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Benton County 4-H Monthly Newsletter for 4-H Members, Leaders, and Volunteers

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CYC MESSAGE

As we get closer and closer to Benton County Fair, it is essential that you PLEASE CHECK ALL EMAILS coming from either shlas@iastate.edu or benton4h@iastate.edu, reference the Benton County Extension website (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/) and 4-H Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/bentoncounty4h) FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES.

A quick reminder, that we are still under a mask mandate through May 8. More information on the 4-H Addendum is on page 5.

ATTENTION: CLUB LEADERS

BENTON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING

SPRING 4-H LEADER'S MEETING

Thursday April 15th 6:00 pm
Please RSVP by 4pm on 4/14/21 to shlas@iastate.edu
Benton County Fair Queen

The Benton County Fair is looking for young women who are interested in serving as a representative of the fair by becoming the Benton County Fair Queen. As a representative for the Benton County Fair, the queen will be asked to assist with various contests and activities during the county fair in June as well as helping with other promotional activities/parades. The Benton County Fair Queen will compete at Des Moines at the Iowa State Fair Queen contest in August.

Persons interested in competing for this honor must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 16 not more than 21 years of age at the time of the contest.
- Have never been married or have had children
- Must have been an active, member of one service organization in their community, (i.e. 4-H, Scouts, FFA, Church Group, etc.)
- Are not professional models.

Candidates will be judged during a personal and group interview. The judging will take place prior to the Benton County Fair. The new fair queen will be crowned Wednesday June 23, 2021 at opening ceremonies of the Benton County Fair. Individuals participating in the contest will also receive miscellaneous prizes.

For more information on the Benton county Fair Queen competition and an application form, please contact Angie Becker at (319) 350-6611.

Application forms must be completed and turned in by May 15, 2021 to:

   Angie Becker
   805 E 5th Street
   Vinton, Iowa 52349
## 2021 Benton County Fair Schedule

### 4-H/FFA Schedule of Events

#### Tuesday, June 22
- 8:30–10:00 AM  **4-H Static Exhibits Judging**
- 10:00–11:30 AM  **4-H Static Exhibits Judging**
- 12:30–2:30 PM  **4-H Static Exhibits Judging**
- 9:30 AM–12:00 PM  **Cloverbud Projects Judging**
- 3:00 PM  **Stalling Posted: Optional Tack Set Up**
- 3:30 PM  **4-H Building Closes**

#### Wednesday, June 23
- 7:00 AM–9:00 AM  **Swine Arrival with Vet Inspection On Trailer**
- 8:00 AM–12:00 PM  **Horse & Pony Arrival/Check in/Vet Inspection**
- 9:00 AM  **4-H Building Opens**
- 9:00–12:00 PM  **Beef/sheep/goat/Dairy/bucket Bottle/rabbit/poultry Arrival On Fairgrounds**
- 10:00 AM  **Communications & Wardrobe Judging**
- 11:00 AM–1:00 PM  **Sheep/meat goat Check in/Vet Inspection/Weigh In**
- 11:00 AM–1:00 PM  **Beef Check in/Vet Inspection**
- 12:00 PM–2:00 PM  **Poultry Arrival/Check in/PT Testing**
- 12:00 PM–2:00 PM  **Rabbit Arrival/Check in**
- 12:00 PM–1:30 PM  **Exhibitor Meal Sponsored by Beck’s Hybrids**
- 2:00 PM–3:00 PM  **Diary Check in/Vet Inspection**
- 2:00 PM–3:00 PM  **Bucket/Bottle Calf Check in / Vet Inspection**
- 6:00 PM  **4-H Night at the Grandstand**
- 8:30–10:00 PM  **4-H County Council Fair Kick Off**

#### Thursday, June 24
- 6:30 AM–7:30 AM  **Market Beef Performance Check In/Weigh In**
- 8:00 AM  **Market Beef Performance Show**
- 8:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Sheep Show > B/B Lamb Show > 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show**
- 10:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Fun Show**
- 2:00 PM  **4-H/FFA Rabbit Show**

#### Friday, June 25
- 8:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Swine Show**
- 9:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Poultry Show**
- 11:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Dairy Show > 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show**
- 1:00 PM  **Dairy Kiddie Cattle Capers**
- 4:00 PM  **4-H/FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show (Beef & Dairy)**

#### Saturday, June 26
- 8:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Beef Show**
- 8:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Performance Horse Show**
- 1:30 PM  **Benton Barnyard Babies**
- 2:30 PM  **Benton FFA Kiddie Tractor Pull**
- 4:00 PM  **4-H/FFA Dog Show > 4-H/FFA Pet Show**
- 4:30 PM  **Barnyard Olympics**
- 6:30–8:30 PM  **Friends of 4-H Barn Party**

#### Sunday, June 27
- 6:00 AM  **4-H/FFA Livestock Release**
- 10:00 AM  **4-H Building Open to Public**
- 11:00 AM–1:00 PM  **Static Project Release**
- 11:00 AM  **Parade of Champions**
- 12:00 PM  **4-H/FFA Livestock Auctions**
- 5:00 PM  **All Livestock Removed from Fairgrounds**
LIVESTOCK UPDATES & DEADLINES

SHEEP & MEAT GOAT WEIGH-IN
Saturday, May 1, 2021 | from 8 – 10 AM
Benton County Fairgrounds | Sheep & Meat Goat Arena

4-H Online Data Input: NEW PROCESS FOR 2021!
• FAMILIES will login to 4-H Online and will input the data for ALL sheep and meat goats for both county and/or state fair eligibility.
• Once the animal data is put in, the animal will be “active”.
• All animal data MUST be in 4-H Online by May 15 (by families).
• County staff will have access to print off a report from 4-H Online to compare the entered data to the data on the weigh-in ID form.
• County staff will NOT need to approve animals (data) in 4-H Online. ONLY if there are errors from comparing the paper ID forms to the 4-H Online report data, then county staff can fix incorrect information – incorrect weights, tag numbers typed in wrong, etc.
• May 15: this is the DEADLINE for all sheep and meat goats to be identified, tagged, weighed, retinal imaged (State Fair), and input into 4-H Online.
• There is a $5/HEAD fee for ALL ANIMALS RECEIVING RETINAL SCANNING for State Fair. Please plan accordingly to have payment ready at weigh-in.

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK RULES FOR COUNTY FAIR

NEW! UPDATED LIVESTOCK RULES FOR 2021 COUNTY FAIR
No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Papers) will be required for animals or livestock to be exhibited at the Benton County Fair. All animals will be inspected by an accredited veterinarian upon arrival or shortly thereafter by the veterinarian.
• Swine (must be inspected before being unloaded)
• Dogs/Pets (current rabies vaccination certificate should be scanned into Fair Entry when registering)
• Poultry (are P/T tested at check-in on Wednesday of fair week)

For more detailed health requirements, visit page 11 and 12 of the following link: https://iowaagriculture.gov/sites/default/files/animal-industry/pdf/2021%20Health%20Requirements%20for%20the%20Exhibition%20of%20Livestock%20%20%20(2).pdf

YQCA

Any youth wishing to exhibit the following animals at a county or state fair, must have a completed YQCA Certification: Swine, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry.
• YQCA Training must be completed by May 15, 2021.
• The web-based training is a GREAT option for your busy club member! Registration is completed online by using your 4-H Online email and password at: https://yqca.learngrow.ia/Account/Login
• Don’t forget to forward your completion certificate to the Benton County Extension Office!
HORSE/PONY SAFETY CLASSES

All beginning, first and second year horse/pony exhibitors must attend a Horse/Pony Safety Class held on one of the following dates to be eligible to show at Benton County Fair:

- **SATURDAY, MAY 15: 10AM - 12PM** or
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2: 6 - 8PM**

Classes are held at the Benton County Fairgrounds, Horse Barn. Horse/pony must be present during class.

Sign up for the Horse/Pony Safety Class of your choice in 4HOnline (http://v2.4honline.com/).

OPEN FOR IOWA

The ISU Extension and Outreach face covering mandate continues through May 8, 2021. People must be able to maintain six feet of physical distance at events.

Face coverings are required when people:

- are indoors. This includes campus and county extension offices and meeting spaces. If you are using an external venue that has stricter requirements than ISU Extension and Outreach, then follow the stricter requirements.
- are outdoors if people cannot maintain six feet of physical distance.
- are traveling on university business with more than one person in the vehicle.

Continue to check the Open for Iowa website at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vp/open-iowa for updates.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

NORTH EDEN WILLING WORKERS

In March, North Eden Willing Workers’ Birthday Committee created 10 "Birthday Bags" to share with HACAP that contained birthday party items to help 10 families celebrate a birthday! The bags contained birthday candles, birthday cards, a cake mix and frosting.

Club members are pictured here using canvas and different types of medium such as crayons, paint, tissue paper, etc. Some members chose free hand drawing while some used stencils to create their works of art.

TERRIFIC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT NORTH EDEN WILLING WORKERS!
**STATIC PROJECT UPDATES & DEADLINES**

**FAIR ENTRY DEADLINES**

**Communications & Awardrobe** (to be judged on Wednesday, June 23) - *In Fair Entry by JUNE 10, 2021*
- $15 Challenge, Fashion Revue, and Clothing Selection entry and stage commentary is due in Fair Entry by June 10. Report Forms and supporting materials should be brought to judging day.
- Working Exhibit and Share the Fun (set up) entry and report forms are due to the Extension Office via mail or email by June 10.
  - Educational Presentation report form is incorporated into Fair Entry (no paper form).
  - Report Form Exceptions: Communications Poster Exhibit report form should be attached to the project for judging. There is no report form for Extemporaneous Speaking.
- Find forms at: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/page/member-info](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/page/member-info)

**Static Projects** (to be judged on Tuesday, June 22) - *In Fair Entry by JUNE 15, 2021*

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**4-H STATIC EXHIBITS JUDGING**

4-H Static Exhibit Judging will take place on Tuesday, June 22 during three scheduled sessions:
- 8:30 - 10AM
- 10 - 11:30AM
- 12:30-2:30PM

Clubs will be pre-assigned to specific static judging sessions. This schedule will be shared as Fair draws closer.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Static Exhibits must be Checked In by 2:30PM on Tuesday, June 22.

Cloverbud Projects Judging will take place on Tuesday, June 22 during one scheduled session:
- 9:30AM - 12PM

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**New!**

**STATIC PROJECT**

- **IOWA STATE FAIR WINNERS**
- **MANDATORY MEETING**

Youth with projects selected for State Fair **must attend the MANDATORY Exhibitor Meeting** held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 7PM.

Winning Exhibitors will receive more information on the details of the Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting when they receive their awards/medal.
MEET THE 2020–2021
BENTON COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

RYLEE SASH
County Council
- President: 2020–2021
- Member: 3 Years
4-H Club
- Bruce Boosters

"I wanted to assist in decisions of Benton County 4-H through the County Council."

JULIA SHULTIS
County Council
- Vice President: 2020–2021
- Member: 2 Years
4-H Club
- Canton Upstreamers

"I wanted to be in county council so I could represent my club at a higher level. I also wanted to join so I could help plan activities and most importantly the fair, to make sure that Benton county 4-H is a positive experience for all involved!"

OLIVIA HANSON
County Council
- Secretary: 2020–2021
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Bruce Boosters

KATE HYLAND
County Council
- Member: 2 Years
4-H Club
- North Eden Willing Workers

GABE HANSON
County Council
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Bruce Boosters

GRAYCE MCCLINTOCK
County Council
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Harrison Willing Workers

STEIGER MANSON
County Council
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Polk 101

KAILEY BAHMANN
County Council
- Member: 3 Years
4-H Clubs
- BEHIP and
- Harrison Willing Workers

LYDIA ALBERTSEN
County Council
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Bruce Boosters

CLAYTON MCKENNA
County Council
- Member: 2 Years
4-H Club
- Jackson Better Farmers

ELLIE KARR
County Council
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Independent

ANNABELLE NEwTON
County Council
- Member: 2 Years
4-H Club
- Jackson Better Farmers

ALEX LUDEKING
County Council
- Member: 1 Year
4-H Club
- Florence Go Getters

BRIAN MCGUINTY
County Council
- Advisor: 4 Years

"I knew County Council would be a great learning experience for me. I like getting to work with kids from other clubs in County Council and have been able to work with so many new people!"

"I enjoy being involved because I get to see a group of kids from multiple school districts work together to help the 4-H program become a team."
IOWA 4-H CAMERA CORPS

Our Benton County 4-H Camera Corps members from North Eden Willing Workers continue to impress us with these winning photos submitted. Would you like to know more about Camera Corps? Click HERE for more information or visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps

Top 10 Juror's Choice for February Camera Corps theme 46 "Pops of Color."

Congratulations Jenna Grovert, on your winning photo!

Top 10 People's Choice for February Camera Corps theme 46 "Pops of Color."

Congratulations Anna Becker, on your winning photo!

SHINE ON 4-H'ERS!

PROJECT PASSPORT

Interested in exploring the world this summer? Love to be creative and learn new things? ⚽

Register for this NEW learning experience - Project Passport! Project Passport challenges participants to learn about different cultures and countries through their own creative outlet. There are 10 categories to enter an exhibit in. We provide the framework and all resources needed!

Register and submit your exhibit for a chance at exhibiting at Global Citizenship Day at the Iowa State Fair in August! ⚽

Check out the Global Citizenship website for further details and register now: ➤ https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/global-youth-resources
YOUTH CROP SCOUTING

Registration is now open for the Youth Crop Scouting Competition on July 26, 2021 in Boone, IA! ☑️

Iowa middle school and high school youth completing grades 7-12 are invited to compete and showcase crop scouting abilities in corn and soybean. The top four teams are eligible to win cash prizes! ☑️

The Youth Crop Scouting Competition provides youth an opportunity to learn crop scouting and principles of Integrated Pest Management for corn and soybean and to obtain knowledge and skills helpful in future careers related to agricultural and environmental sciences.

Register for this free event! ➡️ https://www.ipm.iastate.edu/crop-scouting-competition...

EARTH WEEK CHALK CHALLENGE

Opens April 16: Contest from Water Rocks! offers new themes that celebrate nature... click HERE for full article.

Artists of every age may participate in the Earth Week Chalk Challenge beginning Friday, April 16. The contest is meant to encourage everyone to get outside and express their love of nature during Earth Week (April 18–24) through creating chalk drawings.

Contest entries can be submitted by individual artists in youth or adult categories or teams. The challenge is sponsored by Water Rocks!, the award-winning conservation and water quality education program from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Themes for the 2021 Chalk Challenge are:
- Billions of interesting things underground
- Iowa’s wetland biodiversity
- My/Our favorite natural resource is…

The contest runs April 16–25 and is free to enter. Winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges and People's Choice winners will be selected through voting April 26–29 on the Water Rocks! Facebook page. All winners will be announced April 30. Water Rocks! prize packs will be awarded to the winners.

Details about the contest themes, entry process and timeline and rules are available online.

To learn more about Water Rocks! and its youth education and outreach virtual and in-person programs, visit them online at waterrocks.org.
ISU IGNITE INNOVATION SHOWCASE

ISU IGNITE INNOVATION SHOWCASE SEEKS YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12

Iowa State University is virtually sharing and celebrating its innovation, collaboration, and what sets it apart on April 16–April 23 when 9–12 grade audiences have a front row seat to what awaits them at Iowa State University.

YOUR INVITATION TO INNOVATION

There’s energy spreading across Iowa State University’s campus: a culture of innovation that includes, motivates, and inspires students from every college, department, and organization. Innovation happens here, and we’re celebrating it during the inaugural Ignite Innovation Showcase. Join us April 16 through April 23 as we showcase the collaborations, inventions, and opportunities that set Iowa State apart!

For more information and/or to register: https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/innovate/

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Iowa Department of Human Rights has some upcoming program opportunities under leadership and civic engagement.

IOWA YOUTH CONGRESS

The Iowa Youth Congress seeks high school youth who want to learn about state government and the Iowa Legislature. For more information regarding IYC or the application process, contact: Brianne Messer at brianne.messer@iowa.gov or go to https://humanrights.iowa.gov/iowa-youth-congress.

STATE OF IOWA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council provides input and education to the Governor of Iowa and other leaders. Youth from ages 14 – 20 are invited to apply. For more information click HERE.

4-H'ERS FOR 4-H

What Is The Iowa 4-H'ers For 4-H Campaign?

This annual campaign is conducted by youth members of the State 4-H Council Finance Committee. 4-H Clubs across the state are encouraged to donate $3 per 4-H member and the funds raised benefit financial aid, State 4-H Conference, and other projects as voted upon by the State 4-H Council. The campaign runs through June 1, 2021.

Your Campaign Contribution Supports:
State 4-H Youth Conference
Financial Aid for 4-H Program Fees and Event Registrations
Support for State Youth Council
*NEW* County Grants

Why Should Your Club Participate? Click HERE for more details!
IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference to be held at Iowa State University in Ames! Join us on your “Quest to Be Your Best,” June 29–July 1.

Registration is BY AREA of the state and is limited to 130 delegates a day. Work with your local county Extension office to learn about transportation options.

Animal Science Round Up will run concurrently with the Youth Conference and is offering 8 specie areas of interest. Deadline to register is June 1st via 4HOnline.

Check out conference agenda, workshop offerings, specie offerings, and more:

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

This in-person event will look different than the traditional Youth Conference as the State 4-H Council works to make this event both impactful and safe for all participants

Here’s how to Register in 4HOnline:
1. Login to your 4HOnline account (https://v2.4honline.com/#!/user/sign-in)
2. From the Member List Screen, click on the “Events” list on the left-hand side
3. Select “YOUR EVENT THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING” and then the family member attending
4. Follow the prompts to complete. You will receive an email confirming you have submitted your registration

REGION 11 REGIONAL DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

RaeAnn Gordon has been hired as a regional director with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach serving Linn, Benton, Jones and Cedar counties in east central Iowa. She begins the position April 15. As regional director, Gordon will provide administrative leadership to county extension offices that meet legal obligations of the extension districts and oversee delivery of educational programs that align with the needs of the area.

Most recently, Gordon served as interim regional director for Linn, Benton and Cedar counties and currently serves as the Linn County director for ISU Extension and Outreach. From 2006 to 2017, Gordon was the program and organizational leader for the Partnership for Safe Families in Cedar Rapids. Gordon received a bachelor’s degree in social work from Mount Mercy University and a master’s degree in social work from the University of Northern Iowa. She is active on many boards in her community, including serving as vice president for the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program and chair of the Community Partnerships for Protecting Children. Click HERE for the full article.
DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 1:** Entry information for the 2021 Iowa State Fair will be available
- **April 15:** 4-H Spring Leader's Meeting - 6PM, Benton County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building
  - RSVP by April 14 to shlas@iastate.edu
- **April 26:** Iowa Youth Institute, Virtual
- **May 1:** Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In - 8AM, Benton County Fair Grounds
- **May 15:** All Animals ID in 4-H Online | YQCA Training Deadline
- **May 15:** Horse/Pony Safety Class - 10AM-12PM, Benton County Fairground Horse Barn
- **May 16:** Fair Entry Opens!
- **June 2:** Horse/Pony Safety Class - 6-8PM, Benton County Fairground Horse Barn
- **June 10:** Communication and Awardrobe Entries due in Fair Entry
- **June 15:** All other Static, Livestock, Animals Entries due in Fair Entry
- **June 22 - 27:** Benton County Fair, Vinton, IA
- **July 1:** Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2021, Ames, IA - "Quest to Be Your Best"
- **June 29 - July 1:** 4-H Animal Science Round Up Dates per species TBD
- **July 1:** State Fair Entry Deadline
- **August 11:** 4-H Dairy Judging, State Fair
- **August 28:** Livestock & Meats Judging, State Fair
- **September 24 - 26:** Equine Extravaganza, Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls
- **TBD:** 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl / Skillathon

Get details, updated information and learn how YOU can get involved at the 2021 Iowa State Fair!

4-H AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following national programs will be held virtually:

- 2021 National 4-H Conference (4/10-4/15/21)
- 2021 Citizenship Washington Focus (Summer 2021)

Other National 4-H Events:

- 2021 National 4-H Congress (11/26-11/30/21)

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