



# CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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To make the best better!

### 4-H Levels

Grades 4-6 are Juniors  
Grades 7-8 are Intermediates  
Grades 9-12 are Seniors

### 4-H Year

4-H Year starts September 1st and runs  
through August 31st.

## August 2023

**A note from Nicole Behrendt, County Youth Coordinator:**

### 2023 Crawford County Fair

My first fair as the County Youth Coordinator has wrapped up! I think it is safe to say that this year's fair was a success. All of the hard work and long hours each exhibitor put into their projects showed through this year and all of us here at the extension office are so proud of you all. We are all wishing you the best of luck if you are showing at the 4-County fair and/or the Iowa state fair and know you will represent Crawford County well. I thank a lot of people below for all their help and support throughout the fair, but I want to give a big shout out to all of the 4-H members in our county. Our youth are our motivation, and seeing all of you work hard and be successful takes our motivation to keep improving up a notch. One last WOOHOO for a great fair, and good job and good luck in the next couple weeks ahead!

### Thank You's

Crawford County 4-H did a lot of amazing things this summer. We could not have done it without people that volunteer their time, money, and talents to help us have a successful fair EACH YEAR. If you can think of anyone that helped you with a project, donated something, gave you a ride to the fair, etc. please send them a thank you! **Dave Slechta** donated buckets for all youth exhibitors. **Denison Livestock** for all they did to make the Support Sale happen. **Crawford County Fair Board** for all their time spent to organize fair, trophies, premiums, etc. You have no idea how much a simple handwritten thank you means to someone! Here are a couple of people that gave a lot to Crawford County 4-H this year, but don't limit it to these people!

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## Clothing Awards

### **\$20 Challenge**

Top Junior - Hannah Peitsch

Top Intermediate - Tajel Jepsen

Top Senior - Amber Ragaller

### **Fashion Revue**

Top Junior - Camilla Bonner

Top Intermediate - Tajel Jepsen

Top Senior - Isabel Jepsen



### **Clothing Selection**

Top Junior - Camilla Bonner

Top Intermediate - Michelle Mohr

Top Senior - Isabel Jepsen

## Communication Awards

### **Share the Fun**

Clay County Fair - Genevieve Bonner

Iowa State Fair - Marissa Schrad

Iowa State Fair - Isabel Jepsen

Iowa State Fair - Brigid Bonner

Selected for Iowa State Fair but can not attend - Vivian  
and Naomi Blackford

### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

Iowa State Fair - Brigid Bonner

### **Educational Presentation**

Top Junior, Iowa State Fair - Ryder Meseck

Top Senior, Iowa State Fair - Brigid Bonner

Reserve Senior, Iowa State Fair - Caralyn Henschen

Senior, Iowa State Fair - Caralyn Henschen and Jodee  
Kruse



## **Working Exhibit**

**Top Senior, Iowa State Fair - Brigid Bonner**

**Top Junior, Iowa State Fair, Clay County - Danielle Gehling**

## **Pride of Iowa**

**Top Junior, Clay County Fair - Danielle Gehling**

**Top Intermediate, Clay County Fair - Tajel Jepsen**

**Top Senior, Clay County Fair - Caralyn Henschen**

## **Static Exhibits Selected for State Fair**

**Animal & Ag/Natural Resources - Ryder Meseck (Miniature Garden)**

**Animal & Ag/Natural Resources - Michelle Mohr (Cut Flower Study)**

**Creative Arts - Michelle Mohr (Macrame Wall Hanging)**

**Creative Arts - Taya Adams (Painting on Tree Bark)**

**Creative Arts - Logan Gordon (Hydro dipped cups and phone case)**

**Creative Arts - Adalai Boeck (Rooster Paining)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Piper Carroll (Canned Beef)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Logan Gordon (Angel Food Cake)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Ella Langel (Butterhorn Rolls)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Jasper Christensen (Gluten-free apple pie)**

**Family & Consumer Science -Austin Waterbury-Lingle (Catio Display)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Amber Ragaller (Jewelry Box)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Ryder Meseck (Fall Wreath)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Logan Gordon (Flannel Rug)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Violet Christensen (How to Create A Felted Gnome)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Violet Christensen (Harry Potter Bag)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Lucy Knoxx (Brown Rocking Chair)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Isabel Jepsen (Black Sequin Jumper)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Abby Meseck (Busines Professional Outfit)**

**Family & Consumer Science - Piper Carrol ( Cow Sweatshirt)**

**Science, Engineering, & Technology - Logon Gordon (Welded Paper Towel Holder)**

**Science, Engineering & Technology - Abby Williams (Bed Frame)**

**Science, Engineering & Technology - Brigid Bonner (Record Player Stand)**

**Photography - Brigid Bonner (Escalator)**

**Photography - Camilla Bonner (Tower)**

**Photography - Taya Adams (Lilly Pads)**



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Photography - Tyson Stoppel (War National Battlefield)

Photography - Logan Gordan (Side by Side)

Photography - Camilla Bonner (City Skyline)

Photography - Claire Schumacher (Jelly Fish)

Personal Development - Logan Gordon (Washer Toss Game)

Personal Development - Mabel Langel (Trip To Jamaica)

Personal Development - Danielle Gehling (Heirloom Family Silverware)

Personal Development - Brigid Bonner (Volunteering with Easter Egg Hunt)

Thrifty Meal Challenge - Logan Gordon

## **Herdsmanship Winner**

We would like to thank everyone who worked to keep the barns clean during the fair!  
The 2023 Overall Herdsmanship award goes to the Good Handy Helpers, great job!

## **Booth Decorating Results**

Grand Champion Booth and Most Interactive - Sunshine Friends

Reserve Champion Booth and Most Creative - Aspinwall Achievers

3rd Overall and Most Informative - Charter Oak Boosters

Most Organized - Good Handy Helpers

Best Photography - Boyer Rooters

Most Color Coordinated - Westside 4-H

Most Colorful - Clover Kids

Most Eye Catching - East Boyer Rustlers

Most Neat - Charter Oak Achievers

Most Mysterious - Schleswig Sharks

## **Record Books**

The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to teach how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends.

Record books are **due no later than October 16th!** Record book materials can be found online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/4h> or <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/record-keeping>.

**Every record book that is turned in MUST have a member application for 4-H awards and member application for special 4-H awards (filled out by the 4-H member, books that don't have these won't be considered for awards).** Record books should also have one yearly summary, and the correct project record

sheets for each project. It is also a good idea to include the club program, pictures, newspaper clippings,

etc. If you have any additional questions or need one-on-one help, please feel free to call Nicole at the Extension Office at 712-263-4697.



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## County Council

Calling all 9th-12th grade 4-H members!

Senior 4-H members (grades 9-12) in Crawford County are encouraged to apply to be a member of County Council. County Council is designed to develop leadership skills in its members by planning, organizing, and running different events throughout the year as well as participating in leadership retreats. Members assist with National 4-H Week, Awards Banquet, select fair events, livestock weigh-ins, and other events as needed. Youth will have the hands-on opportunity to plan county wide events that they feel would benefit the county during any time of the year. Meeting dates and times will be set once members are selected to best work with everyone's schedules. Applications are available and due to the Extension Office no later than **October 1.**

## National 4-H Week

The anticipation is building for National 4-H Week, during which millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating everything 4-H. National 4-H Week is October 1st through the 7th. Crawford County 4-H will observe National 4-H Week by showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and will highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them. We have many fun activities and promotions planned and I hope you will consider joining us!



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## **Reenrollment for 2023-2024**

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is right around the corner. Enrollment starts September 1st. You also must go to at least four club meetings to be able to show at ANY fair. So get enrolled right away and attend those meetings!

## **Goal Calendar**

This goal calendar can be used by a 4-H member to help them plan out their project area goals for the year.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16174>

## **Goal Setting: Writing Project Area and Exhibit Goals**

The skill of goal setting and working to achieve their goals is what 4-H strives to have 4-H youth practice in all parts of the educational experience — from project work to club work. As a 4-H member develops their skills in a project area, goals should become more challenging to further their learning.

Learn what a goal is, and how to write goals for project area learning and for exhibits.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16191>





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## CALENDAR

### August:

**4-9:** 4-County Fair  
**10-21:** Iowa State Fair

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