap Up

4-H Silent Auction

The annual 4-H silent auction was held during the Mighty Howard County Fair in Cresco and raised \$3325. The funds raised will be used to offset the 4-H enrollment fees for Howard County 4-H members in the fall. Each 4-H club put together at least one item for the auction as well as the 4-H Alumni Committee with the quilt.

The items sold as follows:

Afton Aces Camp and Picnic Time Fun \$250
 Diligent 4-H Club Making S'More Memories \$350.
 Saratoga 4-H Club Explore Howard County \$325
 Timberland Targeting Basket #2 for \$380
 Flying Hoofs Quest for Adventure for \$300
 Cresco Leaders Car Care Kit \$105
 Saratoga 4-H Riceville Basket \$350
 Timberland Targeting Basket #1 \$380
 Howard County Alumni Committee Quilt and Pillowcase \$250
 Space Age Farmers What's For Dinner Tonight? \$375
 Howard Center Stars A Man's Dream \$260

4-H and FFA Barn Prizes

Each year a team of judges visit the livestock barns and judge the alleys, pens, animal welfare, and club areas. This year the winners of barn prizes are as follows:

Horse Barn – Flying Hoofs 4-H Club
 Sheep and Goat Barn - Tied with Afton Aces and Space Age Farmers
 Swine Barn – Space Age Farmers
 Beef Barn – Space Age Farmers
 Poultry Barn – Space Age Farmers
 Rabbit Barn – Space Age Farmers
 Dairy Barn – tie with Afton Aces and Space Age Farmers
 Sponsors of the \$20 barn prizes were:
 Beef – Bill and Angie Mahr in Memory of John Mahr, Lime Springs
 Dairy – H & H Farms
 Horse – T & V Grover Farms, Cresco
 Poultry – Keith Klimesh, Cresco
 Rabbit – Brad and Alison Holten
 Sheep and Goat – CUSB Bank
 Swine – Cresco Bank and Trust
 The overall barn prize winner was Space Age Farmers and they receive \$50 from Jeff and Colleen Peckham in Memory of Shay Peckham.

2022 Celebrity Showmanship



The 4-H Alumni Celebrity Showmanship contest was held on Saturday, June 26 at the Mighty Howard County Fair. Congratulations to Hope Dohlman on her Celebrity Showmanship win for the 2nd year in a row!

Best Dressed Rabbit 2022



Livia McCabe was awarded the People's Choice Award for her Best Dressed Rabbit at the Mighty Howard County Fair.

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Thank You Notes



Please remember if you received a trophy, plaque, or participated in the Ribbon Auction at the Howard County Fair – please send a thank you note to your sponsors or buyers if you have not already done so! Your token of appreciation is highly influential in ensuring that our sponsors keep supporting the 4-H program and county fair. If you need help writing these thank yous, please contact your club leader or the Extension Office for tips.

Static Exhibits Heading to State Fair

On Monday, June 20, over 200 4-H projects were judged for the Mighty Howard County Fair. 4-H members spend a great amount of time setting goals and completing projects throughout the year. The following 4-H members will represent Howard County at the Iowa State Fair, August 11-21 with their 4-H exhibits.

ANIMALS AND AGRICULTURE/NATURAL RESOURCES

- Kelsey Adams: Garden Project
- Ella Keller: Hiking in Glacier National Park
- Kelsey Adams: Rhubarb Stones

CREATIVE ARTS

- Mally Linkenmeyer: Geometric Wood Art
- Makiah Pierce: Fairy Garden
- Kenzie Moellers: "Show Day" Mosaic
- Ella Keller: Leaf Painting
- Lexus Dohlman: Dried Flower Resin Tray
- Livia McCabe: Seagull Photo
- Elise Church: Water Droplet Photo
- Emma Burns: Fort Jefferson Photo
- Kayla Malven: Clubhouse Photo
- Dominic Bigalk: Pentagon Photo
- Ella Dennler: Waterfall Photo
- Taylor Reis: Dog Photo
- Kallie Eastman: Cemetery Photo

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Kelsey Adams: Lefse
- Claire Kach: Horse Lap Quilt
- Alaina Bina: Angel Food Cake
- Nora Ryan: Animal Set
- Hope Ludwig: Recipe Book
- Kate Schwade: Floral Lap Quilt

\$10 Meal Challenge

- Olivia Johnson
- SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY
- Ethan Govern: Tank Bench
 - Taylor Reis: Basketball
 - Aiden Brannon: Wood Coat Rack
 - Cade Reis: Rustic Table

State Fair Communication Exhibits

Thursday, August 11

Educational Presentations

Morning

- Taylor Reis
- Brady Burke
- Kelsey Adams

Working Exhibits

Afternoon

- Avery Church
- Ella Dennler & Taylor Reis
- Mackenzie & Madison Midthus

Monday, August 15

Working Exhibits

Afternoon

- Arabella Ahrndt

Share-the-Fun

Noon

- Wilson Merritt
- Tod Merritt

Tuesday, August 16

Share-the-Fun

Noon

- Kenzie Moellers

Saturday, August 20

Educational Presentations

Afternoon

- Bree Rogne
- Leif Rogne
- Nora Ryan

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Noteworthy August Dates

August 3

State Fair Static Entries Due to Office

Where: Extension Office

Who: 4-H'ers that qualified for State Fair with their Static Projects

August 3

Record Book Drop-In Work Night

When: 5 – 8 p.m.

Where: Extension Office

Who: Any 4-H'er

Cost: Free

Need help with your record book? This night will be all about answering your questions and helping with record books.

August 11-21

Iowa State Fair



August 22

Record Book Drop-In Work Night

When: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Where: Extension Office

Who: Any 4-H'er

Cost: Free

Need help with your record book? This night will be all about answering your questions and helping with record books.

August 28

Regional County Council Retreat

When: 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Decorah, exact location TBD

Who: County Council Members

Cost: FREE

Join County 4-H Council Members from Allamakee, Chickasaw, and Winneshiek counties to prepare for your important role as a county 4-H council member. Engage in interactive activities to better understand yourself and others.

Upcoming Events

September 1

Record Books Due

When: September 1, 2022.

Where: Extension Office

Who: All 4-H Members

September 12

County Council Meeting

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Kessel Park

Who: All County Council Members

September 21

Fall STEAM Camp Series in Riceville

When: 9 a.m.-noon

Dates: Sept. 21, Nov. 9, & Dec. 7

Where: Riceville Public Library

Who: Anyone grades 2-5

Cost: \$25

Join Josey and Betsy for an exciting morning of STEAM! We will take a chance with probability, make a little music, and test our engineering skills when we build a chair for bear!

October 2-8

National 4-H Week

Who: EVERYONE

October 2

National 4-H Week Kickoff – Beanbag Tournament, Sand Volleyball, Basketball in the Park

When: 3 – 5 p.m.

Where: Kessel Park

Who: EVERYONE

Cost: Free

October 4

Youth Committee Meeting

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Extension Office

Who: All Youth Committee Members



4-H Information

4-H Funds – Helpful Links

[CS.7.13.18 4-H Club Account Voucher Request.xlsx](#) (July 13, 2018)

[CS.7.13.18 4-H Club Account Deposit Slip.xlsx](#) (July 13, 2018)

Reminder: If you are going to have a club fundraiser there is a Fundraising form 4HP 3020 that must be approved.

THANK YOU, Justin!

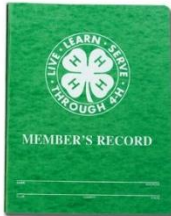
Many of you, including all of us at the Extension Office, were able to get to know the Borlaug-Thomson Intern, Justin Kerian, very well over the last few months. His time as the intern is now coming to an end and we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for all of his help this summer with fair and other programming! Also, we wish him GOOD LUCK in his future endeavors!

Record Book Time!

Why should I complete a Record Book?

- To learn how to **set goals**, how to make **plans for action**, and how to **decide how well you did** (evaluation).
- To learn the **skills** of record keeping and organization to use now and in the future.
- To learn to **communicate and summarize**.
- To learn responsibility by **completing a task**.
- To **evaluate** information that will market personal skills through future resumes and applications.

All-in-all, by completing a 4-H Record Book, you will be gaining skills that will last you a lifetime. It does take time, yes, but you have already put many hours of time into your exhibits that you brought to the fair...so why not go the extra mile and talk about the impact that those exhibits had within your project area.



Record Book Resources

- You can find forms needed for record books and award applications at the following link:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/howard/record-keeping>
- Additional Information about record books can be found at the following link: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/record-keeping>
- If you still have any questions or need help working through your record book, don't hesitate to contact your club leader or the Extension Office!
- There will be a **Record Book Workshop** at the Extension Office on August 3 & 22 if you have any questions!

Record Book Awards

There are lots of awards available in addition to completion awards!

Junior Awards

-*Outstanding Junior Achievement in Recordkeeping*—submit a complete and high quality record book

-*First Year Recordkeeping*—for first year members only

Intermediate Awards

-*Top Intermediate Record Book*

-*Project Awards*

Senior Awards

-*Top Senior Record Book*

-*Project Awards*

-*Achievement in 4-H experience*—knowledge of 4-H program and contribution to improve family and community

-*Agriculture*—knowledge & respect for agriculture and its importance to communities

-*Ak-Sar-Ben*—outstanding leadership in a variety of 4-H activities

-*Lamp of Knowledge*—contribution to 4-H through leadership, citizenship, and dedication to the program

-*Achievement in Citizenship*—demonstrate social responsibility, respect, and responds to the needs of others

-*Achievement in Leadership*—strengthens local 4-H clubs in leadership, responsibilities, and encouragement of other youth

-*I Dare You Award*—exemplify personal integrity, balanced living, and motivation for leadership

-*Awards Trip*—overall quality recordkeeping and receive a paid trip to the State 4-H Conference in June.

County Council

First of all, THANK YOU for your help this summer with the 4-H Building Clean-Up, Static Exhibit Day, Day Camps, and Check-Out Day! You all did a great job! Best of luck on you future endeavors to graduating County Council Members – Audrey Ferrie, Ethan Govern and Ashley Reicks! Thank you for all that you have done for Howard County 4-H!

I would also like to introduce the 2022-2023 County Council for Howard County! These following 4-H members have shown outstanding leadership and 4-H spirit, which they will use throughout the next year to bring fun events to the Howard County 4-H Program. Congratulations to the following members on being selected to this elite group!

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| • Clara Keller | • Ella Keller |
| • Jason Ahern | • Ava Ferrie |
| • Aiden Brannon | • Heidi Mahr |
| • Nora Ryan | • Kaleb Adams |
| • Elise Church | • Kelsey Burke |
| • Dominic Bigalk | • Kennedy Linkenmeyer |
| • Joey Vobr | |

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Making a Quilt or Craft?

Joan at the Angelic Surprises Rummage Shop (563-547-5737) has tons of denim that she would like to get rid of if anyone is planning a craft or quilt in the future.

Leader Corner

volunteer
something for everyone

- *become* a leader, mentor or chaperone
- provide opportunities for *growth*
- *include* family, friends & neighbors
- facilitate hands on *learning*
- *flexible* time commitment
- create fun *summer learning*

Reminder to Leaders

Please remember to either drop meeting minutes in our drop-box or send us an email with them to jnolan@iastate.edu. Thanks!

Fall Leader Meeting

Please be on the lookout in your emails for a fall leader meeting date.

September 8

Club Award Forms Due

When: September 8

Where: Extension Office

Details and forms were sent to you in the mail. This is a great time to recognize those volunteers that put in countless hours and passion to support the Howard County 4-H Program. Forms include nominations for the 2022 Meritorious, Honorary, and Alumni Awards.

November 1

Club Program Books Due to Extension Office

When: November 1 @ 4 p.m.

Where: Due to the Howard County Extension Office

When you drop them off please let us know if you need copies of your program books for your families and how many you will need.

