

# Keokuk County 4-H Family Newsletter

## September & October 2021



### IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 2nd:**  
Post Fair Meeting
- **September 6th:**  
Labor Day  
Extension Office Closed
- **September 8th:**  
4-H Leader's Meeting
- **September 8th:**  
County Council  
Applications Due
- **October 8th:**  
Record Books / Award  
Applications Due
- **October 3rd:**  
New 4-H Year Kick-off Party
- **October 3rd-9th:**  
National 4-H Week
- **October 5th:**  
Iowa 4-H Giving Day
- **October 8th-9th:**  
THRIVE Retreat
- **October TBD:**  
Clover Kids Halloween Party

## And that's a wrap!

**We were 'back better than ever' this year at the  
2021 Keokuk County Expo Fair!**

A huge **thank you** to everyone who was involved in making the fair a success! Whether you were an exhibitor, volunteer, sponsor, visitor, judge, or vendor, we could not have done this without you. We hope everyone enjoyed their time at the expo fair; learning, connecting, and making memories.

Congratulations to all exhibitors! Our Clover Kids and 4-Hers worked hard this year, and we were excited they were able to exhibit their work at a 'normal' fair again. The fair is 'our place'; we all needed to see our 4-H family.

**We're 4-H Proud!**



Katharinna, Jordon, Emily, Emma, and Alicia

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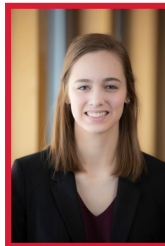
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**Tentative 2022 Keokuk  
County Expo Fair Dates:**

**July 10th-17th**



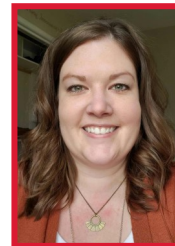
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## Keokuk County Expo Fair & Iowa State Fair Results

IowaStateFair

Didn't make it to the 2021 Keokuk County Expo Fair or the 2021 Iowa State Fair to see results? There were way too many exhibits to list them all in this newsletter! What a **GREAT** problem to have! But don't you worry, we've got you covered!

2021 Keokuk County Expo Fair results were printed in the July 28th and August 5th editions of the Sigourney Review. A link to both the 2021 Expo Fair and 2021 Iowa State Fair results will soon be posted to our Facebook page, so keep a look out! If you don't have access to Facebook but would like the link emailed or sent to you via text, reach out to our office!

# Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Dylan Weber of Harper, IA** for earning a **\$500 scholarship** from The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University for his outstanding State Fair exhibit, a moss rake!

Dylan enjoys fishing, but was only catching moss. He knew he needed to do something about it, so on went his thinking cap! He eventually came up with the idea of a moss rake that attaches to a skid loader. Through hard work and a bit of torching, welding, priming, painting, and grinding, his vision came to life!

If you see Dylan out and about, ask him about his invention!

This prize will help Dylan start an adventure at Iowa State in a career in agriculture and life sciences.

**Congratulations, Dylan! We're proud of you!**



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**“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.” - John F. Kennedy**

Don't forget to send your Thank You notes to our generous supporters!

**Sponsored Meals:**

**B's Sweet Treats**

123 E Marion St  
Sigourney, IA 52591

**Keokuk County Farm Bureau**

23024 Highway 149 South  
Sigourney, Iowa 52591

**Nutrien Ag Solutions**

14303 Highway 22  
Keswick, IA 50136

**Vision Ag LLC**

P.O. Box 288  
Keota, IA 52248

**Colbert Feed**

22267 220th Ave  
Sigourney, IA 52591

**Faas Feed**

222 Lakeview St  
North English, IA 52316

**Channel Seed / Frontline Genetics**

Drop the Thank You note off to the Keokuk  
County Extension Office

**Farmers Co-op**

110 Keokuk-Washington Rd  
Keota, IA 52248

**Agriland FS**

30754 Highway 149  
Hedrick, IA 52563

**4-H Shirts:**

**Channel Seed / Frontline Genetics**

Drop the Thank You off to the Extension Office.

**Clover Kids Shirts:**

**Advanced Agrilytics**

Bring Thank You cards to the Extension

**Shavings for Show Ring:**

**Wyffles**

c/o Craig Hansen  
1294 275<sup>th</sup> St  
Brighton, IA 52540

(This was a general Expo donation, but we noted  
in our thank you to them that their donation was  
used for shavings!)

**Wood Chips for Livestock Barn:**

**Hammes Brothers Sawmill**

27254 282<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Ollie, IA 52576

**Trophies and Rosettes:**

Labels were attached. If it was blank, no sponsor  
chose that award, so the Extension Office  
covered it.

**Carcass:**

The list was emailed out to 4-H leaders.



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## 2021 4-H Silent Auction Basket Donation Totals

Pocket Pillows donated by Seamrippers United \$100  
 Family Movie Night donated by Liberty Leaders \$76  
 Kiddo Craft Day donated by Sigourney Sprouts Clover Kids \$85  
 Smores Fun donated by Tri-County Clover Kids \$76  
 Golf Night donated by Riverside \$175  
 4-H Memorabilia and Blanket donated by Patriotic Panthers \$75  
 Llama Kids donated by the Llama Club \$80  
 Fun at the Fair donated by Stick to It \$90  
 Car Wash donated by Lafayette Feeders \$155  
 Gardening donated by Sigourney Sprouts Clover Kids \$125  
 Farmhouse Décor donated by County Council \$160  
 Coffee donated by County Council \$175

### There is still time to sign up for the Iowa 4-H **THRIVE** Mindfulness Retreat!

This weekend experience will present a fun, engaging, and reflective time to learn more about the benefits of mindfulness, connecting with nature, and exploring camp activities.

**When:** October 8th-10th, 2021 (Arrival on 8th: 5:30- 7:00 PM; Departure on October 10th: 12:00 PM)

**Where:** Des Moines YMCA Camp

**Cost:** \$25 per person\*, includes meals, activities, materials, and lodging

**Registration Deadline:** September 24th

**Questions:** berkenes@iastate.edu

This 4-H mindfulness programming is being supported in part by the Iowa 4-H Foundation and an Excellence in Extension Innovative Program grant.

\*Financial assistance for registration and transportation available.

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!**

**IOWA 4-H  
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](http://www.tinyurl.com/4Hthrive2021)  
**Questions?** berkenes@iastate.edu

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# Awards Night



**Sunday, November 21st, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

**Keokuk County Expo Hall**

**RSVP by November 5th to Keokuk County Extension Office**

**641-622-2690 or [alschmi@iastate.edu](mailto:alschmi@iastate.edu)**

\*Meat, drinks, desserts, and table service will be provided.

\*Families: Please bring a covered dish to share!

\*County Council members will provide desserts!



## Record Books

The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to teach how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. Youth are encouraged to select from a variety of alternatives to meet their individual record keeping needs and learning styles

### Objectives for 4-H Record Keeping

- 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 application forms.

Completing your record book will take some time and energy, but it also provides you the opportunity to see how you have reached your goals!

### Each record book needs to contain the following:

- Cover Sheet
- Yearly 4-H Summary
- Project Records
- Livestock Records
- Member Self-evaluation

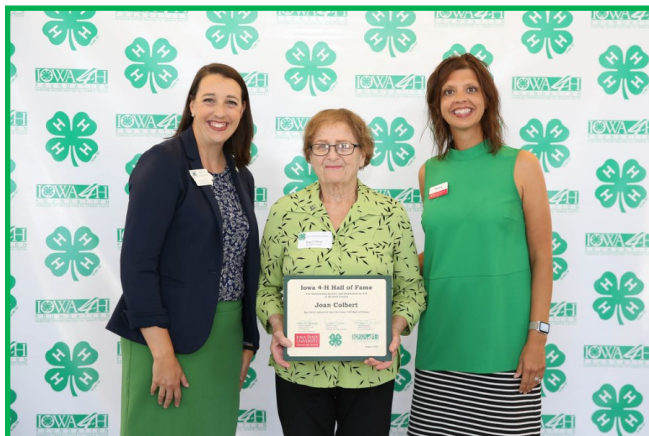
Forms are available at the Keokuk County Extension Office and on the Extension website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/news/post-fair-documents>.

**\*Record Books are due to your 4-H leader by Friday, October 8th, 2021. Special Award forms are due to the Keokuk County Extension Office by Friday, October 8th, 2021.**



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# 2021 4-H Hall of Fame



Joan Colbert of Keokuk County was inducted into the 2021 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 22. Ninety-eight Iowa counties participated this year and selected 129 inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Inductees or their surviving family members were presented a certificate by the Iowa 4-H Foundation President, David Huser, State 4-H Program Leader, Debbie Nistler, as they were introduced on stage.

Joan was a co-leader for the Keokuk Kookies 4-H Club with Irene Cassens from 1975-1985. Joan has also been a member of the Keokuk County Expo Board since 1991.

Joan has played an important role in making the Expo a success every year for 4-H and FFA members in Keokuk County. She had an intricate role in getting the kitchen and concession stand set up for the board and making it what it is today. Joan has spent countless hours at the fairgrounds and her home fixing and finessing recipes to be used. She knows how to manage money and can stretch a dollar to ensure that the Expo creates an outstanding fair every year. Joan enjoys sharing her time and expertise with others on the board and in the community.

Growing up on a family farm along the Keokuk-Iowa county line allowed Joan to attend school in Webster before its closing. After the closing of the Webster school, Joan attended school in North English, Iowa. In 1959, Joan was united in marriage with Jimmy Colbert. Together, they had four children: Diana, Patricia, Pamela, and Frank. Joan is also a grandmother to nine grandkids and three great grandkids, with one on the way.

Joan previously was employed by the Manor House in Sigourney, Iowa for 15 years. This is where she gained her knowledge for food and the food ordering process. Outside of being a member of the Keokuk County Expo Board, Joan enjoys gardening, baking, playing bingo and bowling.

Counties select inductees for their exceptional work in contributing to the lives of 4-H members and the overall 4-H program. Many inductees serve as club leaders, youth mentors, fair superintendents or fair board members, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county council members, county youth council members, fair judges, financial supporters, chaperones or ISU Extension and Outreach staff members. The inductees have demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment and guidance to Iowa's 4-H'ers through the years.

"We are honored to recognize these special individuals, for their advocacy and dedication to the Iowa 4-H program," shared Iowa 4-H Foundation Executive Director, Emily Saveraid.

"This is a great way to honor the volunteers and staff across the state of Iowa that generously give their time and talents to foster positive partnerships with our 4-H youth," said Tillie Good, Iowa 4-H staff and volunteer development manager.

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was initiated in 2002 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of 4-H. A summary of previous honorees was on display at the 2021 Iowa State Fair in the 4-H Exhibits Building. These summaries are also available at the Iowa 4-H Foundation office in the Extension 4-H Youth Building at Iowa State University. Information about previous inductees to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame also is available on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website, organized by year and by county. Go to [www.iowa4hfoundation.org/](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/) and select "Recognition" then "Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame."

Congratulations, Joan!

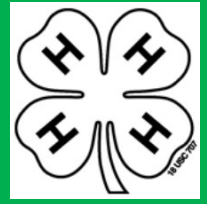


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# National 4-H Week

## October 3rd-9th, 2021



### You're invited to a 4-H Family Game Day!

What better way to celebrate 4-H week than with family and friends of 4-H?  
Fun will be had playing all sorts of outdoor games; all ages welcome!

**When:** Sunday, October 3rd from 1:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Keokuk County Extension Office  
and Fairgrounds

**Families—** Please bring two dozen cookies or bars to help make cookie plates to deliver to our local, supporting businesses! Plates will be constructed by County Council at 3:00 PM in the Extension Office.



### What can your club do to promote 4-H week?



- ◇ Wear a 4-H shirt to school on a certain day (perhaps 'Wear it Wednesday').
- ◇ Plan a special club event for recruiting younger community members.
- ◇ Plan a fundraising project for your club.
- ◇ Volunteer to tell about 4-H in a classroom, church, or community function.
- ◇ Hold a service learning challenge.
- ◇ Perform a working exhibit within a classroom or community business.
- ◇ Put a club history display together for the historical society.
- ◇ Send a feature story to the newspaper.





HAPPY 4-H NEW YEAR!

# Enroll in Clover Kids or 4-H for the 2021-2022 year!

- ◇ Clover Kids and 4-H enrollment is now open for the 2021-2022 year!
- ◇ Enroll today (don't wait) at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.
- ◇ Online enrollment help is located at [www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/page/join-4-h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/page/join-4-h).

## Clover Kids

Little Liberties Clover Kids  
Sigourney Clover Kids  
Sigourney Sprouts Clover Kids  
Tri-County Clover Kids

\*A new after school Clover Kids club soon to be chartered and offered as well. If you are interested in this club, please hold off on making an enrollment in 4-H Online and reach out to Alicia at [alschmi@iastate.edu](mailto:alschmi@iastate.edu).

## 4-H Clubs

Keokuk County Hot Shots  
Keswick Klover Leaves  
Lafayette Feeders  
Liberty Leaders  
Patriotic Panthers  
Riverside  
Seamrippers United  
Stick to It

\*Llama Club and Clippety Clops soon to be chartered and offered as well.

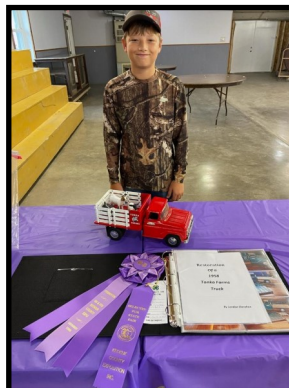


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4-H GROWS LEADERS .....  
**#INSPIREKIDSTODO**  
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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge 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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