



# MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

Discover Club will not meet in January

January 8: SESS Club Meeting  
1-2:30 p.m., Monona Co Conservation

January 9: Mapleton Clover Kids,  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

January 10: Onawa Clover Kids #1 ,  
3:30-4:30 p.m. @ WM

January 14: County 4-H Council  
Bake-In and Meeting

January 15: Volunteer Leader's  
Banquet, Mapleton

January 17: Onawa Clover Kids #2 ,  
3:30-4:30 p.m. @ WM

January 20-21: Fair Association Ice-  
Fishing Tournament

January 27: Market Beef I.D. Due in 4-H  
Online

May 15: Livestock I.D. Deadline

July 11-16: Monona County Fair

**JANUARY 2023**

## MARKET BEEF I.D. DUE JAN. 27

All exhibitors that weighed in their market beef received instructions on how to enter them into 4hOnline 2.0. All members should already be enrolled and can follow the step-by-step instructions. **This is REQUIRED for families to complete by January 27. Late I.D.'s in 4hOnline will not be eligible to show at the 2023 county or State Fair.** County staff is here to help—give us a call if you need help in this process.

Family ID Help Sheets: [https://  
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id)

## WINTER IS THE BEST TIME FOR FAIR PROJECTS

So far, this winter has been mild. But, the cold and snow will be coming. We all can get bored when being stuck inside on those days. Instead of scrolling social media on your device, get to work on some projects you are curious about. Whether it's trying that new recipe, stitching an outfit for yourself or re-designing your bedroom. Give yourself plenty of time to work out the problems so you have an awesome project by the time fair happens.

Use the link below for some awesome project resources and call the Extension Office and your 4-H leaders for more guidance, anytime!

## 4-H Project Resources:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>

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## **VOLUNTEER/LEADER RECOGNITION BANQUET-JANUARY 15**

Save the date for the annual volunteer and leader appreciation banquet on Sunday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Mapleton. This night out is our opportunity to thank you for the valuable contributions you make to youth through the 4-H program.

The 2022-2023 4-H County Council will be installed during the banquet.

We appreciate support from local banks to make the event possible. Thank you to all local businesses that donate door prizes for our 4-H volunteers.

## **MONONA COUNTY CATTLEMAN BANQUET JANUARY 21**

The Monona County Cattleman are happy to announce the return of their annual in-person banquet on January 21 in Ute. Happy hour is 5:30-6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. The steak dinner is catered by Staley's. The cattleman trophy auction takes place after dinner. Funds go to support each beef exhibitor at the 2023 Monona County Fair. Tickets are available with any association member for \$30 each. Contact the Extension Office for questions about tickets.

## **FAMILY ICE-FISHING IN FEBRUARY**

Temperatures will finally fall around the first of the year, getting closer to acceptable conditions for ice-fishing. We are working to set a date in February for the whole family to come try ice-fishing here in Monona County. We provide all equipment and will focus on ice and winter safety. You will get to use huts, fishing poles, lures and bait. Stay tuned for a date to be announced very soon! Call us to reserve your spots as space will be limited!

## **NO 3rd GRADE DISCOVER CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY**

The 3rd Grade Discover club will not meet in January. They will meet February 7, the first Monday of the month, after school from 3:30-4:30 at West Monona Elementary School. New members can still enroll, so take advantage of the hands-on learning, after-school club!

## **CLOVER KIDS & DISCOVER MEETING DATES**

Clover Kids 4-H is an after school 4-H program for K-3rd graders. This year, the 3rd Grade Discover club will meet in Onawa on the first Monday of the month. Discover does not meet in January. They will resume on February 6. Youth in 3rd grade in Mapleton and Whiting will join Clover Kids groups in their town.

Onawa Group #1 will meet on Tuesday, January 10 after school from 3:30-4:30 at WM Elementary School.

Onawa Group #2 will meet Tuesday, January 17 after school from 3:30-4:30 at WM Elementary School.

Mapleton Clover Kids will meet Monday, January 9 from 3:30-4:30 at the Mapleton Elementary School.

Whiting Clover Kids will meet Wednesdays after school starting in March.

Clover Kids gives youth the opportunity to learn in a cooperative, hands-on environment. Youth will gain life skills, make new friends and have lots of fun growing through 4-H!

Enrollment fees are only \$15 for Clover Kids and \$10 for Discover and include a 4-H t-shirt.

**CONTACT US!**

**PHONE**  
712-423-2175

**HOURS**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

## **EXTENSION OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

The Extension Office will be closed to recognize Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. These all fall on weekends so office closures will be as follows: Monday and Tuesday December 26 and 27 and Monday, January 2. An additional holiday was added by the Iowa Governor's office. We will also be closed Friday, December 23. Thank you for your understanding and enjoy the holidays with your families!

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## **UPDATED EXTENSION WEBSITE**

We're excited to announce that our new, updated website is live. Check out the events calendar on the home page and links to amazing Extension resources for your farm, family, garden, community and more!

**[extension.iastate.edu/monona](https://extension.iastate.edu/monona)**

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## **4-H CLUB SCHEDULES**

Thank you to all club leaders for providing their annual schedules to the Extension Office. As a reminder to leaders, please let the Extension Office know if you plan to have any changes to your schedule. Families—make sure you stay connected to your leaders so you are always informed on upcoming meetings, events and county deadlines.

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## **4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN FEBRUARY**

High School 4-H Seniors have been dedicated members of 4-H and supporters of their communities. There are several scholarships available at both the state and county level to support you in your future endeavors.

The Iowa State 4-H Foundation Scholarships offer over 90 scholarships with over \$100,000 awarded. Applications are all online at: [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding\\_for\\_4hers/scholarships/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/)

Monona County Senior Scholarships will be due to the Extension Office by February 15, 2023. Don't delay! Applications can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/page/member-info>

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## **FUTURE AG LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS**

\$1,500 scholarships are available now through January 12, 2023. Bayer is excited to offer ag students the opportunity to receive a \$1,500 Grow Ag Leaders scholarship. High school seniors through college juniors pursuing any ag-related field of study at a trade school, community college, or four-year college or university can apply now. We encourage anyone who knows a student pursuing higher education in agriculture to share this scholarship opportunity with them today! Students do not need to be FFA members to apply or receive this scholarship. Visit the [Bayer website](#) for more information and official rules.

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## **PIONEER GRANTS AVAILABLE**

4-H clubs can apply for "seed money" grants from Pioneer, up to \$500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are due **Jan. 15, 2022**. Application materials, tips, and more are posted on the [Pioneer Grant](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants) webpage (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>).

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### STATE RECOGNITION

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador, Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador and State 4-H council are now open and will close **February 1st**. Interviews are **March 26th** but there is also an option to do video interviews on March 19th and March 22nd. These opportunities are open to current 9-12th graders! For more information and the instructions to start your application please see the [State Recognition Website](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/). Here is the link to the website—<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/> recognition-opportunities. There is lots of resources on the website to get started on the application, helping prepare for the interview and etc. The State 4-H Office is also looking for volunteers to review applications and complete interviews. Please contact [Haley Jones](#) if you are interested.

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### CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS 2023

Iowa 4-H is planning to offer Citizenship Washington Focus for teens who have completed grades 9-12. Trip dates are June 17-24, 2023. The week will be full of workshops with 4-H teens from around the country and sightseeing in the Washington, DC area. Cost for teens will be \$2,300 per person. A minimum of 3 adult chaperones will be needed. Chaperone cost is discounted to \$1300 per person. We are updating the Iowa 4-H CWF website, and registration will be open by December 15. There is a minimum number of 32 teens, with a maximum of 48 to make this trip cashflow. The Iowa 4-H Foundation and Monona County 4-H Foundation offer scholarships to help fund this trip. It's a fantastic opportunity—reach out to us with any questions.

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### SOLDIER, IOWA AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB MEETING JAN 12

All youth are invited to attend the after-school kids' club in Soldier. We will meet once a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:00—5:00 p.m. at the Soldier Library.

Attendees need to be school-aged and older.

Explore hands-on activities, LEGOs, team-building and more. Snacks provided.

If you are in the Soldier area please contact us and let us know if your kids would be interested in participating. Interested volunteers should also contact the Extension Office.

This is a great opportunity in a small town! Please support it so more opportunities can thrive in our little towns.

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### THE BREAKFAST CLUB (LIVESTOCK CLUB)

New members interested in participating should enroll right away and let Melissa know so facilities can be prepared and livestock can be ordered. Participants in the Monona County swine or poultry project can re-enroll in "The Breakfast Club". We will meet throughout the year learning about animal science and agriculture. Pigs arrive in February with sessions starting soon thereafter. Broiler chickens arrive in May with those sessions beginning in late May/early June.

Members of the swine or livestock club do not have to be members in an additional club in order to be eligible for exhibiting at the fair.

Contact Melissa if you have any questions.

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# **INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

## **STATE'S 4-H EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



Iowa 4-H emphasizes the 4-H values of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery through international exchange programs. Through these programs, youth and adults will have the opportunity to build global citizenship as they connect with others from around the world. Iowa 4-H is proud to work with States' 4-H Exchange and IFYE (formerly known as International 4-H Youth Exchange) to create opportunities for 4-Hers and alumni to travel abroad!

### **States' 4-H Exchange (for 4-H members ages 12-18)**

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. All States' 4-H Outbound delegates participate in pre-departure orientations held in the US. Delegations are accompanied by adult chaperones who remain in-country to provide support during the exchange. Delegates attend an in-country orientation upon arrival and prior to departing for their host families. Some programs include a summer camp or language learning elements as well. All States' 4-H Outbound delegates participate in pre-departure



The States' 4-H Exchange application period will open in fall 2022 for summer 2023 exchanges. Click [here](#) for application details, destinations, required forms, and more.

## **IFYE (4-H Alumni 19 Years +)**



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The IFYE foreign exchange program offers you an opportunity to experience another way of life by living it; IFYE is truly a "learn by doing" experience. It's your chance to see new places, make new friends, and soak in another culture. You'll join in all aspects of family life -- sharing quiet moments, enjoying family outings, and joining community activities as well as helping with household and family chores. It is an adventure that will pay off for the rest of your life, especially in your chosen career. There is no other experience like IFYE, and it can be truly life changing. Our alumni are farmers and ranchers, other business owners, corporate

leaders, elected officials, teachers and university professors, authors, scientists, publishers, and leaders in many other professions.

The IFYE application period will open in fall 2022 for summer 2023 exchanges. Click [here](#) for application details, destinations, required forms and more.

[Iowa 4-H Foundation](#) financial support is available by application for Iowa 4-H alumni interested in the IFYE program. Click [here](#) for the application. Contact Emily Saveraid at [esaver@iastate.edu](mailto:esaver@iastate.edu) for financial support application questions.