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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.

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, 2020.

Market Beef that were identified at the December weigh-in must be verified in 4hOnline by February 1, 2020. ***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, 2020.

Clover Kids Corner

The January Clover Kids theme is “Winter Wonderland”.

If you'd like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact 4-H Youth Program Assistant, Ashtin Harris at 641-673-5841 or acharris@iastate.edu.

WonderLeague K-3 Robotics

Anyone interested in being a coach or member of WonderLeague K-3rd grade robotics teams can contact Ashtin Harris at acharris@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 for more information. Teams will be forming soon, so please don't hesitate! We can only place children on teams that have coaches registered. Additional details about WonderLeague can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/wonder-league-robotics-starting-soon>.

SAVE THE DATE: Area Leader Retreat

The Region 14 Youth Staff are planning an area 4-H & Clover Kids Leader Retreat to be held on Saturday, February 29 at the Marion County Extension office in Knoxville. Details will be shared soon!

Spring Leader Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 6:30-7:30 PM
SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Spring Leader Meeting. We plan to provide leaders with Fair Rule Booklets, fair forms, and details about FairEntry at this meeting.

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. 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. Enrollment is a great time to update your information. Be sure that your info is correct in your Family Account and individual profile!

Laser Tag Event March 7

The Mahaska County 4-H Honor Council is hosting a Countywide Laser Tag event on **Saturday, March 7** from **10:00 AM-2:00 PM** in the Auditorium of the Extension office. This event is **FREE** and open to any 4-H member and their friends. The Honor Council will be offering STEM activities downstairs during this event as participants wait for their turn to play. They will be selling Drinks, Hot Dogs, & Walking Tacos as a fundraiser throughout the event. Free will donations will be accepted during this event. All proceeds will benefit the Mahaska County 4-H Honor Council.

4-H Honor Council

The January Honor Council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 27 at 6:00 PM** at Pizza Ranch in Oskaloosa. Thank you to those who assisted with the Beef Weigh-in in December! We will use our time together in January to discuss the county-wide lazer tag event, upcoming weigh-ins, county fair activities, 4-H merch sales, service project details, and future fundraisers. If you are unable to attend, please let Amy, Megan, or Zach know and provide the reason for your absence. In case of inclement weather, watch our Facebook page and check your Remind app for postponement announcements.

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.

Camera Corps Opportunity

Like to take photos? Want to participate in a statewide group to creatively explore something that may be new to you while having fun using photography and social media? Apply for Iowa 4-H Camera Corps! Learn more at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>.³

Maker Club Starting Soon!

Maker Club is a special-interest 4-H club open to anyone in 4th-12th grade that will meet **every Thursday in February from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Cost to attend is \$10 per session or \$35 for all. Those who are already enrolled in 4-H only have to pay \$10 total to register for Maker Club. Meeting dates/topics are listed below:

February 6—Hands-on STEM: Virtual Reality, Robotics, 3D Printing (STEM & Visual Arts project connection)

February 13—Kitchen Science: Homemade Ice Cream, Candy Science, How Our Food Grows (STEM, Healthy Living, Horticulture project connection)

February 20—Textiles & Sewing: Creating a Pillowcase & T-Shirt Tote Bag (Clothing & Sewing project connection)

February 27—William Penn University Field Trip: Hands-on Casting & Injection Molding (Career Exploration connection)

Registration deadline is January 30. This club is limited to 20 members. We must have at least 8 registrations in for each meeting to be held. Learn more at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/maker-club>.

Maker Monday Sessions

Maker Monday is for anyone in 4th-12th grade. Sessions will be held on one Monday per month from **5:00-6:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium of the Extension office. There is no cost to attend Maker Monday. **Registration is required by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before each session. 5 RSVPs are required to hold each session.**

Monday, January 13—Making with Power Tools
Safety precautions and building with wood, handsaws, drills, sandpaper, and more! Make your own mini project!

Monday, February 10—Making with the Cricut
Learn about Cricut Design Space and create a small project to take home. Participants will work in small groups for this session.

Monday, March 9—Making things 3D
Draw your own 3D image and work with the 3D printer as a group. Participants will take home small projects.

Register by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing Amy at vermeerA@iastate.edu.

4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2020, 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.

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.

FSQA is no longer being utilized. 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>.

Upcoming Weigh-in Dates

Swine Weigh-in—Saturday, March 28 8:00-10:00 AM

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Maintenance Shop

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in—Saturday, May 2 8:00-10:00 AM

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Scale

Bottle Lambs & Bottle Goats are **not** required to attend.

Enrollment for New 4-H Year

Don't forget to enroll ASAP. Those who are not enrolled in 4hOnline will only be counted as guest at club meetings and activities! Visit <https://iowa.4honline.com> to register (no www. and please remember iowa at the beginning). If you have any questions about enrolling, please contact the Extension office at 641-673-5841. Help Sheets are available at the Extension office and on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska.

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, 2020 to complete their form. Forms can be completed electronically through the webform at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/content/mahaska-county-4-h-code-conduct-form>, in the Mahaska County 4-H App, or a paper form can be completed. Please note that this only needs to be done ONCE EVER, not each year.

4-H Club Attendance Policy

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

4-H Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications for the 4-H scholarship program are available now through February 1, 2020. 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/.

Bucket/Bottle Animal Birthdates

Bucket/Bottle Calves must be born between:

February 1 and April 30, 2020

Bottle Lambs & Goats must be born between:

January 1 and April 30, 2020

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, 2020. 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.**

Beef Project Tips

The newly formed special-interest 4-H club, Mahaska Livestock, is made up of 15 members. The club's purpose is to help educate and improve livestock projects in Mahaska County. Please see below tips from Taylor and Raegan Rozenboom on your beef projects.

Selection of Cattle -

Make sure the calf is sound and good on their feet.

Feed Program -

Talk to your local feed stores about different programs to make sure you can make the rate of gain for steers, and for a heifer feeding it correctly for a breeding program.

Hair Care -

Blow Out the Hair. Blowing out the hair prior to rinsing helps loosen any dust, dirt or dandruff that may have settled onto the hair and hide. When you are done washing, you can use a conditioning spray.

Halter Breaking -

When working to halter break the calf, it is extremely important to remain calm and quiet at all times. Talking to the calf in a quiet voice will sometimes help to relax him/her.

Prepping for Show day -

Make sure your calf/cow is nice and clean. Let your animal know what is going on and make sure he/she is aware.

Be on the lookout in future Newsletters for tips in other livestock species!

Horse Clinics & Ride Night Requirement

Any 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys at the Southern Iowa Fair are required to complete at least 1 clinic and 2 ride nights. Horse Superintendents will provide opportunities within the Mahaska County requirements. Alternative option is to attend another PRE-APPROVED clinic or ride night and submit a write-up **with pictures**. Even if the Superintendent is at the event, a write-up with pictures taken by your family or friends (not the Superintendent) must be submitted. Write-up requirements are below: This can be sent via email, text, or hand delivered. Alternative options WILL NOT be limited to Mahaska County. Exhibitors can attend any event in any State or County **with pre-approval**. Examples of alternative ride night options include: Fun Shows, Horse Shows, Barrel Events, Guided trail rides, riding lessons (exceeding 1 hour), etc. Any type of exposure outside of home can potentially count as a ride night, just ask.

Horse Superintendents:

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Lisa Fields – fieldsL599@gmail.com, 563-212-2905

Jennifer Hoy – jenncnolan@hotmail.com, 641-436-6323

Write-Up Requirements:

A write up MUST include the following:

Name, Date, Date of Event, Ride Night or Clinic, Classes participated in (for Ride Night), Discussion topic (for Clinic), What did you learn?, Pictures – of you in multiple classes for ride night (At minimum 1 halter, Showmanship and pleasure class), Pictures of clinician, For a ride night you MUST have competed in at minimum 1 Halter, 1 Showmanship and 1 Pleasure class)

IF you don't include pictures you will not get credit.

A complete list of Mahaska County offered Clinics & Ride Nights is on page 9 of this newsletter.

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Horse Clinic & Ride Night Dates & Topics

These events are being offered by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents. All events will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds unless notified otherwise.

February 4th – Clinic: Rules – No Horse

March 3rd – Clinic: Tack – No Horse

April 7th – Clinic: Halter/Showmanship with horse

April 21st – Ride Night

May 5th – Clinic: Western Pleasure

May 19th – Ride Night

June 2nd – Clinic: Trail

June 13th – Regional Invitational Show

June 16th – Ride Night

July 7th – Clinic: Speed Games

July 14th – Ride Night

Please contact a Horse Superintendents with any questions:

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Superintendent Openings

Do you have knowledge in Sheep, Meat Goats, Beef, or Poultry?

We're looking for volunteers to become superintendents!

1 for Sheep, 1-2 for Meat Goat, 1 for Beef, & 1-2 for Poultry

All superintendents work as a committee with the other current superintendents throughout the year. Decisions are made as a group and then approved by the 4-H Staff, Extension Council, and Fair Board. Volunteers must complete and pass an ISU Extension background screening and be approved by the Mahaska County Extension Council.

Mahaska County Livestock Summary

The updated summary is now available at the Extension office, on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/Livestock%20Summary%202019-20.pdf>, and in the Mahaska County 4-H app. This graph contains information about every species animals you're able to exhibit at the county fair. It includes weigh-in & identification info, animal requirements, specific health requirements, YQCA training requirements, exhibit limits, and fair requirements. It is a helpful guide for any 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair.

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, 2020. *Participants will attend a formal interview at Iowa State University on Saturday, March 28.* To learn more, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Trip

Any 4-H'er in 9th-12th grade is eligible to attend the CWF Trip to Washington D.C. on **June 19-27, 2020**. 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! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Cost of the trip is \$1,850.00. The Mahaska County Extension Council has agreed to provide up to 5 participants with \$600.00 each to put toward their trip fee, **Deadline to register is January 17, 2020**. To learn more about this exceptional opportunity, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>.

Tentative Fair Schedule

Monday, July 20

7:00-10:00 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale
8:30 AM-2:30 PM - 4-H Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall
9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in in Poultry barn
10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in at scale
10:30 AM - Advanced Feeder Interviews at pens
11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale
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 - Myotonic Goat & Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in at pens
4:00-5:00 PM - 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 w/Supers.
6:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, and Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion
5:30-7:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in

Tuesday, July 21

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. 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 Bldg.
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 - Swine Show in Pavilion

Wednesday, July 22

5:00 AM approx. - Non-Auction Swine on Truck, weather permitting
8:00 AM - Sheep Show in Pavilion
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
1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews in DAV Building
6:30 PM - Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 23

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 - Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion
3:00-4:00 PM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage
4:00 PM - State Fair Exhibitor Meeting in 4-H Building

Friday, July 24

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena, will follow K-3 Open Horse Show

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!

8:00 PM - Non-Auction Livestock Released
(no early release due to weather)

Saturday, July 25

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 26

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 is subject to change due to conflicts and weather.