

Clover Connection

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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.**

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/content/awards-recordkeeping-0> 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 Workshop/Work Night on August 11th at the Extension Office from 5-7 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 12 and August 22 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

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The Mighty Howard County Fair

4-H Clover Kids at the Fair



Howard County 4-H Clover Kids were able to enter projects in the Howard County Fair and have a “chat” with a judge about their project. All Clover Kids received Participation ribbons.



Those participating were:

Charlie Klimesh - My Calf Fred Poster
 Malia Henry – Stepping Stone
 Dayne Moellers – Farm Drawing
 James Kach – Birdhouse and a Painting
 Cora Kach – Painted Unicorn and a painting
 Charlie Fritcher-Larson – Fairy garden and Stepping Stone
 Harper Reis – Homemade Hair Bows
 Campbell Reis – Tie Dye Backpack.
 Luther Govern – Horizon Painting and a Cucumber Plant.
 Caroline Friedges – Calf Poster
 Brynn Brannon – Succulent Pot.

4-H Silent Auction

The 4-H silent auction at the Mighty Howard County Fair raised \$2895. The funds raised will be used to offset the 4-H enrollment fees for Howard County 4-H for the fall enrollment period for members. Each 4-H club put together at least one item for auction and the 4-H Alumni committee contributed three items for the auction.

Space Age Farmers – What’s for Dinner \$290

Howard Center Stars – Picnic Fun \$260.

Diligent 4-H’ers – Let Your Dreams Grow \$125.
 Timberland Targeting – Summer Fun \$180
 Howard County Alumni – ISU Fleece \$160
 Howard County Alumni – Iowa Fleece \$135
 Saratoga 4-H – BonFire Fun \$300
 Timberland Targeting – Summer Fun #2 \$185.
 Afton Aces – KMAX Pig \$220.
 Saratoga 4-H – Fun in the Sun \$125
 Cresco Leaders – Summertime Picnic & Tent \$155
 Howard County Alumni – KMAX pig \$230
 Flying Hoofs – Batik Artwork by Peggy Novak \$100
 Flying Hoofs – Get Your Garden On \$330.
 Timberland Targeting – Summer Fun #3 \$100

4-H & FFA Barn Prizes at the Fair

Each year the livestock barns are judged by a team of judges. This is normally referred to as the Herdsmanship Award. The clubs are judged on alley cleanliness and safety, pens and stall criteria, animal welfare and safety, and the club area being decorated and education of club members interacting with the public. The awards are \$20 cash prizes to the clubs that win each barn. There is an overall barn prize sponsored by Jeff and Colleen Peckham in memory of Shay Peckham in the amount of \$50.

The Swine Barn prize was won by Saratoga 4-H Club sponsored by Cresco Bank & Trust.

The Poultry Barn prize was won by Diligent 4-H’ers sponsored by Keith Klimesh.

The Beef Barn prize was won by Saratoga 4-H Club sponsored by Bill and Angie Mahr in Memory of John Mahr.

The Horse Barn prize was won by Riceville FFA.

The Sheep/Goat Barn prize was won by Space Age Farmers 4-H Club sponsored by CUSB Bank.

The Rabbit Barn prize was won by Space Age Farmers 4-H Club sponsored by Brad and Alison Holten.

The Dairy Barn prize was won by Afton Aces 4H Club sponsored by H & H Farms.

The Overall Barn Prize was won by Space Age Farmers 4H Club.

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Best Dressed Rabbit 2021



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

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.

2021 Celebrity Showmanship Contest



The 4-H Alumni Celebrity Showmanship contest was held on Saturday, June 26 at the Mighty Howard County Fair in Cresco, Iowa. There were 24 participants: The winner, who was sponsored by CUSB Bank, was Hope Dohlman. She 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:

Sawyer Peckham sponsored by The Steel Shop.

Jacob Knutson sponsored by Therma Fitzgerald.

Mike Adams sponsored by A & K Feed and Grain.

Duane Tlusty sponsored by Johnson Farms.

Holly Marr sponsored by Hanson Tire.

Dalton Martinek sponsored by Fisk Farm and Home.

Noah Schrage sponsored by Fritcher Farms.

Sydney Patterson sponsored by Farmer's Feed and Grain – Riceville

Jason Ludwig sponsored by People's Savings Bank – Elma.

Kenny Marr sponsored by Elma Locker and Grocery.

Wes Dohlman sponsored by Osage Vet Clinic.

Jeff Peckham sponsored by Olsgard's Silo Bagging

Jeff Springer sponsored by Cresco Motor Company.

Scott Fett sponsored by Wacha Insurance Agency

Eric Reicks sponsored by Northern Iowa Grain Processors

Carmen Dohlman sponsored by Cray Insurance – Chester

Mike Root sponsored by Sue-Z-Q's

Jonathan Keune sponsored by Vic and Sharla Fencil.

Aarika Schwarck sponsored by 3B Ag

Rachel Boyle sponsored by Boyle Boyzz LLC

Dawn Kucera sponsored by Ludwig Farms

Rebecca Linkenmeyer sponsored by Christenen's Ag & Seeds

Maleek Williams sponsored by Don Anderson Insurance.

A donation was received from Lyle Eastman of Riceville.



Static Exhibits heading to State Fair

On Monday, June 21, 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

- Olivia Johnson: Recycled Jean Rug
- Kathleen Brannon: Succulent Tower
- Ella Dennler: Deck Flowerpot
- Kaleb Adams: Horseshoe Pit

CREATIVE ARTS

- Nora Ryan: Drawing
- Morgan Drilling: ASL Art
- Nathaniel Bigalk: Wooden American Flag
- Tucker Tlusty: Lawn Checkers
- Claire Kach: Cattail Photo
- Ella Dennler: Photo
- Emily Church: Photo
- Alaina Bina: Photo
- Avery Church: Pretty Flower Photo
- Quinna Ollendieck: Red Water Photo
- Quinna Ollendieck: Chunks Photo

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Audrey Ferrie: Bedroom Re-Do
- Ava Ferrie: Child Development
- Lexus Dohlman: Hand Knit Cushion
- Nora Ryan: Fish Cake
- Clara Keller: Holiday Cake
- Kelsey Adams: Kolaches

\$10 Meal Challenge

- Ella Keller: Breakfast Menu

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY

- Taylor Reis: Roller Chain Barstool
- Ethan Govern: Steel Cattle Chute
- Taylor Reis: Metal Sculpture Lamp



Helpful Information

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 your future endeavors to graduating County Council Members – Hailley Mittelsted and Haylee Holten! Thank you for all that you have done for Howard County 4-H!

I would also like to introduce the 2021-2022 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!

- Ethan Govern
- Ella Keller
- Audrey Ferrie
- Ava Ferrie
- Ashley Reicks
- Heidi Mahr
- Nora Ryan
- Kaleb Adams

THANK YOU Grace!

Many of you, including all of us at the Extension Office, were able to get to know the Borlaug-Thomson Intern, Grace Reiss, very well over the last few months. Her time as the intern has now come to an end and we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for all of her help this summer with fair and other programming! Also, We wish her GOOD LUCK in her 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/content/awards-recordkeeping-0>
- 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 11 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.

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Noteworthy August Dates

August 11

Record Book Workshop

When: 5 – 7 p.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

Who: All 4-H'ers

Cost: FREE

The record book workshop will go over some pointers, tips, and tricks for creating your 2020-2021 record book and we will have some work time to look through all our example books and work on your own record book!

August 12-22

Iowa State Fair



We would like to wish all the following Howard County 4-H'ers the best of luck as they participate at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines! The communication events will be held in the 4-H Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Communications Schedule

Clothing Awardrobe

August 12 @ 1 PM - **Lyli Kunert & Heidi Mahr**

Educational Presentations

August 14 (AM) – **Lindsey Johnson**

August 14 (AM) – **Kelsey Adams**

August 15 (PM) – **Brady Burke**

August 19 (PM) – **Jordyn Fisk**

August 20 (PM) – **Kenzie Moellers**

Working Exhibits

August 14 (AM) – **Nora Ryan**

August 14 (AM) – **Alaina Bina**

August 14 (AM) – **Ella Dennler**

August 14 (PM) – **Bree & Knute Rogne**

Share-the-Fun

August 14 (5 PM) – **Lyli Kunert**

August 19 (noon) – **Claire Kach**

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors

Tucker Tlusty – Poultry & Sheep

Tanner Tlusty – Meat Goats

Ty Moudry - Sheep

Brock Voyna – Poultry

Trenton Voyna – Poultry

Kaleb Adams – Poultry

Kelsey Adams – Poultry

August 29

Regional County Council Retreat

When: 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Decorah, exact location to

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

Where: Howard County Extension Office

Who: All 4-H'ers

October 8-10

THRIVE Youth-Adult Mindfulness Retreat

When: October 8-10

Where: Des Moines YMCA Camp, Boone, IA

Who: Youth grades 8-12 + accompanying adult

Cost: \$25/person

Youth and their caring adult will learn and reflect on **POSITIVE, HEALTHY MINDFUL** practices and resources and enjoy **FUN CAMP ACTIVITIES** to support **MENTAL HEALTH** and **WELL-BEING!**

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THRIVE
Youth-Adult
Mindfulness Retreat

OCTOBER 8-10, 2021
DES MOINES YMCA CAMP - BOONE, IA

Youth grades 8-12 + accompanying adult
(parent, mentor, other adult relative, etc.)

\$25/person
Financial assistance available

REGISTER AT:
www.tinyurl.com/4Hthrive2021
Questions? berkenes@iastate.edu

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October 25

Parliamentary Procedure Workshop/Club Officer Training

When: 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

Who: All 4-H'ers

Cost: FREE

This will be a wonderful training that we would like all club officers to attend and is also open to other youth as well that may be interested in becoming an officer in the future. We will review proper Parliamentary Procedure through fun, hands on activities! Registration to come!

November 3

Photography Workshop

When: 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

Who: All 4-H'ers

Cost: FREE

More information to come! Registration to come!

November 14

4-H Awards Ceremony

When: November 14

Where: Cresco Theatre

Who: All 4-H'ers

Be on the lookout for more details in upcoming newsletters!



Helpful 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.

Leader Corner



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 2021 Meritorious, Honorary, and Alumni Awards.

September 27

Fall Leader Meeting

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Kessel Park Shelter

Who: All Leaders (must have one from each club present)
More details will be coming in your email.

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.

