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2023-2024 Calendar of Events	Summer Events	
	June	
	20	2:00 pm Wellsburg Library- I Scream for Ice Cream
	21	6:00 pm Countywide Club Meeting 6:30 pm Fair Board Meeting
	26	9:00 am Reinbeck Library- Secret Agent 10:00 am Reinbeck Library-Secret Agent 3:00 pm Conrad Library – Sensational Seeds 6:30 pm Dog Obedience
	27	9:00 am – 3:00 pm Kling Memorial Library - Legos
	28	Fair Board Meeting
	29	10:30 am Kling Memorial Library – Secret Agent
	30	Office Staff Available to help with entries up to 1pm
	JULY	
	1	County & State Fair Entry Deadline
	4	HOLIDAY – Office Closed
	6	Fashion Show Judging (1pm start time)
	10	10:30 am Kling Memorial Library – Sound All Around
	11	11:00 am Dike Library – Summer Celebrations
	12	OnSite Garden Judging – Am Start Rained Out
	15	8:00 am Staff – Open Buildings, Prep for volunteers 9:00 am Fair Clean Up / Set Up
	Grundy County Fair July 17-22, 2023	
	24	Post Fair Staff Day Off – THANK YOU!!!
	26	10:00 am Conrad Library – Sound All Around 3:00 pm Dike – Secret Agent
	AUGUST	
	1	Completed 20 years! 11:00 am Dike Library – Sound All Around
	2	10:30 Staff Meeting
	3	Summer Assistant Bell Roger’s Last Day
	7	Take Projects to State Fair
	8	Help with ISF Static Exhibit Check In -Thank You!
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	10	Shari’s Last Day / Lunch
11 th	Time Off	
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20 th		



Highlights

June 20 to August 20, 2023

Grundy County Summer Highlights:

Summer Assistant Bell Rogers

Bell started in May and jumped right into preparing for summer programming. Bell did a great job preparing activities, supplies and leading summer programs. Bell liked to stay busy and was very helpful in preparing for County Fair, learning about Fair Entry, State Fair preparations and more. She interacted well with all of our families and was always willing to help them. She went out of her comfort zone in hosting and leading summer programs and did a good job at being flexible and interacting with youth and staff. I would be happy to have her back!



Summer Library Outreach

18 Summer Program Opportunities
315 youth reached thru Library Programs, Junior Camp & Lego Camps

Topics included:

Sensational Seeds, Sound All Around, Summer Celebrations, Ice Scream for Ice Cream, Secret Agent, Lego coding and leadership.

Participating Libraries:

Kling Memorial Library, Reinbeck Library
Dike Library, Conrad Library & Wellsburg Library

Bell and I talked about our summer and both agreed that we took on a very ambitious schedule and maybe a couple days after fair might not be the best idea in the future, but we both had a great time.

Grundy County Fair

Grundy County Fair was held July 17-22, 2023

- Kicked off fair with a Saturday morning Clean Up & Set Up Day. I was please to see many families jump in to participate making the day run smooth and fast.
- Volunteers, Youth Committee and Superintendents stepped up to provide more support in many areas. Local businesses also offered staff support during Static Judging Day and Teen Night.
- Staff stepped in to help with various tasks, shows, family needs and staff support. Transitioning our Summer Assistant Bell Rogers went smoothly as she had an awareness of what our fair looked like going into the week.
- Personally I felt that we all worked together well as a team. And was thankful for the grace we gave each other and support and understanding during the week. Working together to manage the schedule, our hours and what people were interested in being a part of was so rewarding as we work up to county fair during the year. It allowed each of us to be a part of what we had an interest in, opened opportunities for volunteers and led to ideas for organizing next year.
- Anne also provided support this year by volunteering to help with for a few events, lending a hand when needed and checking in while having other county fairs going on in our Region that she covers.
- I am extremely grateful for Extension Council Member Jason Freeseaman stepping in to help manage the sound system and take something off my plate that really got in the way of handling other tasks. There are not enough ways to say thank you!
- It was so nice to see so many of our Extension Council Members. We all appreciated Bill's support and checking in pretty much every day. All of you who stopped by, said hi, or asked how it was going meant a lot. I know that I did not get to see each of you but caught a wave, hello or maybe saw you from a distance. And, those who were not able to be there Thank You so much for supporting our staff time, allowing us to hire a summer assistant, for the expenses and needs you help provide.
- I was able to watch my kids and the youth we have mentored this summer see their hard work pay off in the Grundy County Born sheep classes. That was so rewarding.
- My favorite thing of fair is watching youth interact with each other. There are always a few who surprise me. I get to watch these kids grow up in 4-H and to see them show off their hard work is really awesome.
- I had many personal accomplishments for me at fair.



Celebrated 20 Years at ISU Extension & Outreach in Grundy County August 1, 2023.

This is a huge milestone achievement for me & I am happy that I have been able learn and grow with our youth while representing Grundy County.

Iowa State Fair

I truly appreciate the opportunity to work along side State Staff during the Static Check In & Judging Days. Grundy County has gained valuable insight into what judges look for and suggestions for various departments such as foods which help make the process run smooth. In return I have built relationships with the State Staff and have received assistance from them when we have needed help during the year with various questions, needing help with enrollments and other areas as well. It has also helped me learn and grow and I have enjoyed this professional development opportunity.



2023-2024

Calendar of Events

Future Events

August

- 21 Pick Up projects at Iowa State Fair
5:30 pm Extension Council Meeting
- Daily Continue the inventory, supply updates, reports and news releases to wrap up the final tasks for County Fair
- 27 Fair Board Association Meeting in Grundy County
- 29 GC 1st Day of School
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Region 9 CYC meeting & afternoon Fair wrap up, tips and idea sharing

September

- 6 7pm 2023-2024 Youth Committee Meeting
- TBD Leader's Kick Off Meeting
- TBD County 4-H Council Kick Off

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 10 Record Books & Grant Reports Due
- 23-25 Youth Fest @ Ames

NOVEMBER

- 16 6:30 pm Annual Leaders Training

December

- 2 Winter Wonderland
- TBD Beef Weigh In

Save the Date:
Grundy County Fair July 15-20, 2024

Exciting Year:
My son, Ryan, graduates on May 12th, 2024

