

# Clover Connection

March 2021



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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](#) website.

## Spring Fair

**When:** April 10, 2021

**Where:** NICC – Cresco

**Events:** Educational Presentations, Share-the-Fun, Working Exhibits, Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, and the \$15 Clothing Challenge!

**Registrations Due:** March 19, 2021

Spring Fair 2021 is ALMOST here and I can't wait to see all of the fun things that you all come up with! This is a great opportunity to express yourself through a variety of different ways.

Visit the [Project List](#) and click on the 'Clothing', 'Communications', and 'Music' Links for ideas and inspiration! You can also contact the Extension Office or your club leader with information on the different project areas for Spring Fair!

## Like us on Facebook -Howard County 4-H



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Be sure to like our page on Facebook at [Howard County 4-H](#)! This is where all 4-H updates and information is posted in addition to the monthly newsletters.

Every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. during the month of March I will be going live on Facebook with a book reading for #ReadAcrossIowa. This will be open to classrooms, daycares, and those at home to watch. They will also be available for 24 hours to view if you wish to watch them at a later time.

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.*



## Noteworthy March Dates

### March 1

#### Crestwood Clover Kids



Location: Kessel Lodge at Kessel Park

Transportation: The Transit Bus can provide transportation, parents must make arrangements in advance by calling 866.382.4259. The cost is \$2.00 and exact change is expected. Otherwise, the parent/guardian is responsible for transport to Kessel Lodge.

### March 4

#### Notre Dame Clover Kids



Location: Kessel Lodge at Kessel Park

Transportation: The Transit Bus can provide transportation, parents must make arrangements in advance by calling 866.382.4259. The cost is \$2.00 and exact change is expected. Otherwise, the parent/guardian is responsible for transport to Kessel Lodge.

### March 8

#### Dog Obedience Class Begins



Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Featherlite Center

This will be an introductory class and parents are encouraged and welcomed to attend with their child(ren). 4-H members will need to provide the rabies, parvo and distemper papers for their dog as well as bring along \$10 to cover the expenses of this series of dog obedience classes.

To participate, dogs must be at least 6 months old, have rabies vaccine.

It is important that you attend this series of classes if you plan on exhibiting your dog at the fair. Please be sure to RSVP by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### March 13

#### Home Raised Swine Weigh-In

Time: 9-11 a.m. by appointment

Location: Crestwood Ag Shop (Old Bus Barn Building)

Reminder: Return your postcard to the extension office by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Iowa State Brown Swiss Sale



Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Howard County Fairgrounds

If you are a dairy project member, you might be interested in the junior project calves and yearlings that will be for sale at the Annual Iowa State Brown Swiss Sale! It will also be a great opportunity to view the Brown Swiss breed and check out the market!

### March 14

#### 2020 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity Deadline

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form.

Entries must be postmarked by March 14, 2021.

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## March 15

### Equine Lunch & Learn Webinar

"Importance of Soil Fertility for Forages," with Antonio Mallarino, professor in agronomy and extension specialist at Iowa State University.

All sessions will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Participants can register for any or all sessions at:

<https://iastate.zoom.us/join/register/tJAqdeiopzovH9aTObnAWVuPMEvMPqUqxmQH>

### Alumni Scholarship Applications Due



### Dog Obedience Class

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Reicks View Ag Education Center

## March 16

### Swine Informational Workshop on Swine Selection & Traits

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 p.m.

This Informational workshop will be presented by Dan Lane. He will talk about the various traits to look for when selecting your swine.

This workshop is open to all Howard County 4-H'ers, home raised and those that would be interested in a facility swine program.

Please call the Howard County Extension Office at 563.547.3001 to register.

### County Council Meeting

Location: TBD, check your emails/texts for updates.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

## March 18

### Riceville Clover Kids



Location: Riceville Public Library

Transportation: Please send a bus permission slip if you would like your child to ride the bus to the library for each Clover Kids date. Otherwise the parent/guardian is responsible for transport to the library.

## March 19

### Spring Fair Entries Due

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Please return your registration forms to the Howard County Extension Office by March 19<sup>th</sup>. We cannot accommodate taking entries over the phone, so please plan ahead.

## March 22

### Photography Workshop Registrations Due



### Dog Obedience Class

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Reicks View Ag Education Center

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### Howard County Photography Workshop



Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

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In this photography workshop you will learn some photography basics, explore the March Camera Corps theme, learn some fun editing techniques with free mobile apps, and learn how to join Iowa 4-H Camera Corps! We hope you will leave the workshop inspired to join Camera Corps and start taking awesome photos - regardless of your photography experience!

Please email Josey at [jnolan@iastate.edu](mailto:jnolan@iastate.edu) or call the Howard County Extension Office to register for this workshop. Registrations Due March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## March 30

### Youth Committee Meeting

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Watch your emails for Zoom link and agenda.

## March 31

### Alumni Scholarship Interviews

Time: Times will be scheduled through Extension Office

Location: Howard County Extension Office

### 4-H Market Broiler Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Broilers: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Include \$1.60/broiler ordered.  
DUE APRIL 5, 2020*

Minimum order of 12. Maximum order of 25. Return this order form plus cost of chicks to the Extension Office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 5

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"Tips to Manage Weeds in Horse Pastures," with Meaghan Anderson, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

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## April 17

### Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In

If you haven't already, please get enrolled in this project so that you get materials mailed to you! We will be sending out information in the mail regarding scheduling times to weigh-in. Weigh-in will be from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.

## April 22

### Riceville Clover Kids



Location: Riceville Public Library

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## May 3

### County Council Applications Due



Attention 2021-2022 high schoolers! Now is your chance to be on the 4-H County Council! This is an awesome opportunity to be the ambassadors and leaders of Howard County 4-H. You will get the opportunity to participate in exclusive trips and be a role model to younger 4-H'ers and Clover Kids! Applications will be mailed out to current 8<sup>th</sup> graders-11<sup>th</sup> graders later this month.

## May 13

### Equine Lunch & Learn Webinar

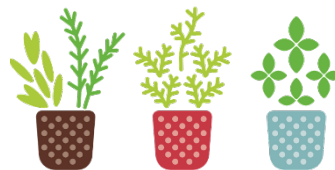
"Environmental Management of Horse Facilities," with Kapil Arora, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach.

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## May 15

### Container Garden Workshop



Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kessel Park

Cost: \$25

Learn all about how to successfully grow vegetables in containers. It's harder than it looks! We will show you how to grow more vegetables in less space than you ever thought possible. We will even create our own container garden to take home!

To register email Josey at [inolan@iastate.edu](mailto:inolan@iastate.edu) or call the Howard County Extension Office to register for this workshop. Registrations due May 10th.

### YQCA Deadline



Once again we will be using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) to help youth and their parents better understand what they can do to produce the safest food possible.

All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following: Beef, Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine.

The great thing about YQCA is that it can be done anywhere (with internet), anytime, and you don't have to complete the whole training in one sitting. To get started with the training, check out this handy website on how to sign-up and complete YQCA:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf>

Once you have completed the training, please send the Extension Office a copy of your certificate so we know that you are certified. Once we receive your certificate we will reimburse you the \$12 for the cost of the training. Please put your name and address on your YQCA certificate prior to dropping it off at the Extension Office.

#### YQCA Login Page:

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

#### YQCA Help Sheet:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf>

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**June 8-9**

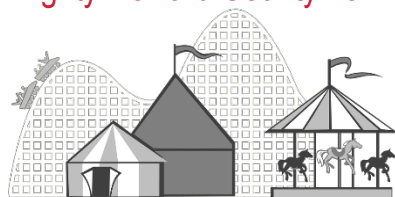
Junior Camp @ Pinebluff



SAVE THE DATE! More information and registration forms to come!

**June 22-27**

Mighty Howard County Fair



**July 1**

State Youth Conference

SAVE THE DATE! More information and registration forms to come!

**July 7-8**

STEAM Camp – Theme: Coding

**CAUTION  
Programming  
is addictive  
(and too much fun)**

Join us this summer in our partnership with NICC in Cresco for our STEAM Camp featuring the theme of coding for 2021! More information to come!

**July 19 & 21**

The Science of BBQ Day Camp



This program will introduce participants to grilling methods, including cooking with gas and charcoal. Youth will explore various meat cuts and how cooking temperatures and the composition of the meat can affect the barbecuing process. Participants will learn how to incorporate meat into a healthy diet, food safety and techniques such as using rubs, marinades and seasonings.

**August 3-4**

Intermediate Trip



SAVE THE DATE! More information and registration forms to come!

**August 12-22**

Iowa State Fair



## 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.

### Child Development Project Skills

If you are looking to expand your child development project skills think about helping with Clover Kids or with Kessel Kids! Both always have opportunities to interact with children and education. Some opportunities through Kessel Kids could be paid opportunities.

### Breeding Heifers

You will need to enter two forms of ID for your breeding heifers when you enter them for the State Fair.

### Iowa 4-H Camera Corps



Do you have an interest in photography and want to participate in a state level event? Good! I have just the thing for you! The Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a talented group of youth photographers working together to make beautiful, powerful, and creative photographs of communities from across the state of Iowa. It is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work. Each month a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give individual feedback to each photographer after they submit their monthly photograph, and then each photograph will be exhibited digitally on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting will be open to the public.

Are you interested? The application to join the Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is SUPER easy to fill out, it's as easy as filling out your name, county, email, and answering a few questions. The application can be found [here](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps). Let Josey know if you apply! (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>)

## 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*

### Club Member Fees Due

Club fees are due to the office ASAP. Once the club leaders drop off the club fees they will be given t-shirts for each club member that has paid.

### Complete Annual Volunteer Training

If you were unable to attend Annual Volunteer Training in person or via Zoom you will need to complete it in 4hOnline prior to July 1, 2021. You have been emailed the instructions.

### COVID-19 Reminders

1. All participants in the gathering must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group (family) or individual attending alone.
  2. Face coverings are required when people are indoors. (Exceptions: See Open for Iowa)
  3. Remind participants to say home if they are sick and follow safety guidelines.
  4. Continue to implement hygiene practices and other reasonable safety measures consistent with Open for Iowa guidance for all gatherings.
  5. Consider pre-registration for all meetings and events to ensure attendance limits/location capacity limits are not exceeded.
  6. Clubs must maintain a record of ALL meeting attendees, including guests and parents.
  7. Do not share supplies
  8. Educational activities including food preparation must follow Open for Iowa recommendations. No samples or sharing.
  9. Food at meetings may NOT be potluck and should be limited to pre-packaged and/or catered food. Please see Open for Iowa page.
  10. It is expected that facilities, have adequate facilities and/or equipment for handwashing/hand sanitizers.
  11. The willingness of 4-H youth and families to participate in an in-person event may vary. They may still prefer virtual or other online participation at this point.
- Continue to provide online educational program and event participation options

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