2021 BENTON COUNTY FAIR
Don't forget to check the following for fair updates!

FAIR UPDATES:
- **EMAIL:** please check all email coming from either shlas@iastate.edu, shelbyjm@iastate.edu or benton4h@iastate.edu.
- **WEBSITE:** the Benton County Extension website is located at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/
- **FACEBOOK:** the 4-H Facebook page is located at https://www.facebook.com/bentoncounty4h
- **INSTAGRAM:** the 4-H Instagram page is located at https://www.instagram.com/4hbentoncountyia/

Emails, Extension Website, Facebook and Instagram will be your GO TO PLACE for ALL FAIR UPDATES!

So much will be happening at this event!
Legion Color Guard Awardrobe Events Share The Fun Fair Queen Contest and more!
More details will be shared when finalized.

There's a new event happening this year at the 2021 Benton County Fair

4-H Night at the Grandstand
Mark Your Calendars Now!

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2021 FAIR BOOK

The 2021 Fair Book is available online at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/4h

WEBSITE LINKS

Fair information/directions can be found at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/page/member-info

FairEntry:
https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14938
Registration Dates: May 16 - June 15, 2021

Select the 2021 Benton County Fair.

- 4-H Members should select the green ‘log in with 4-H Online’ button and log in using their 4-H Online credentials.
- FFA Members that are not 4-H Members should create a separate profile. 4-H Members exhibiting specific projects as FFA Members should select their chapter, not club, when entering each project.
- Please call or email your CYC with questions.
- DO NOT wait until the deadline to start making entries.

FAIR ENTRY IS OPEN!

All 4-H and FFA Livestock, Static, Awardrobe and Communication projects need to be entered into classes on FairEntry.com. Have questions, call the Extension Office (319) 472 - 4739

4-H & FFA EXHIBITOR DEADLINES

AWARDROBE & COMMUNICATION IN FAIR ENTRY DUE - June 10

- Awardrobe ($15 Challenge, Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection) and Communications (Working Exhibit, Extemporaneous Speaking, Educational Presentation, Share the Fun, Poster Exhibit) must be entered in Fair Entry.
- Awardrobe report forms should be brought to the judging event.
- Communication forms due 6/10.

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK RULES

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 Fairentry when registering)
  - Poultry (are P/T tested at check-in on Wednesday of fair week)

If you have any Questions or Issues with Fair Entry, contact Sheila or Shelby at the Extension Office!
Attention Swine Exhibitors!!!

New this year - NO health papers are required to attended the 2021 Benton County Fair.

All Swine Exhibitors will have their Vet Inspection at the VS High School starting at 7:00 AM until 9:00 AM. Once checked you will proceed to the fairgrounds to get unloaded. There will be a short exhibitor meeting at 9:30 AM followed by check in and weighing hogs.

Questions? Please reach out to your swine superintendents
Cody Schminke 319-551-4577

BUCKET BOTTLE CALF/LAMB INTERVIEWS

Thursday, June 17 at the Benton County Extension Office
Lambs: 1 - 1:30PM | Calves: 1:30 - 6PM

SIGN UP FOR INTERVIEWS IN FAIR ENTRY!

When entering your Bucket Bottle animal project in Fair Entry, you will click on ENTRY QUESTIONS and will need to select from the list of available times.

As time slots are selected, they will become unavailable to click on. So sign up early to get the time that fits your schedule!

Call the Extension office with any questions.
Exhibitors will be stalled and scored in FFA Chapter, 4-H Club or other appropriate groupings. Special requests, including the previous year’s Herdsmanship winners, for stall and Herdsmanship scoring should be made on the club stalling sheet when filed with the Extension Office by June 1 of current year.

The club scoring highest in the sheep, beef, swine, dairy, dairy goat, horse/pony, meat goat, poultry, rabbit and bucket bottle divisions will receive the following awards:

- Choice of their club stalling/pens at the next year’s county fair in their respective livestock area.
- Club name on the Herdsmanship banner that is displayed on the front of each respective livestock area at the next year’s county fair.

Judging will be according to the following scorecard:

- Cleanliness of storage area (alleys swept clean - free of dust and woodchips)
- Cleanliness of stalls (Bedding—adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place. Animals securely tied and penned. Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place.)
- Arrangement of exhibits and stall cards (Exhibits lined up in attractive manner; big, objectionable boxes out of the way; hay and straw should be neat and orderly; cards neatly arranged; cards are clean and filled out completely.)
- Appearance of animals (Clean and well cared for)
- Availability of member Public relations participation. (Courtesy of the attendants and others in the area; at least one attendant present)

Decorations are encouraged. Highlight your club’s personality.

In the event of a tie, there will be a 10-question quiz that will be held at the 4-H/FFA Office at 11:00 AM on Sunday of county fair week.

Pre-Fair Dog Obedience & Handling classes will be held four times in June to help youth exhibitors prepare for the dog show at fair.

These classes are free of cost but youth must be enrolled Benton County 4-H members and have had their dog identified in 4HOnline by the May 15 deadline. All dog classes will be located at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Vinton.
The Benton County 4-H Youth Council will be starting fair week off right with a special event for youth grades 9–12!

Enjoy a little Karaoke, Games and Prizes!
No need to sign up, just show up and bring your friends!

**WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RED BARN**

Here's what you need to know about the Red Barn!

**LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**
On Wednesday, you'll want to go to the Red Barn to:
- Check In
- Get your Exhibitor Number
- Receive a FREE Fair Shirt*
- Get your Fair Passport!

*Sponsored by Pioneer Seed Dealers

**DAILY GUESSING GAMES**
The County Council will have Daily Guessing Games for all 4-H and FFA Exhibitors to participate in!
- Guess correctly, you win a prize!

**FAIR PASSPORT**
The County Council has also put together a FUN Fair Passport Activity to help you get to know YOUR County Fair better!
- Prizes* offered for various number of Passport Entries

*Sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

**RED BARN HOURS**

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**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

This year Benton County Extension Council is featuring all things 4-H at the Expo Building at the Benton County Fair!

Knowledgeable 4-H volunteers are needed to help staff the booth, if you are interested in helping out please contact Allison Hicks at allisonhicks@ymail.com or 319-241-7582. Shifts are available throughout fair week. Thank you!
FAIR ENTRY

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 SCHEDULE**

4-H Static Exhibit Judging will take place on Tuesday, June 22 during three scheduled sessions **BY CLUB**:

**8:30 - 10AM**
- Bruce Boosters
- Iowa Ever Readies
- Jackson Better Farmers
- Fremont Go Getters
- Monroe Barnstormers
- Canton Upstreamers
- Independent

**10 - 11:30AM**
- North Eden Willing Workers
- Harrison Willing Workers
- BEHIP
- Polk 101

**12:30 - 2:30PM**
- Florence Go Getters
- Leroy Luckies
- Florence Hawkeyes

**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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**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.
GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER

We want YOU to share your TALENT with US!

- Do you play an instrument?
- Like to sing or dance?
- Have mad acting skills?
- Aspire to be a stand up comedian?
- Or have some other talent to help entertain an audience?

Your act can be performed individually or with a group!

If you answered yes, we’d like to sign you up to be a part of our 1st Annual 4-H Night at the Grand Stand! This event will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd starting at 6pm.

Other activities to take place during this event will be the Fair Queen Crowning, the Benton County Legion Presenting the Colors, Awardrobe Clothing Events, Benton County Pride Award recognitions, State Fair Static Project Award Winner recognitions and more. This will be one FUN EVENT you will not want to miss!

Get Your Act Together and contact Shelby at shelbyjm@iastate.edu or 319.472.4739 to sign up or get more information.
2021 FAIR INFORMATION

CLUB BOOTH CONTEST
What You SHOULD Know!

- Judging of booths will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Fair Week.
- Judging will be as follows:
  - Cleanliness; area of booth swept, no trash – 20 pts.
  - Attractiveness of booth; exhibits arranged nicely – 10 pts.
  - Exhibits, entry tags, ribbons arranged neatly so they are easily read; extra items hidden – 20 pts.
  - Originality of booth – Friday only – 10 pts.
  - Points Possible Per Day – Thursday (50), Friday (60), Saturday (50)
  - Total Possible Points – 160
- A $20 cash prize will be awarded to the winning club. If there is a tie, the amount will be divided evenly.
- The winning club will also have their club name placed on the Club Booth Winner’s banner that is displayed with former and current Club Booth winners in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Prize money will be awarded following county fair and the banner will have the name of the club placed by the next year’s fair.
- Accepted themes for Club Booth Decoration:
  - a. 4-H is… (open to 4-H member’s interpretation)
  - b. Join 4-H
  - c. 4-H Grows… (4-H.org national marketing theme)
  - d. Quest To Be Your Best (2021 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
  - e. How Do You 4-H? (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)
  - f. Back and Better Than Ever (Benton County 4-H Fair Theme)

GRACE ZAUGG
4-H CLUB: Florence Hawkeyes
FAVORITE PROJECT AREA: Goats were my favorite project area because they have a fun personality and are my favorite animal.
FAVORITE 4-H EVENT: The volleyball tournament has always been my favorite 4-H event because it was fun to compete against and get to know the other clubs.
FAVORITE 4-H MEMORY: My favorite memory was always going to the race em and wreck em races.
FUTURE PLANS: I plan to attend Front Range Community College in Colorado to study Architecture and Interior Design.

MEGAN SCHULTE
4-H CLUB: Florence Hawkeyes
FAVORITE PROJECT AREA: My favorite project area is Photography. I really enjoy taking pictures that can be seen from a different perspective.
FAVORITE 4-H EVENT: My favorite 4-H event was going to Jr. 4-H camp. It was a very valuable experience being able to stay 2 nights at a camp. I got to do so many things that I never would get to do. I got to meet new people from other clubs.
FAVORITE 4-H MEMORY: My favorite memory was going on the intermediate trip to Kansas City and getting to watch a Broadway play and visiting the National WWI Museum and Memorial.
FUTURE PLANS: I plan on attending University of Northern Iowa, majoring in communication sciences and disorders. I hope to someday be a speech/language pathologist.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!
Members of Benton County's Livestock Judging Team attended the Lake Land College Livestock Judging Contest in Illinois on Friday, May 21.

Questions Division Individual:
Colton Kroneman - Swine, 6th Place
Jill Hanson - Beef, 3rd Place

Questions Division Team:
Jill Hanson, Colton Kroneman, Haddie Kroneman & Ava Siek - Beef, 2nd Place; Overall, 6th Place

Reasons Division Individual:
Steiger Manson - Swine, 1st Place
Gabe Hanson - Swine, 5th Place; Reasons, 4th Place

Reasons Division Team:
Gabe Hanson, Alex Ludeking & Steiger Manson - Overall, 5th Place

It's officially open!

Entries can now be made in the Fair Entry program for the 2021 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock & Horticulture shows.

Entries are due July 1 at 11:59 PM.

A step by step Help Sheet is available on the 4-H State Fair Livestock website. The website also has the 4-H Premium Book which includes all the schedules for the State Fair.

Remember: YQCA is required for livestock exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine species.
Benton and Linn County 4-H are partnering to host a one-day summer camp opportunity for youth grades 4-6 on August 3, 2021!

Junior Camp is an all-day event and will be held at Camp Wakonda in Central City. Camp Drop Off will be from 8:30-9:00am. Pick up will be at 4:00pm.

Cost: $35*  Registration Required: https://tinyurl.com/bljrcamp  *Financial Assistance is available.

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!

Any 4-H member in 9 - 12th grade can apply to be a Camp Counselor. Applications due at 4:30pm on July 1st. Go to https://tinyurl.com/bljrcamp

Benton County Classic Youth Livestock Judging Contest

For more information contact:
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or

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Youth Livestock Judging
DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 16**: Fair Entry Opens!
- **June 10**: Communication and Wardrobe 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 17**: State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Starmont High School, Strawberry Point, IA
- **June 29 - July 1**: 4-H Animal Science Round Up Dates per species TBD
- **July 1**: State Fair Entry Deadline
- **July 1**: Jr Camp Counselor Application Deadline
- **August 3**: Benton and Linn County Junior Camp
- **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!

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following national programs will be held virtually:
- 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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