



# SAC COUNTY

## CLOVER CONNECTION APRIL 2023

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

May 4 @ 9:00  
2nd grade Ag Safety  
Day

May 6 @ 9:00 Sheep  
& Goat Weigh-In

May 15 @ 9:00 4th  
grade Ag Safety Day

May 15—Livestock ID  
Deadline

## Sheep & Goat Weigh-In - May 6

Sheep and Goat weigh-ins will be held Saturday, May 6 from 9:00-11:00AM at the Sac County Fairgrounds. . All market lambs and commercial ewes to be shown at the 2023 Sac County Fair and/or Clay County Fair must be weighed-in at the Sac County Fairgrounds. The sheep and meat goats showing at the Iowa State Fair will need to have their Retinal Image taken. If you have any questions call the Sac County Extension Office 712/662-7131.

**Cost:** County Only - no cost

Retinal Images - \$5

## Swine ID Information

**County Fair Swine**—Families must come in to the Extension Office and pick up the free tags and a tagger. The 4-H'er returns home, tags each pig by **May 15th**. The 4-H'er then returns tagger to the Extension Office and then 4-H'er inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under "Swine (not weighed in)" animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) by **May 15th**.

**State Fair Swine** — Families must come in to the Extension Office and pick up \$8 DNA tags, a tagger, and a DNA envelope (one envelope per 4-H member). Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair. The 4-H'er returns home, tags each pig, puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs, writes down tag numbers on the front of the DNA envelope, signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns the tagger and DNA envelopes to the Extension Office by **May 15th**. The 4-H'er then inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under "Swine (not weighed in)" animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) by **May 15th**.



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## Congrats to our Seniors!!

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. The Class of 2023 includes **Grant Movall, Ben Pickhinke, Mason Wolf, Callie Ferneding, Sydney Hurd, Beth Mentzer, Grace Naberhaus, Krista Sibenaller, Kyler Wunschel, Ben Carico, Weston Drost, Emily Ludwig** and **Tristin Ludwig**.

Congratulations and good luck in the future!

## Sac County 4-H'ers Receive State Project Awards

Congratulations to Mazee Henningson, Mya Henningson, and Nora Pickhinke for being selected for Iowa 4-H State Project Awards. Mazee has been recognized for Civic Engagement. Mya and Nora were both recognized for Sewing and Needle Arts. These 4-H'ers have demonstrated mastery, leadership, communication and service in their specific project areas throughout their 4-H career. Winners will receive an Iowa 4-H Foundation cash award of \$125 with the support of project area award sponsors Glen and Mary Jo Mente. Congratulations Mazee, Mya, and Nora!

## Sac County 4-H'er Representing Sac County on State 4-H Council

Congratulations to Nora Pickhinke for being chosen as a member of the 2023-24 State 4-H Council. As a member of the Council, Nora will represent Sac County 4-H and assist in planning the annual Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held in June 2024. Thank you for representing Sac County!

## 2023 Sac County Fair

Mark your calendars for the Sac County Fair, July 25-29. Exhibit Hall judging will be Monday, July 25th. Keep watching the upcoming newsletters for exhibit information, schedules and tips. We hope you are excited to make the 2023 Sac County Fair the best one yet!

### 2023 Challenges:

**Recipe:** Watermelon Cookie

**Photography:** Landmarks of Sac County

**Bucket of Junk:** Spy your Potential

## 2023 Hall of Fame Nominations

The time has come to start thinking about county nominees for the [2023 Hall of Fame](#). It's a great way to recognize volunteers and staff who have exhibited outstanding service to the 4-H program. **The deadline to submit names, accompanying biographies, contact information, and photos to the Extension Office is May 25th.** Please discuss this in your 4-H club and let Lora know of ideas you may have for nominations!

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# Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Below are steps to help you get your YQCA training or testing for those that are showing livestock at the fair—beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit and goats.

\* Youth Age January 1st of the Current Year

8-11 year olds—must complete training (Junior)

12-14 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Intermediate)

15-18 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Senior)

19-21 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Young Adult)

**\*\*\*Contact Lora to get your coupon code before taking the training. If you are testing out you will need to have 3 coupon codes so let me know if you are testing or training.**

Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. If you completed your YQCA training after March 2022, enter in your username and password. If you have not already created a YQCA account, select “Register New Account”. Complete the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger and use their own e-mail. To validate your registration, you will need to access an e-mail sent to you. Children can be added to accounts as needed. Make sure that you complete the data sharing consent, so that YQCA will be able to share your certification with the State 4-H Office. A registration and course help sheet is available on the [Iowa 4-H YQCA website](#).

Once registered, go to the Home page and select a course. You can add multiple courses to your cart and multiple licenses of one training. Click “Proceed to Buy”. Enter the coupon codes provided. After purchasing you will see a list of courses purchased. Return to the Home Page and select “Take Course”. Select the user (child) that will be taking the course. Complete the course.

**NOTE — if you are 13 years old as of January 1, 2023 you CANNOT test out you must take the training, only those that are 12, 15 and 19 as of January 1, 2023 have the test out option.**

You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification. Select a knowledge builder and skills lab to gain knowledge and test your skill. Your status will show throughout to track your progress.

Return to course menu screen to print certification after all quizzes have been passed. You can download as a PDF to save locally and this is also the time to email the certificate to Lora Wright via screen shot to 712/660-0129 or email [ldwright@iastate.edu](mailto:ldwright@iastate.edu). **Please complete this no later than June 1.**

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# State Fair Changes for 2023

## Static Rule Updates

- **Photography** - All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. **Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼” thick.**
- **Photography** - A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series should not exceed 6”x8”.
- **Child Development** – An exhibit that shows learning about children. Exhibits that include items intended for use with children (books, toys, learning games, babysitting kits, etc.) should include information about what you have learned 1) about children while creating and using the exhibit or 2) what the child(ren) learned from use of the item(s) in the exhibit. Exhibit examples include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, safety and health, etc.

**Food and Nutrition: Prepared Product** – An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. *See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. **Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.***

- **Home Improvement** - Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to **original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).**
- **4-H Poster Communication Exhibit – The themes for 2023 are:**
  - ✦ 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H members interpretation)
  - ✦ Join 4-H
  - ✦ Opportunity4All (2022 National 4-H Week theme)
  - ✦ Spy Your Potential (2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
  - ✦ Best Days Ever (in 4-H) (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)

## Bucket of Junk

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## 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

**Early Achievers 4-H Club is challenging each club to give \$10/member.**

It's that time of year where the State 4-H Council invites 4-H'ers from across the state to get involved in the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign! **Their goal this year is to raise \$27,000 and we need your help to make the campaign a success!**

Again this year, counties who participate in the campaign will be eligible to apply for a mini-grant thanks to funding from Growmark. Top counties will be recognized at the 2023 Iowa State Fair!

### What is 4-H'ers for 4-H???

For almost 40 years, the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign is a youth driven campaign to raise funds for the 4-H Program. 4-H'ers are challenged to contribute \$4/member—funds support:

- 4-H Enrollment Fee Financial Aid
- Financial aid for camps, conferences and other programs

Support statewide leadership opportunities like State 4-H Conference and State Council

Funds need to be turned in to the Sac County Extension Office by **June 15th!**

## Pop Tabs for Jacy

The State 4-H Council is carrying Jacy McAlexander's legacy through their 6th annual "Pop Tabs for Jacy" initiative. The State Council aims to collect 1,000 lbs. (10 pounds from each county.) The top 5 counties to collect the most poundage by June 1st will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Pop tabs can be dropped off at the office.

## Foods for Iowa Fairs

The link below will help you plan ahead for a successful fair experience. Use these guidelines to help select an acceptable product for exhibit, find an approved recipe source, and identify the appropriate preparation method. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>

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# State Opportunities

## Animal Science Roundup

Animal Science Round-Up will be held in conjunction with Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Youth in grades 8-12 that have an interest in cattle, dogs, horses, poultry, sheep, or swine are encouraged to attend. Youth will learn about health, nutrition, behavior, genetics, and reproduction. Each animal project area is limited to the first 20 who register via 4HOnline.

New this year: youth do not need to apply or be approved! More information is available on the [Animal Science Roundup webpage](#).

## Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Registration is OPEN for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! Join the State 4-H Council at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, "Spy Your Potential" taking place in Ames on the campus of Iowa State University, June 27-29!

This conference is planned BY youth FOR youth in grades 8th-12th - open to all youth (not just 4-H members)! Prepare to investigate your interests and passions at the conference in the form of educational workshops, keynote sessions, service-learning, new friends, and more! Registration deadline is June 1, 2023 in 4HOnline.

Check the website for more details such as conference agenda, workshops, financial aid options, and more. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>.

## Virtual Home Improvement Workshop

Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to register for 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 can register for this workshop in the Events tab in 4HOnline.

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# Identifying Animals in 4-HOnline

All livestock/small animals need to be identified in 4-HOnline by May 15th! Remember to ID as many livestock as you would like just in case something happens to one you were planning on taking to fair. If the animal is not identified, you CANNOT take it to fair. Contact Lora at the office if you have any questions! A great resource to complete this process is the **Animal ID 4hOnline Helpsheet**. It can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id>



## SPECIES ID REQUIREMENTS

\* Dairy, Feeder Calves, Bottle Bucket Calf entries must be identified in 4-HOnline ID by May 15—**this includes Feeder Calves you plan to show at Ida and/or Clay County**

\* Breeding Heifers must have a tattoo and second form of identification entered in 4-HOnline. If no registration number is entered by May 15th, the heifer will only be allowed to show as a crossbred



\* Swine 4-HOnline ID required by May 15th

\* All swine must be tagged with official 4-H ear tags. Office has State Fair tags available.



\* Swine must be weighed in at county weigh-in at the fairgrounds (July 19th)

\* Sheep 4-HOnline ID required by May 15. Families enter information from weigh-in.

\* Market lambs & "Pen of 3" lambs must be weighed-in and tagged at county weigh-in



\* State Fair lambs will need to have Retinal Images taken

\* 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 for Meat Goats and Dairy Goats

\* All meat goats must be weighed-in and tagged at county weigh-in



\* Breeding goats need to be tagged and entered into 4-HOnline by May 15th

\* 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 for Horses

\* Make sure you re-active your horse in 4-HOnline for the 2023 year

\* You need to upload 4 photos of each horse (front view, back view, left side and right side)



\* A horse lease agreement must be uploaded each year into 4-HOnline by May 15 if not owned by exhibitor

\* 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 for Dogs



\* Dogs must have rabies certificate uploaded into 4-HOnline by May 15th

\* Rabbits must have ID in 4-HOnline by June 1st and permanent tattoo in the left ear

\* Poultry must have ID in 4HOnline by June 1st



\* Pets must have ID in 4HOnline by May 15th

All animals must be submitted no later than May 15th at 11:59PM unless stated otherwise above. At midnight the program will shut down and the only animals you will be able to add after that are rabbits and poultry. County rabbits can be added until June 1st after that, they will only be eligible for State Fair.

Make sure that any animal you plan to exhibit is on the list before you close out of 4-HOnline!

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## Bucket of Junk Contest Rules

1. **Registration for the Bucket of Junk Project will run from April 21– May 31, 2023**
2. Registered participants will be notified of the Bucket of Junk pick-up date and location.
3. There will be a limit of 1 bucket per 4-H family.
4. Each participant will receive 5 steel pieces that are uniform among all participants.
5. 75% of the items in the bucket of junk must be used to make the sculpture. No extra pieces may be added to the sculpture.
6. All items of junk may be cleaned, sanded, welded, cut, bolted, fastened, bent, shaped, or finished in any manner the sculptor desires.
7. The sculpture may be welded by a parent. If a parent welds the sculpture the project will be judged as a Visual Arts project (Class 10304).
8. If the 4-H'er welds the sculpture the project may be judged as Science, Engineering and Technology (Welding - Class 10601) and Visual Arts (Class 10304).
9. If you choose to enter the sculpture as a project, don't forget to fill out a goal card.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Sac County Extension and the providers of the junk are not responsible for any accidents.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, assume all responsibility for the Bucket of Junk project when ISU Extension and Outreach, Sac County releases the Bucket of Junk to my possession.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (must be over 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## 4-H Club Meeting Dates

### Early Achievers

May 7 @ 4:00 PM

### Innovative Pioneers:

May 25

### Jacksons:

May 21 @ 5:00 PM

### Nemaha 4-H:

### OA Richland Robins:

May 14 @ 4:00 PM

### Sac Green Team

May 7 @ 1:00 PM

### Schaller Shamrocks:

May 7 @ 4:00 PM

### Wall Lake Bandits/VV

May 3 @ 4:00 PM