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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.

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.

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 March meeting theme is, "SeussTastic Structures".

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 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. Stay tuned for more details.

This newsletter was prepared and written by Amy Brainard, Mahaska County Youth Coordinator. Amy can be reached by calling 641-673-5841 ext. 28 or by emailing vermeerA@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>.

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.

CLINICS:

April 2 - Tack Clinic

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

4-H Club Financial Policy Update

VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!

Mahaska County will begin transitioning 4-H Club Accounts after the Extension Council's March 2019 meeting. Final details, including club to county transitioning, deposits, and check request processes will be shared by the Extension Council after March 18th. 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.

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.

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!

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.

Teen Council Meeting

The next Teen Council meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 17 at 3:00 PM** in the Extension office. We will work on the President & Vice President Training Videos, discuss the 4-H & FFA Fair FUNdraiser, and have a St. Patrick's Day Party. Feel free to bring snacks to share. We will decorate clover cookies before the meeting, Amy and Megan will provide everything you'll need. P.S. You'll be making your own frosting!!

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Bucket'o'Junk Contest Details

Bucket'o'Junk Registration opens on **Friday, March 1st**. You must call or stop in to reserve your spot. Online or email responses will not be accepted. Registrations will be accepted first to call/come in, first reserved. 4-H has 8 buckets available and each FFA chapter has 1 bucket available (Oskaloosa, North Mahaska, Agri-Power, and Twin Cedars). Full details will be provided upon reservation. Our phone number is 641-673-5841.

Beef & Swine Exhibitor Workshop

Mahaska County 4-H will be hosting a Swine & Beef Project Workshop on **Monday, March 18th** at the Mahaska County ISU Extension and Outreach Office. Iowa State Swine and Beef Extension Specialists will present back to back, with Swine from **5:30-6:30pm** and Beef from **6:30-7:30pm**. **RSVP Required** by March 15th to Ashtin Harris. Specifics on presentation topics will be posted on our Facebook page and shared with Beef & Swine 4-H project members & FFA Advisors.

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. 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).

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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
6:30 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
note change 8:00 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.

Swine Weigh-in Details for March 23

Swine Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 8:00-10:00 AM in the Maintenance Shop at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds.

4-H & FFA youth planning to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair are permitted to weigh-in six pigs in the spring with a maximum of three eligible to show at the county fair, see exception below. An additional six may be weighed in for the Pen of 3 class.

Pen of 3 Swine must be identified with special feeder pen tags at the spring weigh-in. Each exhibitor can weigh-in 6 pigs for this class. Exhibitors must choose 3 to bring to the fair. Pen of 3 pigs will not have ultrasounds done at fair weigh-in. Pen of 3 will be stalled in one stall, not separately. Pigs will be judged during the show by the judge on: uniformity, rate of gain, and overall quality.

Class Options for swine include, Commercial Gilt, Purebred Gilt (must have 5 to establish class and registration papers are due at fair), Market Swine, Derby Swine, and Pen of 3 Swine. The requirement of having at least one derby pig applies to all individual entries. If just exhibiting a Pen of 3 Swine, the derby requirement does not apply.

Questions? Contact a Swine Superintendent listed below:
Kenny Wanders (515-321-1232), Collin De Bruin (295-1911),
Brian Meinders (660-0734), Joel Van Gilst (660-4791)

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.

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.

Butterfly House Workshop March 26

Butterflies need protection at times, invite butterflies to seek refuge in your backyard with a butterfly house made by you on March 26th! Cost is only \$10.00. Registration and payment are required by March 12. See the February 4-H Newsletter for additional details.

Iowa Poultry Queen

Do you participate in the Poultry events at the county or state fair? Are you between the ages of 16-21? Do you want to share your knowledge of the poultry industry with others?

If yes, you should apply to be the next Iowa Poultry Queen!

The Iowa Poultry Queen serves from March to March. The duties include: Representing and sharing about the Poultry and Egg industry of Iowa, attending county fairs in your area, share your knowledge with the communities, speak at events approved by the board/council, be present for the Iowa State Fair poultry shows and attend other poultry and egg sponsored events at the Iowa State Fair. If interested, send resume, 2-page essay about the Poultry Industry in Iowa, and two 4x6" photos of yourself to Kambrea Davies (2294 Xavier Place Clarinda, IA 51632) by **March 15th**.

Questions? Email davies@myfmtc.com.



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