



# Monroe County 4-H Leaders News

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## A Note from the Desk of Amie Koffman

Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe another year is almost over. Feel free to give me your thoughts or ideas that would be helpful to you on the Leaders Newsletter. akoffman@iastate.edu

## December Leaders News

### 2023– 2024 4-H Enrollment– February 1st Deadline for enrollment

September 1st was the start of the 2023-2024 program year and enrollment is now open. Please encourage your 4-H families to enroll or re-enroll as soon as possible to remain covered under the 4-H insurance during meeting, activities and to receive the 4-H Newsletter. All returning members must re-enroll by February 1st each year.

Enrollment fees are \$30 per youth with a \$60 family maximum if paid at the Extension Office. Clover Kids is \$10 and is not included in the family maximum.

### Do not forget to enroll as a leader!

### Ear Tags– State Fair ID

Cost for Ear Tags have gone up, it is \$5.00 per tag. Retinal Imaging \$5.00 per animal. DNA sample on Swine is \$10.00 per head, all swine is required to have ear notches and DNA sample. Animals that retinal, who have cloudy eyes or are blind will have hair pulled. Tags and State Fair ID will be paid at weigh-ins this year.

### Awards Banquet

Thank you to everyone that came and to the clubs that brought silent auction baskets. Please remind members that Record Books are available for pick up at the Extension Office. I also have a few awards that were not picked up. Please let me know if any members need the green plate for the medallions or a name plate.

### Insurance Coverage/Policies/Waivers

If your 4-H club is planning to host a bake sale or an activity that requires additional liability insurance, please contact Amie at least two weeks prior to the event. If your club is planning any special activity, waivers need to be completed, please contact Amie at least two weeks prior. These waivers need to be signed by both the participant and parent/guardian. All waivers need to be submitted to the Monroe County Extension Office at the end of the activity. All members must be enrolled in 4-H online and dues paid to participate in these activities.

### Club Pictures

Please send pictures of you club to the Extension Office, We would like to promote Monroe County 4-H by showcasing all the good things each club does!



## Annual Volunteer Training

Thank you to all the leaders that attended the Annual Volunteer Training. We had a great turn out! All volunteers must complete Annual Volunteer Training or New Volunteer Training. Follow the link for more information on New Volunteer Training. Annual Training will be available through your 4-H online account in January.

[Volunteer Training | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#)

## Sponsorship

We are needing Sponsorships for Livestock tags. If you are interested or know someone who is, please let the Extension Office know. We are needing tag sponsors in Swine, Poultry, Beef, Sheep and Goats.

## YQCA

YQCA in-person training can take place anytime. I would like to do it at each club's meeting. Please let me know what works for your club to do training. All 4-H youth exhibiting any animal at the Monroe County Fair must complete YQCA, certificates need to be turned into the Extension Office by July 1st.

## Workshops

Please encourage your club members to check out the workshops held at the Extension Office. They are a great way to get fair exhibit projects completed. December 16– Leaders, members and families are welcome!

## Fair Book

The 2024 Fair Book rules are posted on our county website as they are approved. Please note there maybe some minor changes as the 4-H 202 has not been released yet.

[County Fair | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Monroe County \(iastate.edu\)](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS DECEMBER 1

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements. Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards. Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. Please visit the links below for more information. All 2024 4-H scholarship applications are due **March 1, 2024**, 11:59 p.m.

For more information visit: [Scholarships | Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](#)

## 4-H Service Project

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Helping Hands pie collection.

With the holiday season here, please send pictures of your club doing Service Projects.

## Survey

# Help US Help YOU

By taking this quick survey

How can Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Monroe County help you face your greatest needs as a Monroe County resident?

Help us answer what programming would best serve Monroe County by filling our the Needs Assessment survey!



[https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7PyJmya5KI2RNUa](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7PyJmya5KI2RNUa)

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## Important Dates– Mark your Calendar!

December 9– Region 25 Workshop– Cancelled

December 14– Office Closed

December 16– Cookie Decorating

December 20– Workshop

December 22– Workshop

December 25– Office Closed

December 26– Office Closed

December 27– Office Closed

December 30– Market Beef Weigh-in

January 1– Office Closed

January 10– Workshop

January 15– Office Closed

January 24– Workshop



## Market Beef Weigh-ins

Weigh-ins are scheduled for December 30, 8-10am at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. If 4-H members need to weigh-in out of county, Monroe County tags must be used, must make arrangement with Extension ahead of time. See full set of rules on the county website.

## Club Fundraisers

Please be sure to fill out the Club Fundraiser form and turn it in prior to having a fundraiser. Forms are in the Leaders Binder you were given at Volunteer Training and also available on county website or the Extension Office.

## Club Roster and Financials

Club Rosters are sent every month with your Financial Report, please make sure all members on Roster are being contacted for meetings and activities.

## Club Attendance

Please email me your club attendance each month. We will be giving out Attendance Awards this year at the Banquet this will be how we keep track of attendances.

## 2024 Fair Theme

The Monroe County Youth Council Club has voted on a Fair Theme:

**“Country Nights and Barn Lights”**

Design will be coming out soon!