



MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

May 2023

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

May 6: Market Sheep Weigh-In, 8:00 a.m., Research Farm

May 3: Onawa Library After School Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.

May 7: Shooting Sports 1:-2:30 p.m.

May 15: Livestock I.D. Deadline

June 2: Family Fishing Night

June 9: Babysitting Clinic

June 15 : Clothing/Communications Project Entries Due

June 16: Project Camp

June 20: Swine/Poultry Workshop, YQCA

June 22: On Their Own and O.K.

June 23: Clothing/Communications Judging Day, Mapleton

July 1: Livestock Entries Due

July 6: Deadline for Static Exhibits in Fair Entry

July 11-16: Monona County Fair

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR 4-H'ERS HONORED AT RECEPTION

We would like to wish the very best to the graduating 4-H Seniors. We hope your adventures in 4-H have been educational, rewarding, fun and prepared you for future challenges. There were 16 graduating Seniors with 12 receiving 4-H Scholarships. Recipients of scholarships were: Emma Collison, Katie Brenner, Laura Heisterkamp, Sean Jordan, Carly Miller, Lance Nichols, Leah Parker, Ashley Rosener, Joey Ross, Chevelle Spaulding, Abby Wessel, and Brooklyn Pekarek. A \$300 check from the Monona County 4-H Foundation was presented to each at the Senior Award Reception on April 18. Other Senior 4-H'ers are Jayleigh Anderson, Levi Davis, Ruby Phipps and Brenyn Teel. Congratulations to all 4-H Seniors that are graduating this year. May the 4-H standards and ideals guide you into your future endeavors!



**Class of
2023**

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4-H SHARPSHOOTERS CLUB MAY 7



Don't miss the next meeting of the 4-H Sharpshooters! 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 June 4.

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.

ENROLLENT DEADLINE MAY 15 TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

The 4-H Youth Committee has decided to add an enrollment deadline of May 15 for youth to be able to exhibit at the Monona County Fair. All youth must be enrolled online at v2.4honline.com. The regular county deadline is December 15. Enrollment fees go up from \$10 to \$25 after December 15. However, if youth are not enrolled by May 15 they are ineligible for the county fair. If the deadline is missed, an appeal process is available. If you have questions, please contact Nancy or Melissa.

LIVESTOCK I.D. DEADLINE MAY 15, ENTRIES DUE JULY 1

All beef, swine, horse, sheep and goats you plan to exhibit at the 2023 Monona County Fair must have valid I.D. information entered into v2.4honline.com no later than May 15, 2023. Livestock must be properly identified using approved USDA, electronic ear tags from the Extension Office. Livestock must be tagged before May 15. Specific livestock identification requirements (tattoo/scrapies, I.D. info, etc) can be found in the fairbook at www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/county-fair

Bookmark the State 4-H I.D. publication (county rules are very similar to state 4-H. Always follow county rules for the county fair): <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194>

All beef, swine, horse, sheep and goats that previously I.D.'d May 15 **MUST ALSO** enter those livestock at <http://mononacountyfair.fairentry.com> **before July 1**. You will declare which classes those livestock will be shown in at the fair.

A full entry is required no later than July 1 online at the Fair Entry site. <http://mononacountyfair.fairentry.com>. Login with your 4hOnline credentials. Dogs, pets, rabbits and poultry only need to complete an entry online in Fair Entry by July 1. No paper forms will be accepted and all deadlines must be met by 4-H and FFA members in order to exhibit at the fair. All livestock must meet current proper identification requirements with most needing electronic USDA 4-H tags from the Extension Office. Refer to the Fair Book at : www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/county-fair or call us with any questions.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SPRING has SPRUNG! Did you know **spending time in nature can improve focus, lower stress, improve your mood, and reduce your risk of developing a mental health condition?** What a great reason to unplug from electronics and go outside!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and when we think of the 4 H's, head, heart, hands, and health, they're all stronger when we prioritize our mental health and well-being. With an increase in youth mental illness and suicide and the challenge of balancing everything in our busy lives, Iowa 4-H is committed to offering mental well-being programs and resources for youth and families to learn **new tools and skills for healthier lifestyles and managing stress**. We also continue to educate 4-H staff and volunteers about mental health, mental illness, and suicide prevention in order to create a safer, more welcoming atmosphere for youth!

If you're thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the free and confidential 9-8-8 Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the U.S.

CONTACT US!

PHONE
712-423-2175

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

CLOTHING & COMMUNICATIONS ENTRIES DUE JUNE 15

Now is a great time to begin preparing your Communications, Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue or \$20 Challenge. Entries for these projects are due to be entered online at Fair Entry by June 15. <http://mononacountyfair.fairentry.com>

Judging Day will be Friday, June 23 at St. John's Methodist Church in Mapleton, with youth also presenting at a scheduled time during the week of the fair.

Goal sheets and tips can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/county-fair

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 at the Western Research Farm. 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 an account in the new YQCA system (new users only need to establish a new account).

Online Link : www.yqcaprogram.org

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.

POULTRY EXHIBITION UPDATE

Avian Influenza is still active in Iowa and across the U.S.

The Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship along with the Iowa Poultry Association announced an order suspending all live bird exhibitions at fairs and other gatherings due to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The order is effective immediately for a minimum of 30 days, and until 30 days has passed without a positive case of a new infection in the state of Iowa.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE POULTRY EXHIBITION IS CANCELLED AT THE MONONA COUNTY FAIR. Our fair is several weeks away and things may change by then. Please watch your email updates closely as we monitor the situation daily.

What can you do? We want everyone to be using **strict biosecurity practices**. If you have anyone you know with poultry, please share these resources with them as well. **Be proactive rather than reactive when approaching this disease or any other potential diseases.**

1. **Keep your poultry flock inside. If your pens are outside, cover with a tarp or other covering to protect any/all droppings from migrating birds**
2. **Limit and track any visitors to your poultry**
3. **Change clothes—wear disposable coveralls, boot covers just while doing poultry chores. Dispose them and wear new each time. Disinfectant footbaths are an additional tool.**
4. **Wash your hands thoroughly, before and after handling birds**
5. **Clean and Disinfect—All equipment, tools, vehicles, cardboard egg flats or anything else in contact**
6. **Report Sick birds! USDA 1-866-536-7593**

SHARED LIVESTOCK PROJECT REQUESTS DUE MAY 15

Monona County has offered shared livestock projects like the swine project, Horseless Horse, share-a-calf and others over the years. Fewer youth have the opportunity to raise livestock at their homes and shared livestock projects are becoming more prevalent. **If you are participating in a shared project other than the 2023 swine and broiler projects (they have an already approved contract & schedule), requests will need to be made and approved by the 4-H Youth Committee. Contact Melissa for information on how to make this request—Deadline will be May 15 (livestock I.D. deadline).**

1. If you own livestock that are housed at another farm, you must complete the Alternate Housing Request form prior to May 15 and submit to Extension Office (www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/mononacountyfair)
2. If you do not own the livestock, you must submit a written request to the 4-H Youth Committee prior to May 15th. The request should explain the housing situation, type of hands-on work being done and knowledge being gained. If the request is not approved, the animal will be ineligible to exhibit at the 2023 Monona County Fair. Late requests will not be accepted.
3. Share-a-calf and Horse Lease agreements must also be submitted by May 15
4. Spot checks may be made to provide educational input and to inspect projects following prior notice.
5. Individual animals can be identified as a 4-H or FFA project, but **not both**. If exhibiting in other Shows (Clay, State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben) you must check their agreements and rules.

REQUIRED VET CHECK FOR ALL LIVESTOCK TO SHOW AT THE FAIR

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 THIS YEAR—All 4-H, FFA, open class livestock and livestock to be shown at the Pet Show must be vet-checked on-site at the fairgrounds. The CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) is no longer an acceptable document to meet health requirements.

The only 2 times a vet will be checking livestock is Wednesday during scheduled check-in day and Saturday morning prior to the beef show. Saturday morning check will be for bottle calves and feeder calves.

All Clover Kids and younger youth exhibiting in any livestock classes or pet shows must bring livestock at the set times of Wednesday or Saturday. Those livestock then must also remain on the fairgrounds through their show. 4-H and FFA youth grades 3rd-12th will take priority for stall space at the fairgrounds.

This is a requirement by the Iowa Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian. The entire list of health requirements and details for the CVI are in the current fair book and available from the IDALS site. Poultry must also complete their pullorum testing prior to coming to the fair if not coming at vet check-in day. Please call the Extension Office with more questions.

2023 TALL CORN CONTEST– PICK UP SEEDS ANYTIME



We're excited to announce the return of the Tall Corn Contest 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. Seeds are available and can be picked up at the Monona County Extension Office and is first-come, first served. There is no fee for the corn.

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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 had 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 on **May 6**. 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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JULY 1 & JULY 6 ENTRIES: <http://mononacountyfair.fairentry.com>

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ENTER STATIC EXHIBITS ONLINE BY JULY 6

Now that we have our Fair Entry system, we have all found the ease of use and organization for all projects at the fair. We ask you to enter all static exhibits into the system by July 6. All exhibits are required to be in Fair Entry so we can publish fair results quickly and distribute premium checks quickly. Thank you for your help in making judging day flow quickly and smoothly! Projects entered online at : <http://mononacountyfair.fairentry.com>. This year, we will be printing a full sheet for each member's projects to use at judging day. This should ease the flow and organization for everyone.

2023 SEWING CHALLENGE

Monona County 4-H is challenging 4-H'ers to use their sewing skills for a worthy cause. This year's "Sewing Challenge" encourages 4-H'ers to sew crayon bags for donation. Sewing Challenge entries will be entered and judged on July 11, 2023 during 4-H Conference Judging Day. Crayon bags will be evaluated on construction techniques; materials/fabrics utilized; and appropriate design. You may use any pattern and must include crayons and color book in the bag. If a 4-H'er is interested in participating in the Sewing Challenge, complete rules are available at the Monona County Extension Office or online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/county-fair

POULTRY AND RABBIT IDENTIFICATION

Poultry and waterfowl are required to have a leg band with visible I.D. number on it. Those are available at the Extension Office and can be picked up there. Poultry entries are only required to enter information into Fair Entry by July 1. Rabbits being shown at the fair must have an ear tattoo. Tattoos must be done before July 1 with information entered into Fair Entry no later July 1. If tattoos are not recognizable or do not match entry records at check-in time of the fair, the rabbit will be ineligible to show.

K-3RD GRADE CLOVER KIDS FAIR ELIGIBILITY

Clover Kids & Discover 4-H members can show rabbits, poultry, and dogs in the 4-H shows at the county fair. K-3rd grade members can also exhibit projects that will be entered on Tuesday at the fair. **No pre-entry is required, however, if you plan to keep livestock at the fairgrounds you must complete Fair Entry by July 1. Dogs and cats require rabies & distemper vaccination records.** K-3rd grade youth can also exhibit bottle lambs, bottle goats, bucket calves and pets in the Open Class divisions. Clover Kids can enter the Stuffed Animal show on Saturday, July 15, at 3:00 pm. They can show a limit of 5 static exhibits.

We will accommodate stall space at the fairgrounds the best we can, with 4th-12th youth taking priority. All K-3rd grade members receive participation awards and no premium dollars are awarded for 4-H events. All youth and adults are encouraged to enter exhibits in the Open Class building at the fair—all of which do receive premium awards.

SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS

4-H members are encouraged to apply for special 4-H awards. Applications are due **June 7** to leaders and **June 10** to the Extension Office. Awards include: Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Intermediate, Margaret Coberly Award, Junior Merit, Intermediate Merit, Senior Merit, AK-SAR-BEN, Danforth Award, achievement, citizenship, agriculture, and leadership. An application can be found at extension.iastate.edu/monona. Recognition will be given during the fair at the Awards Presentation on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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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.

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 for information on this funding opportunity.

COUNTY SUMMER CAMPS

Register and pay online now! Use your 4hOnline account by signing in under "4hOnline account" at: <http://mononacountycamps.fairentry.com>

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

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](#).

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.