



Lucas COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

February:

1st– Market Beef and
Market Heifer ID
Deadline in 4-H Online
6th– Clover Sprouts
8th– Youth Council
25th– Fair Board
Fundraiser

March:

6– Clover Sprouts
6– Youth Council
27– Clover Kids
27– Youth Council

April:

3rd– Clover Sprouts
3rd– Youth Council

May:

1– Clover Sprouts
1– Youth Council
15– Animal ID Due
Online

February 2023

*Cruisin'
through
the
Counties*
April 15th, 2023

Region 25

More information and
registration to come.

Mark your
calendars for
a fun trip
coming to
your county.

Lucas County Fair Fundraiser February 25th, 2023 at Carpenters Hall in Chariton. Soup supper and silent auction starting at 5PM. Live auction starting at 6:30PM. Contact a Fair Board Member about making donations or to volunteer to help at this event.



Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide

The 2023 update for Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs can now be found in the [Extension Store](#). Please be sure 4-H members and their families are aware of the updated version. If there are questions about a recipe or a food product for a county fair, please be sure to connect with AnswerLine (contact information on the publication). We are thankful for our partners in Human Sciences for their subject-matter expertise!

Equine Extravaganza

Allows for youth in grades 4– 12 to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subjects in a competitive setting. Depending on the event youth can participate as both an individual and part of a team. This event will be held at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls April 14-16, 2023. More information can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>.

Iowa State Fair Beef of Merit Show

Did you know there was a terminal carcass 4-H beef show at the Iowa State Fair?

The 2023 Beef of Merit (BOM) contest will be the 48th annual 4-H beef carcass evaluation.

Cattle show live Tuesday evening and load out Wednesday afternoon after the regular 4-H market beef show and the Parade of Champions. Cattle are marketed to Tyson in Dakota City, NE and full carcass data are collected. Cattle are ranked based on carcass value based on a typical marketing grid. Three head can be entered per exhibitor, two of which can also be shown in the regular market beef show on Wednesday. The focus of this show is on education and youth development with an emphasis on the production of high-quality, profitable beef. Please contact your county extension office for more information.

For questions Contact Chris Clark at 712-250-0070 or caclark@iastate.edu

Summer AmeriCorps Positions

Lucas County Extension will be enrolling three Summer AmeriCorps member from May– August 2023. Each service member will provide 300 hours of service in youth programming, day camps, summer activities, and county fair activities. Ideal service members will have experience in 4-H programming or youth development, capable of taking direction, working independently, and be a self-starter who works well in a fast-paced environments; have strong written and verbal skills, and the ability to work a flexible schedule. Most hours will be 8am– 4:30pm on Monday–Thursday, with occasional evening and weekend hours. Providing service as an AmeriCorps member has many benefits including a living allowance, an educational award (scholarship), personal growth, and resume materials. Must be 17 years old to apply. Applications are available in the office. Please include a resume, cover letter, and letter of recommendation with your application. **Deadline to apply is February 21st!** For a full job description stop by the office or email pmb@iastate.edu.



YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

Two classroom-style YQCA trainings have been scheduled for the following dates: March 2nd at 4PM and March 30th at 5PM. Both classes will be held at the Lucas County Extension office and hold a registration fee of \$3 per youth, per class. Pre-registration required. Login to your YQCA account and sign up at the link below.

If you plan to show sheep, goats, beef, poultry, swine, or rabbits at the Lucas County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair, you **MUST** hold a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification. The YQCA test is completed online annually and holds a cost of \$12 per test, per year. There are two test-out options for older youth:

- At age 12, youth can test out for 3 years for a cost of \$36. The test can be attempted once and if failed, youth must complete the yearly certification. Payment is only processed after successfully passing the test.
- At age 15, youth can test out for 4 years (the rest of 4-H career) for a cost of \$48 and holds the same requirements as above.

Youth under the age of 12 must complete the annual certification. If your age has changed from the last time you took YQCA, you may take your test now! YQCA aligns certifications based upon age of the youth, and you may only complete the certification once for that age. For example, if you were 11 when you tested last year and have yet to turn 12, you may not access the next certification yet. The deadline to have YQCA completed for exhibiting at the county and/or state fair is July 1, 2022. YQCA is a separate website from 4HOnline. However, you will utilize your 4HOnline account login information when logging into YQCA. **DO NOT CREATE AN ACCOUNT FROM SCRATCH!** It is recommended to use Google Chrome or Firefox to access YQCA. Access the YQCA login page here: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>

Training Sign Up Help: <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php>

- Pre-Test Questions must be completed before YQCA Certification can be issued
- A copy of your YQCA Certification **MUST** be on hand in the office
- If you bring your Login Information to your training we can print your certificate after the training so there is a office copy and a personal copy

A Note From The Lucas County Fair Association-

The Lucas County Fair Board has voted to end the 2023 Lucas County Fair on Wednesday, July 26th. The reason being there is nothing going on Thursday except the livestock sale and there are not many people on the fairgrounds until sale time. The livestock sale has been moved to Wednesday evening. If you want more information, please come to a fair board meeting or email lucascounty-fairia@gmail.com. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Lucas County Extension Office meeting room.

Signed, Ed Loynachan— Lucas County Fair Board President

Lucas County Extension Office will be CLOSED Thursday; July 27, 2023 following the fair



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Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Iowa 4-H members and alumni are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual requirements. There are many scholarships available and all seniors are encouraged to apply! Applicants must enroll as a full-time college student to receive scholarship awards. Only one application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for multiple scholarships, however only one per individual will be awarded per academic year. To be eligible for scholarships, two letters of recommendation are required—one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. All 4-H scholarship applications are due March 1st, 2023 at 11:59pm. Find available scholarships, the application, and additional information here:

<https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1>

Fair Book Update: No Carcass Class for any species

Record Book Awards

The following youth completed a record book this year and will be recognized at the Record Keeping Awards Banquet: Graydon Gunzenhauser, Madallyn Gunzenhauser, Emersen Gunzenhauser, Hannah Schlutz, Cayden Schlutz, Colton Schlutz, Sayge Polo-Head, Brayton Head, Abigail Longley, Chase Cobb, and Brandt Cobb.

All 4-H families should have received a email about the location, date and time of the awards banquet. Please fill out the attached form so the office has accurate data while scheduling this event to ensure the majority of the group can attend. If you did not receive an email please contact Paige Burgett as soon as possible at 641-774-2016 or pmb@iastate.edu.

Congratulations to all of the youth who completed record books for the 2022 4-H year!

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2023 Lucas County Fair

July 22-26

Fair Theme:

Sew It, Grow It, Show It



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