



# MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE  
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DATE**

April 2: Shooting Sports 1:-2:30 p.m.

April 3: Discover Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

April 3: Mapleton Clover Kids, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

April 6: Onawa Clover Kids Group 1 and Group 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

April 13: Tall Corn Contest pick-up

April 17-21 : ISU Extension Week  
National Volunteer Week

April 17: Senior 4-H Scholarship Reception , 5:30 p.m.

June 2: Family Fishing Night

June 6-8: Camp Discovery, Blue Lake—for all 5th-7th graders

June 23: Communications/Clothing Judging, Mapleton

May 15: Livestock I.D. Deadline

June 15: Clothing/Communications Entry Deadline

July 6: All 4-H exhibit entries due in Fair Entry

**APRIL 2023**

## 4-H FRUIT SALES A SUCCESS

Monona County 4-H'ers shined in 2023 with over \$28,000 of fruit sold. Distribution day was a brisk, cold day. Congratulations to the top sales people: Ellie Burgess \$1,731 and Jersie Lester \$1,711 of the Bobcats 4-H Club; Gavin Bieler \$1,388 of the Whiting Badgers; and Peyton Hanson \$1,221 of the Castana Wildcats. They each received \$30 for their outstanding efforts. Money raised from fruit sales help fund scholarships to 4-H'ers as well as supporting county 4-H activities and camps. 4-H Clubs also gain net proceeds to support their annual activities. A big thanks to Nick Struble, owner of Struble Agronomy for letting us use his facilities and forklift for the morning and Brenda and Tommy Miller, Kacy and Carly Miller, Carl Miller, Aaron Debartolo, Nick and Carter Struble and Leland Hathaway for counting and sorting the fruit.



Thank you to all 4-H members that sold the delicious fruit.

We had another very successful fruit sales year!

## BOMGAARS DISCOUNT FOR 4-H

Bomgaars has always been an outstanding supporter of 4-H and FFA members. They still offer discount cards to members that purchase any supplies for their projects. Pick up the 10% off card from the Extension Office before you purchase livestock equipment or project materials.

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## **4-H SHARPSHOOTERS CLUB APRIL 2**



The 4-H shooting sports club will meet April 2 at the Arboretum. Meetings are the first Sunday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. All youth in grades 4-12 are eligible to attend or enroll. Archery will be outside so dress accordingly. Meet at the Monona County Conservation Office at 1:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to stay and watch. Future meeting dates will be May 1 and June 5.

You can still enroll in the Monona County Sharpshooters Club. Youth can use this as their primary club or can attend in addition to club meeting. Call the Extension Office or enroll online at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).

## **FINAL CLOVER KIDS MEETINGS MAPLETON & ONAWA**

Clover Kids 4-H meetings in Mapleton and Onawa will end in April. Mapleton Clover Kids will meet first Monday on April 3, from 3:30-4:30. Onawa Clover Kids #1 and #2 will meet the first Thursday of the month, April 6, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. We have enjoyed working with these youth all year and hope to see them at summer camp and bringing projects to the fair. Clover Kids can bring any exhibit and most livestock to the fair. They can not show horses, large cattle or swine. They will exhibit in a non-competitive environment. It is a great opportunity for them to begin gaining communications skills. Contact us for more details about exhibiting.

## **HORSE TRAIL RIDE APRIL 10 AT SOUTHWOOD**

4-H'ers are invited to attend a trail ride at Southwood Recreation near Smithland, IA. There will be a pre-trail meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the top of the hill. Thanks to Crawford County and Monona County horse superintendents for coordinating this event. Please register by contacting the Extension Office at 712-423-2175.

## **SPRING REMINDERS FOR HORSES**



\*Remember to always use caution when getting horses out for the first time in the spring. Both you and your horse are going to be a little rusty.

\*Plan and schedule needed treatments: hoof care, worming program, shots, teeth floats

\*Inspect and clean up your tack. Keeping your tack in good working condition only keeps you and your horse safe. If something is questionable, replace it!

If you have any other questions, contact Monona County Horse Superintendent, Amanda Boynton at 712-420-1257.

## **SUCCESSFUL 4-H ROLLER-SKATING PARTY**



Around 100 4-H'ers, family and friends attended the free 4-H skating party on Saturday, March 18 in Ida Grove. The 2-hour private party included the limbo and other games.



There were no broken bones, but instead a whole lot of smiles. Those that didn't skate were watching and cheering the skaters on. This was a great way to get out of the house on a cold day to stay physically active and socialize with folks of all ages.

**CONTACT US!**

**PHONE**  
712-423-2175

**HOURS**  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

## **2023 TALL CORN CONTEST– PICK UP SEEDS APRIL 13**



We're excited to announce the new class for Monona County Fair participants. Regional Sales Agronomist, CCA Mike Lage of Midwest Seed Genetics is sponsoring the fair class. Participants will pick up a pack of 10 seeds, plant the corn and care for it through Tuesday, July 11. Participants will then bring their corn to project judging day at the fairgrounds. The tallest corn will win cash prizes up to \$50 and a trophy - all sponsored by Mike Lage. There will only be 30 seed packets available. Pick up is set for **April 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** at the Monona County Extension Office and is first-come, first served. Mike will be available on the 14th to answer questions. If all seed packets are not distributed on the 13th, they will be available at the Extension Office. No early pick-ups will be allowed. There is no fee for the corn.

## **4-H DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES**



Training your dog is very important! It is important to teach your dog basic commands such as sit, down, come, heeling beside you, and others. Taking the time to train your dog is important so they are well behaved. Dogs are our best friends so we need to teach them how to behave properly. Training your dog is also a great bonding activity for you and your dog so they know that you are the owner and the boss! Dog obedience classes will begin in mid-May and will be held @ Gaukel Park in Onawa @ 5:00pm. If you have any questions, contact Megan Wimmer at (712)880-1477.

## **CLUB T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE BY MAY 1**

Clubs that want to order 4-H shirts with the club name on them need to have orders submitted to the Extension Office by May 1st. Shirts are \$15 each. Please submit an order of at least 12 shirts so the price for you club's shirts can stay at \$15 each.

## **YQCA CERTIFICATION, IN-PERSON CLASS JUNE 20**

All youth planning to exhibit market animals at the Monona County Fair or other county, regional or state exhibitions must have completed their annual YQCA certification. The online class is \$12 per person and will take about 1.5 hours to complete. We will host the in-person session on June 20, in the afternoon. This will follow the already scheduled swine/poultry workshop day at the Research Farm. The in-person session will be free of charge. Each person must register in advance and must also create a NEW account in the new YQCA system (last year's name and password are no longer valid, so you must create a new account). The new system opened this past week. Let us know if you have trouble. There is also a great new feature—virtual chat with their customer support staff.

**Online Link : [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)**

## **REQUIRED VET CHECK FOR ALL EXHIBITION LIVESTOCK**

Each year at livestock check-in, the fair vet is in-person to inspect all livestock on the grounds for good health and proper identification. Fair Superintendents and Extension staff assist in this process. Open Class livestock entries that come during vet check-in and stay on the grounds are covered under this requirement.

**NEW in 2023 is that all livestock must be vet-checked on-site. CVIs (Certificate of Vet Inspections) are no longer acceptable.**

In response to this requirement, we were able to secure a vet on-site for both Wednesday morning livestock check-in and also Saturday morning prior to the beef show. This allows for feeder calves and open-class bottle calves to come in Saturday morning.

**Other open class livestock**—sheep, goats, poultry or any livestock for the pet show falling under state health requirements **MUST check-in Wednesday morning** during designated times. If you do not get vet-checked, you will not be allowed to unload livestock off the trailer and onto the fairgrounds.

The entire list of health requirements and details for the CVI are in the current fair book and available from the IDALS site. Please call the Extension Office with more questions.

## **RESERVE YOUR CAMP SPOT FOR THE 2023 FAIR**

If you are planning to camp at the fairgrounds during the week of the Monona County Fair, it's time to make your reservation. There are limited spaces and they will all be filled. The fee is \$125 for the entire week. Contact Fair Secretary, Elizabeth Sturgill to make your reservation (712) 423-2214 or mononacofair@gmail.com.

## **2023 STATIC EXHIBIT CHANGES AND NEW CLASSES**

*All static exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry no later than July 6 to be eligible for the 2023 fair.*

**Photography:** Monona County Fair now a maximum of **4 photo entries**

Photographs must be a minimum of 5"x7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11"x14". Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24" in length.

*This is not new, but it was not printed in all county fair rules this way in 2022.*

New: Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼" thick.

New: Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.

Photography Challenge: Animals

**Thrifty Meal Challenge:** Previously \$10 meal challenge

**\$20 Clothing Challenge:** Previously \$15 Challenge

**Clothing: Innovative Design: (NEW)** Creative, out-of-the box designed clothing. Theatrical, sustainable/upcycled fashion, cosplay, with consideration given to originality and innovation. The garment must be modeled by exhibitor or whom it was designed for.

**Sewing Challenge:** Fabric crayon/coloring book holders

## **NEW LIVESTOCK CHANGES AND CLASSES**

*All livestock entries must follow the appropriate May 15 I.D. requirements in 4hOnline and the July 1 Entry deadline in Fair Entry. No staff help will be available for assistance after July 29 for livestock entries due to the entry deadline falling on a Saturday and the office being closed on Fridays. Highly recommended to enter all livestock before July 29.*

**Ractopamine/Palean Testing: NEW**—All market cattle will be subject to urine sampling for the banned substance of ractopamine/palean. Swine has included this rule since 2020. 2023 testing will include 1 market swine/beef animal from each trailer prior to unloading the trailer on the fairgrounds.

**Livestock Check-in Times:** Swine will check-in on Wednesday of fair from 7-9:30 a.m. (previously 9:00 a.m.)

Cattle begin at 9:30 a.m. We will schedule family times to ease the flow of traffic and lessen wait time for livestock on trailers. All other species will come after 9:30. If we have high #'s of other species, we may also schedule those. We will know more after May.

**Weighing Livestock:** Electronic I.D.'s should make this go more quickly this year. We will only be weighing the required market animals on the digital scale this year. If you have a breeding animal, bucket calf that you are curious on the weight for your own purposes, you must use the old scale on your own. This will help the flow of the market animals.

**Egg Class : NEW**—4-H'er can bring a carton of one dozen of the same eggs (standard and bantam chicken eggs only). 4-H'er may enter up to 2 cartons. A photo of the 4-H'er with flock must accompany. Judging will be done on Tuesday, July 11 during static judging day. Entries must be done in fair entry by July 6.

**Lamb Performance Class and Market Beef, Swine Carcass Contest:** Market lambs will do a spring-weigh if they plan to enter with date to be late April/early May. They will have ultrasound evaluations taken at the fair. Up to 5 lambs per exhibitor with cash premiums awarded.

Carcass contest will be offered to all market beef and swine. Ultrasounds will be done on Friday afternoon of the fair with winners announced on Sunday. There is a fee for each ultrasound - we are currently seeking sponsors to help with the fees. These classes are optional - bringing extra educational opportunities to our exhibitors.

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# SUMMER CAMPS & TRIPS

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPS & TRIPS

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has financial assistance available to all youth in Iowa to support fees to attend county, regional, state and national 4-H events. The goal is that all youth that have the desire to attend these events will have no barriers to do so. The summer application review process for the Iowa 4-H Foundation begins May 1st. Apply online at: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=83009&audienceID=1>.

Financial Aid is also available from the Monona County 4-H Foundation. Applications are available at the office or online at [extension.iastate.edu/monona](http://extension.iastate.edu/monona).

## WANTED: CAMP COUNSELORS FOR CAMP OF DISCOVERY



Monona County is seeking camp counselors for Camp of Discovery 2023. Camp will be held at Camp Nebowa outside Onawa, Iowa June 6-8, 2023. Counselors will arrive on June 5 to prepare for campers' arrival.

Applicants must be age 16 by June 6, 2023. Applications are due to Monona County Extension Office by Friday, April 14, 2023. Applicants selected to serve will be notified by Monday, May 1. There is no cost for counselors to attend camp.

Counselors are required to attend one camp orientation/training meeting on Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, Monona County Extension Office). Counselors will need to be available for Camp of Discovery starting Monday, June 5 until Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Camp Nebowa outside Onawa, Iowa. Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office.

## CAMP DISCOVERY JUNE 6-8, 2023

We are excited to host the 6-county 3-day summer camp at Camp Nebowa near Onawa. Camp is open to all 5, 6, and 7th graders as of Spring 2023.

Experience the adventure and excitement of three days filled with 4-H camping traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, orienteering, canoeing, fishing, archery, swimming, camp songs, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Tuesday, June 6 to Thursday June 8 and includes meals, supplies and overnight dorm accommodations.

The camp will be filled at 60 youth, so register before it fills up! . Registration costs \$100 for Monona County Youth and will open soon. Financial assistance for 4-H members is also available for those attending camp! Visit [www.iowa4hfoundation.com](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.com) for information on this funding opportunity.

## SAVE THE DATES: COUNTY SUMMER CAMPS

We are busy planning a great summer for area youth of all ages! Mark your calendars—registration will be starting soon!

June 2: Family Fishing Night

June 6-8: Camp DISCOVERY, Camp Nebowa, Onawa

June 9: Babysitting Workshop, Extenison Office

June 16: Project Workshop

June 20: Swine and Poultry Workshop, In-Person YQCA

June 22: On Their Own and OK

June 23: Communications and Clothing Event Judging, Mapleton

June 27-29: Youth Conference in Ames

August 1: Clover Kids Camp

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# STATE OPPORTUNITIES

## 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce the **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference** along with two educational tracks of **Animal Science Round Up** and **Career Pathways Academy** that will take place at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference on June 27-29!

The Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is an annual, 3-day event for youth in grades 8-12, which will take place in Ames on the Iowa State University campus on June 27-29. The State 4-H Council plans, organizes, and runs this event. It is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members from across Iowa. Participants will experience keynote speakers, a formal banquet, educational workshops, service-learning, cultural exploration, stay overnight in the residence halls and dine at the campus dining centers, all while meeting other teens from across the state. The theme for this year's conference is "Spy Your Potential." Learn more about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference [HERE](#).

Like in past years, the **Animal Science Round Up** happens during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. The difference is that the Round Up participants will spend each of the days with their species group on farms, meat labs, etc., while the Conference participants will spend their time on campus attending workshops, teambuilding, service-learning, etc. Round Up youth will join the Conference delegation each evening. The Round Up participants for this year have already applied and will be notified very soon on whether they were accepted into their species of choice. **If they are NOT ACCEPTED** into the Round Up then they are encouraged to register for the Youth Conference, however, they cannot do both! Learn more about Round Up [HERE](#).

**New** this year to the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is an educational track that will serve as the kick-off event for the 12-month, immersive **Career Pathways Academy!** This track is open to ALL youth entering grades 8-11 this fall. Participants will engage in many aspects of the Youth Conference alongside the Conference delegation. The goal of the Career Pathways Academy is to engage youth in educational opportunities that promote skill development and hands-on learning in preparation for higher educational pursuits and careers in high demand fields of study. Youth can register for EITHER the Career Pathways Academy or the Conference, but they cannot do both. Learn more about the Career Pathways Academy [HERE](#).

### How do youth register for these events?

Youth will register for these events through 4HOnline. Each event has its own "event" in 4HOnline. **Youth can only register for one of the three** events and only youth who have been accepted to the Round Up can register for Animal Science Round Up. The registration fee for each event is \$180/youth and financial assistance is available. No payment will be accepted online during registration. Instead, youth will register online then make a check (or cash) payment to their local county Extension office. All counties (with registrants) will be billed via their U-bill following the events. **Registration will open March 31<sup>st</sup> and close on June 1<sup>st</sup>.** There will be a late deadline of June 10<sup>th</sup> for these events, but the registration fee will increase to \$200.

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## STATE FAIR MARKET BROILER CLASS

Entry is now open for Market Broilers for the Iowa State Fair. Entries are due in **FairEntry** by May 1. Payment must be postmarked on or before May 1. Exhibitors must purchase 50 birds at a cost of \$93.50. For families sharing the 50 birds, each 4-H member must make a class entry for the Market Broiler division, but only one 4-H member should indicate the bird order. Birds will be shipped from the hatchery contracted by the Iowa State Fair directly to the 4-H'ers on June 26. Participation is limited to the first 100 youth. Contact [Gail Castillo](#) for questions.

## **GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Onawa Community Garden**

Monona County Extension oversees the Onawa Community beds. They are 4'x8' raised beds and free to use during the summer months. Water is available on-site. Contact Melissa if you or your family or someone you know is interested in growing fresh produce or flowers in a free plot this summer.

### **ISU Donation/Demonstration Garden**

Monona County Master Gardeners, along with the ISU Western Research Farm invite you to participate in the demonstration garden for the 2023 growing year. The garden produces healthy, fresh vegetables to donate to local residents in need. An average of 1,300 pounds a year are grown. Help is needed with planting, maintaining, harvesting and donating all summer. This is a great opportunity for youth and adults to learn garden techniques while helping the community. Contact Melissa if you are available to help in any capacity.

### **Siouxland Garden Show March 31-April 1, Sioux City**

This annual event features expert presenters from ISU, Nebraska and South Dakota State University Extensions. A farmer's market alley is set up for purchasing fresh goods. Visit educational booths and ask questions to Master Gardeners on-site. A kids zone is set-up for educational gardening and nature activities as well.

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## **4-H HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP—VIRTUAL**

The upcoming virtual statewide 4-H Home Improvement workshop! Workshop attendees will gather virtually to meet with other youth, learn about paint and varnishes from an expert, create a project action plan that includes setting a project learning goal, and gain insight into what a 4-H judge looks for in a home improvement exhibit. This workshop will take place via Zoom on May 11, 5:30-6:30 PM. Youth will register to attend in 4-H Online Events. A [4-H broadcast message](#) has been sent to 4-H members in the Home Improvement project area this week.

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## **STEM IN MOTION 2024 TRIP ANNOUNCED**



The 2024 State STEM in Motion trip will be to Florida in June of 2024. Explore STEM opportunities while visiting Kennedy Space Center, Disney's Magic Kingdom, Saturn V Center, Wonderworks, and so much more!

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## **4-H CAMERA CORP, PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES**



Be sure to visit the Iowa Camera Corp page to view images and get tips as you work on your photography exhibits for the upcoming fair. If you missed signing up for the state Camera Corp, be sure to plan on joining next year!

**<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>**