



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Extension and Outreach

# GROWS LEADERS

**New Member Newsletter**  
**April 2022**

Washington County Extension  
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*Dear Clover:* My 4-H leader told me I have to do a presentation for my club. Why? What do I do it on? How do I get started?

As a 4-H'er you are to work towards improving your communication skills every year. One way to accomplish this is by giving a presentation to your peers.

Choose a topic that interests you! To select your topic think of your projects or hobbies. A few examples: taking pictures, caring for your dog, making cookies, setting the table, grooming your calf, putting the saddle on your horse, building structures with Legos, paper airplanes, etc etc etc! . Those are just very few ideas. HAVE FUN!

Your first presentation will usually be only a couple minutes. There are three parts: introduction, body and conclusion. In the introduction, tell your audience what you are going to talk about. Do something catchy and fun to get their attention. In the body, give details and in the conclusion, repeat your main points & ask for questions. You should also share where you got your information. It is also helpful to have visual aids (posters or objects) that help share information with the audience. To present, wear your 4-H shirt or a costume to fit your topic.

Practice, practice, practice. The more you practice the more comfortable you will be. Talk slowly, clearly and loudly enough for everyone to hear. Make posters to highlight your points. Stand up straight. Have fun and relax!

## Communication Opportunities

**Educational Presentations:** Give a presentation for your club during the year. July 13 will be County Communications Night when members can give presentations for a judge and 5th grade & older can be selected for State Fair

**Working Exhibits:** 4-H'ers communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way. This is a hands-on experience for audiences during the county fair. They are judged and 5th grade & older can be selected for State Fair

**Share-the-Fun:** Share your talents at the County Fair & possibly advance to the State Fair. This can be groups or individuals sharing music, dance, juggling, humor, etc.

**Posters:** Communicate visually through a poster. Follow one of these themes: 1. "4-H is. . ." 2. "Join 4-H" 3. 4-H Grows (National 4-H marketing campaign) 4. *Build the Future* (2022 4-H Youth Conference theme) 5. *Find Your fun (in 4-H)* (variation to Iowa State Fair theme)

**YQCA online training is required if showing livestock at the fair that may enter the food chain. Call us to get a coupon code to complete at home or RSVP to use our computers.**

### How are you doing?

The year is well underway!

By now you should be:

- getting to know your leader(s) and club members
- becoming familiar with how meetings are run
- thinking of your projects & goals for the county fair
- participating in fun activities within your club and county
- seeing/giving presentations
- having fun!!!

**If you have any questions or concerns be sure to contact the Extension Office, 319-653-4811.**

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**Thank you for  
PANCAKE  
greatness on  
April 23.**

To those who volunteered or those who came to eat with us—thank you! It's an excellent time to be a part of the #washco4h family!



**MAY 15 is  
important!**

**All animals must be  
entered into your  
4hOnline account to  
show at the fair !**

### 4-H Pledge

I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to larger service, my **health** to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.



...To Make the Best Better.

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# What I need to know....

## Washington County Fair

July 17-22, 2022

Sat., July 16 =

Non-livestock Judging

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA):

All 4-H'ers & FFA members anticipating to exhibit livestock must complete the YQCA certification. Members must complete an online course annually. Directions available [online](#). To be completed by June 1.

### What do I wear to exhibit?

White shirt, 4-H/FFA t-shirt or blouse and dark pants with work boots. Each 4-H member will receive a free show shirt from Federation Bank at your June meetings. NO tank tops.



Don't forget..... You can't have more than 3 unexcused absences to exhibit at the fair. Be in communication with club leaders.

## Livestock: When do I get my animals? What else do I need to know?

**Market Beef:** must weigh-in the middle of December

**Breeding Beef:** Must be born in the calendar year before prior to fair (**Sept 15, 2021-Dec. 31, 2021**)

**Bucket Bottle Calf:** Born between Jan. 1st-April 30th.

**Market Goats:** Kiddled after November 1st previous year. Attend **May 5** weigh-in.

**Swine:** Farrowed after Dec. 25 previous year. Production pigs weigh-in **April 9** but no more than 45 lbs.

**Sheep:** Lambled after January 1st. Market lambs weigh in **April 30**. Commercial ewes must be tagged at weigh-in day.

For all other species there are no specific requirements, but must be owned and identified through 4hOnline by May 15th.

### May 15 is IMPORTANT

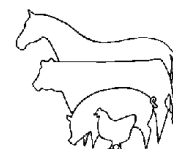
All animals you anticipate showing at the county fair **MUST** be identified through 4hOnline by May 15, 11:59 p.m. There are help sheets available under the Livestock section of the [County Fair page](#).

You will record specific identification information for each animal, i.e. tag #, ear notch, color, breed etc.

Each species allows a certain number that can be nominated.

**All animals must be identified through 4hOnline by May 15 if you intend to show.**

Fair Entry is required by July 1. At this point you sign up for exact class numbers that come from the fair book. Leaders will assist with this step in June. This is mandatory to participate at the fair.



For specific rules/regulations for each species see the fair book or call the office. Until the new fairbooks are out in May you can reference:

## Non-livestock Projects: What do I do? How do I pick?

Possibilities are unlimited to what kind of projects you bring to the fair. Use your creativity, knowledge, and experiences to complete your projects.

Be sure you allow enough time for your projects to be completed by judging day.

The end of June, you can bring your projects to a county wide Project Preparation Day. Here judges will be available to give you suggestions to improve or change your project before fair time.

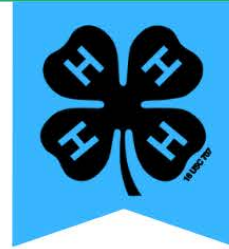
For each project a 4-H Exhibit Record found on [County Fair](#)

[page](#) needs to be completed and brought to the fair. This form is where you state your goal, what you learned, and how you worked towards your goal.

All projects must be registered in Fair Entry approximately a week before fair.

# Prepare for Fair

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**June 16**

**6:30 PM**

**Washington County Extension Office**

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**Join us for an introductory workshop for all things county fair, including:**

- **Brainstorm Project Ideas**
- **Fair Entry**
- **Exhibit Forms**
- **Fair Book**
- **Meet Project Superintendents**
- **Tour Fair Grounds**

**Register by June 9 at**

**<https://tinyurl.com/PrepareForFair22>**



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# THE 2022 GREAT BIG

## Washington County 4-H

# LUCKY CLOVER

## RAFFLE

# DRAW PARTY



### APRIL 30

### 5-8 PM



### DRAWING AT 6:30 PM

### LEBOWSKI'S

### FULL MENU AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Have fun with 4-H friends & cheer on the BIG winners!

Tickets can be purchased in advance from 4-H members and the Extension Office. Any left over tickets available for purchase at the Draw Party until 6:15 PM. Need not be present to win.

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