**ATTENTION: MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS**

**PLEASE NOTE:**
If you are unable to attend the Benton County weigh in, you MUST contact our office in advance to attend another county's weigh in.

**FEE FOR RETINAL SCANNING:**
There is a $5/head fee for retinal scanning. Payment will need to be made at weigh in in order for retinal scanning to be performed on animal. Checks can be made payable to: Benton County Extension.
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The 2021-22 County Youth Council members emceed the event and new members were inducted.

Todd Wiley was selected as the 2021 Honorary 4-H Member, shown here, to the left.

Receiving Leaders of the Year, were North Eden Willing Workers' Emily Olson, Amy Monat and Angie Becker. To the right, Amy and Emily are shown receiving their award from Dawn Edler, 4-H Committee Chair.

Congratulations to members of North Eden Willing Workers for winning a Pizza Party for the club for having the highest percentage of members at the awards event!

Clint Sandburg, 4-H Committee Vice Chair, presented Brian McNulty with a certificate in recognition of his 2021 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Induction, shown to the left.

Congratulations also goes to Ava Schirm, North Eden Willing Workers, for winning the Fair Passport prize. The Fair Passport program was created by Benton County's Youth Council as a fun way for fair attendees to get to know the Benton County Fair better!

Rounding out the event, Greg Walston's birthday was noted with attendees singing, Happy Birthday, shown to the right with Clayton McKenna, Youth Council member.

We would like to congratulate everyone on their awards and recognitions. We are very proud to have a strong program and we look forward to continuing to grow our program even stronger!

For a complete listing of award winners, click: https://iastate.box.com/s/lo4floe23c0fep86w6q1g4snkhhoxrr5w

A few things to note:

- Benton County 4-H is excited to introduce a new “Cloverbud Record Book” designed for club members to track their goals and accomplishments as a cloverbud member. The document will be available to cloverbud leaders once it is finalized.

- We are also excited to share that we will be introducing a new format for the 4-H Club Member Record Book. The goal is to make the process of completing and submitting member's record books much easier! Stay tuned.
We would like to encourage our Benton County 4–H members to check out the Iowa 4–H Foundation Scholarship webpage for helpful hints and instructions on applying.

- Applications opened on November 20th
- Applications are due on midnight of March 1st

Check out the Iowa 4–H Foundation scholarship page [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/) for a road map to success with instructions and the helpful hints page. Please feel free to contact Mary Clancy via email clancy@iastate.edu for more information.

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**STATEWIDE VIRTUAL "CLUB" OPPORTUNITY**

**Introducing...**

**Iowa 4–H Enthusiasts: Clothing and Sewing Projects!**

9 - 12th grade youth are invited to expand their learning in the clothing and sewing project areas by joining Iowa 4–H Enthusiasts!

Partner with Iowa 4–H professionals and Joi Mahon, fashion entrepreneur and author, to advance your knowledge and skills in the project area while completing technical skill building challenges.

Iowa 4–H enthusiasts will have access to an online classroom, experience virtual monthly meetings, practice skills by creating modern sewing projects, and have access to live and recorded companion resources and lessons to enhance your skills.

Iowa 4–H Enthusiasts:

1. Learn from a highly skilled, successful fashion and design entrepreneur
2. Connect with youth across the state of Iowa that share a spark
3. Complete technical skill building challenges
4. Gain a mentor to take learning to the next level
5. Practice skills and gain feedback

To register, log into your 4–H Online profile and visit the 4–H Events tab on 4–H Online.

Questions?
Please Contact the Iowa 4–H Enthusiasts Team by emailing Bonnie Dalager at bdalager@iastate.edu.
Application Process OPEN for National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit

Youth in grades 9-12 can apply to be a part of the State 4-H team, led by Maya Hayslett and Lynne Campbell, for the National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit.

The Summit will be in Washington D.C. from March 10-13 and selected youth will receive reduced registration and travel fee.

Application deadline is January 4th. Any youth are welcome to form a team with an adult chaperone and register for the conference with travel, registration, and other expenses to be paid by the team, if not a part of the state-led team. Learn more on the National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit page at https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience or contact Maya Hayslett at hayslett@iastate.edu.

Registration Open for Iowa Legislative Insider

Iowa 4-H and the Iowa Extension Council Association are excited to host the Iowa Legislative Insider event in Des Moines on February 9th!

This event is open to 4-H members in 8th-12th grades and county extension council members.

Participants will learn about the life of a legislative page, hear from legislators, explore the role a lobbyist plays in crafting legislation and participate in interactive workshops surrounding civil discourse, youth-adult partnerships, and more.

Check the website https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day for details.

4-H members and 4-H volunteers can register through the ‘Events’ tab in 4HOnline. Extension council members and other adults can register by using this survey https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVFBPJvawedlEp0.

Deadline to register is February 1st. For questions, contact Haley Jones at hjones@iastate.edu.

States’ 4-H Exchange Now OPEN for 12-18 year old 4-H members

Iowa 4-H is excited to partner with States’ 4-H Exchange to offer international exchange opportunities for our 4-H members, ages 12-18.

Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families in those countries and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Applications are being accepted from current 4-H youth who would like to travel abroad AND for those interested in being a host family for Japanese youth for summer 2022.

The deadline to apply is January 15th.

Check out the website for application details. Contact Haley Jones at hjones@iastate.edu with questions.
Pioneer Seed Grants for Iowa 4-H Club Community Improvement Projects

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing "seed money" needed to make the projects successful.


Pioneer is proud to offer $5,000 in seed grant money to 4-H clubs across Iowa. To apply, fill out and submit the application below.

2022 Pioneer Seed Grants are due to the Extension 4-H Building by January 30, 2022

Important Dates
- December 1st: REGISTRATION OPENS
- December 7th & 14th, 4-5 PM: ONLINE OFFICE HOUSE
- February 26th: REGISTRATION CLOSES
- March 24th: Senior High Fair
- March 25th: Junior High Fair

Learn more at: https://sstfi.org/stem-education-resources/

CLUB PIONEER GRANT LUNCH & LEARN

Join in to learn Tips & Tricks on how to get funding!

Topics covered:
- Application process
- Project exploration
- Hear from our very own expert in Pioneer Grants, Stacy Siek, Florence Go Getters club leader

Please RSVP by January 13 at: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYfm3B3FJztJINs
Cloverbud clubs will be meeting soon starting in January...and we’re looking for NEW Club Members!

While the goal of this event is focused on new club members, enrolled/returning Cloverbud members are welcome to attend!

We are excited to share that we will be introducing a NEW Cloverbud Record Book for the 2021-2022 Program year!

The addition of the record book has many benefits. Designed as an educational journal, it will teach the Cloverbud how to set plans, project goals, keep track of 4-H activities, share challenges and successes and be a keepsake full of memories! It will prepare the cloverbud on record keeping as they transition into a 4-H club.

A “rough draft” copy will be sent out to all Cloverbud leaders soon for input and ideas!

STEAM? not STEM?
• Science
• Technology
• Engineering
• Art
• Math

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:
http://v2.4honline.com

• Returning/Enrolled Cloverbuds should register under the events tab
• New Youth should enroll as a "Participant"
• Club Leaders, contact Sheila to RSVP

Please share this opportunity with youth K - 3rd Grade interested in 4-H!
Four Benton County 4-H club officers recently attended a training held by Linn and Benton counties.

The training content included:
- What it means to be a club officer
- How you can help your club grow
- Reviewing officer roles and responsibilities
- Parliamentary procedure and more!

Haddie Kroneman, Ava Siek and William Kroneman (Florence Go Getters) and Oscar Schadt (Florence Hawkeyes) also had the opportunity to ask questions from 4-H staff during the training.

Any club officer who was not able to attend the training, but would like some guidance on their officer role, should feel free to contact the extension office via phone or email.

FRIENDS OF 4-H SKATING PARTY

Over 100 Benton County 4-H club members, Cloverbuds, Leaders, Volunteers and friends enjoyed two hours of skating on Sunday, November 21st.

A big THANK YOU to the Friends of 4-H for hosting this exciting event and providing an opportunity for Benton County 4-H club members to interact together and share the 4-H fun with potential new 4-H members!
It is always sad to say "good-bye" to our Benton County 4-H club members when they graduate; however, it is also exciting to see that 4-H is still important to many of our alumni.

Former Iowa Ever Readies club member, Tori Hlas (front row, far left), was recently appointed to their officer team for Internal Communications. Congratulations!

If you have 4-H related news of a Benton County 4-H Alumni to share, please do! We're proud to share their accomplishments.

The Benton County Extension has several opportunities for jobs this summer!

Contact Greg Walston if interested!

Please share this with someone you know who might be interested.
**DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES**

**ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY!**

https://v2.4honline.com

4-H CLUB FEES INCREASE TO $40 JANUARY 1ST!

**BENTON COUNTY || SEPTEMBER 2021 - AUGUST 2022**

**CALENDAR**

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**NATIONAL 4-H ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National 4-H Summits:** In Person

- **February 10-13:** Healthy Living Summit Registration Opens Soon!
- **March 10-13:** 2022 Agri-Science Summit Registration Open NOW, Closes January 4
- **June 5-July 16:** 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus (week-long programs)
- **July 18-22:** 2022 Leadership Washington Focus
- **September 15-18:** 2022 STEM Summit

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