

Keokuk County Family Newsletter

September/October 2023



IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 1st:**
Enrollment opens
- **September 4th:**
Extension Office
Closed
- **September 25th:**
Annual Leaders Training
- **October 1st - 7th:**
National 4-H Week
- **November 12th:**
Awards Night
- **November 13th:**
Butter Braid Fundraiser

See you next year, Expo Fair!

We hope the road led you to the 2023 Keokuk County Expo Fair this summer! Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the fair a success again for our youth. It takes a village to put on the Expo Fair, and we've got a strong one. Lets keep our village and Expo Fair growing!

Congratulations to all Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA members on your projects! Your hard work and efforts were seen, and we hope you know how PROUD of you we are! We hope you made great memories, new friends, and learned a lot. We sure enjoyed seeing all your smiling faces and amazing exhibits!

Happy New 4-H Year!

September 1st marks a new 4-H program year! This means it's also time to re-enroll. Whether you are a Clover Kid, 4-H'er, leader, or volunteer, please be sure to re-enroll for the 2023-2024 program year at <https://v2.4honline.com>. *Please enroll before participating in a club meeting or program activity!*

Enroll early!

ISU Extension and Outreach

Keokuk County

400 220th Avenue, Suite A

Sigourney, Iowa 52591

641-622-2680

keokuk4h@iastate.edu

Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk

Follow us on social media:

Iowa State University Extension: Keokuk County



Katharinna Bain
Region 19
Director
kbain@iastate.edu



Kelly Walker
County Director
klwalker@iastate.edu



Emily Belvel
Program Coordinator
ebelvel@iastate.edu



Joselyn Abell
4-H Youth Outreach
Educator
[jrabel@iastate.edu](mailto:jrabell@iastate.edu)



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



2023 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

Dick and Merla Morse have been a vital part of Keokuk County's small 4-H community for a long time. They both volunteered for the Keokuk County Expo Fair Board, where they put in countless hours. Through many years of teaching, supporting, and volunteering, Dick and Merla have greatly impacted the 4-H community.

Merla was an 8-year 4-H club member, active with many types of projects and served on the County Council. After the pair were married in 1968, Merla was a leader of the Webster-Go-Getters for 4 years. They then moved to Sigourney where they both became members of the Youth 4-H Committee.

Merla became a leader of Stick-To-It 4-H club for 9 years and Dick was a sheep-superintendent. Dick and Merla served on the Keokuk County Expo board from 1976 - 2019.

Their daughter, Shannon, and son, Shane, were both active members of the Stick-To-It and Riverside 4-H clubs. Their grandchildren, Collin, Sidney, Claire, and Clay were all active members of the same two clubs many years later.

Dick and Merla may be retired now, but 4-H is still a very important part of their lives and will continue to be in the years ahead. We cannot thank Dick and Merla enough for their continued support to the 4-H program.

"Counties select inductees for their exceptional work in contributing to the lives of 4-H members and the overall 4-H program," said Alicia Schmitt. 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 2023 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/ and select "Recognition" then "Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame."



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

Expo Fair is over. What now?!

WRITE THANK YOU NOTES!

Many individuals and businesses play a role in making Expo Fair a wonderful experience and run smoothly. Please be sure to thank them! A personally written thank you note shows appreciation in a way that doesn't happen often enough anymore.

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

7 Steps to a Great Thank You Note

- 1 A greeting to the thank you note recipient
- 2 Specific reason you are thanking them
- 3 The reason why you appreciate them
- 4 How you plan to use the gift or why the gift was important to you
- 5 A comment or detail about yourself
- 6 A repeat of your thank you
- 7 A closing and signature of your name

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY | Extension



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

Sponsored Meals:

Agriland FS

30754 Highway 149
Hedrick, IA 52563

B's Sweet Treats

123 E Marion St
Sigourney, IA 52591

Colbert Feed

22267 220th Ave
Sigourney, IA 52591

Channel Seed

Drop your Thank You note off to the
Extension Office to deliver.

Farmers Cooperative Association

110 Keokuk-Washington Rd
Keota, IA 52248

Keokuk County Farm Bureau

23024 Highway 149 South
Sigourney, IA 52591

Nutrien Ag Solutions

14303 Highway 22
Keswick, IA 50136

Vision Ag LLC

PO Box 288
Keota, IA 52248

Wyffels Hybrids

Drop your Thank You note off to the
Extension Office to deliver.



Wood Shavings:

Hammes Brothers Sawmill

27254 282nd Ave
Ollie, IA 52576

4-H Shirts:

Channel Seed

Drop your Thank You note off to the
Extension Office to deliver.

Clover Kids Shirts:

Croplan by WinField United

Drop your Thank You card off to the
Extension Office to deliver.

Veterinarians:

Keokuk County Veterinary Clinic

564 W Jackson St
Sigourney, IA 52591

Poultry Pullorum Testing:

Keota Veterinary Clinic

Attn: Cody Branstad
102 E Broadway Ave
Keota, IA 52248

Part of YQCA Code Fees:

Keokuk County Farm Bureau

23024 Highway 149
Sigourney, IA 52591

Treat Bags:

Keokuk County Farm Bureau

Attn: Staci Shettler
23024 Highway 149
Sigourney, IA 52591

Rosettes and Banner:

Labels were attached listing sponsors. If your rosette
was missing a label, reach out to the Keokuk County
Extension Office for sponsor information.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

Keokuk County Clover Kids



Keokuk Kind Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): Katharina Bain, Kelly Walker, Joselyn Abell, Emily Belvel
Meets: This club meets the first Thursday of each month from 3:30-5:00 PM at the Keokuk County Extension Office.

Little Liberty Leaders Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): Bri Clarahan, Megan Morrison
Meets: This club meets the second Sunday of each month from 5:00-6:00 PM at the North Keokuk County Fire Department in South English.

Sigourney Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): TBD (Need Leader) If you would be interested please contact the Extension Office.
Meets: TBD

Sigourney Sprouts Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): Meg Cason, Heather Collins
Meets: This club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3:30-5:00 PM at the Keokuk County Extension Office.

Tri-County Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): TBD (Need Leader) If you would be interested please contact the Extension Office.
Meets: TBD

Pekin Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): TBD (Need Leader) If you would be interested please contact the Extension Office.
Meets: TBD

Keota Clover Kids

Club Leader(s): TBD (Need Leader) If you would be interested please contact the Extension Office.
Meets: TBD

All meeting dates, times, and locations subject to change.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



October 1st - 7th, 2023



Participate for a chance to win!

Take pictures and post on the daily Facebook post on the Iowa State University Extension: Keokuk County page or email your participation photo to keokuk4h@iastate.edu to be entered!



Sunday– Sign-up Sunday!



Are you enrolled in 4-H for the 2023-2024 year? Enrollment opened on September 1st.

Monday– Member Monday!



Showcase that you are a 4-H Family!

Farmer Appreciation day: Wear your Boots and Jeans!

Tuesday– Thankful Tuesday!



Thank someone who has impacted your 4-H career!

Wednesday– On Wednesday's we wear GREEN!



Show your 4-H spirit by wearing 4-H clothes and accessories to school, work, church, shopping, and out about in the community. Take a selfie or a group photo!

Thursday– Throw Back Thursday!



Throwback to your very first 4-H event!

Friday– Favorite Project Friday!



What is your favorite project area in 4-H and why?

Saturday - Shoutout Saturday!



Shoutout and share a photo for why you love 4-H!

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

- Participate in the September 28th Farmer's Market on the Sigourney square.
- 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.
- Invite a friend to join.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

Keokuk County
400 220th Ave, Suite A
Sigourney, IA 52591

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach