

Clover Connection

November 2021



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Office will be closed on November 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving.

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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/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders) website.

Re-Enrollment & Recruitment

JOIN THE CLUB!

Clover Kids

Afton Aces

Cresco Leaders

Diligent 4-H'ers

Flying Hoofs

Howard Center Stars

Saratoga 4-H

Space Age Farmers

Timberland Targeting



Enrollment has been open since mid-September. Please take a moment and visit <https://v2.4honline.com/> to re-enroll. New enrollments please contact club leaders or the Howard County Extension Office to enroll. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me for help. Here is the link to the help sheets,



4hOnline

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>. The cost to our members this year for enrollment will be \$5.00 as long as they are enrolled by November 30th, so enroll ASAP! The remainder of the fee has been covered by the Alumni Committee, Youth Committee, and Extension Council.



Help Sheets

Awards Program

Help us celebrate the achievements of Howard County 4-H'ers! It's crazy to think in less than a month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Let's make sure to take a moment to reflect on what we are thankful for. What comes to mind? Family, friends, and good health. What else is there? At the Howard County Extension Office, we are SO THANKFUL for our many 4-H members, families, volunteers, and staff!

Make plans to attend our 4-H program on Sunday, November 7th at the Cresco Movie Theater at 1:30 p.m. Following the awards program there will be a free movie – "Ron's Gone Wrong".

Let's continue to make the BEST BETTER!

-With 4-H Spirit,
Josey Nolan

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Noteworthy November Dates

November 2

Notre Dame Clover Kids



When: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: Notre Dame Church Basement

Who: Kindergarten through 3rd Graders that have registered for Clover Kids.

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 7

County Council Meeting

When: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

November 7

4-H Awards Ceremony



When: November 7 @ 1:30 p.m.

Where: Cresco Theatre

Who: All 4-H'ers

Movie: *Ron's Gone Wrong* - The story of Barney, an awkward middle-schooler and Ron, his new walking, talking, digitally connected device. Ron's malfunctions set against the backdrop of the social media age launch them on a journey to learn about true friendship.

November 9

Riceville Group One Clover Kids



When: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: Riceville School Lunch Room

Who: Kindergarten through 3rd Graders that have registered for Clover Kids.

November 10

Riceville No School Day STEAM Camp



When: 9 a.m. – noon

Where: Riceville Public Library

Who: Any 2nd graders through 5th graders, pre-registration is required, contact the Extension Office to register.

November 16

Riceville Group Two Clover Kids



When: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: Riceville School Lunch Room

Who: Kindergarten through 3rd Graders that have registered for Clover Kids.

November 16

Youth Committee Meeting

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

November 17

Kessel Kids Clover Kids



When: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: Kessel Kids

Who: Kindergarten through 3rd Graders that have registered for Clover Kids.

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November 23

Crestwood Clover Kids



When: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: Kessel Kids

Who: Kindergarten through 3rd Graders that have registered for Clover Kids.

November 30

4-H Member New Enrollments & Re-Enrollments Due



When: 11:59 p.m.

Where: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Who: All New (paper form) 4-H'ers & Re-Enrolling 4-H'ers

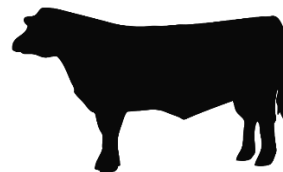
Why: If you re-enroll/enroll by the deadline your yearly fee is the reduced cost of \$5 per youth, if you renew after the deadline you will owe the full \$30 fee.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18

Beef Weigh-In



When: 9-11 a.m.

Where: The Mighty Howard County Fairgrounds

Who: Any 4-H'er planning to show market beef at the 2022 Mighty Howard County Fair.

December 28

Region 5 Waterloo Blackhawks Hockey Bus



When: December 28

Where: Decorah pick-up at 4:30 p.m., New Hampton pick-up at 5:30 p.m.

Who: Any 4-H'ers and their families

Cost: \$35 per person

Register by: December 20th

Info: Join 4-H members and families from across Region 5 by riding the bus to the Waterloo Black Hawks Winter Break 4-H Night game on Tuesday, December 28! The bus will leave from Decorah at 4:30 PM location TBD, puck drops at 7:05 PM. The \$35 includes transportation and your game ticket. This is open to all 4th-12th grade 4-H members and their families. We ask 4th-8th grade members must be accompanied by an adult; 9th-12th grade do not have to be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so be sure to contact the Extension Office to reserve your spot(s) today! Please reserve your space by Monday, December 20!

January 9

Regional County Council Retreat

When: January 9, 2022, Noon-5:00 p.m.

Where: The NEW Winneshiek Extension Office, 2316 Sweet Parkway Road, Decorah, IA 52101



January 15

Deadline to Apply for States' 4-H Exchange



Iowa 4-H is excited to partner with States' 4-H Exchange to offer international exchange opportunities for our 4-H members, ages 12-18. Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families in those countries and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Applications are being accepted from current 4-H youth who would like to travel abroad AND for those interested in being a host family for Japanese youth for summer 2022. The deadline to apply is January 15th. Check out the website for application details.



Scan for Info

January 29

Clothing & Communications Workshop



When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Location TBD

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the Spring Fair events and those that want to get some ideas for this coming year and some practice! More information to come!

February 9

Visual Arts Workshop



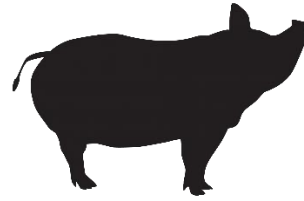
When: 6-8 p.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

Who: Anyone interested in learning more Visual Arts and the Design Elements! More information to come!

March 5

Home Raised Swine Weigh-In



When: 9-11 a.m.

Where: FFA Building

Who: Any 4-H'er planning to show home raised swine at the 2022 Mighty Howard County Fair.

March 25-27

Equine Extravaganza



When: March 25-27, 2022

Where: Ellsworth College in Iowa Falls

Who: Any 4-H'er interested in Equine!

Information: Please reach out to Josey if you are interested in this event! There is so much that you can do either by taking and showing your horse/donkey/mule/pony or by going without a horse and doing a presentation, quiz bowl, equine judging, and so much more! Josey would love to help get our youth involved in this event!

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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.

Winter Clothing Drive

The State 4-H Council will be hosting a winter clothing drive this fall; we will be collecting items from October 28 to November 19. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants, snow boots, and scarves are welcomed.

The State Council has a goal to collect 2,000 winter clothing items OR 20 items from each of the 100 Extension counties.



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE
Oct. 28-Nov. 19

Donate new or gently used coats, hats, boots, snow pants, scarves, mittens, and gloves to your local county Extension office!

Presented by the State 4-H Council

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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*

November 1

Leader Forms and Program Books Due to Extension Office

When: November 1 @ 4 p.m.

Where: The following forms are due to the Howard County Extension Office

- Program Book
- New Program Planning Form
- Partnership Agreement Form
- Iowa 4-H Charter Agreement Form
- Iowa 4-H Annual Compliance Report
- Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Volunteers Form (1 per leader)

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.

January 24

Required Annual Leader Training

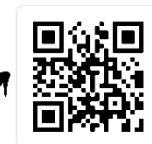
When: 7 p.m.

Where: Howard County Extension Office

Who: All leaders must go through Annual Leader Training
More details will be coming in your email.

Leader Resources

New FREE resources are available to leaders from the Extension Store! Check them out, they are super fun and educational resources to incorporate into your club meetings!



Leader Resources

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Topic/Volunteer-Resources>

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HOWARD COUNTY || SEPTEMBER 2021-AUGUST 2022

CALENDAR

The below calendar showcases the typical 4-H Year for Howard County. The calendar is not all-inclusive but does list most of our important events and deadlines. See our monthly newsletter for more information and updates.

September

- 1st: Record Books Due to the Extension Office
- 15th: Enrollment begins in 4hOnline

October

- 3rd-9th: National 4-H Week
- 3rd: 4-H Week Kickoff @ Kessel Park

November

- 1st: Leader Packets Due to Extension Office
- 7th: Awards Day @ Cresco Theater
- 30th: 4hOnline Enrollment discount deadline

December

- 18th: Market Beef Weigh In

January

- 15th: Pioneer Seed Grant Applications Due to Iowa 4-H Foundation
- 24th: Annual Leader Training

February

- 1st: Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due
- 1st: State Recognition Applications Due
- 1st: Market Beef IDed in 4hOnline Deadline

March

- 5th: Home Raised Swine Weigh In
- 14th: Alumni Scholarship Applications Due
- Date TBD: State Recognition Interviews
- Date TBD: Alumni Scholarship Interviews

April

- 2nd: Spring Fair
- 4th: 4-H Market Broiler Order Forms Due
- 25th: County Council Applications Due
- TBD: Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In

May

- 9th-13th: County Council Interviews
- 15th: Livestock ID Deadline in 4hOnline
- 15th: YQCA Training Deadline
- 27th: Fair Entries Due
- 31st-June 2nd: County Council Trip

June

- 20th: Static Judging Day & Club Booth Setup
- 22nd-26th: The Mighty Howard County Fair
- 28th-30th: Youth Conference, Ames
- Dates TBD: Junior Camp at Pine Bluff
- Dates TBD: Intermediate Trip

July

- 1st: Iowa State Fair Livestock Entries Due
- Dates TBD: Summer Day Camps

August

- 1st: State Fair Static Entries to Extension Office (except food & plants)
- 8th: 8:30 a.m. State Fair Food & Plant Entries to Extension Office
- 11th-21st: Iowa State Fair

Counties do not always do the same activities at the same time every year, and some activities are dropped while others added.

Questions? Contact me!

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