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ALLAMAKEE COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

Congratulations to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors who participated in the 2020 Allamakee County Fair! It was great to see such great participation, hard work and sportsmanship. Thank you for representing your club and county well. Special thanks to every-one who helped make the 2020 Allamakee County Fair a great success! I would like to extend a sincere 'Thank You' to all the parents, County Council, Youth Development Committee, Fair Board, Extension Council, Circle of Friends Sponsors and community members for your continued dedication to the 4-H program!

With 4-H Spirit, Morgan Bjerke



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AUGUST 2020 4-H CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

4-H Toppers— August 9, 7:00 p.m., Waterville Community Center

Bear Creek Kids— TBA

Cherry Valley Chums—August 2, 4:00 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church

Clover Chasers— August 9, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office

Elon PMC— August 17, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

Ludlow Future Farmers— August 10, 7:00 p.m., Family Day at Upper Iowa Resort

Mississippi Mad Scientists— TBA

River Valley Panthers— TBA

West Ridge Riders— August 10, 6:30 p.m., Waukon Wellness Center

**Dates, times & locations are subject to change*

Please check with your club leader for meeting status with COVID—19.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Caleb Block

Lynette Colsch

Shara Cota

Marcus Gibbs

Issac Johanningmeier

Sutton Jones

Iyanna Larson

Katie Linderbaum

Parker Leppert

Jackson Plein

Nora Malcom

Sabrina Manning

Isabelle Mettille

Addysen Runice

Kyrie Snitker

Brock Stortz

Morgan Stortz

Brandon Teslow

Kylie Troendle

Thomas Troendle

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. Treasurer's Report

6. Committee Reports

-County Council Update

-Other committees (optional)

7. Unfinished and New Business

- Fair Thank You's

- Post Fair Evaluation

8. Announcements & Leaders Report

9. Adjourn and 4-H Pledge

OPPORTUNITIES/4-H NEWS



WELDING EXHIBITS RECOGNIZED BY TUMBLEWEED WELDING

Congratulations to Holden Fish of the Clover Chasers 4-H club and Isaac Ericson of the Elon PMC 4-H club on your welding projects! Pat O'Neill, owner of Tumbleweed Welding, donated two gift certificates to be awarded to welding projects that were judged at the fair. Pat has been in the welding business for over 20 years and is an avid supporter of the Allamakee County 4-H Program along with his family.



SANDY RUCKHABER MEMORIAL AWARD

The Sandy Ruckhaber Memorial Sportsmanship Award is in memory of the late Sandy Ruckhaber. Sandy was an outstanding friend, 4-H/Open horse show judge, riding instructor, and 4-H volunteer. This year's recipient has exemplified being a true leader by showing the 4 H's of 4-H, head, heart, hands, and health. The recipient of the Sandy Ruckhaber Sportsmanship Memorial Award must have demonstrated at the 4-H horse workouts the ability to lend a helping hand to others, show determination when trying to learn new things, and the courage to follow through with the horse project. This year's recipient was Halea Corwin member of the Mississippi Mad Scientists 4-H club.



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4117 in Waukon awarded four exhibitors with a certificate and ribbon for their outstanding service to the community and honoring our Veterans displayed through their projects exhibited on Conference Judging. Recipients were: Lauren Plein; Saturday Clover Kids,



Natalie Byrnes; River Valley Panthers, Allia Erickson; Elon PMC, and Kadee Fish; Clover Chasers.



OPPORTUNITIES/4-H NEWS

RECORD BOOK SUGGESTED ORDER & TIPS



The 4-H Youth Development Committee encourages **ALL** 4-H'ers to complete a record book.

The record book forms are available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/allamakee/page/4-h-forms>.

Remember Record Books should reflect the past 4-H Year, 2019-2020.

Suggested Order for All Members:

- 1) Title Page with photo
- 2) Expected Standards
- 3) 4-H Club Program (*Optional*)
- 4) 4-H Yearly Summary. May include newspaper clippings and photos from current year. This is where you can compile a 4-H yearly story. Keep ribbons in a different book.
- 5) 4-H Projects Tabbed. Project records, project worksheets, related clippings, and photos. Do not include goal sheets. Keep the current year project work on the top of all records.

General Tips

- 1) Be neat
- 2) Check math, spelling and grammar
- 3) Use blue or black ink if you prefer to write it instead of typing. (Younger members may use pencil)
- 4) Keep your thoughts clear and to the point. Say everything you want to say in a concise manner.
- 5) It is not necessary to write a Project Record for each *exhibit*. For example, if you brought three photography exhibits to the fair, it is best to condense all the information from those three exhibits onto one Project Record Form.

DO NOT Include

- ⇒ Ribbons
- ⇒ Goal Sheets
- ⇒ Stall Cards
- ⇒ Your actual project
- ⇒ Award Certificates
- ⇒ Club minutes

ATTENTION ALL CLOVER KIDS

Youth entering kindergarten through third grade are welcome to join Clover Kids. Meetings are held one Saturday a month at the Waukon Wellness Center or after school one day a month in Waukon. Meetings are also in Postville one day a month following an early out. Join your friends for hands on fun and be able to participate in fair next summer! Space is limited so please contact Becky at the Extension Office if you are interested at 563.568.6345.

Brochures will be sent home the first week of school for more information.

STATE FAIR SPECIAL EDITION

2020 IOWA STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

Animals, Ag & Natural Resources

Emma Palmer
Madalyn Palmer

Clothing

Madalyn Palmer

Home Improvement

Brenna Berns

Personal Development

Madalyn Palmer

Photography

Brenna Berns
Layke Byrnes
Alaina Gebel
Emma Palmer x2
Soraya Reyes

Visual Arts

Emma Palmer

Working Exhibit

Natalie Byrnes
Mia Kurth

2020 4-H 
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EXHIBITS, COMMUNICATION EVENTS, & AWARDBOBE

Livestock

Beef

Taylor Jackson
Tucker Jackson

Dairy

Kiele Eberling

Swine

Trudy Baxter
Wyatt Baxter
Alaina Gebel

2020 IOWA STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

In the spirit of tradition, the Iowa State Fairgrounds are excited to host the 2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H and FFA Livestock Show. Held with the same prestige and competition found at the Iowa State Fair, this 2020 Special Edition will showcase the superior showmanship, hard work, and determination of Iowa's 4-H and FFA youth. This Special Edition show will follow all Iowa Department of Public Health and CDC recommendations for social distancing, hand washing and sanitization, so although it will be held in August and on the Iowa State Fairgrounds, you may notice some "special" considerations for this stand-alone event.

Schedule: the 4-H and FFA livestock shows will happen over three weekends in August.

August 6, 7, 8: FFA Beef, FFA Horse, 4-H Rabbit, FFA Rabbit, 4-H Sheep, FFA Sheep, Youth Dairy Cattle

August 13, 14, 15: 4-H Horse, 4-H Meat Goat, FFA Meat Goat, FFA Poultry, FFA Swine

August 20, 21, 22: 4-H Beef, 4-H Poultry, 4-H Swine, Youth Dairy Goat

The premium book and more detailed schedule can be found online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock>.

State Fair Special Edition livestock exhibitors are receiving their wristbands currently in the mail. Just a reminder that each exhibitor receives three wristbands for their particular weekend of their species. That means the exhibitor and two other people can accompany them that weekend. There was a mix-up on the dairy cattle wristbands, but the correct ones were being mailed out on July 28.

LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES

VIRTUAL FAIR FOR 4-H MEMBERS



As county and state fairs across the country have been impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to give 4-H members' the chance to be recognized for the hard work they've put into their 4-H projects all year. Entries submitted between July 20 and Aug. 20, 2020 will be judged by a panel of CRS employees and then projects will be shared across CRS [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) channels for added recognition. In addition, CRS will donate \$50 per completed project to the [4-H FOURWARD Fund](#) up to \$25,000 to provide educational resources to families who need it most.

To enter a project, 4-H members must:

1. Complete the [project entry form](#)
2. Snap a photo of themselves with their project
3. Email entry form and photo to CRSFair@CropRiskServices.com

Official Rules: Entry open to active 4-H members as of July 20, 2020. One project per person. Email entries must be received from 20, 2020- August 20, 2020, to be eligible. All photos received become the property of Crop Risk Services. Entry implies consent for Crop Risk Services to reply to the email address submitted. CRS will donate \$50 per entry submitted to the national 4-H FOURWARD fund up to \$25,000.

Visit <https://cropriskservices.com/crsfair/> for the press release and entry form.

REMINDER: PLEASE SEND THANK YOU'S

Please make it a priority in August to thank the auction buyers, trophy sponsors, and others who helped make your experience at the Allamakee County Fair memorable. Each club will be responsible for sending thank you notes to Circle of Friends donors and others who have donated time, talents, money or items to help make the fair a success. These address labels can be found on club shelves. Your August 4-H meeting should be designated as the 'thank you note' meeting. This will be a perfect time to take care of this very important responsibility.

The Circle of Friends help sponsor the trophies for the fair and other activities year round for 4-H youth in the county. Please remember to send Thank You's to the sponsors on the bottom of your trophies.

Market Livestock and Dairy Auction Participants: We had successful auctions this year and we want our generous buyers to return. A sincere thank you from you will encourage them to continue purchasing at the auctions. ***We strongly encourage every livestock auction participant to write a thank you note (addressed and stamped) to his/her buyer(s) prior to receiving their auction check. Please plan to bring thank you notes with when picking up checks at the Extension Office, this helps to guarantee every buyer receives a thank you note.*** Dairy exhibitors will receive a list of Dairy Auction buyer's names and addresses. If you need assistance with your Thank You's, please ask.

ATTENTION: 4-H CLUB LEADERS

UPCOMING DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

- As club activities are planned, please turn **driver's names and last 5 digits of social security number** into the Extension Office a minimum of 3 weeks prior to scheduled events so paperwork can be sent to those who will be transporting youth. This is to assure everyone is properly screened.
- If you are planning a club activity that is NOT documented in your club program, please remember to **contact the Extension Office about insurance coverage** for special activities. Liability activity forms can be found on our website www.extension.edu/allamakee/4h under the Leader heading.
- **Record Books**—Leaders please read the record book information on your club shelf. As a reminder, you should be collecting record book from Junior and Intermediate members during your September meeting. *Their books should be evaluated and their awards noted on your club's Yearly Summary Form. If you need help with this process, please let Morgan know.* The Summary Form along with the forms listed below are due to the Extension Office by **October 1**. Please note, Seniors are required to submit their completed record book to the Extension Office by **October 1**.
- **National 4-H Week**—It is never too early to start talking to your club of ways they want to promote 4-H in Allamakee County during National 4-H Week, October 4-10.
- **Program Book**—It is never too soon to start working on your 2020-21 Program Book with your officers. If you would like an electronic copy sent to you, please contact Lana at dahlstro@iastate.edu
- **Volunteers Needed**—We are always looking for adults and high school youth to help with our 4-H program including but not limited to; afterschool programming, County Council, and Saturday Clover Kids. *Or, if you know of any adult who is interested in becoming a leader of a new 4-H project club let us know! If you have an idea for a new project club or are interested in volunteering in an existing 4-H program, please contact the Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to share the generosity and independence you have learned through your 4-H experiences.*
- **Post-Fair Evaluations**—Please help facilitate conversations with club members using the 'Post Fair Evaluation Form' as a guide. Please have the secretary make notes to submit to the office. This is how we can help 'Make the Best Better' in 2021.
- **2020-2021 4-H Year**—A new 4-H year is right around the corner! With a new 4-H year comes new 4-H members. Recruitment for 4-H can begin at any time now! If you know of a family who has expressed interest in joining 4-H, you can send them our way OR you can send us their contact information so we can send them enrollment forms. We will continue to collect 'hard copy' enrollment forms for new members.

With a new 4-H year also comes lots of new opportunities and experiences. Do you know of someone very skilled in a project area who would be willing to share their time and talents with 4-H'ers? Keep these people in mind for potential club visits or get their contact information to Morgan to work to host a countywide workshop.

- **Fall Leader Meeting**—Please hold a tentative date of **Monday, September 29 at 5:30 PM** for our Fall Leader Meeting.
- Due to changes with Extension District insurance, we are not able to serve any prepared food at events including 4-H club meetings. 4-H clubs should abide by the same guidance and only serve individually pre-packaged food or food prepared and delivered by a third-party vendor (e.g., delivered pizza). Additional information can be found here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vp/files/page/files/county_services_insurance_update_4.pdf

2020 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
AUGUST			
August 4, 2020	Youth Development Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	Extension Office
August 6-8, 2020	Iowa 4-H & FFA Livestock Shows		Des Moines
August 9, 2020	4-H County Council Interviews/Meeting	6:00 PM	Extension Office
August 13-15, 2020	Iowa 4-H & FFA Livestock Shows		Des Moines
August 20-22, 2020	Iowa 4-H & FFA Livestock Shows		Des Moines

SEPTEMBER			
September 1, 2020	New 4-H Year!		
September 7, 2020	Office Closed: Labor Day		
September 15, 2020	YDC Meeting	7:00 PM	Des Moines
September 29, 2020	4-H Fall Leaders Meeting	5:30 PM	Extension Office

OCTOBER			
October 1, 2020	Tentative 4HOnline Re-Enrollment Open (4HOnline2.0)		
October 1, 2020	Record Books Due		
October 4-10, 2020	National 4-H Week		
October 25, 2020	Tentative Soup Supper/Awards Program/Re-Wards Day (<i>More information to come</i>)		

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4-H HEALTHY LIVING CLUB CHALLENGE

The 4-H Healthy Living Club Challenge will be starting in September and runs through June! This year, we will be Winning with Wellness as we focus on the 8 dimensions of wellness: environmental, social, occupational, spiritual, physical, intellectual, financial, and emotional. Club members will learn about their well-being as well as practice healthy habits through fun and interactive activities each month. Family resources will be provided monthly to allow the whole family to practice these healthy habits together at home. We are looking forward to an exciting year of healthy living. Registration opens August 1, and if you register by the 15 you will receive a challenge resource kit to help with the monthly challenges. Club leader or Wellness Officer can register their club by visiting our webpage <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge>



Be sure to 'like' Allamakee County 4-H on Facebook for reminders of upcoming events!