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Iowa 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.

Iowa 4-H Vision

Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.

FairEntry System Now Open

All 4-H & FFA Southern Iowa Fair Exhibitors will use FairEntry to officially enter their animals, static exhibits, and communications event entries.

We have created a family help sheet that includes screenshots to walk families through the process. This is the second year we have used FairEntry.

If you are entering Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goat, or Myotonic Goat, please have your YQCA 7-digit certification number with you while registering.

Visit <https://southerniowafair.fairentry.com> to begin entering your exhibits.

4-H exhibitors will login using their 4-H Online login information and FFA exhibitors will login using last year's FairEntry login information or they will need to create a FairEntry login.

FairEntry Deadlines:

July 1 - Animals & Communications

July 9 - Bucket/Bottle Animals

July 15 - Static Exhibits & Horticulture

Clover Kids Corner

The countywide Clover Kids June Fun Day will be held on **Friday, June 18 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** in the Extension office Auditorium. The theme is “It’s a Mystery” and ALL Mahaska County Clover Kids are invited to participate.

Limit is 35 participants. A wait list will be created if we have over 35 who are interested.

Sara will be sending out a registration form soon. Those who would like to participate must complete and submit a registration form to Sara.

Clover Kids are also invited to participate in the Southern Iowa Fair. Sara will have full details about exhibiting at the fair at the June Fun Day and if you’re unable to attend the June Fun Day, contact Sara and she can provide you with details.

Sara can be reached at saram2@iastate.edu and 641-673-5841 ext. 11.

4-H Honor Council

The next Honor Council meeting will be held on Sunday, June 27 at 3 PM. If you are unable to attend, please let Amy, Megan, or Trisha know in advance.

4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs’ meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair. Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend that if members are part of an **additional** special-interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance combined for both will count toward the 75%.

*This newsletter was prepared and written by
Amy Brainard, Mahaska County Youth Outreach Coordinator.*

4-H Youth Staff Changes

Sara Martindale started as our County Youth 4-H Coordinator on May 10. Sara now oversees the 4-H clubs and Clover Kids groups, including volunteers, members, recruitment & retention, workshops, county fair, and general questions regarding 4-H Club or Clover Kids group experiences. Ex: special events, project work, state fair, animal identification & registration, YQCA, weigh-ins, etc. Sara can be reached at 641-673-5841 ext. 11 and saram2@iastate.edu.

Amy Brainard is transitioning to the County Youth Outreach Coordinator position where she will oversee youth outreach programs, like In-school visits, 4-H Afterschool, Day Camps, and other special events that are open to the public. Be on the lookout for her Invent Tent at the Southern Iowa Fair this summer! Amy will still be working with the 4-H Clubs & Clover Kids groups throughout the summer as she trains Sara in her new role. Amy can still be reached at 641-673-5841 ext. 28 and vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Livestock Club Cattle Clinic

The Mahaska County Special Interest Livestock Club put on a show cattle clinic at Bremer Show Cattle in May. During the clinic the livestock club talked about basics of breaking your animal to lead, daily haircare, clipping, fitting, and showmanship. Thank you to those that joined us for the afternoon and to the Bremer Family for hosting the event.



Summer Fun Day Camps

Our Summer Fun Day Camps are for those who have recently completed Kindergarten-8th grade. These camps fill quickly, so register ASAP!

June 7-9 - Babysitting Basics - 5th-8th grade - \$30.00

June 10 - Let's Make a Meal - 4th-7th grade - \$20.00 - *FULL*

June 14-15 - NASA Astro Camp® - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 16-17 - Mission to Mars - Kdg-2nd grade - \$20.00

June 21 - Invent STEM Oskaloosa - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 22 - Invent STEM Leighton - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 23 - Invent STEM New Sharon - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 24 - Intent STEM Eddyville - 3rd-5th grade - \$20.00

June 28-29 - A Taste of Iowa - Kdg-2nd grade - \$20.00

June 30 - Spa Day - Kdg-3rd - \$15.00

July 1 - Making It - 5th-8th grade - \$15.00

Find camp details & a registration form at

www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/

Annual Volunteer Training

If you missed the Annual Volunteer Training back in October, please complete your PY21 Annual Training in 4-H Online. Those who still need to complete the training were emailed by Sara. Training must be completed by July 1, 2021.

Prepare for Fair Workshop

Static Exhibits—Prepare for Fair Workshop

Friday, June 25

Noon-1:00 PM

FREE (Mahaska County 4-H members only)

Stop by the Extension office with your fair exhibits and receive all of the forms and tags you need for the fair. This is a great time to determine classes for the exhibits you're unsure about. We will also help you with FairEntry during this time. *RSVP is required by Friday, June 18.*

We must have at least 5 RSVPs in to hold this workshop.

Call 641-673-5841 or email vermeerA@iastate.edu to RSVP.

Southern Iowa Fair Contact Info

If you would like to inquire about camping, renting a fairgrounds building, or exhibiting in the Open Class/Open Bucket/Bottle Show at the Southern Iowa Fair, please contact Erica Antolik at the Southern Iowa Fair office at 641-673-7004 or email sifair@mahaska.org.

Important Southern Iowa Fair Info

Please read all of the signs posted on the fairgrounds for the latest details, requirements, schedule, etc. Last minute changes may occur due to weather, conflicts, and unforeseen issues.

ATVs, Gators, golf carts, etc. are not to be used on the fairgrounds. Fair Board members will be the only individuals permitted to use them due to the work they need to do throughout the fair week.

Please do not use tape on any of the building metal. Due to heat, it leaves a sticky film on the metal, which attracts dust. If you hang signs and put wire, twine, string, etc. in the rafters, you must remove it after the fair is over. Leftover materials hanging from the ceiling cause issues for boat and camper storage in those buildings in the off-season.

Exhibit Building Clean-up & Set-up

Saturday, July 10

3:00-5:00 PM

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds

Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

We will meet in the Exhibit Hall to start cleaning and setting up exhibit display areas, judging tables, and chairs and will eventually move to the 4-H Building to do the same.

Clubs are encouraged to stop by and help the Honor Council with this project. Many hands will make for light and quick work!

Pop Tabs for Jacy 2021

We are collecting pop tabs to donate during the State 4-H Youth Conference in June. If you have any unwanted pop tabs, please turn them in to the Extension office by June 20.

Market Broiler Poultry Project

Chick pick up has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 12** from **9:00-11:00 AM** in the Parking Lot at the Extension office. This is for those who pre-registered for the Market Broiler Project with Sarah Hol. Please bring a box or pet carrier. Chicks must be picked up between 9-11 AM on June 12.

Poultry Pullorum Testing

Pullorum Testing is required to be completed prior to the fair. Currently, Pullorum Testing is scheduled for **Saturday, June 19** between **9:00-11:00 AM** on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. This excludes doves and pigeons and the Mahaska County Market Broiler Chicks. Market Broilers will be tested during the fair check-in. Cost is 25¢ per bird. If you have any questions regarding Pullorum Testing or the Poultry project area, please call Sarah Hol at 660-2696 or Miranda Johnson at 295-3776.

4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2021, please read the 4H 202 document very thoroughly. The 4H 202 can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>. It includes important information for each species, including identification requirements. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to read these requirements and abide by the rules set by the county and state 4-H program.

Cattle Showmanship Videos

If you plan to exhibit cattle at the Southern Iowa Fair, please check out the Mahaska County 4-H Beef Showmanship videos located on our 4-H YouTube channel! These videos were created by the Livestock Special Interest 4-H Club in 2020 and are very helpful as you prepare for the county fair! Check them out at <https://youtu.be/2QYQiq1HQSo>.

Fair Help Me Guide

This guide will be helpful for new families or those needing a refresher. It is on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms and printed copies are available at the Extension office.

4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets

Booklets that were preordered are available to pick up from the Extension office. You can access the fair rule booklet online at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms.

Horse Clinics & Ride Night Requirement

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair must complete **at least 1 clinic and 2 ride nights to gain eligibility at the county fair.**

Remaining Clinic & Ride Night Dates and Topics are below:

June 1—Trail Clinic

June 12—4-H & FFA Invitational Show

June 15—Ride Night

July 6—Speed Games Clinic

Vet Check Date TBD

All clinics & ride nights will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds—Outdoor Arena from 6:30-7:30 PM. You may arrive early and stay later, but must have your horse and participate from 6:30-7:30 PM for credit.

If you have any questions about the Horse Project Area, please contact a Horse Superintendent listed below:

Jennifer Fynaardt—jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com, 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields—fieldsL599@gmail.com, 563-212-2905

Heather Angle-Gardner—h_ponygirl@yahoo.com, 641-777-2334

Dog Classes

Dog classes will start soon! Classes are held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds from 6:00-7:30 p.m. First year DOGS must attend at least 8 classes and second year DOGS must attend at least 6 classes. All dogs, including Clover Kids dogs must have been identified by May 15.

Class Schedule:

May 3 (first class, no dogs)

May 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28

July 5, 12

Clover Kids classes began on May 17. Pre-registration for classes is not required. If you have any questions, please contact a Superintendent listed in the 2021 Fair Rule Booklet.

Bucket/Bottle Animal Packets

Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information> and at the Extension office. Packets are due Friday, July 9 with two black & white copies.

Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting

All animal superintendents are invited to attend the Pre-Fair meeting to set stall assignments on **Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 PM** in the DAV Building. Note that this is 2 weeks before fair! *Bucket/Bottle Calf, Bottle Goat, and Bottle Lamb Superintendents will not need to attend this meeting since we won't have our official number of participants until July 9.*

Static Exhibit Judging at Fair

Static exhibit judging will be held on **Saturday, July 17**. We will offer conference (in-person) and non-conference (drop off) judging this year. If you would like to request non-conference judging, please complete this survey by **June 15**: <https://tinyurl.com/nonconferencejudging>. Non-conference exhibits will be dropped off at the individually assigned time between 10:00 AM-Noon. Judges will judge the non-conference exhibits prior to the in-person conference judging. If selecting non-conference judging, written comment sheets will be provided. If selecting in-person conference judging, written comment sheets will not be provided. Each club has been assigned a time for in-person conference judging.

Saturday Exhibit Judging Schedule:

- 1:00-1:15 PM – 4-H Honor Council
- 1:00-2:00 PM – K-3 Clover Kids Judging at Clover Kids booth
- 1:25-1:55 PM – Harrison Hustlers, Heartland Helpers
- 2:00-2:30 PM – Independent 4-H, Jefferson Go-Getters, Leighton Strivers
- 2:45-3:30 PM – Mahaska Masters, Mahaska Livestock Special-Interest Club, Maker Club, M&M Peppy Pals
- 3:45-4:15 PM – Spring Creek Achievers, West Des Moines Livewires, Adams Champs
- 4:30-5:30 PM – Cedar Livestock, Garfield Boosters
- 5:30 PM - Exhibit Buildings Close
- 5:30-6:30 PM - State Fair Selection

Tentative Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 17

1:00 PM-6:30 PM - Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building, state fair selection to follow

Monday, July 19

7:00-10:00 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale

9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in at cages

10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages

10:30 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:30 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens

11:00 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale

1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns

1:00-2:00 PM - Myotonic Goat Check-in at pens

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Llama & Alpaca Show in Pavilion

4:00-5:00 PM - Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls

5:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, & Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion

5:00-7:00 PM - Key Coop BBQ west of Free Stage/Exhibit Hall (*goes until 7 or when food is gone*)

5:30-7:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

by 6:00 PM - Dairy check-in at stalls with Superintendents

by 6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at stalls with Superintendents

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 AM - Poultry Show in Sale Ring

9:00-1:00 PM - Communications: Educational Presentation, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, & Working Exhibit Judging at Free Stage

10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

1:00 PM - Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences in Fair Board Office

2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building

3:00-4:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Interviews

4:00-6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns

6:00 PM - Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area

6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Sheep Show in Pavilion

9:00 AM-Noon - Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage

10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

11:30 AM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion

12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion

12:30-2:15 PM - Dairy Cattle & Goat Show in Pavilion

1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews

2:30-3:30 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

2:30-4:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion

5:00 PM - **Auction Exhibitor Verification in Fair Board Office – by 5:00 PM, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion

10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion

2:30-3:30 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

5:00 PM - Farm Bureau BBQ at Free Stage

Friday, July 23

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena, will follow K-3 Open Horse Show

10:00 AM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

12:00-4:00 PM - Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion

1:30-2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest Registration in Sale Ring

2:00-4:00 PM - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Sale Ring

2:30-3:30 PM - Free Kids' Activity near 4-H Building

4-H Office will be CLOSED

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Exhibitor Auction in Pavilion

12:00 PM - ALL Livestock & Non-Livestock Exhibits Released (*no early release due to weather*)

Sunday, July 25

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM

Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

This schedule is subject to change due to pandemic restrictions, conflicts, and weather.

FairEntry Open June 1

PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE THOROUGHLY IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT AT THE SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR!

We will once again use FairEntry for 4-H & FFA animal and static exhibit entries for the Southern Iowa Fair.

Animals must have been identified in 4-H Online or on the FFA ID Google Forms by May 15 for any animals to be eligible to be exhibited at the fair.

Don't forget to complete your YQCA training if you plan to exhibit Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goats, or Myotonic Goats. YQCA is not required for Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dog, or Pets. Your 7-digit YQCA certification number will be required in your animal entry in FairEntry, so please have it available.

Access the FairEntry Help Sheet at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms>.

4-H Accommodations

Any program participants needing accommodations for participation in any 4-H activities is asked to complete a 4-H Accommodations form for each year of participation. The 4-H Accommodations form can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/how-do-i-enroll-4-h-club>.

If assistance is needed to complete the 4-H Accommodation form, please call 641-673-5841 or email vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Pre-Fair Barn Clean-up

Last year's barn clean-up and set-up night was a great success! We will hold the work night on **Thursday, July 15** from **5:00-7:00 PM** in the barns on the fairgrounds. We hope to have a To-Do list for each barn. Some barns may require more work than others. Stall Assignments will be posted in each barn at 7:00 PM.

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

We are now using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for all livestock/animal exhibitors—4-H & FFA. *Excludes Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dog, & Pet.*

WE WILL NOT OFFER AN IN-PERSON YQCA TRAINING. FSQA is no longer being utilized. YQCA is a yearly online interactive training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by scheduled appointment). Cost to take the online training is \$12.00 each year. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun! More information can be found at <http://yqca.org/about/curriculum>.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR YQCA CERTIFICATION NUMBER AS IT WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN REGISTERING IN FAIRENTRY!

A Help Sheet is available at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

Check Your Cattle!

The Beef Superintendents would like to remind you to be on the lookout for warts and/or ringworm. If you're needing help with a remedy, please contact a Beef Superintendent. Also, don't forget that No Fit calves cannot be clipped prior to fair. If they have been clipped, they can be shown at the fair but will be moved to the market steer or commercial heifer class.

Supreme Showmanship Sponsors

If you would like to become a sponsor for the Supreme Showmanship Contest at the fair, please contact Sara at the Extension office. Minimum sponsorship is \$25.00.

State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Info

All Iowa State Fair registrations for livestock, small animals, and horticulture will need to be completed by **July 1st**.

Register at <https://fairenty.com/Fair/SignIn/15526>.

(Open from June 1-July 1). Iowa State Fair Livestock information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock.

Southern Iowa Fair Meals

Thank you to the following sponsors who are providing free meals during the Southern Iowa Fair. As we become aware of more meals/giveaways, we'll be sure to share in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Monday, July 19

5:00-7:00 PM: Key Coop BBQ for 4-H & FFA Families & Volunteers in the grassy area west of the Free Stage & Exhibit Hall.

Tuesday, July 20

5:00 PM: Free Meal for Families sponsored by Wyffels Hybrids near the Pavilion

Thursday, July 22

5:00-7:00 PM: Farm Bureau sponsored BBQ in the Free Stage

Free Youth Activities at Fair

We will be offering some really fun hands-on activities for youth during the Southern Iowa Fair!

Tuesday, July 20

10:30-11:30 AM - Invent Tent

2:30-3:30 PM - Hort Education during 4-H Horticulture Judging

Wednesday, July 21

10:30-11:30 AM - Invent Tent

2:30-3:30 PM - Horticulture Activity

Thursday, July 22

10:30-11:30 AM - Invent Tent

2:30-3:30 PM - Horticulture Activity

Friday, July 23

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Invent Tent

2:30-3:30 PM - Horticulture Activity

As more events are scheduled and activity details are finalized, they'll be shared on Facebook and in the July newsletter.

Communications Event

Do you enjoy giving presentations, interacting with and teaching kids, or sharing your talents? Then you should sign up for the Communications Event! This event is open to ANY Mahaska County 4-H member. The registration deadline is **July 1 in FairEntry**.

Categories include:

Share-the-Fun—Share a talent or skill (play an instrument, share a prose, dance, sing, do a skit, etc.); can be done as an individual, pair, or group

Educational Presentation—Share your knowledge with others by giving an on-stage presentation about a topic of your choice. Presentations can include posters or *electronic visual aids (video, Powerpoint, etc.); can be done as an individual, pair, or small group. *Please check in advance with the Extension office to make sure your electronics are compatible with the projector.

Working Exhibit—Teach others how to do something. This is an interactive educational exhibit that is done at tables (not on stage). Exhibits can be done as an individual, pair, or small group.

Extemporaneous Speaking—Prepare and give an educational speech about a selected topic (prepared and shared during the fair). This category is only open to 4-H'ers who have completed 9th-12th grade.

Full details for the 4-H Communications Event can be found in the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet on pages 55-58.

Want to learn more?

Abby Drost has you covered! Check out her Communications Tips & Tricks video on our YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/xyrjvz0AERc>.

Have more questions?

Contact a Communications Superintendent:

Karen Adams (641) 295-6633 or Diane Stewart (641) 295-5833

Southern Iowa Fair Exhibitor Auction

The Fair Board will be hosting an Exhibitor's Auction at the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair. Each animal exhibitor will make one trip through the auction ring. (ex. The 4-H/FFA member shows a market pig and a market steer, they make one trip through the ring). Each 4-H/FFA member will be responsible to market their own animal after the fair. In order to participate in the auction, you must keep your animal on the fairgrounds the week of the fair and not go home until Saturday at Noon or after. If you choose to leave before the release time, you will not be able to go through the auction.

Species included with this year's auction: Swine, Swine Pen of 3, Bucket Bottle Calf, Bucket Bottle Lamb, Bucket Bottle Goat, Goats, Beef, Advanced Feeder Cattle, Sheep, Poultry, Meat Goat, Sheep Pen of 3, Rabbits & Horses. The sale order will be sorted by champions and reserve champions by species. If you have the Champion Market Steer and also showed a market hog, you make one trip in the ring in the Champion spot. If you have multiple animals, it's still one trip to the ring with one winning bid.

If you have any questions, please contact [641-673-7004](tel:641-673-7004) or email sifair@mahaska.org.

Southern Iowa Fair Sponsorship

In the past, Mahaska County 4-H has overseen the campaign that directly supports 4-H & FFA youth in the county. This year, we have turned the campaign over to the Southern Iowa Fair Board. Please consider donating to their campaign as funds raised will continue to benefit Mahaska County youth, including those involved in 4-H & FFA. Funds raised will help to cover the judges' fees, member premiums, and ribbons, banners, & awards for the Southern Iowa Fair, including 4-H & FFA shows & Open shows. You are welcome to specify a certain award or show to apply your sponsorship to.

You can learn more about the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair sponsorship packages at <https://southerniowafair.com/fairsponsors.html>.

If you have any questions about this transition, you are welcome to call 641-673-5841 or stop by the ISU Extension and Outreach office or Southern Iowa Fair office in Oskaloosa.

\$10 Meal Challenge Class at Fair

Planning, shopping, and preparing a nutritious meal is an important life skill. This challenge encourages participants to explore the different sections of a grocery store and consider a variety of money saving strategies to plan a nutritious meal while sticking to a budget.

This \$10 Meal Challenge has specific parameters regarding serving size, the five food groups, serving a group of four people, and the total cost being \$10 or less. The goal of this specific challenge is to task participants with combining knowledge of a balanced meal while immersing them in a situation where they have limited time, access and dollars to plan a meal for their family. This challenge has been incorporated as a Special Exhibition poster challenge as part of 4-H exhibits at fair.

Review the guidelines on page 49 of the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet. This class is only open to 4-H members and one exhibit will be selected to represent Mahaska County at the 2021 Iowa State Fair.

Additional details can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/10-meal-challenge-healthy-living>.

Volunteer at the State Fair!

The Iowa State Fair is seeking volunteers for Little Hands on the Farm and the Have You Herd program. Little Hands on the Farm teaches children ages 2-10 about agriculture in a fun and interactive way. Any group may volunteer, and admission to the fair, parking and a t-shirt are included for the 4-hour commitment. As a Have You Herd presenter, youth exhibitors are invited to give live animal demonstrations about raising and showing sheep, swine, beef, dairy, goats and rabbits. Youth must be a Fair exhibitor. Demonstrations will be about 30 minutes. Admission to the fair is included, along with a t-shirt and gift. Questions? Contact Emily Wynn at 515-401-1544 or ewynn@iowastatefair.org.



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