



CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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A note from Aubrey Sholty, County Youth Coordinator:

2023 Summer Assistant for Hire– Apply by March 17

Help us find our summer assistant! This people-oriented team player will assist Crawford County ISU Extension staff with 4-H program operation (camps, fair, and state fair), and assist with other office programs and tasks as assigned by permanent staff. **Temporary from mid-May to late July** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jobs/crawford-summer-assistant>

Brigid Bonner selected for Ignite by 4-H & State's 4-H Exchange

Ignite by 4-H is an inclusive teen event held in Washington, D.C. for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment and creating amazing connections. The summit will provide youth from across the country the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-Being.

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Brigid will be traveling to Taiwan this summer. Taiwan is a small island nation located in the Pacific Ocean just off the coast of mainland China. With its thriving metropolises and rich history, Taiwan is a fascinating blend of traditional and modern culture. Despite its small size, a population of 23 million people makes Taiwan more populous than 3/4 of the world's countries. As a delegate, she will be living with a Taiwanese host family and have an opportunity to immerse herself in Taiwanese culture.



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2023 Crawford County Fair Theme

The 2022-2023 State 4-H Council is pleased to announce “**Spy Your Potential**” as the 2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Theme. This will also be the theme for the 2023 Crawford County Fair.

SPY YOUR...
POTENTIAL



ID Deadline Schedule

FEBRUARY 1: All market steers and market heifers must be owned and identified in 4-H Online by February 1. By the time of the weigh-in, the animal(s) must be cared for by the 4-H member. In addition to having an official 4-H tag and beginning weight collected, all Iowa State Fair market beef must have retinal images collected. FFA must have paper copies turned in.

MAY 15: All other animals, with the exception of pets, poultry, and rabbits, must be owned and identified in 4-H Online by May 15. FFA must have paper copies turned in.

JULY 1: Rabbits must be identified by July 1 in 4-H Online. By the time of the weigh-in, the animal(s) must be cared for by the 4-H member. FFA must have paper copies turned in.

JULY 1 – YQCA Deadline, Crawford County Fair Entry Deadline & State Fair Entry Deadline

Entering Ear Tags in 4-H Online

When entering ear tags in 4-H online be sure to list all the digits on the tag.

4-H 202 Publication– Animal ID & Exhibition Requirements

This publication summarizes regulations relating to exhibiting animals at 4-H shows.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/iowa-4-H-Animal-Identification-Weighing-and-Exhibiting-Requirements-for-County-State-and-Interstate-Shows>



4-H Livestock Websites

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-id>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/program-list>



Broilers

We are now taking orders for Broilers! **Broilers are \$1.95 and orders are due by April 5 to Aubrey at asholty@iastate.edu or 712-263-4697.** When placing your order please state your name, how many your ordering and phone number. **Broilers will be delivered May 31.**

Crawford County Fair Dates

July 13– Fair clean up and exhibitor meeting

July 14– Clothing and communication judging

July 16– Dog show

July 17– Static judging

July 18– Animals arrive

July 19– Opening ceremonies, poultry show, and day 1 of horse show

July 20– sheep and goat show

July 21– Swine show

July 22– Beef show and rabbit show

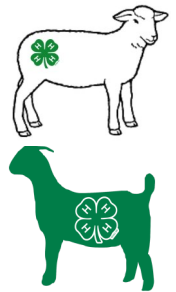
July 23– Pet show and all around showmanship

The detailed fair schedule will be released in the Crawford County 4-H & FFA Rule Book

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

Sheep & goat weigh-in is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29 from 10:00-noon at the fairgrounds.**

Retinal imaging will be available for those that plan to attend state fair. If you plan to show market sheep or goats you will need to attend on this day or make arrangements to attend another counties weigh-in.



Performance Beef Class

To help grow the performance beef class there have been a few awards added. In addition to the rate of gain there will be a judges choice award, based on the judges evaluation and a carcass scan award. All of those will be taken into consideration in the overall performance beef winner.

Horse Program

Field trip time!!!! **Iowa Horse Fair March 24th, 25th, and 26th.** Like we discussed at the meeting last month look at the schedule and decide what day you want to go and let me know. We can all go in one car or you can follow me, or you can do on your own. Remember I am more that willing to go all 3 days! These places are a wealth of knowledge. Go [to https://iahorsefair.com/](https://iahorsefair.com/) to learn more about the featured speakers, then check out the schedule to see what interests you, and then let me know. Call, text, or email me 712-790-9111 or jeffcorikragel@outlook.com.

Clinics will start the first full week of May – schedule will be hopefully approved mid to late March so stay tuned.

Save the date: Trail ride with Monona County at Southwoods in Smithland April 10th, time will be TBA but I am guessing we will start around 12pm.





Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members exhibiting livestock at both county fairs and Iowa State Fair in beef, dairy, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, or swine are required to be certified.

- Interactive, web-based modules are available **now** for all age divisions. A fee of **\$12 per member** will be collected for maintenance, development & support of the program and website when you login. These modules are age-specific. **For those that sold \$250 worth of fruit butter braids you will qualify for a coupon for the course. Please get ahold of the office to receive your coupon.**
- To register for a training, follow this link: <https://www.yqcaprogram.org/> Use your 4hOnline credentials.

Please contact the office at 712-263-4697 or email asholty@iastate.edu with any questions you have.

Livestock Workshop with guest speakers from Sullivan Supply and Iowa State University

LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP

Sat. April 22nd 9:00 - 3:00

Shelby County Fairgrounds, Harlan

-> Guest speakers, including Sullivan Supply, will be leading workshops exploring grooming, fitting, and showmanship
-> Participants will select either a 2 hour session on beef with Sullivan's OR two from the following: poultry, rabbits, swine, sheep, and goats
-> YQCA available - - additional cost. See details in registration link.
-> Registration will open March 10th
\$20 per youth (parents welcome to attend, \$10 registration fee) - includes lunch and more than \$800 in door prizes sponsored by Sullivan Supply.



Registration will
open March 10

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Smithfield will be offering the Smithfield Swine Production Class again this year. This will be the fourth year for this class and we are very excited to be offering it again! A little background about this class is below.

Smithfield hog production has stepped up to help fund this class as they will provide each exhibitor that is interested with four hogs around seventy-five pounds. **Pigs will be available around mid April at fifty dollars a piece from their source of pigs.**

The structure of the program would be centered around more of the day to day activities with the kids getting to bring the pigs to the fair. These pigs would show in a separate class of just these hogs and be judged on the uniformity of the group as well as the records that are kept. The day to day activities would be the daily care of the hogs and record keeping. Each exhibitor would need to keep track of the feed, medications, daily observations of the pigs and visitors to the farm. Each exhibitor would also need to conduct a line of separation within the guidelines of the secure pork act and pass a mock site assessment and common swine audit performed by a certified PQA plus advisor. **The 2023 Smithfield Contract can be found on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/4h> If you have questions please call the office at 712-263-4697 or email Aubrey at asholty@iastate.edu**



Food for 2023 4-H Fairs

Plan ahead for a successful fair experience. Use these guidelines to help select an acceptable product for exhibit, find an approved recipe source, and identify the appropriate preparation method.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>

Safe Frostings for Iowa 4-H Fair Food Exhibits

Accepted Frostings

- **Tested** Vanilla
Buttercream
Frosting
- Commercially
Prepared Frosting

Project Questions?

800-262-3804 

answer@iastate.edu 



Crawford County Historical Society Photo Contest

The board of the Crawford County Historical Society would like to support the 4-H members with giving photography scholarships of **\$100 to the 1st place** and **\$50 to the 2nd place winners at the 2023 Crawford County Fair.**

The theme for the photos is:

"Preserving the Past Through the Looking Glass"

Each 4-H group or 4-Her will be responsible for contacting a board member to open the McHenry House during this next year so 4-Hers can explore and choose what to photograph. The pictures must be of something within the McHenry House or associated with the house. Participant's photos will be displayed at the house after the fair.

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Fruit and Butter Braid Sales

Thank you all those that sold fruit & butter braids! **Delivery is March 18**, leaders will be assigned a time to pick up their clubs sales and members should pick up their items from their leaders. I am currently working on the list of top sellers and those that sold more than \$250 for their YQCA coupon. Please stay tuned!



Crawford County Fair Breakfast

The Crawford County Fair Board is having their 7th Annual Breakfast on **March 5 serving 8:00-12:00 at the United Methodist Church**. Free will donation. All proceeds will be used for a new door and concrete on the east side of the Varied Industrial Building. The following will be served Biscuits/Gravy, pancakes, beef bacon, bacon, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs and country potatoes.



Southwest Leadership Retreat

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

Do you want to learn how to start a movement, advocate for your ideas, and create an action plan? Make plans to join us **April 29th in Red Oak or May 6th in Audubon for a FREE day-long leadership retreat.**

The Southwest 4-H Field Team is looking for positive, high school students who are energetic and want to become a stronger 4-H member. During the retreat, 4-H members will increase their knowledge of leadership styles and effective communication. Hands-on work will focus on starting a movement, advocating for your ideas, and creating action plans. Facilitators will share several ways to become more involved in 4-H such as state and national opportunities. Most importantly, this is a great way to meet and interact with other 4-H youth in Southwest Iowa!

Apply online through 4hOnline beginning March 1, 2023. Registration deadline is Saturday, April 15, 2023.





4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

For almost 40 years, youth like us have raised dollars for the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, one of the nation's longest running youth campaigns FOR 4-H'ers BY 4-H'ers! We know how much we've benefited from being in 4-H and now is our opportunity to give back!

As members of the State 4-H Council Youth Philanthropy Committee, we'd like to invite you to be a part of this year's campaign! We have a goal to raise \$27,000 this year and invite you to contribute \$4 per member. But what does the campaign support? We're glad you asked!

- Financial aid for enrollment fees
- Scholarships to attend state-wide events
- Support for State 4-H Conference
- Support for State 4-H Council

Basically, through this campaign, you can help make sure the 4-H Program is strong and that all kids can be a part of 4-H.

Will you join us? Commit to being a part of the campaign and make a difference for YOUR 4-H Program! Imagine what we can do together—we can make a difference!

Here's what you can do:

- ☐ Read this letter at your next club meeting
- ☐ Make a motion to contribute to the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign
- ☐ Vote YES!
- ☐ Share with other clubs in your county and encourage them to participate!

Making the Best Better, Together,

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Cayton County

Natie
Cherokee County

Natie
Burner County

Mary
Currell County

Addie
Madison County

Sydney
Worth County

LaVertus
Pocahontas County

Kaylee
Linn County

Nehemiah
Van Buren County

Abdela
Worth County

2022-23 State Council Youth Philanthropy Committee

P.S. Don't forget! Participating counties will be eligible for a special mini-grant all thanks to Growmark!

Crawford County 4-H Scholarships

Crawford County 4-H is going to be offering scholarships to graduating seniors. At this time the amount and number of scholarships is undecided. Applications can be found on the website and are due **May 1, 2023**. Questions call 712-263-4697 or email asholty@iastate.edu



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CALENDAR

March

5: Crawford County Fair Breakfast
18: Fruit & Butter Braid delivery

April

22: Livestock Workshop
29: Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

May:

15: **Animal ID Deadline**

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