

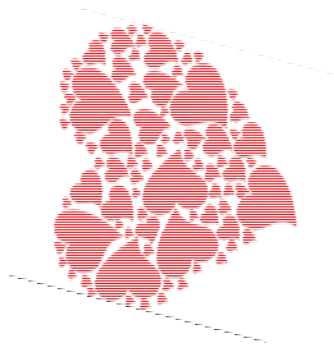
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4-H & FFA FUNdraiser April 26

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.

The details for the 6 PM dinner will be announced in the March 4-H Newsletter.

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. He features his own music and covers several others, including Eric Church, Toby Keith, Tracy Lawrence, Conway Twitty, and more. 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.

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.

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 ordered and will be provided to members soon.

The February meeting theme is, “Healthy Hearts”.

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.

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

Correspondence Preferences

Please be sure to have all of your contact information updated in 4hOnline. Families (including members and volunteers), please log into 4hOnline to update your family’s correspondence preferences. After you log in to your family account, please click the Edit Family button within the gray rectangular box. You can select email or mail correspondence. If you have moved, please be sure your Family Profile, as well as member/leader profile reflect the correct mailing address. A lot of times, email addresses change during the year, please be sure your email address is listed correctly as well. This is where we will send you the monthly newsletter and other important correspondence throughout the year.

*This newsletter was prepared and written by
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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.

February 21—Year-round Indoor Salad Gardening
Come learn from Master Gardener Intern, Krysta Wendelboe, about how you can grow salad—year round—indoors.
It’s easier than you think!

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

Butterfly House Workshop

Butterflies need protection at times, invite butterflies to seek refuge in your backyard with a butterfly house made by you! Master Gardener Intern, Wayne VanMersbergen, will guide you as you build yours at this workshop. The house features a hinge and latch to allow you to maintain roosting materials inside the house for the visitors. Participants will paint/protect the house on their own after the workshop.

The workshop will be held at the Mahaska County Extension Office Auditorium on **Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm** and is open to the public. Younger participants who register for this workshop are asked to have an adult along to help them. Observers are welcome to attend the workshop.

Registration and payment are required by March 12.

Cost is only \$10.00

Attendees with access to a cordless drill are asked to bring it to the workshop.

Please direct questions to Suzette Striegel, striegel@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 ext. 26.

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! Cost to attend is \$130 with 50% reimbursement being sent upon return from trip. Participants will load the air conditioned bus in Newton and head to Omaha for a ton'o'fun at the zoo! They will take guided tours, enjoy an IMAX movie, take a night hike, and sleep AT.THE.ZOO! Registration information 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.

Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of good quality?

Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways they encourage young people in this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

Winning applicants are selected from the essays they send in. This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

An essay of 100 words or more, should tell why the applicant would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), if they have ever raised a goat before and if not, who will help them, why they love goats, and what they love about goats. Spelling, content, and effort count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or any other creative touches.

If you are interested visit <https://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form.

Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

We are now using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for all livestock exhibitors—**4-H & FFA**.

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>.

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.

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.

April 2, May 7, June 4—Clinics

April 16, May 21, June 18—Ride Nights

July 2—Tentative Vet Check

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, 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields – fieldsl599@gmail.com, 563-212-2905

Jennifer Hoy – 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.

Upcoming Livestock Weigh-in Dates

Swine Weigh-in—Saturday, March 23 8-10:00 AM

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Maintenance Shop

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in—Saturday, May 4 8-10:00 AM

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Scale

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

9:30 AM (following Swine) – Adv. Cattle Fdr. Pen Weigh-in at scale

10:00 AM (following weigh-in) – Advanced Feeder Pen Interviews at pens

8:00 AM-2:00 PM - 4-H Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Bldg.

9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in in Poultry barn

10:00-11:00 AM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale

10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages

1:00-2:00 PM – Myotonic Goat Check-in at stalls

5:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, & Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion

by 6:00 PM - Dairy & Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at stalls w/Superintendents

6:00-8:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in/Check-in at scale, Breeding Beef in Pavilion

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Poultry Show Sale Ring

9:00 -11:00 AM & 12:00-2:00 PM - Communications: Educ. Pres., STF, Extemp. Spkg. Judging at Free Stage

1:00 PM – Advanced Feeder Pen Conference 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

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

9:00 AM-Noon - Communications: Working Exhibit Judging at Free Stage

12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Show in Pavilion

12:30-1:45 PM - 4-H & FFA Dairy Show in Pavilion

1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews

2:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion

6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 18

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

5:45 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket'o'Junk Auction in Pavilion

6:30 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 Sale Ring

2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest in Sale Ring

5:00 PM - Tentative Supreme Showmanship Contest

8:00 PM - Non-Auction Livestock & Horses Released

Saturday, July 20

4-H Office will be CLOSED

8:00 AM - Livestock Auction (following Buyer's Breakfast) in Sale Ring

7:00 PM - Non-Livestock Exhibits Released from Exhibit Hall & 4-H Bldg.

Sunday, July 21

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM

Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1-3 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

This schedule is subject to change due to conflicts and weather. Some events are missing at this time due to not having met with 4-H Superintendents yet, as details are approved, they will be released on Facebook and monthly newsletters.

Mission to Mars Day Camp

We will hold day camps for Kindergarten-5th graders during the week of March 11.

March 11-12—Mission to Mars—3rd-5th grade

March 13-14—Mission to Mars—Kdg-3rd grade

Camps will be held in the Extension office from 9AM-4 PM.

Cost to attend is \$20.00. Each camp is limited, so register soon. Registration information is available at the Extension office and www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska.

Participants will embark on an adventure spanning the globe and beyond! The mission includes learning about how Mars was discovered, the surface of Mars, life in space, astronaut training, launching, landing, and more! Participants will need to bring a sack lunch each day. Snacks and lots of hands-on activities will be included, don't miss out!

Club Recruitment Contest

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cedar Livestock, Jefferson Go-Getters, and West Des Moines Livewires 4-H clubs for recruiting new members this year!

Teen Council Meeting

The next Teen Council meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 16 at 11 AM** in the Extension office. We will work on the Secretary Officer Training Video and discuss the 4-H & FFA Fair FUNdraiser.

Laser Tag February 16

The Mahaska County 4-H Teen Council is hosting a Countywide Laser Tag event on **Saturday, February 16 from Noon-4:00 PM** in the Auditorium of the Extension office. This event is FREE and open to any 4-H member and their friends. The Teen Council will be offering STEM activities downstairs during this event as participants wait for their turn to play. Free will donations will be accepted during this event.

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 will be available by the beginning of January. 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.

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.

New Volunteer Training

If you are a 4-H or Clover Kids Leader and need to complete the New Volunteer Training (NVT), please plan to attend the NVT in Mahaska County on **Saturday, February 9** in the morning. Details and required registration can be found at <http://form.jotform.com/82405468448161>.

4-H Club Financial Policy Update

VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!

Mahaska County will begin transitioning 4-H Club Accounts after the Extension Council's February 2019 meeting. The Council will set county-specific guidelines for transitioning and processing club vouchers and deposits. As details are set, they will be shared with the public at <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.

Fair Rule Booklet Order Forms

We are planning to have our new Mahaska County 4-H App live before county fair. The app will include the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet (mobile friendly) and we've heard from several individuals who have stated that they wouldn't need a paper copy of the rule booklet if it is accessible from the app. Club leaders will be receiving a 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet order form soon. Families will need to sign up to receive a Fair Rule Booklet and the form will be due back to the Extension office by **March 1st**, so be sure to attend your February 4-H Club meeting or notify your leader if you would like to receive a paper copy. (Also included in the 4-H app will be the newsletter, links to 4hOnline, our website, social media pages, and event photos. Please be patient as we get the app up and running!)



These monthly workshops 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.

Monday, February 4—MAKING with Polymers

The science behind baby diapers, slime, and more!

Monday, March 4—MAKING in the Kitchen

Science experiments using household kitchen items!

Monday, April 15—Space Snacks

Finding out what astronauts eat in space!

Additional date May 13, topic to be announced.

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**. Cost to attend is \$265.00 with 50% reimbursed to each participant upon returning from the trip. Thank you to the Extension Council for covering half of the fee for each participant. Trip participants will travel in an air conditioned bus from Newton, Iowa to Kansas City. The trip will feature a shopping trip to Bass Pro, a Kansas City Royals baseball game, Moon Marble Company tour, and an afternoon at Worlds of Fun! Registration is limited for each county, so register soon! 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>.