



CLOVER CONNECTION SEPTEMBER 2020



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Calendar of Events



Congratulations to all 4-H exhibitors on a job well done at the Ida County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. Thank you to those who helped make the 2020 Ida County Fair possible: Club Leaders, Committee Members, Volunteers, Sponsors, The Fairboard and Superintendents

September

- 1st New 4-H Year Begins
- 24th-27th AKSARBEN
- 28th Youth Council Applications due to office

October

- 4th Ida/Sac Skating Party 1:00-4:00PM
- 5th Record Books due to office by 4:30PM
- 4th-10th National 4-H Week

November

- 1st Awards Day 4:00PM

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Don't forget to like the Facebook page—Ida County 4-H! Information, reminders and pictures are posted to this page! If you have pictures you want posted to the page, just email them to Laura at lehlers@iastate.edu.



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Record Books Due October 5th

Yes, it's already that time! Ida County 4-H record books for the 2019-2020 year are due to the Extension Office by 4:30PM on Monday, October 5th. Be sure to mark this date in your calendar. Record Books are a great way to track your progress throughout the 4-H year. There is a 4-H Foundation Scholarship available for 4-H'ers who complete their record book and other requirements set by the 4-H Foundation. Please check with your club leader to see if they have set a date prior to the office's to have them turned in to them. All record book forms are available for pick-up at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ida/4h>. Award application forms are available in the office as well as online. If you need a record book cover, please contact me and let me know otherwise a 3-ring binder works just fine. If you have any questions or need help getting started, please feel free to contact me.

Award Sheet Reminders:

- Awards sheets must be filled out in order to be eligible for awards
- Project Awards: You can only receive bronze, silver and gold once
- Check the permanent record sheet in the front of your record book to see if you have already received an award
- Add an additional sheet for the gold and silver awards and list out the following:
 - Project Area
 - Citizenship/Communications and year
 - Leadership (for gold project awards)
 - Exhibits

4-HOnline Re-Enrollment

September 1st was officially the beginning of the 2020-2021 4-H year, which means it's time to get re-enrolled and start thinking about what project areas you are interested in for the upcoming year.

For the upcoming 4-H Year, the state is rolling out a new system, 4-HOnline 2.0. The state is currently still finalizing some details and bugs within the system and it is not quite ready to go yet. This transition will push back online enrollment for the 2020-2021 year. Please **DO NOT** try and re-enroll or enroll until you receive an email from Laura with directions.

Once re-enrollment is open, I will let you know. Re-enrollment is a great time to update and make changes to any contact information so you don't miss out on any upcoming events or club communications.

If you have any questions about the re-enrollment process, please let me know. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the Extension Office to schedule a time to come in and re-enroll.

2020-2021 Youth Council

Are you looking for an opportunity to get more involved with Ida County 4-H events and develop leadership skills? If so, join the Ida County Youth Council! Youth Council is for 4-H members in grades 9-12. During the year, members have monthly meetings and help plan and conduct county events throughout the year. Applications will be available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ida/4h>. Please return the application to the Extension Office by 4:30PM on Monday, September 28th.

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Thank You Notes

If you received a trophy or plaque during county fair, please be sure to send the sponsor of your award a thank-you! Each year they continue to support the Ida County 4-H Program and you should let them know how much you appreciate their support! Others to consider writing thank you note to include 4-H leaders, superintendents and fair board. Please help thank these 4-H supporters to let them know they are appreciated.

Club Programs

Leaders, please send me your club programs for the year as soon as you have them done so I can continue to add the club meeting dates to the calendar in the newsletter. The sooner the better so I can inform potential members of your next club meeting so they can attend. Thanks in advance!

National 4-H Week

Mark those calendars! This year, National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 4th-10th. This is a great time to spread the word about 4-H and encourage new members to join Ida County 4-H! Start planning now ways to promote 4-H in your school and community. We would like to see each club do something to celebrate National 4-H Week. Send photos of the great things your club is doing to Laura to use to promote 4-H and National 4-H week on social media!

Here are some ideas to get you thinking about activities to do during National 4-H Week:

- Put up a display at a local business promoting 4-H
- Deliver goodies to local 4-H supporters
- Wear your 4-H t-shirts to school one day
- Give 4-H bookmarks to your local school or library

National 4-H Week Window Display

Once again this year we would like each club to create a window display in your community promoting National 4-H Week. Contact a local business (library, gas station, etc.) and ask to use their windows to create a promotional message about 4-H. Please have all displays up and ready by Monday, October 5th so they are on display all week! Please email me a photo of your display to lehlers@iastate.edu and I will share different club's displays throughout the week.

Ribbon Premium Checks

Ribbon premium checks went out in the mail this week. Please make sure to watch the mail for those and to get them cashed or deposited in a timely manner.

Fair Ribbons

If you haven't picked up your fair ribbons, we have them at the office and are open from 8:00-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

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