

East Pottawattamie County 4-H News

March 2022



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Important Dates

March 2...Extension Council Meeting
March 26...Rabbit Workshop
March 27...Youth Council Outing and Meeting
March 31...Junk in a Bucket Deadline
March 31...Tall Corn Contest Deadline
March 31...Market Broiler Order Deadline

April 1...East Pott Scholarship Deadline
April 1...Livestock Quiz Bowl Entries Due
April 12...Rabbit Fun Show Entries Due

May 7...Sheep/Goat Weigh In
May 12...Last Day to Pick Up Ear Tags
May 15...Animal Identification Deadline on 4-H Online

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Junior Zoo Overnight Camp—LAST CALL

IF YOU WANT TO REGISTER FOR THIS, YOU NEED TO CONTACT ASHTYN BY 5:00PM ON MARCH 2!

Penguins and Pajamas

Camp out overnight in Scott Aquarium! The campout includes admission into the zoo for both Friday night and all day Saturday with a hand stamp, programming, snack, overnight stay, breakfast, drinks, and a souvenir campout lanyard!

Who: ANY 4th, 5th, & 6th grade youth!

When: Friday, April 1, 2022—Saturday, April 2, 2022

Cost: 4-H Members \$50; Non 4-H Members \$60

Arrival Time: Friday, April 1st at 6:30pm, Outside Zoo Entrance

Pick Up Time: Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00am, Outside Zoo Entrance

What to Bring:

Sleeping bag, pillow, minimal personal items (no showers), walking shoes, weather-appropriate clothing.

Everything you bring will be carried by you; pack light!

Don't forget to bring your best behavior. Attendance is a privilege.

What NOT to Bring:

No snacks (outside food is not permitted). No electronic gadgets! Adults will have their phones for emergencies & photos of event.

Health Forms are required for all NON East Pott 4-H members. Zoo liability forms are required to be signed by all participants and guardians.

[Find registration, zoo liability, and non-4-H member health forms HERE.](#)



Rabbit Workshop

Saturday, March 26, 2022 | 10:00am | Oakland Community Building

Join rabbit superintendent, Julie Bokhoven, to learn about types of rabbits, how to care for them, show them, and more! This workshop is for both non-rabbit owners and rabbit owners.



YQCA

Do you plan to exhibit rabbits, poultry, swine, sheep, goats, or beef this year? If so, you **MUST** be YQCA certified prior to county fair. All in person trainings for East Pottawattamie County have been completed this year. Certify online at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> and be sure to email certificate of completion to adanker@iastate.edu by June 1, 2022.



**CERTIFICATION
REQUIRED**

Tall Corn Contest Sign Up

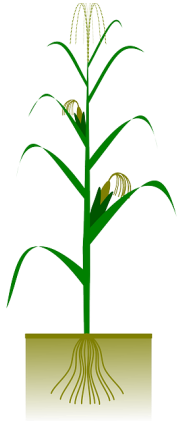
Sign up by March 31, 2022

Can you grow the tallest stalk of corn by County Fair?! Participants may bring one stalk of corn to county fair to be judged in the tall corn contest. Corn stalks will be measured from the roots on up, and the winner will be announced during Family Night.

Sign up at: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8nVKrlyWmWyc1Wm

Seed + directions will be mailed to those who sign up in April.

NEW in 2022: This is the ONLY Tall Corn Contest sign up. You will NOT have to enter this project again at FairEntry in June. Just show up at check in on Static Exhibit Judging Day with your stalk of corn.



Junk in a Bucket Sign Up

Sign up by March 31, 2022

Junk in a Bucket is a creative way to learn about welding, while creating a piece of art! Participants will be given a 5 gallon bucket of unique pieces in which they can clean, weld, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or furnish the items however they choose. Participants may add their own pieces, however majority of the project should come from the bucket.

Sign up at: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FDcPOWbbvoWEaa

Junk in a Bucket projects will check in on Static Exhibit Judging Day and be on display the duration of County Fair. Judging will be People's Choice, and the winner will be announced at Family Night.

NEW in 2022: This is the ONLY Junk in a Bucket sign up. You will NOT have to enter this project again at FairEntry in June. Just show up at check in on Static Exhibit Judging Day with your Junk in a Bucket Project.

2021 Junk in a Bucket Winner:

Jersey Hilgenberg, Botna Valley Achievers



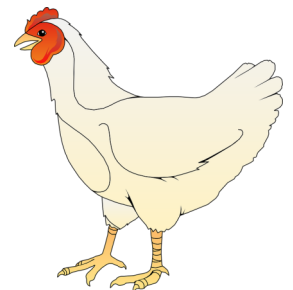
Market Broilers—Order Now

Sign up by March 31, 2022

Interested in showing market broiler chickens at county fair? Sign up now! All county fair market broilers will be hatched at the same time from the same place, giving everyone an equal advantage and easy start. Exhibitors must order a minimum of six birds, but may order more if they wish. A total of 1 pen of three may be shown per exhibitor.

Sign up at: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Vj2QDqUz6GtfpA

We will contact those who sign up in April with delivering date/time. Chicks will be delivered to the Extension Office in May.



East Pottawattamie County 4-H Scholarship

One \$250 scholarship will be awarded to an East Pottawattamie County 4-H Senior in 2022 funded by the East Pottawattamie County Extension Council. Apply by April 1, 2022!

[Application form can be found here.](#)

Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Competition

[Competitions](#) will be held Saturday, April 9 at Iowa State University in Kildee Hall. Livestock quiz bowl is a team event for 4th-12th graders where they test their knowledge of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats. Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, quality assurance, selection, meat evaluation, and other livestock skills. **Registration is open through 4-H Online until April 1.**

Rabbit Fun Show

Saturday, April 23, 2022 | Clay County Fair Events Center, Spencer, IA

An opportunity to learn about rabbit showmanship, participate in a fun show, and meet other rabbit exhibitors across the state of Iowa! **Pre-entry is required and must be submitted by midnight on April 12.** All rabbits must have a legible tattoo—Superintendent, Julie Bokhoven, can help with this. Contact the office for more info.

Registration link: <https://claycounty4hrabbit.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16663>

Link to event info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1102136727244871/?ref=newsfeed>

Dog Program—Agility

With hopes to add Agility to the dog show this year, **we are looking for a 4-H'er interested in building any dog agility equipment as a 4-H project.** This could be anything from the photo at right. Contact the Extension Office or Taylor Cody if you are interested or want to learn more!

Are you a dog exhibitor?? Be sure to join "East Pott. Dog Program" Group on Facebook. Dog classes will be starting up again in just a couple of months! Stay tuned.



Pop Tabs for Jacy

Help the State 4-H Council collect pop tabs now through June!

Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council member with a big heart who was passionate about helping other through the Ronald McDonald House. He lost his courageous battle with cancer during his 2017-18 term on council. The 2021-22 State Council wants to continue to help collect pop tabs and continue to donate them in his honor.

Drop off pop tabs with State 4-H Council member, Parker Weirich, or at the Extension Office now through June to help the state council reach their goal of 1,000lbs!



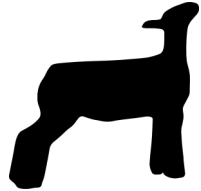
Sheep and Goat Weigh In

Saturday, May 7, 2022 | Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds | 7:30a—9:30a

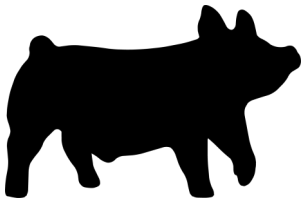
All market lambs & meat goats must be weighed in prior to county fair and ID'd on 4-H Online BY FAMILIES by May 15.

All Iowa State Fair sheep and goats must be retinol imaged at weigh in on May 7. Retinol images are \$5/head.

Clover Kids sheep/goats and non-state fair breeding sheep/goats just need tagged and ID'd on 4-H Online prior to May 15. **Tags can be picked up from the Extension Office now-May 12.** Tags are \$1/head.



County Fair and State Fair Swine



Swine are NOT weighed in prior to county or state fair. ALL swine must be tagged and ID'd in 4-H Online by May 15 BY FAMILIES. State fair swine will need a DNA punch taken. County fair swine only need a 4-H tag. **Tags can be picked up from the Extension Office now-May 12.** Tags are \$1/head. DNA sample collectors are \$5/head.

From the Club Reporters...

Each month club reporters should submit their monthly meeting minutes to the local newspapers (avocajh@windstream.net) and to the 4-H newsletter (adanker@iastate.edu).

Evan Harder, Botna Valley Achievers

The Botna Valley Achievers held their February 6th meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church. 10 members answered the roll call.

Members are to complete the online YQCA training ASAP.

A Horse Clinic will be held on June 18th in Carson.

Any senior 4-Hers over the age of 16 are encouraged to sign up to be a camp counselor at Camp Wild this summer.

Club members made Valentines for local nursing home and Peace Haven residents during the meeting.

Congratulations to Parker Weirich and Isaac Stamp for being selected to represent Southwest Iowa at the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science in Washington DC in March.

Collin and Evan Harder gave presentations following the meeting.

The next Botna Valley Achievers club meeting is set for March 6, 2022, at 4 pm at United Methodist Church.