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Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

David Willemsen, one of Mahaska County's team of Advanced Feeder Superintendents, was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, August 22nd 2021.

He has been active with Mahaska County 4-H since 1986 when he started as a project leader. In 1990, he became an Advanced Feeder Pen Superintendent and has enjoyed working with the 4-H youth and their exhibits each year. He assists with the local beef weigh-ins and at the county fair. He has played an integral part in developing a very successful project area with both beef and sheep. Additionally, due to the strength of the Advanced Feeder Pen project area, the Carcass beef contest has grown significantly over the past three years. The Advanced Feeder Pen project is a fantastic way to help local youth learn about the beef industry from start to finish.

David is simply a joy to work with and has been a fantastic 4-H volunteer in Mahaska County. We appreciate his expertise and dedication to the youth of Mahaska County.

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.

Clover Kids Corner

Clover Kids are on their yearly break. Clover Kids will resume in October. Meeting locations will be confirmed and shared soon.

Cost to join Clover Kids will be \$25.00 for the year which includes a t-shirt, monthly activities, and snacks at our monthly meetings. Each month will consist of a new lesson that will include activities and crafts. Clover Kid groups are based on school location. Unfortunately, children who are enrolled in Kinder-Prep are not eligible, only those who are registered with the school system as Kindergarten-3rd grade students are eligible. If you are willing to volunteer for Clover Kids for 2021-2022, we are still looking for volunteers!

Interested in participating in Clover Kids for 2021-2022?
Contact Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 ext. 11.

County Awards & Record Books

The Mahaska County 4-H Award Applications are available at the Extension office and on our website listed below. Some applications and record book forms changed last year, so please be sure you're using the correct form this year. Forms can be found on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms and are due with record books by Friday, October 1st.

Any 4-H member may apply for 4-H awards as long as they meet the minimum criteria for the award in which they are applying. Record Books must be completed in order to apply for county 4-H awards.

We will hold a 4-H Record Book & Award Application Workshop on Thursday, September 16 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Extension Office Auditorium. *RSVP is required by Friday, September 10.* We must have at least 5 RSVPs in to hold this workshop. RSVP by calling 641-673-5841 ext. 11 or emailing Sara at saram2@iastate.edu.

Superintendent Openings

Do you have knowledge in Poultry?

We're looking for volunteers to become a superintendent!

All superintendents work as a committee with the other current superintendents throughout the year. Decisions are made as a group and then approved by the 4-H Staff, Extension Council, and Fair Board. Volunteers must complete and pass an ISU Extension background screening and be approved by the Mahaska County Extension Council. *Please contact*

Sara Martindale at 641-673-5841 ext. 11 or saram2@iastate.edu if you are interested.

4-H Honor Council

The 4-H Honor Council is for anyone in 8th-12th grade, not just current 4-H members. Anyone who joins the Honor Council can also be a member of another 4-H club or can join Honor Council independently. The \$35.00 4-H enrollment fee for all Honor Council participants will be waived!

This group will be active throughout the county, not just in Oskaloosa. If you have any projects you would like Honor Councils assistance with, please contact Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841. Honor Council will start up in October. Youth may apply for Honor Council or be nominated by a 4-H Leader. 2020-221 4-H Honor Council members must re-apply to become members in 2021-22.

Application information can be found at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/mahaska-county-4-h-honor-council . Honor Council members will be required to attend at least 75% of the club's meetings and/or activities and assist with at least 4 events at the county fair. The Honor Council is led by Sara Martindale and Megan VerSteegh.

Llama Project Requirements

Anyone who plans to lease a llama from Merle Mann and participate in the Southern Iowa Fair in the new 4-H year will be required to attend 80% or more of the practice times to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. A full list of practice dates and requirement details can be obtained by calling Merle at 641-295-2740.

All Superintendents Meeting

We will hold a county-wide ALL Superintendent meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Extension office. It's Pizza and Planning for fair 2022!

We will review the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair, Rules/Regulations, discuss Workshops/Clinics, and scheduling details. We will set individual planning meetings for superintendents during this meeting, if necessary. Individual planning meetings will be held throughout the months of October-November. We will focus on specific rules/regulations, the fair rule booklet, finding fair judges, and setting the fair show schedules, as well as planning any potential workshops/clinics/educational videos for the 2021-2022 4-H Year.

If you are planning to attend the September 16 meeting, please call Sara Martindale 641-673-5841 ext. 11 or email saram2@iastate.edu. RSVP requested by Wednesday, September 15th to help plan for food.

Annual 4-H Leader Training

The Annual 4-H Leader Training will be held in early October in the Auditorium of the Extension office. This training will cover the annual requirement from Iowa 4-H and we'll take time to discuss local details. Date will be announced by email—keep an eye on your inbox!

National 4-H Week 2021



Enrollment opens for 2021-2022

4-H enrollment will open on Wednesday, September 1st 2021 in 4-H Online 2.0. [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

There are help sheets for enrollment online here: [4hOnline Information for Families and Leaders | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://4hOnline-Information-for-Families-and-Leaders-4-H-Youth-Development-iastate.edu) Click the link for "Family Enrollment Guide", or if you have questions, or contact Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu or call 641-673-5841 ext. 11

There is also an annual program fee of \$35 to enroll in 4-H. Currently, we don't have the ability to accept payment on-line. This fee helps to support the state 4-H program. If you feel that this fee would constitute an undue financial burden, financial aid is available from the Mahaska County 4-H Foundation.

In order to be eligible to exhibit at Southern Iowa fair in 2022, enrollment in 4-H Online 2.0 and program fee must be paid by Jan.1 2022 for all previously enrolled Mahaska County 4-H members. New 4-H members have until May15th, 2022.

Correspondence Preferences

Please be sure to have all of your contact information updated in 4hOnline while you are completing registration. Families (including members and volunteers), please log into 4hOnline to update your family's correspondence. After you log in to your family account, please click the Edit Family button within the gray rectangular box.

Record Book Awards

Mark your calendars! Record book Awards will be presented Saturday, November 13th at 3:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Extension Office. More details to come in the October Newsletter.

Newsletter by Mail?

If you would like to receive the monthly 4-H newsletter by mail please pay a \$10.00 annual subscription fee to the Extension office due September 30th, 2021 and we will add you to our mailing list for the upcoming year.

County 4-H Awards

Please read all of the details below to understand your eligibility.

Nomination Form

Each 4-H member must complete a Nomination Form for the awards in which they are applying. We will not have separate application forms for each award this year, only one nomination form.

RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE FOR ALL AWARDS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Award Options

General Project

Any 4-H'er is eligible for a Project Award if the project has been enrolled in via 4hOnline and completed for the current 4-H year (September 2020-September 2021)

Special Project *Cash Awards!*

Any 4-H'er who has enrolled in a project via 4hOnline and completed a project in any of the following areas may apply for a Special Award:

Beef, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Horticulture, Dog, Goats, Poultry, Dairy, Llama, Photography, Clothing, Communications, and Senior Longtime Record Keeping

Outstanding Level *Cash Awards!*

Any 4-H'er with outstanding 4-H leadership, experiences, and projects is eligible.

Outstanding Project Area *Cash Awards!*

Any 4-H'er with outstanding projects in Agriculture & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, or Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mechanics is eligible

Overall Outstanding Senior-Level Awards *Cash Awards!*

Any 4-H'er who has completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade who has been active in all aspects of 4-H, is eligible for the following: Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Leadership, Merit, Achievement, and Danforth "I Dare You" (must have completed 11th-12th grade)

Completed record books are due with the nomination form by
Friday, October 1st, 2021 at 4:30 PM.



**MAJOR
Cash
Award!**

4-H Record Books

Record Books are not longer required to be in 4-H, but are strongly recommended by the county. Record Books are required if members apply for awards (see page 6). Clubs may have their own requirements, so please check with your leaders.

4-H encourages members to keep records and learn the skill of record keeping. Record Books are your first resume! 4-H'ers should develop a record keeping system that includes:

- Completion of a 4-H record for at least one project
- Completion of a Yearly 4-H Summary or 4-H Story
- Visiting with your leader(s) about your projects

4-H record keeping forms are available at the Extension office and online at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/4h, in the tan colored box on the lower right side, "4-H Fair & Award Forms". Through whatever record keeping system a 4-H member chooses, it should reflect goals, accomplishments, what was learned, and future plans. If you would like to keep your records in a traditional green 4-H record book cover, those are available at the Extension office for \$5.00 each. You may also use a 3-ring binder or scrapbook for printed records.

We also have an electronic format available that can be shared on Google Drive.

Another electronic 4-H record system is the 4hOnline Record Book at <https://rb.4honline.com>. You will find the area for Iowa 4-H and click Sign-in, then login using your 4hOnline credentials. A Help Sheet has been created to walk you through this online process. Contact Sara to receive the Help Sheet at 641-673-5841 ext. 11 or saram2@iastate.edu.

Some of the record book forms have changed this year, so please double-check what you have saved on your computer. Please make sure that you are using the correct form for your age. We have a Junior worksheet for market and breeding animals that can be used by those who have completed 4th-6th grade. 7th-12th graders will use the regular market and breeding animal worksheet.

4-H Livestock State Fair Results

CONGRATULATIONS to those who exhibited at the Iowa State Fair Livestock Shows in August. Below are the unofficial results from those events:

Breeding Beef: Abree Belcher P-2, *Champion High % Maine-Anjou Breeding Beef*; Carter Schroeder P-1; Macy Schroeder B-1,P-1; Logan Schroeder P-1; Garrett Wielard B-1

Horse: Logan Gardner B-3; Nicole Edgren B-2, W-1

Breeding Meat Goats: Ava Long P-3

Rabbits: Bethany Van Donselaar P-3, B-2, *Best of Breed-2, Best of Variety-3*,

Breeding Sheep: Andrew Stodghill P-2, B-1; Olivia Stodghill P-2; Merek Padgett P-1,B-1

Breeding Swine: Ava Long P-3, B-1, *Reserve Champion Chester White Breeding Gilt*; Lane Vroegh B-2, P-2 *Reserve Champion Poland China Breeding Gilt, Champion Spotted Breeding Gilt, Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Gilt*; Raymond Franzen B-1; Chanan Snakenberg B-1

Market Swine: Chanan Snakenberg B-4, P-1 *Champion Hereford Market Hog*; Ava Long P-3,B-1, *Reserve Champion Chester White Market Hog, Reserve Champion Poland China Market Hog*; Kinley Lobberecht B-2; Lane Vroegh B-1

4-H Static Exhibit State Fair Results

CONGRATULATIONS to those who had static exhibits at the Iowa State Fair in 2021. Below are the unofficial exhibit results.

Ag & Natural Resources: Brie Marshall–Battling Bucks, Blue

Animal Science: Troy Mann–Display “Comparing Llamas and Alpacas”, Red

Veterinary Science: Eliza Van Zante–Farrowing Kit, Blue

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Music: Charlie Ferree–Display “Parts of an Electric Guitar”, Blue

Photography: Addison VanderBeek–Photo Sunset over tree line reflecting in water, Blue; Isabelle Larson-Photo Waterfall, Blue; Stacia Dunnick-Photo Foggy Mountains, Blue; Sydney Bruxvoort–Photo Pink flower blue sky, Blue; Ephraim Van Zante–Photo Sunset reflecting on water w/ kayak; Blue

Visual Arts: Olivia Roberts–Butterfly & flower made of jewelry, Red; Brooke Ransford– Text drawing of horse and girl, Blue; Aliveah Brinegar–Painting mountain lake with sunset, Blue; Abree Belcher–Watercolor of peaceful girl, Blue; Mandi Rist–Pointillism drawing of desert scene, Blue

Clothing and Fashion: Kora Kruid–Magenta pantsuit & accessories, Blue

Food & Nutrition: Addison VanderBeek–Crumb top apple pie, Blue; Lexi van Utrecht–S’mores Muffins, Blue; Tyce VanWaardhuizen–Wild berry Pie, Blue; Clayton Hol–Display “Homemade Bacon”, Blue

Home Improvement: Anna Eveland–Blue Metal chair with painted flowers, Blue; Erica DeBruin– Succulent planter in blue pots on a rustic board, Blue; Lexi Van Utrecht–PVC Camper drying rack, Blue; Tieron Lamberson–White enamelware 3 tiered stand with rolling pin center, Blue;

Sewing and Needle Art: Lydia Zylstra–Red, white and blue quilt, Blue; Set of 5 Christmas themed stockings, Red; Trisha Van Donselaar–Multi colored chevron quilt, Blue

Personal Development: Brandon Groenendyk–Navy and tan apron for lunch ladies, Blue; Brie Marshall–Recreational leader kit, Blue

Science, Engineering, & Technology: Logan Schroeder–Restored barn fan, Blue, 7 restored metal farm toys, Blue; Olivia Stodghill–Restored 1948 Allis Chalmers WD Tractor, Blue; Tyler Bayliss–Sprayer jack, Blue; Lane Bayliss–Welded trailer & implement hitch, Blue; Andrew Stodghill–Dog house, Blue; Bryce Roquet–Display “Precision Farming”, Blue;

4-H Communications State Fair Results

CONGRATULATIONS to those who participated in the 2021 Communications Events at the Iowa State Fair. Below are the unofficial exhibit results.

Educational Presentation

Brie Marshall— Junior, *“Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?”* Excellence

Abby Drost—Senior, *“Peggy Whitson”* Merit

Teale Pose— Senor, *“Yoga”* Merit

Working Exhibit

Brie Marshall-Junior, *“Recycling Love”* Merit

Jayden and Mia Shilling— Junior & Senior, *“Creating Unique Glitter Jars”* Merit

Oliva DeGroot and Sydney Bruxvoort, - Junior & Intermediate, *“How to Make Joke Fortune Tellers”* Merit

Share-the-Fun

Aliveah Brinegar— Senior, Piano Solo *“Turning Pages”* Participation.

Trenton Van Zee— Intermediate, *“Mr. Bean Goes on Vacation Skit”* Participation

Extemporaneous Speaking

Teale Pose— Senior, Excellence

Abby Drost-Senior, Merit

Horse Project Fall Ride Nights

Our Horse Superintendents are planning 3 fall activities that will count towards attendance to qualify riders to exhibit at the 2022 Southern Iowa Fair.

-Sunday, September 12th 3:00 PM Pole Bending Clinic at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds Arena.

-Sunday, September 26th 3:00 PM Ride Night at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds Arena.

-October Trial Ride date and location TBD.

Contact Heather Angle-Gardner 641-777-2334 if you have questions or need more information.

Horse Superintendents

Jennifer Fynaardt and Lisa Fields are stepping back from their roles as Horse Project Superintendent for Mahaska County. We greatly appreciate all time and energy that they have put into this project area.

We would like to welcome and thank Marcy Wanders for joining the Horse Superintendent team!

New 4-H Publications

Check out these great resources that are available to 4-H families at low cost or for FREE! Click around in the extension store and you will find a wealth of resources for your project area interests!

4H 2431 [September Hobbies and Businesses -- Gardening to Give](#)

4H 2432 [September Types of Gardens -- Gardening to Give](#)

4H 2433 [September Salsa – Gardening to Give](#)

4H 2430 [August Pickling – Gardening to Give](#)

4H 2429 [August Different Ways to Garden – Gardening to Give](#)

4H 2428 [August Sharing Produce -- Gardening to Give](#)

4H 2455 [Japan -- Global Clover](#)

4H 3516 [Simple Machine – Vibrant Clubs](#)

In addition to these great resources, New Volunteer Resources have also been published here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources>

If you are a leader, a volunteer, or even a curious 4-H parent wanting to know a little more about 4-H this site is helpful.

Club Officers

As your clubs begin meeting in the new 4-H year, please be sure you are electing club officers. Even though the Extension office maintains the club bank accounts, clubs still need to elect a Treasurer/Financial Officer for their clubs. These individuals will be the ones who submit deposits and voucher requests, as well as receive the monthly statements. If you would like to receive officer training materials or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 ext. 11



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