# **Mahaska County 4-H News**

June 2023

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#### From the CYC's Corner!

Happy June 4-H Families!

It has been awhile since I wrote out a message to you all and wanted update you on a few things. As many of you we are going through a transition in staff within our office. A new Office Manager will be coming on board on June 5th and we will be excited to have them announce themselves to you after their start date. We also have had some major improvements to our building and facilities. Some of these projects are still ongoing. Please know that both of these major changes require some staff time to accomplish and we appreciate your understanding as we work to help answer your questions and make sure that we are maintain our office. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued grace and understanding.

-Dustin

## Checklist to Exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair:

Below is a step by step checklist of deadlines that need to be completed to exhibit your projects at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair. These are general requirements that everyone needs to complete. *Please note:* certain project areas have specific requirements and deadlines.

Fair Registrations DUE: July 1, 2023

⇒ All fair entries are to be submitted via FairEntry (fairyentry.com)

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)
Training DUE: JULY 1, 2023

- ⇒ This is an online training that can be accessed via yqcaprogram.org
- ⇒ Cost of Training is \$12.00
- ⇒ Certificate is due to the Mahaska County Extension Office by July 1, 2023
- ⇒ Not required for Horse, Dog, Llama/Alpaca projects

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# Office Hours Change



Effective May 1, 2023, the Mahaska County Extension Office will be operating under the following office hours:



Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am-4:30 pm.



🛣 Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

### Office Closed



Please note the following office closure:



Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Fourth of July.

## **Clover Kids**

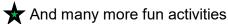
# Clover Kid Fun Day Camp: June 7, 2023

It's time for our annual Clover Kids June Fun Day! Our Clover Kids June Fun Day will include:

Morning Activities: Guest presentation on nature and wildlife from the Green AmeriCorps Members from William Penn

X Afternoon Activities: Team building and preparing a fair ready project





Our June Fun Day is an All-Day Event from 9:00 Am-3:00 PM on June 7th, we ask kids to bring their own lunch and snacks will be provided. Drop off and pick up will be at Mahaska County Extension Office. 212 N I St, Oskaloosa. Thank you to those that have already registered and we look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Clover Kids Fun Day Camp.

### **Honor Council**

Below are a list of the upcoming Honor Council Events. Please make note of these.

June 6, 2023 at 5:30pm- Assisting with Bucket Bottle Animal Workshop #2

June 9, 2023 at 8:00am – Bucket Seat Workshop at the Extension Office

June 22, 2023 at 5:30pm—Volunteering at Farm to Table Event at Nelson Pioneer Farm

July 8, 2023 at TBD time- Setting up the Exhibit Hall for Static Judging

July 15, 2023 - Static Judging Day!

We will meet touch base with everyone about the upcoming dates after our first few meetings in June. Thank you for those that have volunteered already and we look forward to seeing everyone soon! Please don't forget to let Megan or Dustin know if you can attend.



# **FairEntry is NOW OPEN!**

We will once again use FairEntry for 4-H & FFA animal and static exhibit entries for the Southern lowa Fair. FairEntry opened on May 16, 2023 and is now accepting registrations. Please visit <a href="https://southerniowafair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18618">https://southerniowafair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18618</a> to create your entries.

Instructions for entering your information in FairEntry is available on our website at <a href="https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair">https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair</a>. You will receive an email confirmation once your entries have been submitted. If you do not receive an email confirmation, your entries have not been submitted!

Animals MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN 4-H ONLINE or on the FFA ID GOOGLE FORMS by May 15 for any animals to be eligible to be exhibited at the fair.

Livestock and Communication Entry for the Southern Iowa Fair will close on July 1, 2023. Static exhibit entry will close on July 10, 2023.

Please note: July 1, 2023 is a Saturday. Staff will not be working on the weekend to troubleshoot concerns with FairEntry. Please plan accordingly and DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINTUE.

## Fair Book Available & County Fair Website Updated!

The 2023 4-H & FFA Fair Book is now available on our website. Our County Fair website has also been updated with all the documents that you will need to complete your fair projects. Visit our county fair website at: <a href="https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair">https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair</a>.

Please note the following changes to a few departments for this upcoming year.

- Beef is adding a NEW prospect weaned calf class this year. This is split into two divisions a
  Weaned Heifer and Weaned Bull/Steer. These animals must be weaned from the cow/bottle to
  be eligible. Information on this class can be found on page 13 of the fair book under numbers 1113. These calves will need to be identified by May 15 just like the other animals.
- Dairy Goats have broken down their classes by age. See page 19 for a full breakdown.
- Poultry has divided Ducks, Geese, and Turkeys out from the Other Fowl class to be classes on their own. Visit page 30 for the full breakdown.
- Rabbits have changed from a single fryer class to a fryer class. Each fryer exhibit will count toward the max of 10 rabbit entries. This can be found on page 31.
- \$10 Meal Challenge has changed to the "Thrifty Meal Challenge" and will now have a budget of \$11
- Make sure to double-check the Foods for lowa Fairs document for acceptable foods for the fair. https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434
- Clothing Event: \$15 Challenge has been increased to a budget of \$20.



## **Animal Project Updates! (cont.)**

### **YQCA** for Livestock Exhibitors:



YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals and is required for 4-H & FFA members exhibiting Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goat, & Myotonic Goat. It is <u>not</u> required for Bucket/Bottle, Llama/Alpaca, or Horse project exhibitors.

YQCA is an online training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by appointment). Cost to take the online training is **\$12.00 each year**. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by <u>JULY 1</u> for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun!

To access YQCA please go to <a href="https://yqcaprogram.org/">https://yqcaprogram.org/</a>

Use this helpful guide to access the training and your certificate: <a href="https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/yQCA">https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/yQCA</a> HelpDoc GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf

Once you complete YQCA please send a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office. We will accept hard copies or digital copies of the certificate. Please email certificates to mahaska4h@iastate.edu.

#### **Bucket Bottle Packets:**

Now that it is June, all bucket/bottle animals must be in the youth exhibitor's possession within two weeks of the animal's birth (must have been born by April 30) and must be bottle/ bucket fed. Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are available at <a href="https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair">https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair</a>. Bucket/Bottle Animal Packets are due June 30, 2023.

Bucket Bottle Animal Interviews will be held July 11th at the Extension Office from 3-7 PM.

## **Dog Project Classes:**

Dog classes started on April 24 for 4-H/FFA members. They will be every Monday, except Memorial Day; on that week they will be on Tuesday night. They will run every Monday until fair. First year dogs will meet from 6-7 pm. First year dogs do not bring their dogs to the first class. Second year dogs will meet from 7-8 pm. First year exhibitors must attend 8 classes to be eligible to show at fair, second- year + exhibitors must attend 6.

Clover Kids will start May 15, and run 9 Mondays until fair. From 6-7 pm. Clover kids must attend 6 classes to show.

For more information please contact the dog superintendents: Regina Hoy: 641-660-0772, Sarah Lobberecht: 641-295-6667, Sharis Claver: 641-799-4085



# **Animal Project Updates! (cont.)**

## **Horse Project Clinic & Ride Nights:**

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair must complete at least 3 Horse educational events to be eligible to exhibit. Below is a list of the remaining ride nights. Anyone riding must wear helmets and hard soled boots. Please reach out to the Horse Superintendents for more information and questions: Jodi Wilcox: 641-295-6490, Marcy Wanders: 515-238-2609, or Rhonda Foubert: 641-660-9071

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★ June 13, 2023



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★ June 27, 2023



★ July 11, 2023

# Let's Get Ready for the Fair:

Pre-Fair Barn Clean-Up: Barn clean up and decorating will take place from 6 PM-7 PM at the fairgrounds on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building Clean-Up and Set-Up: Exhibit Hall clean up and set up will take place from 1 PM-3 PM at the Exhibit Hall and 4-H Building at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 8, 2023. We will meet in the Exhibit Hall to start cleaning and setting up exhibit display areas, judging tables, and chairs. Clubs

are encouraged to stop by and help the [ Honor Council with this project. Many hands will make for light and quick work!

Static Judging will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Each club is assigned a time for judging and the printed schedule is to the right.

Time	Club
9:00-9:30 AM	4-H Honor Council
9:30-10:30 AM	Heartland Helpers
	Eveland Livestock Club
	Independent Members
	Jefferson Go-Getters
10:30-11:30 AM	Leighton Strivers Mahaska Masters
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM	Cedar Livestock
	M&M Peppy Pals
12:30- 1:00 PM	Spring Creek Achievers
	West Des Moines Livewires
	Mahaska Livestock Special Interest
1:00- 2:00PM	Clover Kids (at Clover Kids display area)
1:30- 3:00 PM	Adams Champs Garfield Boosters Harrison Hustlers
3:00- 3:30PM	State Fair Selection (buildings not open to the public)

## 2023 Fair Schedule

Pre-Fair Events:

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Thursday, June 8
3:30-6:00PM
                                                                              4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event at Mahaska County Extension Office
 Tuesday, July 11 3:00-7:00PM
                                                                              Bucket/Bottle Animal Interviews at Mahaska County Extension Office
 Saturday, July 15
9:00 AM - Finish
                                                                              Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall (State Fair selection to follow)
 Sunday July 16
6:00 PM - Finish
6:00 PM-8:00 PM
                                                                              Horse Speed Events at Outdoor Arena
                                                                              Swine Vet Check near Swine Barn
Monday, July 17
7:00 AM-9:00 AM
9:00 AM-11:00 AM
                                                                             Swine Weigh-in at scale
Poultry Check-in at cages
   10:00 AM - Finish
10:00 AM-12PM
Rabbit Check-in at cages
10:30 AM — Finish
11:00 AM 
                                                                              Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale
      10:00 AM - F<u>in</u>ish
4:00PM-5:00 PM
5:00 PM - Finish
5:30 PM-7:00 PM
by 6:00 PM
by 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 18
9:00 AM—Finish
9:00 AM-1:00 PM
1:00 PM - Finish
2:00 PM-4:00 PM
4:00 pm-6:00 PM
6:00 PM
6:00 PM
                                                                             Poultry Show in Sale Ring
Communications: Educ. Pres., Share-the-Fun, Extemp Spkg. at Free Stage
Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences held in 4-H Office
                                                                             4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building
4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns
Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area
4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion
Wednesday, July 19
8:00 AM—Finish
9:00 AM—12PM
11:30 AM—Finish
12:00 PM - Finish
1:30 PM-5:00 PM
                                                                             4-H & FFA Sheep & Meat Goat Show in Pavilion
Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage
4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion
4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion
Dairy Cattle & Goat Show in Pavilion
Auction Exhibitor Verification in Fair Board Office – NO EXCEPTIONS!
4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring
5:00 PM
6:30 PM
Thursday, July 20
8:00 AM-12PM
1:00 PM - Finish
                                                                             4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion
4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion
4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion
     2:00 PM - Finish
Friday, July 21
8:00 AM - Finish
10:00 AM - Finish
5:00 PM-7:00 PM
                                                                              4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena (no K-3 show this year) 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage
                                                                             Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion

4-H Office will be CLOSED

Livestock Ribbon Auction in Sale Ring

ALL Livestock & Non-Livestock Exhibits Released (no early release due to weather)
 Saturday, July 22
8:00 AM
12:00 PM
 Sunday, July 23
Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM
Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building
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This schedule and events are subject to change.



# 4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event

Clothing Event judging will take place on **June 8 from 3:30-6:00 PM at the Extension office**, you will be judged wearing your garment. Below are the Clothing Event Classes that will be evaluated.

#### Classes include:

**Clothing Selection:** The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.

**\$20 Challenge:** This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.

**Fashion Revue:** The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.

For those that registered for clothing event, please make sure to watch your email for instructions about judging day. We can't wait to see your creations.

### **Communication Event**

Do you enjoy giving presentations, interacting with and teaching kids, or sharing your talents? Then you should sign up for the Communications Event! This event is open to ANY Mahaska County 4-H member. The registration deadline is July 1 in FairEntry. Categories include Share-the-Fun, Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Full details for the 4-H Communications Event can be found in the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet on pages 54-56. Want to learn more? Abby Drost has you covered! Check out her Communications Tips & Tricks video on our YouTube channel at <a href="https://youtu.be/xyrjvz0AERc">https://youtu.be/xyrjvz0AERc</a>.

# **Upcoming Workshops**

MAHASKA COUNTY HONOR COUNCIL PRESENTS

# BUCKET SEAT WORKSHOP

Honor Council invites you all to a FREE workshop, where we will be making not only a fair-ready project but also a project that you can use at the County Fair. We will be making Bucket Seats! A bucket seat is made from a 5-gallon pail and can be used as a seat and storage.

# DETAILS

Friday, June 9, 2023 9:00-11:30am MAHASKA CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

Cost: FREE

Includes: all materials needed to make the project and a goal sheet for fair.

Register TODAY via 4-H Online!
Login to 4-H Online and click on events and filter by county area events.

Deadline to register is May 9, 2023

This workshop has a max. of 30 Participants Min. of 5 participants.





TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 5:30-7:30 PM MAHASKA CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

# Come Join Us!

This workshop will be focused on packet preparation and interview skills. This workshop will be an open house style with a small presentation at 6:30 pm. Feel free to stop in before or after 6:30 pm to have your packet reviewed or to practice interviewing. Honor Council members will be leading practice interviews. This workshop will be a great way to prepare for Bucket/Bottle Interviews.

### Register TODAY via 4-H Online!

Login to 4-H Online and click on events and filter by county area events.

## Deadline to register is June 5, 2023

**To** ensure we have enough materials for all attendees, we ask that you register no later than June 5. There will be a door prize drawing for those that register by the deadline.



# **Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting**

# July 6, 2023 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

There will be an all superintendent meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 6:00pm-8:00pm here at the Mahaska County Extension Office. Please note this is two weeks before the fair. Historically this has been a animal superintendent meeting but this year we are inviting all superintendents to attend. During this meeting animal superintendents will work on stalling assignments and static/ communication superintendents will have the opportunity to plan out their judging days. Please watch the mail for a formal post card for the meeting.

## **4-H Volunteer Resources**

## **Volunteer Resources Tips & Tools:**

June is here and many 4-Her's are finalizing their hard work on static exhibits for county fairs. As volunteers you can help guide youth to resources that will assist them in this process, as well as help inform you, as you help youth prepare for the exhibit judging experience!

Check out a NEW Vibrant Club Series resource "Presenting to an Exhibit Judge". This resource can be used in a club setting, with a Do, Reflect, Apply activity incorporated. Through this Vibrant Club activity youth get the chance to practice answering and asking questions using a sample static exhibit and role play cards. This activity provides a great way for volunteers to help youth prepare for the static judging experience!



Presenting to an Exhibit Judge - Vibrant Club Series Resource

Another resource to assist with preparing youth for the static exhibit judging experience is "The Exhibit Judging Experience" resource found on the Volunteer Resources public page under Goal-Centered Project Area Learning as well as in the Extension store. For this resource we interviewed an experienced exhibit judge for their insight into the judging process. As volunteers you can use this information to help youth prepare for the fair.



## **Exhibit Judging Experience**

Exhibit Tip Sheets are another resource volunteers can utilize to help youth in their project area learning. The Exhibit Tip Sheets provide information for youth preparing for the exhibit judging experience, what to be prepared for and how to share learning gained through the exhibit with the judge.



Exhibit Tip Sheets | 4-H Youth Development (iastate.edu)



# **Club Fundraiser Approval**



If your 4-H Club plans to complete a fundraiser this year, please be sure to submit the Iowa 4-H Fundraiser Request Form which can be found at the following link: <a href="www.iastate.app.box.com/v/4HP3020">www.iastate.app.box.com/v/4HP3020</a>. These forms are also located in your club's Google Drive Folder.

All fundraisers need to be approved by the Extension Office and Extension Council. Please submit all fundraising requests to Dustin. This is to comply with the Iowa 4-H Club Financial Policy. If you have any questions contact Dustin at 641-673-5841 or dwinkel@iastate.edu.

# **4-H Club Attendance Policy**

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or preapproved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair. Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend if members are part of an *additional* special interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance is combined for both to count toward the 75%.

# 4-H Deadline Policy

Every 4-H member is allowed 1 free pass in their 4-H career if they miss a county issued deadline. A second pass will be awarded at the cost of a \$100 late fee (this fee is in addition to any other associated fees). There will not be a third opportunity of forgiveness for a missed deadline. This exception does not apply to animal identification deadlines of February 1 (market beef), May 15 (all other animals), and any other state issued deadlines; these dates are set by lowa 4-H and are non-negotiable. In cases of late fair entries, this exception will only be accepted if space allows for the entry. *Mahaska County Extension Council Approved & Effective as of January 2023.* 

## Reasonable Accommodation Practice

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PRACTICES As part of its duties under the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 ("ADAAA") and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, lowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide reasonable accommodations to its "policies, practices, or procedures" when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming to participants with a qualifying disability. It will also provide auxiliary aids and services when they are necessary to provide equal access. The process has the following five stages: (1) completion of the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms, (2) participants and parents are sent an agenda for the eligibility team meeting, (3) the eligibility meeting is conducted, (4) a determination letter is sent to participants, and (5) possible reassessment for future events. To access forms or learn more visit the <u>lowa State University Diversity and Civil Rights website</u>.



The below calendar showcases the 2022-23 4-H Year for Mahaska County. The calendar is not all-inclusive, but does list most of our important events and deadlines. This calendar will be updated each month when new dates are added. Please check every month to stay on top of upcoming due dates and meetings.

#### **NOVEMBER**

# November 6 (1:00pm-2:00pm): Annual 4-H Awards Program held in the Extension Office Auditorium

#### **DECEMBER**

- December 10 (8:00am-10:30am): Beef Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds
- December 17: Beef Weigh-in Inclement Weather Make-up Day ONLY

#### **JANUARY**

#### January 1: Annual Enrollment DUE for Returning Members to be eligible to exhibit at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair

#### **FEBRUARY**

 February 1: Market Heifers and Market Steers must be identified in 4H online

#### MARCH

 March 25 (8:00am-10:00am): Swine Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds

#### **APRIL**

#### MAY

- May 6 (8:00am-10:30am): Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh
  -in at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds
- May 15: All other animals must be entered in 4-H online to be eligible for the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair
- May 15: Last day for any project changes in 4-H online and enrollment is due for all New Members
- May 15: Mahaska County Code of Conduct forms due (only signed once in a 4-H career)

# JUNE

June 8: Clothing Review/Show

#### **JULY**

- July 1: ALL Southern Iowa Fair Registrations are due via Fair Entry.
- July 1: YQCA Certificate due to the Mahaska County Extension Office
- July 1: Iowa State Fair Registration due
- July 11 (3:00-7:00PM : Bucket/Bottle Interviews at Mahaska County Extension Office
- July 17-23: Southern Iowa Fair

#### **AUGUST**

August 10-20: Iowa State Fair



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