



CLOVER CONNECTION



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JANUARY

31—OABCIG Clover Kids

FEBRUARY

- 1—State Recognition Apps Due
- 1—4-H Endowment Meeting
- 3—Livestock Supt Mtg
- 5—Ice Fishing Clinic
- 6—County Council Mtg
- 7—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 9—Iowa 4-H Legislator Insider
- 11—4-H Lock-In Reg. Due
- 12—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 8:30am
- 12—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 2pm
- 13—WLB/VV Mtg 3pm
- 13—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 13—Sac Green Team Mtg 4pm
- 13—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
- 15—ESC #2 Clover Kids
- 18-19—Junior 4-H Lock-In
- 19—Saturday Clover Kids
- 20—Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
- 20—Jacksons Mtg 5pm
- 22—Ridge View Clover Kids
- 25—Iowa 4-H Legacy Awards
- 26—Fairboard Fundraiser with music
- 28—OABCIG Clover Kids
- 28—4-H Leader Training

MARCH

- 1—4-H Scholarships Due
- 2—Ski Trip Reg. Due
- 5—Nemaha 4-H Bowling Mtg
- 6—Region 7 Int./Sr. Ski Trip
- 10—ESC #2 Clover Kids
- 13—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 13—Sac Green Team Mtg 4pm
- 13—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
- 13—WLB/VV Mtg 6pm

From the Desk of Steph Erpelding

Will Punksatony Phil see his shadow on February 2nd or not? With this cold streak we have been having one can only hope he doesn't see his shadow in hopes that we can get an early spring! Only 53 more days until spring!

The county council has been busy planning the Lock-In which is coming up very quickly! The lock-in date has been changed to February 18-19 this year! In this month's newsletter you will find the flyer and the instructions to sign up is on the flyer!

Thank you to the following for making the beef weigh-in run so smoothly! Harold and Kevin Peyton, Craig Hildreth, Darold Matter, supt. Dustin Mohrhauser and thanks to Dale Wegner for the news coverage!

In March there will be an Intermediate and Senior Ski trip! Please read the newsletter for more details! A flyer will be coming shortly!

If you have not enrolled in 4honline please do so ASAP! Thank you for all that you do to make this a very successful program! There is a list in the newsletter!

You can always contact me at the Sac County Extension and Outreach Office at 712/662-7131 or my cell 712/790-3350 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu.

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4-H Endowment

Thank You

There are 4-\$250 club grants available from the 4-H Endowment, good until December 31, 2022! Thanks to the Early Achievers for applying for a grant to help with the cost of buying books and secret Santa gifts! For the 2021-2022 4-H year the Endowment will be paying \$10 per member, towards the program development fee.

Int/Sr Ski Trip

Region 7 staff are encouraging all Intermediate and Senior 4-H Members to sign up for the ski trip on **March 6th**. We will meet and leave from the Sac County Extension Office at 9:30am, stop at Pizza Ranch in Boone for lunch, ski from noon-3pm and return to Sac City by 4:30pm. Cost 12 and under—\$50 and 13 and over \$70 (could be less with a grant from the Sac County 4-H Endowment) A flyer will be coming!

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The process for the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships application will close on March 1, 2022. Over 90 scholarship opportunities valued at over \$100,000 will be awarded. Former and current 4-H members graduating from high school or currently attending college are eligible applicants. Information, helpful hints and applications for the 4-H Scholarships are now available online through the [Iowa 4-H Foundation website](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1), or follow the link - <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1>. Applications must be submitted online no later than **11:59 p.m., March 1, 2022**, for consideration.

Ice Fishing Clinic

Ice Fishing Clinic will be held **Saturday, February 5th from 9am-noon**. The clinic will start at the Lake View Library at 9am with a presentation by the Iowa DNR. The clinic will move to the lake to use those skills to try to catch some fish! The clinic is available to K-8th graders and their parents! The clinic is free of charge and there will be door prizes! The clinic is a collaboration with the Sac County Conservation Board, Sac County Extension and Outreach Office and Iowa DNR. Please call the Sac County Extension Office at 712.662.7131 or the Sac County Conservation at 712.662.4530 to sign up!

In Search of Shooting Sports Coordinator

Starting this year, Shooting Sports clubs will need a Volunteer SESS Coordinator. However, this volunteer is not required to complete the Level 1 SESS training as in years past. If you are interested or know someone interested in leading a shooting sports club, please contact Steph at the Extension Office! The Sac County 4-H program has all of the equipment to have a SESS club but needs a volunteer to be the coordinator!

Iowa Legislative Insider

Iowa 4-H and the Iowa Extension Council Association are excited to host the Iowa Legislative Insider event in Des Moines on **February 9th!** This event is open to 4-H members in 8th-12th grades and county extension council members. Participants will learn about the life of a legislative page, hear from legislators, explore the role a lobbyist plays in crafting legislation and participate in interactive workshops surrounding civil discourse, youth-adult partnerships, and more. Check the [Iowa 4-H Legislative webpage](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day). <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day>. 4-H members and 4-H volunteers can register through the 'Events' tab in 4HOnline. Extension council members and other adults can register by using this [survey](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVFBPJvawedIEp0)—https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVFBPJvawedIEp0. Deadline is **February 1st**.

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Landus Scholarship

High school seniors pursuing a career in agriculture, life sciences, or an ag-related field are invited to apply for the Landus Cooperative 2021-22 "Excellence in Agriculture" scholarship. The program awards five \$2,000 scholarships for any accredited post-secondary program. Applications are due **Feb 25, 2022** and available online at: <https://www.landuscooperative.com/about-us/community/excellence-in-ag-scholarship-application>



4-H Online Enrollment

4hOnline 2.0 is ready for re-enrollment! Any enrollment fees will still be the same and paid by the 4-H clubs. Check with your club leader if there is program development fee that 4-H members owe to the club! As you re-enroll be sure to update & double check any changes in contact information so you don't miss out on any upcoming events or club communications. To re-enroll or enroll in 4-H go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Please get the enrollment completed by **January 1st!**

States' 4-H Exchange is Open

The States' 4-H Exchange international program is now seeking Iowa families (do NOT have to be a 4-H family) to host 1 Japanese youth and 1 Japanese adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. This program is designed to focus on daily life in Iowa households. Host families do not need to plan special activities or sightseeing for their foreign delegates and will have the opportunity to participate in welcome orientations and departure events. Families who would like to host a youth should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17. They are paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and of an age within 3+ years. Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2022**. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2022.

Check out the website for [application details](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs?fbclid=IwAR2yxAAVgr4zWNXmLQcMwKDCj886LDO_xE1eHw30XKLkFgPJTESgoqW-nE). https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs?fbclid=IwAR2yxAAVgr4zWNXmLQcMwKDCj886LDO_xE1eHw30XKLkFgPJTESgoqW-nE.

2022 Uncommon Student Award Application Open

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award is a \$10,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The program is designed to attract students who are motivated and community-minded. The award, which honors Herbert Hoover, an Iowa native and the 31st President of the United States, identifies approximately 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then accomplish projects of their own design. The projects the students propose should demonstrate the values that Herbert Hoover exemplified in his life of public service. Deadline for juniors to apply is **March 15th**. Several Iowa 4-H members were part of the 2021 USA program! Check out the webpage for application [details and requirements](#).

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New Publications at the Store

The following publications have been added to the extension store. If you would like a copy please email Steph at erpeldin@iastate.edu and she will print one off and mail it!

[4H 2701 - Theatre STEM Challenge Day Camp](#)

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[4H 2610 - Communications – Reader's Theatre Guide: Getting Started](#)

[4H 3532 - Kindness Rocks – Vibrant Clubs](#)

[4H 2440 – Four Steps to a 4-H Thank You](#)

[4H 3521 Horse Facts Game Show – Vibrant Clubs](#)

[4H 3515 Horse Communication – Vibrant Clubs](#)

[4H 3522 Horse Bingo – Vibrant Clubs](#)

[4H 3524 Trail Mix Parli Pro – Vibrant Clubs](#)

Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest

Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest being held **Sunday, January 30th 1-3pm** at the WH Lyon Fairgrounds, Sioux Falls, SD. Early online entries are due by January 9th with a cost of \$10 per individual contestants. Late entries are accepted at a cost of \$20 per individual contestant. Substitutions can still be made at check-in at no additional charge. Teams will be made of the top four scoring individuals from one school or county (individuals must be from the same county or school). You can bring as many participants as you wish, but the top four scores will count as the team members. Every score will count in the individual contest. Here is the link for the Sioux Empire Livestock Show 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest registration: <https://web.siouxfallschamber.com/events/2022-SELS-4-H-FFA-Livestock-Judging-Contest-2253/details> .

4-H CONNECT Retreat

The 4-H Connect Retreat will be held on **April 29-May 1, 2022** at the YMCA Boone Camp in Boone, IA. This event provides multicultural youth in grades 8-11 the opportunity to connect their culture with Iowa 4-H and ISU while making connections with youth from other cultures across Iowa!

Volunteer Lunch and Learn Series

Iowa 4-H is offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series! The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15–20 minute Zoom sessions that will dive into topics that you can apply into your role as an Iowa 4-H volunteer with your clubs or programs. The sessions will be held via Zoom at Noon the first Friday of each month, January through April 2022. As volunteers you are encouraged to join the lunch & learn sessions if it works in your schedule.

Below are the dates and topics for the four sessions.

February 4th@ Noon (Noon-12:20) February Lunch & Learn Series: Learn from a 4-H volunteer on how incorporating yearly club themes and projects into their Club has been successful

March 4th@ Noon (Noon-12:20) March Lunch & Learn Series: Accommodations 101-Information & tips on making 4-H accessible for all.

April 1st@ Noon (Noon-12:20) April Lunch & Learn Series: Preparing Youth for the Fair

Information to join via Zoom: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to start or join. <https://iastate.zoom.us/j/97461926125?pwd=WXU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMWIwbzdSekFiQT09Join> from dial-in phone line: Dial: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 974 6192 6125 Participant ID: Shown after joining the meeting International numbers available: <https://iastate.zoom.us/j/97461926125?pwd=WXU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMWIwbzdSekFiQT09Join>

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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/recognition-opportunities). 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.

4-H Members Not Enrolled

Owen Anderson
 Luke Braunschweig
 Austin Thompson
 Chloe Cornelius
 Delainey Hansen
 Emma Hurd
 Mia Kleespies
 Savannah Leshar
 Calvin Lockrem
 Joseph Goettsch
 Beth Mentzer
 Grace Naberhaus
 Kennedy Pudenz
 Izabelle Steffen
 Luke Wernimont

Sarah Batz
 Ella Brenny
 Ella Bussell
 Raymond Cornelius
 Lynae Hedberg
 Anna Jacobson
 DeJah LaFoy
 Lilly Wolf
 Gus Lockrem
 Miranda McAleer
 Aaden Movall
 Ben Carico
 Melodee Rench
 RyAnne Steffen

Jack Braunschweig
 Emersyn Brenny
 Lyric Bussell
 Chayse Hansen
 Addison Hosteng
 Clayton Jacobson
 Reef Lankford
 Mason Wolf
 Kale Manson
 Haley McClellan
 Connor Naberhaus
 Emma Carico
 Tatum Sorensen
 Aaron Weber

And any NEW 4-H members

The Career Pathways Academy Coming Soon

The Career Pathways Academy will be a 12-month program designed to provide youth opportunities to develop college and career skills, leadership development skills, community connections, and pathways to academic, entrepreneurial, and vocational skills. Our goal is to reach 100 youth in our first year. The Career Pathways Academy will kick off this summer. If you are interested in this new and exciting adventure please let Steph Erpelding know!

Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza will be held at Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg on **February 5th** for ANYONE in grades 4-12th starting at 10:00am. This is a cattle-focused day of learning with different presenters within the beef industry, optional YQCA training provided at 9:00am. \$5 meal provided by Palo Alto County Cattlemen. Register through [4-H Online](#) or call 712-262-2264. You do NOT need to be in 4-H to join!

Camera Corps

Are you interested in photography? It's not too late to get involved in Iowa 4-H Camera Corps! Camera Corps is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work! Keep up to date on the [Camera Corps program](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps) (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>). 4-H members can sign up via [Jotform](https://form.jotform.com/202254790425958) (<https://form.jotform.com/202254790425958>). This month's challenge is **Simple Shapes**.

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GOAL CALENDAR

Yearly Calendar for Planning Project Area Goals

September	October	November
December	January	February
March	April	May
June	July	August



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4-H Members can use the Goal Calendar to help them as they make goals for what they would like to accomplish in this 2021-2022 4-H year!

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YQCA Information

Below are steps to help you get your YQCA training or testing for those that are showing livestock at the fair—beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit and goats.

* Youth Age January 1st of the Current Year

8-11 year olds—must complete training (Junior)

12-14 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Intermediate)

15-18 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Senior)

19-21 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Young Adult)

*****Contact Steph to get your coupon code before taking the training. If you are testing out you will need to have 3 coupon codes so let me know if you are testing or training.**

- Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io> — if you have an account in 4-H Online select to sign in with 4Honline. You will be prompted to select a state, then enter your login information for your 4-H online account. After successfully logging in, you will be given a list of Active family members. Select a family member and start the account creation process. Do not sign in on the FFA sign in side. FFA members will need to contact Steph Erpelding.
- Go ahead and fill in the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate when you are on the create account. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger. Email entered for a member that is 12 or younger, must be that of a parent or guardian.
- Check to make sure in the upper right corner of the screen under my account that you are in the correct account.
- Select the Web-Based Training for the age group (as of January 1, 2022) that you need. Select purchase the course.
- **NOTE — if you are 13 years old as of January 1, 2022 you CANNOT test out you must take the training, only those that are 12, 15 and 19 as of January 1, 2022 have the test out option.**
- Each web-based training will cost \$12
- Enter the coupon code in the gift card section and select Apply
- Select Purchase Course and then select Go to Course
- You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification
- Select a knowledge builder and skills to gain knowledge and test your skill.—Your status will show throughout to track your progress.
- Return to course menu screen to print certification after all quizzes have been passed.
- You can download as a PDF to save locally and this is also the time to email the certificate to Steph Erpelding via screen shot to 712/790-3350 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu.

Annual Leader Training

4-H Volunteer Training – “4-H Inspires Youth Sparks Resources”

Join 4-H leaders from across Sac County in an interactive, hands on training that will help volunteers develop strategies to support positive behavior techniques while understanding the importance of preparation and planning to create effective group experiences. Volunteers will leave with tools and resources to support engaging opportunities for youth.

This training is part of the statewide leader training and will be held on February 28 from 6-8pm at the Sac County Extension Office. Chinese will be available to all in attendance. Supper will be provided!

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, an online option is available. If you would like to attend via zoom the materials can be sent in advance!

Please register by emailing Steph at erpeldin@iastate.edu by **February 23rd!**

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Imagine a world of 4-H where you learn new and different things in different ways. Expand your horizons.



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