



# APRIL 2019



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## Iowa 4-H Mission

*4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.*

## Iowa 4-H Vision

*Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.*

## 4-H & FFA FUNdraiser April 26

**Join us for a night of great food, a fun auction, and lively music on Friday, April 26th!**

All funds raised will cover 4-H & FFA judges' fees, member premiums, and ribbons, trophies, & awards for the county fair. The FUNdraiser event will be held in Bradbury Hall at Nelson Pioneer Farm. Advance tickets are \$20.00 for adults and kids 12 & under are \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$30.00. Tickets are now available at the Extension office and at [www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-ffa-fair-fundraiser-tickets-53818492560](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-ffa-fair-fundraiser-tickets-53818492560).

The 6 PM Dinner will include Pulled Pork, Cheesy Hash browns, Green Beans, Dessert Bars, and soft drinks, tea, lemonade, and water. Bring your \$1 bills for the Buck Plucker \$1 Auction at 7 PM. This is a fun and unique auction where bundled items and individual larger items will be auctioned off. Change will be available. [Royce Johns](#) will bring his energetic, loop-style country music to the stage at 8 PM. His voice will get you singing along and his energy will have you up and dancing!

We are currently confirming auction donations, if you have any items you'd like to donate, please let Amy know at 673-5841 or [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu).

## Clover Kids Corner

Registration for Clover Kids has closed for this year. Children may still join a group, pending we have enough volunteers for a 1:6 ratio. Anyone joining now will pay a \$10 late fee (\$35.00 enrollment total) and they will not receive a Clover Kids t-shirt.

T-shirts have been handed out at group meetings, if you do not have your shirt yet, please attend your group's next meeting.

The April meeting theme is, "Sensational Seeds".

**Reminder: We need parents to sign their children out from the meetings. If children will be going home with someone else, the leader or Ashtin must be notified in advance.**

The Clover Kids June FUN DAY will take place on Friday, June 21 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Extension office. All five Clover Kids groups are invited to attend, be on the lookout for more details!

If you have any questions about Clover Kids, please contact Ashtin Harris at [acharris@iastate.edu](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu) or 673-5841 ext. 11.

## Wonder League Expo

Mark your calendars for our Wonder League Expo, set for Tuesday, May 7 from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Musco Tech Center at William Penn University. We will be providing a challenge for teams to demonstrate as well as a brief award ceremony. Coaches will be provided with more information on what the event challenge will look like. For additional details about the Wonder League Expo, please contact Ashtin Harris at [acharris@iastate.edu](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu) or 673-5841.

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## Animal Identification Due May 15!

Any youth (4-H & FFA) planning to exhibit the following animals at the 2019 Southern Iowa Fair (or Iowa State Fair) **must complete** Livestock IDs by 11:59 p.m. on May 15.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

No one will be allowed to submit late ID forms or online ID entries. The only paper ID forms that will be accepted will be for FFA members and those attending livestock weigh-ins.

Animal species requiring ID forms:

**Beef—Breeding & Market** (Market Beef IDs were already completed at December weigh-in), **Sheep—Breeding & Market** (Some IDs will have already been filled out and turned in at the May 4 weigh-in), **Swine** (These forms have been completed at the March weigh-in, please check 4hOnline to verify that the information entered is correct), **Bottle Goat, Bottle Lamb, Bucket/Bottle Calf, Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Myotonic Goat, and Llama** (must complete in 4hOnline). A help sheet explaining the 4hOnline animal ID process can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>.

## Mahaska County Code of Conduct

Every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete the Mahaska County 4-H Code of Good Conduct form one time. Re-enrolling members have their forms completed. New members have until May 15, 2019 to complete their form. Forms can be completed electronically through the webform on our website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/mahaska-county-4-h-code-good-conduct-form>, they can be printed and mailed/dropped off, or they can be completed at the Extension office. Please note this only needs to be done ONCE EVER, not each year.

## 4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2019, please read the 4H 202 document very thoroughly. The 4H 202 can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>. It includes important information for each species, including identification requirements. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to read these requirements and abide by the rules set by the county and state 4-H program.

## Horse Project Information

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, or mules at the 2019 Southern Iowa Fair must complete at least 1 \*clinic and 2 \*ride nights to gain eligibility to exhibit at the county fair.

The first Tuesday of each month, starting in April, will be a Mahaska County 4-H Horse Clinic. The third Tuesday of each month, starting in April, will be a Mahaska County 4-H Horse Ride Night. Youth must bring horses and ride for the Ride Night to count. Clinics and Ride Nights will be held at the Outdoor Arena on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, unless otherwise noted. Clinics and Ride Nights will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**CLINICS:**

**April 2 - Tack Clinic (LOCATION CHANGE)**

*Due to scheduling conflict with racetrack, clinic is being moved to Ron & Jennifer Hoy's farm at 3179 Barrows Avenue, Bussey*

**May 7 - Grooming Clinic**

**June 4 - Trail/Obstacle Clinic**

**RIDE NIGHTS:**

**April 16—Halter & Showmanship Ride Night**

**May 21—Leads & Sidepass Ride Night**

**June 18—Speed Classes Ride Night**

All clinics and ride nights will be open at 6:30 p.m. on the scheduled date, if no one arrives within 15 minutes, the superintendents and speakers will leave and the event will be over. *A Horse Project Facebook group has been created, please search for Mahaska County FFA & 4H Project.*

\* Approved clinics must be offered by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents or pre-approved by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents. Photo proof of exhibitor attending other event must be emailed to the 4-H Horse Superintendent group at:

Jennifer Fynaardt – [jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com), 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields – [fieldsl599@gmail.com](mailto:fieldsl599@gmail.com), 563-212-2905

Jennifer Hoy – [jenncnolan@hotmail.com](mailto:jenncnolan@hotmail.com), 641-436-6323

\* Approved ride nights must be offered by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents, Mahaska County Saddle Club Fun Show, or Mahaska County Saddle Club Barrel Series. Exhibitors MUST ride horses for these to count as a Ride Night. Photos of exhibitors riding at the Mahaska County Saddle Club events must be submitted to the 4-H Horse Superintendent group at the addresses above.

## Bucket/Bottle Animal Birthdates

Bucket/Bottle Calves must be born between:

February 1 and April 30, 2019

Bottle Lambs & Goats must be born between:

January 1 and April 30, 2019

All bucket/bottle animals must be in the youth exhibitor's possession within **two** weeks of the animal's birth and must be bottle/bucket fed. Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are available at the Extension office and on our website. We have recently revised the Bottle Lamb & Goat packet. All bucket/bottle animals must be identified in 4hOnline by 11:59 p.m. on **May 15, 2019**. You may identify more than one bucket/bottle animal, but may only exhibit one of each at the fair. **Bottle Lambs and Goats do not need to attend the weigh-in this year.**

## Bottle Lamb & Goat Worksheets

The 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Worksheet has been revised and posted to our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>. Copies can be picked up from the Extension office or mailed to members. The revised worksheet is more "user-friendly" than in past years.

Bucket/Bottle Calf worksheets were NOT revised and are also available.

All Bucket/Bottle animal worksheets (along with 2 black & white copies) are due to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, July 5th**. Late submissions will be lowered one ribbon placing.

## Rabbit Tattoo Clinic May 6

Anyone with rabbits that need tattooed for fair identification purposes can attend the clinic on **Monday, May 6** between 6:30-7:30 PM in the DAV Building on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. Adam Antolik, Rabbit Superintendent, will be present to answer questions and to tattoo rabbits. Rabbits that are already tattooed do not need to attend this clinic. Youth are not required to attend this clinic, it is just an option available to families.

## Annual Volunteer Training May 1st

The Annual 4-H Volunteer Training will be held on **Wednesday, May 1** at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Extension office. Light refreshments will be served. This is the required yearly training for all Iowa 4-H & Clover Kids Organizational and Project Leaders. Leaders will define independence as it relates to 4-H and determine the role they play in fostering independence in all youth. In addition, leaders will leave with tools and resources to support their work with fostering independence in youth! Resources from the training are posted at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources>. RSVP is due by **Monday, April 29th** by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu).

## 4-H Club Financial Policy Update

**VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!**

Mahaska County have started transitioning 4-H Club Accounts. Forms related to 4-H Club Finances have been posted to: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/club-support> (scroll down to UPDATED 4-H Club Financial Information.) Dr. John Lawrence, VP of ISU Extension and Outreach would like to have a large number of clubs transitioned by **June 30, 2019**.

**If your club is ready for the Extension office to start taking over the funds, please contact Amy and we can start working on a plan.**

## Teen Council Meeting

The next Teen Council meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 14** at 3:00 PM in the Extension office. We will work on the Vicar & Photographer Training Videos, discuss the 4-H & FFA Fair FUNdraiser, and practice the \$1 Buck Plucker Auction. Be sure to have April 26th held on your calendar for the 4-H & FFA Fair FUNdraiser at Bradbury Hall.

## Maker Monday Workshops

Maker Mondays are held monthly and are free and open to anyone in 4th-12th grade, not just 4-H members. Workshops will be held in the Extension office from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on the dates listed below. Don't forget to RSVP by the Friday before the workshop. We must have at least 5 RSVPs to hold the workshop. RSVP by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu).

### Monday, April 15—Space Snacks

Finding out what astronauts eat in space!

### Monday, May 13—Mystery Monday!

It's a mystery! Find out when you get here!

## 4-H Intermediate/Sr Trip to KC in June

Any 4-H member in 7th-12th grade is invited to attend the Regional Intermediate Trip to **Kansas City** on **June 11-12**. Trip and Registration details can be found at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/intermediate-senior-4-h-trip-kansas-city>.

## 4-H Jr Overnight Trip to Omaha Zoo

Any 4-H member in 4th-6th grade is invited to attend the Junior 4-H Overnight Trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on **May 18-19!** Additional details and registration info is available at the Extension office and online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/regional-4-h-junior-trip-omaha>. Space is limited, so register soon! Registrations are open until all slots are filled or May 1.

## Fair Help Me Guide

Anyone new to 4-H or needing a refresher will want to check out the Mahaska County Fair Help Me Guide. This guide is currently being updated and will be posted to the website and available at the Extension office by early May.

## YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

We are now using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for all livestock exhibitors—**4-H & FFA**. YQCA is required for anyone planning to exhibit Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Myotonic Goats, or Meat Goats. It is not required for Bucket/Bottle animals, Dog, Llama, Horses, or Pets.

**WE WILL NOT OFFER AN IN-PERSON FSQA/YQCA TRAINING.**

Those who are certified for the FSQA Test are good until the current test certification expires. Once that date expires, exhibitors must complete YQCA online. 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 **JULY 1** 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! More information can be found at <http://yqca.org/about/curriculum>.

A Help Sheet is available at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

## Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in

**Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in**—Saturday, May 4 8-10:00 AM  
Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Scale  
Tags are \$3.00 each. State Fair Verification is \$5.00/hd. Breeding Lambs & Goats do not need to attend this weigh-in, unless you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Retinal Images will need to be taken on all lambs & goats going to the Iowa State Fair. Breeding Lambs & Goats **MUST** be entered into 4hOnline by the families by May 15. Bottle Lambs & Bottle Goats are **not** required to attend the weigh-in in 2019.

## Tentative 4-H & FFA Fair Schedule

### Monday, July 15

7:00-9:30 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale  
8:30 AM-2:30 PM - 4-H Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building  
9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in in Poultry barn  
9:30 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in at scale  
10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens  
10:00-11:30 AM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale  
10:30 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens  
10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages  
1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns  
1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat & Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in at pens  
2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Llama Show in Pavilion  
4:00-5:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls  
by 6:00 PM - Dairy Check-in at Dairy stalls w/Superintendents  
by 6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at Stalls with Superintendents  
6:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, and Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion  
6:00-8:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

### Tuesday, July 16

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Poultry Show Sale Ring  
9:00 -11:00 AM & 12:00-2:00 PM - Communications: Educational Presentation, Share the Fun, & Extemporaneous Speaking Judging at Free Stage  
1:00 PM - Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences in DAV Building  
2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building  
3:00-4:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Interviews in DAV Building  
4:00-6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns  
6:00 PM - Mandatory 4-H & FFA Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area  
6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

### Wednesday, July 17

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Sheep Show in Pavilion  
10:00-11:00 AM - Farm Safety Stations  
11:30 AM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion  
12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion  
9:00 AM-Noon - Communications: Working Exhibit Judging at Free Stage  
12:30-2:15 PM - 4-H & FFA Dairy Show in Pavilion  
1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews in DAV Building  
2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion  
3:00-4:00 PM - Farm Safety Stations  
6:00-7:00 PM - Farm Safety Stations  
6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

### Thursday, July 18

5:00 AM approx. - Swine on truck, weather permitting  
8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion  
1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion  
2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion  
3:00-4:00 PM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage  
5:00-6:00 PM - MCARD & Farm Bureau BBQ in Pavilion  
6:00 PM - Barnyard Games in Pavilion

### Friday, July 19

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena  
Auction Animal Verification in Fair Board Office - by 10:00 AM, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
*Must have affidavit (Market Beef, Meat Goats, Market Lambs, Rabbits, & Poultry) on file at Fair Board Office for animal to be eligible for the auction!*  
1:30-2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest Registration in Pavilion  
2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest in Pavilion  
5:00 PM - Supreme Livestock Showmanship Contest in Pavilion  
8:00 PM - Non-Auction Livestock Released (*no early release due to weather*)

### Saturday, July 20

**4-H Office will be CLOSED**  
8:00 AM - Livestock Auction (following Buyer's Breakfast) in Sale Ring  
8:00-9:00 PM - Non-Livestock Exhibits Released from Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

### Sunday, July 21

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

*This schedule is subject to change due to conflicts and weather.*

## Tentative Day Camp Topics & Dates

*Grades listed as JUST COMPLETED this spring. A price break will be provided to those who register for all of the day camps they are eligible to attend. Registration information and more details will be announced in mid-April! Visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska) or [Facebook.com/Mahaska4H](https://Facebook.com/Mahaska4H) for announcements!*

June 5, 6, 7 – Babysitting Basics – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders - \$30.00 (Limit 12)  
June 10-11 – Robotics Jr. – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)  
June 12-13 – Robotics & Coding – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)  
June 15 – Kids in the Kitchen – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)  
June 17-18 – Grossology – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)  
June 19 – Spa Day – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)  
June 20 – Things that Go – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)  
June 22 – Cooking 101 – 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)  
June 24-25 – STEAMblast – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)  
June 26-27 – STEAMblast Jr. – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)  
June 26-27 – Cakes & Cookie Decorating 101 – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 12)  
June 29 – Master Chef – 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)  
JULY 22-23 – Drone Discovery – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 10)

*Day Camp dates and topics are subject to change due to staff and guest speaker availability; any changes will be posted to our website and Facebook page.*

4-H Summer Fun Day Camps will be coordinated by Holly Hanselman and Megan Ver Steegh. Both have degrees in education and are excited for the summer to begin! More details about both Holly & Megan will be included in the May 4-H Newsletter.

## Class Exhibiting Requirements

Mahaska County 4-H has a policy for classes and shows for the county fair. In order to hold a show at the Southern Iowa Fair, we must have a **minimum of 3 youth from 2 different families (4-H or FFA) registered to exhibit a particular species.** Don't forget that animals must be registered in 4hOnline by May 15, 2019. Classes with fewer than 3 exhibitors from 2 different families will be placed on hold for the current year. Classes will be determined after all ID information has been received on May 15. If classes meet the minimum requirement by identification in May, the show(s) will be held.

## Garden Basics Classes

Come learn Garden Basics at monthly classes, typically on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. These classes are free & open to the public and RSVP is not required, though appreciated. Garden Basics classes are local Master Gardeners presenting live classes on a variety of gardening topics. Each one is an independent topic presented as a family-friendly presentation.

### April 4 - Garden Preparation

Most Iowa soil is well suited for vegetable gardening, but some need amendments. Come learn about how to prepare your soil for the gardening season.

To register and/or for more information about these classes, please call Suzette Striegel, Horticulturist, at 673-5841 or email [striegel@iastate.edu](mailto:striegel@iastate.edu).

## 4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event

The 4-H & Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event Judging will take place on **Tuesday, June 18th** between 3:00-5:30 PM in the Auditorium of the Extension office.

Clover Kids may bring 1 outfit for each category they choose. 4-H'ers may bring an unlimited number of outfits for each category.

Categories include Clothing Selection (purchased garment), \$15 Challenge (purchased garment from consignment or garage sale totaling under \$15), and Fashion Revue (constructed garment). Registrations are due to the Extension office by **Friday, June 7th**. Report forms will be emailed to participants after the June 7 deadline, if you'd like copies mailed to you please let Amy know by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu). Report forms are also located on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms> (scroll down to Clothing Event Information).

## Visual Arts—Canvas Painting Workshop

Save the Date! **Wednesday, May 8** from 6:00-7:00 PM for our **FREE** Canvas Painting Workshop for Mahaska County 4-H'ers. More details will be announced in the May newsletter and on Facebook.

## Dog Classes

Dog Classes will begin in April. First year dogs must attend at least 8 of the Mahaska County 4-H offered classes and second year+ dogs must attend at least 6 of the Mahaska County 4-H offered classes to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair.

### Dog Class Schedule

April 22 & 29  
May 6, 13, 20, & 28  
June 3, 10, 17, & 24  
July 1 & 8  
Fair Show July 15

Classes will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each week. Exhibitors are asked to not bring their dogs to the first practice on April 22.

Clover Kids Dog Classes will begin on May 6 and follow the same schedule listed above. Clover Kids do not attend the April classes.

Please contact a Dog Superintendent with any questions:

Regina Hoy—641-660-0772  
Sharis Claver—641-799-4085  
Jennifer Hoy—641-436-6323  
LaCinda Shilling—641-295-4478

## Carcass Beef Contest

Those who verified cattle in December for the Carcass Beef Contest will need to attend the Live Evaluation and Locker Evaluation later this year.

**Live Evaluation—Monday, June 17 9:00 AM**  
**Fairgrounds Scale**

**Locker Evaluation—Wednesday, June 26 1:00 PM**  
**Leighton Processed Meats**

Members and Parents are encouraged to attend both evaluations. Patrick Wall, ISU Extension and Outreach Beef Specialist, will be present at both evaluations to answer questions and provide participants with more information. Participants will want to bring a jacket to the Locker Evaluation. Please have all of the meat arrangements made prior to the Locker Evaluation so you can provide the locker with that information before leaving.

## Southern Iowa Fair Contact Info

If you would like to inquire about camping, renting a fairgrounds building, or exhibiting in the Open Class at the Southern Iowa Fair, please contact Erica Antolik at the Southern Iowa Fair office at 641-673-7004 or email [sifair@mahaska.org](mailto:sifair@mahaska.org).

## Free Event Ticket at Fair

Mahaska County 4-H & FFA members will receive 1 free ticket to the Tuesday night races or the Demo Derby on Friday night. Tickets are being donated by the Southern Iowa Fair Board, please collect your ticket from the Fair Board Office during the fair and remember to thank the Fair Board!

## Bucket'o'Junk Contest Details

Everyone who registered for a Bucket'o'Junk should have received a letter in the mail from the Extension office. Bucket pick-up will take place on **Saturday, May 4** between 8-10 AM, you must make arrangements for your bucket to be picked up during this timeframe. A Bucket'o'Junk Auction will not be held in 2019.

## 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

4-H'ers investing in 4-H'ers. This is the essence of the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, sponsored each year by the State 4-H Council. The campaign raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year, the goal is \$29,000 with a suggested \$3.00 per member donation. Each county has been challenged to involve all of their 4-H clubs this year. Donations must be turned in to the Extension office by May 15. If the Extension office will have your club's account by that time, we must receive a voucher request and copy of your club's minutes with the approval to support this cause (including amount), so we can transfer funds.

#CountYourClovers

## Market Broiler Contest

Mahaska County Farm Bureau is once again sponsoring the Mahaska County Market Broiler Contest for the Poultry Show at the Southern Iowa Fair. This contest is open to any Mahaska County 4-H or FFA member.

**Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 1st.**

- **To sign up:** contact Helena Hayes at (641)673-0876 or [helenahayes74@yahoo.com](mailto:helenahayes74@yahoo.com)
- ID your birds at 4-H online as "pen of three broilers." Deadline to do so is May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is very important – no ID, no exhibition.
- 4-Hers/FFA members that RSVP will receive 10 free broiler chicks, compliments of Mahaska County Farm Bureau.
- If you are new to this project, please keep in mind that broiler chicks are quite messy, need adequate space, and will cost you about \$7.00 - \$10.00 per bird to feed out till butchering time.
- Each participant may show **one pen of three** at the county fair.
- Birds will be approximately six weeks old at fair time and should weigh an average of **at least six pounds**. They will be judged on the following criteria: uniformity, fleshing, weight of gain, and overall health and cleanliness.
- During check-in time, you may weigh your birds.
- You may sell your entire pen of three in the auction (because it is a market pen of three). Otherwise, 4-Hers are only allowed to sell ONE bird in the auction.
- Processing is the responsibility of the participant.
- Pick up day will be May 30<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 6:00 at the Extension office in the 4-H Room (enter the north door between the A/C units and go downstairs).

Please be sure someone can be there to get your chicks!

## 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets

4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets will be printed and provided to the club leaders at the Spring Leader Training on May 1. Only those who requested a copy will be provided with a printed copy. The booklet will be accessible on our 4-H App. Currently, the Mahaska County 4-H app is available from the Google Play Store, but the Apple Store app is still under review. The updated fair booklet will be uploaded to [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms) as soon as it is finished.

## 4-H & FFA Youth Shows Sponsorship

The Southern Iowa Fair is quickly approaching and our 4-H and FFA members are working very hard to complete their projects and create exhibits to be judged at the county fair. To provide a quality experience for the youth, we hire judges with experience and training in youth development for our exhibiting classes. The judges that we hire come at a price and we are in need of 4-H and FFA Fair Judge Sponsors. The average livestock judge's fee is around \$300.00 and the average non-livestock judge's fee is around \$150.00. Last year, the 4-H and FFA judges' fees totaled around \$5,000.

Another cost of the youth shows at the Southern Iowa Fair is premiums. Each 4-H and FFA member receives money for the ribbons they earn. Purple and blue ribbons are \$2.00 each, red ribbons are \$1.00 each, and white ribbons are \$.50 each. Last year, the premium payout for 4-H and FFA youth was just under \$3,000.

The final cost of the youth shows at the Southern Iowa Fair is awards and recognition. Trophies, banners, plaques, and ribbons are awarded to those who do very well in their fair classes. These materials are purchased early and locally to save on the cost but still end up costing quite a bit. The awards and recognition items have been paid for by local sponsors in the past. We are no longer asking for specific trophy donors, but are asking for 4-H and FFA Youth Show Sponsors. Last year, we spent over \$5,500 on trophies, plaques, banners, and ribbons.

We have set up sponsorship levels for the 4-H and FFA Youth Shows Fund and the levels are as follows:

- Platinum—\$1000.00 and above**
- Gold—\$500.00-\$999.00**
- Silver—\$250.00-\$499.00**
- Bronze—\$125.00-\$249.00**
- Contributing—\$75.00-\$124.00**

Each sponsor will be listed on the 4-H and FFA Youth Show Sponsors board at the Southern Iowa Fair (outside of the sale ring near the Pavilion), on posters that will be posted around the fairgrounds, on 4-H and Extension ads leading up to and following the fair, on show orders at the fair, and will be announced during the 4-H and FFA livestock shows. Recognition can be guaranteed if donations are received at the Extension office by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.



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