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# JANUARY 2019



Thank you to  
all of the 4-H  
club members  
who participated  
in the 10 Gallon  
Challenge!

## Youth Staff

Amy Brainard  
County Youth Coordinator  
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## Animal Identification

You can register your animals at any time using 4hOnline. Only FFA members will use paper identification forms. Animals (4-H & FFA) attending a weigh-in (Market Beef, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goats) will be entered in 4hOnline by the 4-H Staff. All other animals must be entered by the 4-H/FFA member before the end of the day on May 15, 2019.

## 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.*

Market Beef that were identified at the December weigh-in must be verified in 4hOnline by **February 1, 2019**. ***If you find any detail that is wrong, DO NOT VERIFY.*** Call our office to have Ashtin or Amy fix the mistake (641-673-5841). This is especially important for those who identified state fair market beef. If you plan to exhibit your market beef in a specific breed at the state fair, please provide us with your registration information BEFORE February 1, 2019.

## 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 January meeting theme is, "Cook-A-Doodle-Do!".

**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](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu) or 673-5841 ext. 11.

## Leader Update

If your club is ready to close out your account and provide materials to the Extension office, please notify Amy so we can begin the process. Thank you to all of the leaders who were able to attend the Leader Meeting in December, we appreciate all that you do!

If your club has not yet submitted your club calendar/program, please do so before the end of January. Those documents must be scanned and uploaded to 4hOnline by Amy.

If you have not turned in your Club's Compliance form yet, please submit a signed copy to Amy before the end of January, those forms must be uploaded into 4hOnline by Amy as well.

## 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, January 19** in the morning. Details and registration can be found at <http://form.jotform.com/82405468448161>.

## Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Trip

***HURRY! Register NOW!***

Any 4-H'er in 9th-12th grade is eligible to attend the CWF Trip to Washington D.C. on **June 14-22, 2019**. This is an opportunity to meet new people, explore D.C. and the surrounding areas, learn about legislature, see numerous monuments, and so much more! Cost of the trip is \$1850.00. The Extension Council will cover the final payment for the first TWO youth who register. **Deadline to register is January 15, 2019**. To learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>. This site also includes fundraising ideas to help offset the cost of the trip. Trip organizers are also looking for adult chaperones, if interested you can find more details at the link above.

## 4-H Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications for the 4-H scholarship program are available now through February 1, 2019. 4-H members are strongly encouraged to read and follow the helpful hints and instructions that are at [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding\\_for\\_4hers/scholarships/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/). Applications can be submitted [online](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator [Mary Clancy](#) by email or phone (712) 830-1321.

## Wonder League



Mahaska County 4-H Youth Development has switched from FIRST LEGO League Jr. to Wonder League this year. All teams are full and some have started meeting. A Wonder League Expo will be held this upcoming spring and will be open to the public.

Check future newsletters and our 4-H Facebook page for Expo details. If you have any questions about Wonder League, please contact Ashtin Harris at [acharris@iastate.edu](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu) or 673-5841.

## State 4-H Recognition

NOW is the time to apply for Iowa 4-H Recognition! 4-H'ers from across the state are applying for opportunities beyond the county-level. Those opportunities include **National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council, and State 4-H Project Awards**. Deadline to apply is **February 1, 2019**. *Participants will attend a formal interview at Iowa State University on Saturday, March 30*. To learn more, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>.

## Meet Lindsey!



I am Lindsey Donnelly, Mahaska County's State 4-H Council youth ambassador. To let you know a little about me, I live in Story County, and I participate in the horse, photography, food and nutrition, communications, and woodworking projects. Throughout the year, I am an active member of county council, emcee various events, and I enjoy hanging out at the extension office with the wonderful staff. :) Outside of the county, I am a

member of State Council, I attended the 2018 National 4-H Congress, and I love showing my horses at the Iowa State Fair. I am a senior in high school this year, and I look forward to getting outside of my county and making the most of my last year as a 4-Her. As we begin 2019, I encourage everyone to start record keeping now. I know I probably sound like most of your parents, but it will make things so much easier, I promise. Record keeping is necessary to apply for county awards in the fall, and you will also need them to apply for state 4-H awards due in February. There is even a 4-H scholarship senior members can apply for. Don't worry, because there are plenty of opportunities for younger members to take advantage as well which will help for your scholarships later on! Keeping records and applying for awards will help teach important 21st century skills future employers will look for, including building a good resume and interviewing skills. Take advantage of every opportunity 4-H offers because they will impact your future; you get to choose if the impact is positive or negative. Have a good 2019, and hopefully I will get to meet some of you soon!

~ Lindsey Donnelly

## Carcass Beef Class Information

We received enough entries in Carcass Beef to be able to hold the class again this year! The Live Evaluation will be held on Monday, June 17 at 9 AM at the fairgrounds scale and the Locker Evaluation will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 1 PM at Leighton Processed Meats. Attendance at both of these evaluations is very important, so please mark your calendars. We will work with ISU Extension and Outreach Beef Specialist, Patrick Wall, to evaluate the cattle after the final weigh-in, then to evaluate the carcasses in the locker. Families will be responsible for settling up with the Leighton Locker prior to leaving the locker evaluation, so please start making those arrangements now. If you have any questions about the Carcass Beef class, please contact one of the Beef Superintendents or Ashtin Harris ([acharris@iastate.edu](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu)).

## 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>.

## 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.

\* 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.

## 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.

## Tentative Fair Schedule

### Monday, July 15

7:00-9:30 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale  
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  
by 6:00 PM - Dairy Check-in at Dairy 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  
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  
12:30-1:45 PM - 4-H & FFA Dairy 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  
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 - Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion  
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.*



## Club Recruitment Contest

We are tallying the results and will notify the winning club(s) very soon. Winning club(s) will be recognized in the February 4-H Newsletter.

## Teen Council Meeting

The next Teen Council meeting will be held on Sunday, **January 20 at 3:00 PM** in the Extension office. We will work on plans for the STEM activities being offered during the Laser Tag event in February and look at plans for the rest of the year.

## 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.

## 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.

**January 17** – Square Foot Gardening and Seed Shopping  
**February 21**—Year-round Indoor Salad Gardening  
**March 21**—TBD, possibly Rain Barrels Workshop

**Tuesday, March 16**—Butterfly House Workshop (cost TBD)

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).

## 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 are currently revising the Bottle Lamb & Goat packets. If you get an animal before the packets are available, please start keeping a journal of feedings, care, housing, cleaning, etc. and remember to take pictures! 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.**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

The State Auditor of Iowa, referencing 12C.1 and 176A of the Code of Iowa, has determined that 4-H club funds are the responsibility of County Extension Councils. National 4-H has recommended practices about how funds raised by clubs and learning communities are managed. Managing the funds through the County Extension District will address both of these concerns. Councils will be in compliance with state code and clubs will be following sound fiduciary practices. 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.**



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](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu).

**Monday, January 7—MAKING through Coding**  
MaKey MaKey and Scratch coding!

**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!

Additional dates are April 15, and May 13  
Topics to be announced.

## 4-H Intermediate Trip in June

Any 4-H member in 7th-9th grade is invited to attend the Regional Intermediate Trip to **Kansas City on June 11-12, 2019.** Cost and official details will be shared as they are received. If you're interested, please let Amy know to add you to her list to contact with full details. Amy can be reached at [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) or 673-5841.

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