

Wapello County 4-H News

JUNE 2025

4-H F.AMILY U.PDATE & N.EWS

SAVE THE DATE



2025

**Wapello
County Expo
Dates:**

July 12-19

WOW!! Our 4-H Expo is just over a month away, and excitement is building! Get ready to showcase your hard work, connect with others, and celebrate all that you've accomplished this year.



**Wapello
County
EXPO**

SAVE LETTER

The Wapello County "save" letter will be arriving in your mailbox soon! Please watch for this letter and read through it thoroughly for lots of great information for our upcoming Expo week!



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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

County Council Meeting

Tuesday
June 3
5:00 PM



Wednesday,
September 17
5:30 PM

4-H Foundation Meeting

Expo Board Meeting

Thursday,
June 19
6:30 PM



Monday
June 30
6:30 PM

Extension Council Meeting



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following 4-H members and volunteers for the month of June!

4-H Members:

Erin Eister—6/1
Yaneri Merida-Alvarez—6/4
Hayden Lindberg—6/4
Jaxon McDaniel—6-5
Sophia Moreno—6/6
Jeremiah Fry—6/7
Kenneth Lee—6/7
Liam Burns—6/7
Emaleeya Johnstone—6/8
Khloe Conder—6/8
Crystal Leyva—6/10
Natalie Wilson—6/10
Bodey Paulus—6/10

Celine Alameddine—6/13
Camden Kuehn—6/13
Catherine Gregory—6/13
Lincoln Wilkinson—6/13
Carly Nicholson—6/14
Josiah Palmer—6/14
Corbin Burgess—6/15
Audrey Crawford—6/15
Brigham Reed—6/15
Jordan Crawford—6/15
Asher Van Wyk—6/18
Leandro Borrego—6/18
Koy Appel—6/20
Briella Johnstone—6/20

Sadie Floden—6/21
Lylah Crist—6/24
Caleb Johnson—6/25
Claire Ortell—6/26
Macie Letts—6/26
Walker Teach—6/26
Dempsey Marts—6/27
Jovie Marts—6/27
Braelyn Childs—6/237
Benjamin Clark—6/27
Schelyce Hilbert—6/27
Linkin Mull—6/29
Locklyn Williams—6/29
Henry Hornback—6/30

Volunteers:

Darcy Hanna-McDaniel—6/13
Ginny Kjer—6/19

Kevin McDaniel—6/21

Club Fundraisers If your club is doing a fundraiser, it is important that a fundraiser request form is submitted to the Extension Office. This includes ALL fundraisers, even those that don't require additional insurance and/or vendor insurance. A Fundraiser request form is very important and must be turned in for proper coverage, should something happen.



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4-H Horse Project

To show at Expo and/or State Fair 4-H

Junior members need to attend 3 educational events.

This must be (1 must be one project meeting, one clinic, and one event of their choosing). If they attend an educational event that is not hosted by Wapello County Horse Committee they must get approval to include this as one of their required events.

Horse Committee/Horse Project 2025

June 8, 2025 Barrels and Poles

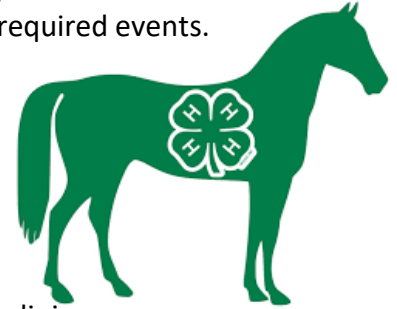
6:00 pm—Wapello County Expo Grounds

June 22, 2025 Achievement Show/Hooves and Hats June Meeting

Start time to be determined.

This will be a fun show for practice and can be used as a horse clinic

July 15, 2025 is the Wapello County 4H Expo Show



DOG PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Reach out to Melissa at pawsibilitiesottumwa@gmail.com for more information.

Just a reminder that this will be our first week of Saturday practices instead of Sunday! I'll have print outs of the show class requirements, but have also attached it to this email for further reference. If you aren't sure which class your student is in, just ask! Several have the option of staying in last year's class or moving up and I'll be talking with these students about what they'd prefer.

We have just a few practice opportunities left! Don't forget that all students must attend at least 4 obedience practices this year in order to show. If our schedule changes cause an issue with that, please let me know. We are also going to be adding some additional agility practice days closer to Expo, but these will not count towards the required four.

Also, **we are looking for sponsors for 14 show classes.** Can you or a business you know help? The cost for sponsorship is \$30 per class and helps us purchase prizes to honor the hard work our students have put in this year.

Tuesdays at 6PM with Eric (all levels together):

- June 3rd
- June 10th
- June 17th
- June 24th



Saturdays with Melissa:

3:00PM: Clovers & 1st years

3:40PM: 2nd & 3rd years (on leash)

4:20PM: 3+ Years (off leash)

Meeting on the following dates:

June 7th

Showmanship Practice - June 21st

June 28th

2025 IOWA STATE FAIR RULE CHANGE

The following rule changes will impact all livestock exhibited at the State Fair, but primarily those who enter the IFAA Sale of Champions. Livestock General Rules & Regulations - While on the Iowa State Fairgrounds genetic material cannot be taken from exhibited animals except if needed for official animal verification purposes by the Iowa State Fair or breed organization. 4-H Beef Cattle, Market Heifer - Ovaries and oocytes will not be allowed to be collected from the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifers. Exhibitors may still collect genetic material from their animal, but it will need to have been collected BEFORE coming to

**4-H'ERS ARE
THE BEST
4-H DADS
MAKE THEM
BETTER**
Happy Father's Day



2025 Themed Expo T-shirt Order

Don't miss out on the 2025 Expo Themed T-shirt! Store is open now until June 24th.

Click on this link or scan the QR Code to get to the store: <https://go.iastate.edu/>

Youth and Adult options—Soft Tee = \$14.00 and Regular Tees \$11.00

Multiple color options—**REMINDER:** If you plan to show in this t-shirt, you **MUST** wear the **GREEN, GREY, or BLACK.** The other colors are for fun and extra activities only, NOT for showing in.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Cindy at the Extension Office at 641-682-5491.



2025 EXPO HELP WANTED FORM

We need both youth and adult volunteers to help make this 2025 Expo a success! Click the link or scan the QR code below to sign up for a volunteer spot—including your required one-hour cleaning shift or other areas where extra help is needed.

<https://go.iastate.edu/U89BJG>



Wapello County 4-H County Wide Achievement Show



Monday, June 30th at 5:00 pm

Please RSVP by June 26th

by calling

**Cindy at 641-682-5491 or
cemery@iastate.edu**



SAVE THE DATES—2025!

Wapello County 4-H Expo—July 12 to 19
Iowa State Fair—August 7 to 17

2025 4-H 202

Iowa 4-H - Animal Identification, Weighing, and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows. This publication has two purposes: (1) to summarize regulations relating to exhibiting animals at 4-H shows, and (2) to provide additional suggestions for staff members and county program committees as they plan 4-H shows. It is the expectation that all 4-H shows will comply with the regulations in this publication. Shows may have rules that are more restrictive but not less restrictive than state rules. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>



Royalty Applications

Wapello County Royalty applications are opening April 1st.
Applications can be found on our website and must be completed electronically
by 4:30 pm June 6th.

* Link for Lil Miss & Mr. and Duke & Duchess

<https://go.iastate.edu/C6WHNB>



* Link for Prince & Princess and King & Queen

<https://go.iastate.edu/CSXCE3>



If you have any questions, please contact one of our committee members:

Nikki Witt, Natalie Kopsieker, or Kayla Emery



When referring to 4-H in writing form, please remember that 4-H must always have the hyphen in between the 4 and the H. Also, another great tip is 4-H must be on the same line, not the 4- on one line and the H on another. 4-H is © copyright and it must be used in this manner.

Use of ISU Trademark

Are you planning to use an Iowa State trademark in your 4-H project for the county or state fair? Here's how you get permission to show your project! Iowa State's trademarks are very popular, and students will often want to use them in 4-H projects for their county fair. In order for the fair to show and judge your work, they require a letter of permission from ISU. Fill out the form located at <https://trademark.iastate.edu/4-h-request>. Allow 3-5 business days for a response, in which an electronic version of the letter will be sent to your email. If you'd rather have a paper copy you may request. It is important that this letter of permission be shared with the judge and be placed with your exhibit to be displayed.

Exploring Design Elements and Art Principles

Being able to identify the design elements and art principles is important to know when filling out the Exhibit Explanation Sheet for county fair in the areas of Visual Art, Sewing and Clothing and Home Improvement. This publication can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/464>

Exhibit Explanation Help Sheets

Are you struggling on how to complete "Exhibit" sheets that are required for all static exhibits? If you answer yes, please check out the following resources available from the Extension Store. Both have wonderful tips and tricks. "Preparing Youth for the Fair" <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16154> "Tips for Writing 4-H Exhibit Goals" <https://go.iastate.edu/KYBGB3> Exhibit sheets can be typed and is highly suggested if your project is selected to go to the State Fair.

**"Keep an eye on your email and our Facebook page—
MORE information will be coming!"**



Awardrobe Event Participant

Wapello County Clothing event—Will be held during static project judging on Monday, July 14th. Registration will open June 1st. Registration deadline is July 8th. Click on the link or QR code below for your age group and register for your judging time.

This includes:

Clothing Selection
\$20 Challenge
Fashion Revue
Innovative Design

Clover Kids / Juniors (K - 6)

<https://go.iastate.edu/AYQMML>



Intermediates / Seniors (7—12)

<https://go.iastate.edu/GNH3BN>



Fashion Revue: Fashion Revue is for clothing project area members who will model an outfit of one to three pieces that they have constructed, hand-knitted, machineknitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.

\$20 Challenge: The \$20 Challenge is for 4-H members to model an outfit purchased for \$20 or less from resale venues such as garage sales, consignment, or thrift stores, etc., that represents an intended use for the selected outfit. The participant should have had individual or group experiences: choosing shopping alternatives; evaluating fit, quality, and construction features; and comparing prices. A receipt is required.

Clothing Selection: Clothing Selection is for selected or purchased outfits that represent the 4-H member's goal or intended use based on individual or group experiences: choosing shopping alternatives; evaluating fit, quality, and construction features; and comparing prices.

Innovative Design: The innovative design class encourages creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials. The garment(s) may be modeled by the exhibitor or the individual it was designed for.



Communications

The Wapello County Communication Event will be held on Saturday, June 28th from 8am to 4pm. Registration deadline is Friday, June 20th. Click on the link or QR code below to register for your judging time.

<https://go.iastate.edu/OH6DQ6>



All paperwork for Clothing and Communications can be found on the Extension Website at:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wapello/county-expo>

Please see 2025 Expo Rule Book for current rules and regulations.

Competition Projects for Expo

*** Bucket of Junk **Contact Cindy if you are interested in registering for any or all of these projects.**

Your goal is to design an art piece using scraps of metal , your welding ability, and using your creativity. These can be judged as a project and you must complete the general 4-H paperwork. You must contact Cindy to register for a buckets. 1 bucket per team or person. These designs will be auctioned off at the end of Expo. Please let Cindy know by May 15th if you wish to receive a bucket.

*** Bucket of Flowers

The goal is to create a container of flowers to be displayed during Expo to enhance the appearance of the building. These can be judged as a project and you must complete the general 4-H paperwork. You must sign up to participate. Each person may only enter 1 container as a project, but may create as many as you'd like. These will be auctioned off at the end of Expo.

*** Recycled Wooden Chair

The goal is to take an old wooden chair and create a recycled project or projects out of this 1 chair. There are only a couple chairs available. You must sign up to participate. Each person is only allowed 1 chair. Chairs will be available to pick up May 15th. This can be entered as a project in the upcycle project category, you must complete the general 4-H paperwork.

*** Recycled STEM Challenge

Your goal is to create a 3D life-sized plant (example: Corn Stalk or sunflower) out of recycled products. These can be judged as a project. You must sign up to participate. These can be judged as a project and you must complete the general 4-H paperwork. These designs can be auctioned off at the end of Expo or put on display at the Extension Office.



Tallest Bucket-grown Corn or Sunflower Contest

**Bring your tallest bucket-grown corn or sunflower to the
Wapello County Expo on Monday, July 14th for judging!**

Contest Guidelines:

- This is a local contest only; winners will not advance to the Iowa State Fair.
- One bucket per participant. Each bucket may contain only one corn or sunflower plant.
- The plant must be alive at the time of judging.
- Height will be measured from the top rim of the bucket to the top of the plant.
- Record sheet of information showing dates planted, height growth, care notes, etc.

Awards & Prizes:

- Tallest Plant
- Healthiest Plant
- Best Records of Growth
- Best Decorated Bucket

Get growing and show off your green thumb!

Growth Record can be found on the Wapello County Extension Page:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wapello/county-expo>

Friday, July 11, 2025

ROYALTY INTERVIEWS

(Exhibitors & Parents Only)

4:00 PM—LiLi Mr & Miss Clovers

4:00 PM—Duke and Duchess

4:00 PM—Prince and Princess

King and Queen

Saturday, July 12, 2025

7:00 AM—Breakfast French Toast

BY: Lucky Clovers

8:00 AM—Dog Obedience

Dog Agility - Immediately following dog obedience

11:00 AM—Lunch: Hotdog Meal

By Hotshots 4-H Club

1:00 PM—Cookie Contest

4:00 PM—Pet and Cat Show

5:00 PM—Pizza by the slice - By 4-H Foundation

5:00 PM—Family Trivia - By 4-H Foundation

2025 GRADUATES

5:45 PM—Graduates Line Up

6:00 PM—Graduation Ceremony

3rd Grade Clover Kids

Senior Graduates & Awards

Ice cream social

7:00 PM—Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, July 13, 2025

1:00 PM—Set-Up

4:00 PM—Royalty Pageant

National Anthem

Awards

Hall of Fame

Pie and Dessert Auction

Pageant

Monday, July 14, 2025

STATIC PROJECT JUDGING

(Exhibitors & Parents Only)

8:00 AM—Static Project Judging

Clover Kid Judging

8:00 AM—Clothing Judging

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7:00 AM—Breakfast and Lunch

(Served By Ottumwa Saddle Club Chuckwagon Ladies)

8:00 AM—HORSE SHOW

Riding arena

5:00 PM—Walking Tacos

By: Lucky Clovers

ANIMAL CHECK-IN

4:00—6:00 PM Sheep & Goat

4:00—7:00 PM Rabbit & Poultry

6:00—8:00 PM Beef

8:00—9:00 PM Swine



GROWS HERE



To everyone who generously gave time and money to make the 2025 Wapello County Expo a huge Success!!



Interested in Joining 4-H?

Contact: Cindy Emery at 641.682.5491 or cemery@iastate.edu and ask how to get started in 4-H!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.

5/27/25

Wapello County Expo

July 12-19, 2025



Free Admission ~ Free Activities!

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Fun activities everyday...

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

~Kid's Day~

7:00 AM—Breakfast: Breakfast
Pizza & Cinnamon Rolls
Pleasant U&I Sodbusters 4-H Club

8:00 AM—RABBIT SHOW
By Ottumwa Library

9:00 AM—STEM Activities (Dining Hall)
By John Deere Ottumwa Works

9:00 AM—Outdoor games (out back)
By Ottumwa Library

9:00 AM—Kids Bounce House
(Outside—back) \$5 wrist bands
Lazer Tag (Dining Hall 1st floor) \$5

10:00 AM—Healthy Snack (Conf Rm) By Fareway
10:00 AM - Salsa Making by United Way
10:30 AM—Pico balloon Launch

11:00a-1:00p—Cotton Candy by City Slickers Club
11:00a-1:00p—**Tie-Dye T-shirts by Hotshots Club
**Must Pre-Register

11:00 AM—\$1 Hotdog meal by C1st
Dollar Dog & Train Rides

12:30 -7:00 PM—Sno Cones, Strawberry Shortcake,
Pickles, Popcorn, Root beer floats—by Lucky Clovers

1:00 PM—Sheltered Reality
—GYM

2:30 PM—Livestock Judging Contest
3:00 PM—**Paint & Canvas \$5
(Craft Room)

4:00 PM—Stuffed Animal Show—Gym
5:00 PM—Chicken Sandwich Meal
Served by Ottumwa Noon Lyons Club

5:30 PM—Bake-a-licious Contest
6:00 PM—MUTTON BUSTING
MECHANICAL Bull Riding
LOCATION: Horse Arena

8:00 PM—Music in the Barn w/Karaoke
With DJ Witt



5/27/25

Thursday, July 17, 2025

~Barnyard Bash Day~

7:00 AM—Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy
Hooves & Hats 4-H Club

9:00 AM—SHEEP AND
GOAT SHOW
White/Green barn—arena

10:00 AM—Healthy Snack (Conf Rm) By Fareway
11:00 AM—Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal
City Slickers 4-H Club

12:30 -7:00 PM—Sno Cones, Strawberry Shortcake,
Pickles, Popcorn, Root beer floats—by Lucky Clovers

2:30 PM—Fashion Show—Gym
3:00 PM—Communications Awards—Gym
3:30 PM—Barnyard Olympics

3:30 PM—Pie Contest

5:00 PM—Barrel Races—Horse Arena

5:00 PM—Pork Burger Meal Sponsored by



6:00 PM—SWINE SHOW
White/Green barn—arena

8:00 PM—**Lip Sync Battle
(Gym)

AT DARK—Movie
Outside—back of Main Building
**Must Register, space is limited!

Growing Together Garden Tours
Available throughout the week
Check out the schedule on the gate

4-H Foundation—Silent Auction

Runs Wednesday 16th—5:00 PM Saturday 19th

Friday, July 18, 2025

~Feathers & Festivities Day~

7:00 AM—Breakfast: Burritos
Ottumwa Ag Boosters proceeds go to the Ottumwa FFA

8:00 AM—POULTRY SHOW
Brown barn—small arena

10:00 AM—Healthy Snack (Conf Rm) By Fareway

11:00 AM—Burgers-Hotdogs-Chicken Legs
Pleasant U&I 4-H Club

12:00 PM—Deviled Egg Contest

12:30 -5:00 PM—Sno Cones, Strawberry Shortcake,
Pickles, Popcorn, Root beer floats—by Lucky Clovers

1:30 PM—Open Showmanship Show
Sponsored by Ottumwa FFA

2:00 PM—**Paint & Canvas \$5

4:00 PM—Bill Riley Talent Show—Gym

4:00 PM—Goat Yoga—Show Arena

EVENTS SPONSORED BY:
FARM BUREAU

5:00 PM—Food Truck night
6:00 to 10:00 PM—Live Band

Jennifer Lynn Handling
and Revolution Band



6:45 PM—Kids Tractor Pull—Gym
7:00 PM—Monster arm wrestling
(weigh-in starts at 6:00 pm)

UGLY CAKE CONTEST
Drop off by 8:30 on Wednesday, July 16th
Judges and Peoples choice awards

Frozen Lemonades
10:00 am to 7:00 pm Daily
BY: Pleasant U&I Sodbusters 4-H Club



Saturday, July 19, 2025

~Blue Ribbon Day at the Expo~

7:00 AM—Pancake Breakfast
Hotshots 4-H Club

9:00 AM—BEEF SHOW
White/Green barn—arena

Cow Pie Bingo—following the Beef show—Ottumwa FFA

10:00 AM—Healthy Snack (Conf Rm) By Fareway

11:00 AM—Sweet Corn Feed
1:00 PM—Ribbon Auction

2:00 PM—Celebrity Open Show
12:30 -7:30 PM—Sno Cones, Strawberry Shortcake,
Pickles, Popcorn, Root beer floats—by Lucky Clovers

4:00 PM—**Water Olympics

5:00 PM—Ribeye Steak Sandwich Meal

5:30 PM—Watermelon Feed

7:00 PM—Parade of Champions

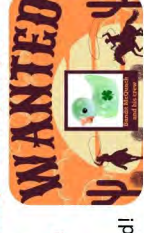
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Daily Schedules Subject to Change

Chuck—A—Critter
Wapello County Youth Council
Available at all Animal shows
Cost is \$1 per throw.

Catch a Quacker
(Wed—Fri) Sponsored by:
Wapello County Youth Council

Catch a Quacker (duck) ~ Claim your prize
See flyer at the
grounds for more
information



Prizes will be awarded!

STATIC PROJECT JUDGING

8:00 AM—Lucky Clovers

9:00 AM—Hotshots

9:30 AM—Horace Mann Clover Kids

10:00 AM—Fahrney Clover Kids
& Fahrney 4-H Club

10:30 AM—Cardinal Clover Kids
& Cardinal Clover Crew

11:00 AM—Hooves & Hats
FFA Members

11:30 AM—Ottumwa Christian Clover Kids
& Seton Clover Kids

12:00 PM—Eisenhower Clover Kids

12:30 PM—City Slickers

1:00 PM—Pleasant U&I Sodbusters

1:30 PM—Douma Clover Kids &
Pickwick Clover Kids

2:00 PM—Independent members



2025 YQCA TRAINING

All 4th-12th grade beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to be YQCA certified to exhibit at the Wapello County Expo and/or the Iowa State Fair. YQCA certification is due July 1st, 2025. To be certified youth must have completed an in-person or online training. Once completed, please send a copy of your certificate to Cindy at cemery@iastate.edu. If you still need to complete it—you can get your YQCA certification online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2025

Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey! 🤠 ⭐ We're thrilled to unveil the theme for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2025: **"Lasso Your Legacy!"** 🍀

Save the dates – June 24-26, 2025 – as we invite you to join us at Iowa State University for an adventure like no other.

Registration opens April 1, 2025, through 4-H Online. This is a chance to develop new skills and create a lasting legacy. Whether you're roping in leadership skills, discovering new passions, or building pathways to success, this conference is your stage to build a lasting legacy!

Stay tuned for more details, exciting updates, and the chance to be part of this incredible youth experience. We can't wait to see you in June!

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>



Help us keep our Community Garden growing strong this summer! We're looking for volunteers to sign up for a few watering shifts. It's a simple way to pitch in and make a big difference.

Click the link or scan the QR code to choose a timeslot that works for you. [Food Pantry Garden @ Wapello County Expo Grounds](#)



Thank you for helping our garden thrive!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in anyway with the Gold Buckle Judging Contest! We continue to have more contestants each year, thanks to the help of many 4-Her's, FFA Members, their families, and many volunteers!



Allison Angle

Calling All 4-H Alumni!

We'd love to see your 4-H memories! Whether it's a photo from your first fair, a project you were proud of, or a snapshot of you in your green and white, we want to celebrate your 4-H journey at Expo 2025.

Please send us your favorite 4-H alumni photos! You can email them to Cindy at cemery@iastate.edu or feel free to drop off at the office or mail to Cindy's attention at Wapello County Extension, 13011 120th Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501. Let's take a trip down memory lane together and showcase the impact of 4-H through the years!

Hey 4-H friends! Whether you've raised champion livestock, mastered the art of sewing, nailed that perfect science project, or made lifelong friends at camp, **we want to hear YOUR 4-H story!**

Share a memory ... Tell us how 4-H has made an impact on your life.

It's easy to share: **Scan the QR code** to tell us your story, or comment below with your favorite 4-H moments!

Your story might inspire someone to start their own 4-H adventure. Let's celebrate the amazing community and experiences that 4-H brings into our lives.



Pop Tabs for Jacy

Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council member with a big heart who was passionate about helping others. He lost his battle with cancer, but you can help others during their fight. Pull your tabs and help the 2022-23 State 4-H Council collect as many tabs as they can. The tabs will help the Ronald McDonald House serve families in need. If you have pop tabs, please bring them to the Wapello County Extension Office - Let's help make a difference!

*** Donations Needed ***

- ♦ We are also collecting clean & dry gallon milk jugs for a FUN project for this year's expo! We will need approximate 350 jugs for this project. You can drop them off at the office during work hours, or If you need them picked up let us know!



Silent Auction

Silent Auction Items

For 2025 Wapello County Expo

Wapello County 4-H Foundation is asking clubs to donate items for the silent auction to be held during the Wapello County Expo. Proceeds from the auction help to support our senior members with scholarships. Please let Cindy know if your club is able to help support.

GOAT YOGA

By Hooves & Hats 4-H Club

Coming to the
Wapello County Expo
Friday July 18th

Save the date!!!!



4-H & FFA EXHIBITOR APPAREL REMINDER All 4-H and FFA members and Clover Kids exhibiting at the Expo are required to wear appropriate attire while exhibiting. This should consist of an approved 4-H/FFA t-shirt, or a white blouse/dress shirt, and dark slacks or jeans. **NO SHORTS ARE ALLOWED WHEN EXHIBITING IN ANY DEPARTMENT.** Animal exhibitors are required to wear close-toed, hard-soled shoes. 4-H exhibitors may wear a white, gray, 4-H green, or black T-shirt with the 4-H emblem on it. FFA members must wear an appropriate t-shirt with the approved FFA emblem on it. You will not be allowed to exhibit if you are not dressed appropriately. This rule includes Family and Consumer Science/Science and Engineering exhibitors, livestock exhibitors, and pet exhibitors. Horse show attire is listed in the Horse Division. ****Royalty sashes, crowns, tiaras, medals, or any type of hat are not allowed to be worn during any exhibit judging**

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Clinic

Cory White Rabbit Instructor

Need help learning what Rabbit Showmanship is all about?

Let us help!

The Wapello County 4-H is hosting a clinic to help 4-H'ers prepare for how to succeed in this project area.

- How to properly hold your rabbit
- How to properly pose your rabbit by breed.
- Handling safety
- How to prepare for the judge's questions.
- Overall Presentation
- All ages welcome - Youth 12 & Under must be accompanied by an adult.



****Participants are welcome to bring one of their own rabbits for hands-on practice during the workshop. Please bring your rabbit in a secure carrier and have water available. Please be sure your rabbit is healthy and accustomed to handling.**

RSVP BY 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH



Sunday, 22 June
2:00-3:00 PM



Wapello Expo Grounds
13011 120th Ave,
Ottumwa, IA 52501



Call Us
641-682-5491

Email Cindy Emery at:
cemery@iastate.edu

Pico Weather Balloon Workshop!



Join us every Wednesday from June 11th to July 2nd to build a functional Pico Weather Balloon! In this workshop, we'll guide you through every step of the process—from assembling solar panels and wiring the circuitry to understanding how the balloon functions and collects data.

We'll wrap up the workshop by launching the balloon at the Wapello County Expo, where you'll get to see the live data it sends back!

To register: Contact the Extension Office—Spots are Limited! 641-682-5491



Duration: 4 Nights.

Dates: June 11th, 18th, 25th, July 2nd

Time: 5:00PM-7:00PM

Admission: Free

Spots Available: 8



13011 120th Ave. Ottumwa, IA 52501

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to invite your business to participate in the upcoming Wapello County Expo on July 19th, 2025. We are reaching out for support through donations or participation in our *Celebrity Show* at 2:00 PM.

We would love to have someone come out and represent your business. For a \$100.00 donation you will be entered in the competition of the summer! You are welcome to dress up in your business merchandise or choose a fun costume for the show! This is a fun way to add personality to your participation and showcase your business in a creative way. You can choose to "show" a sheep, goat, pig, cow, poultry, or rabbit at the event. You will be paired up with a Wapello County 4-H or FFA Member. They will be your assistant in the ring as you "show" the animal and be briefly interviewed. This is a wonderful way to be involved and support the agricultural spirit of our community.

Alternatively, if you are unable to participate directly, your business can still contribute the \$100, and we will find a local celebrity to fill the spot on your behalf. It's a great way to show your support and be involved in the event without needing to participate in person.

Your donation and participation will help ensure the success of the event and bring the community together for a memorable experience. The show is limited to 30 participants. Half of the donations collected will go to the Wapello County Expo Board for continued improvements. The other half will come back to the winner's charity of choice. The winner will choose a local non-profit of their choice to donate the money to.

For more information or if you would like to donate or participate, please contact Nikki Witt at 641-344-3392 or Clint Witt at 641-344-3333.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to seeing you at the Wapello County Expo on July 19th!

Sincerely,

Clint and Nikki Witt and the Wapello County Expo Board

If mailing a check please send to:

Clint and Nikki Witt

12960 50th Street

Ottumwa, IA 52501



Wapello County Expo Livestock Judging Contest

Wednesday, July 16 @ 2:30 PM

Registration from 1:30 to 2:15 pm at the livestock showing.

This contest is FREE to Wapello County 4-H and FFA Exhibitors.

Sign up and compete for a chance to win prizes for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions.

Prizes will consist of a **Belt Buckle for the Champion** in each division, and rosette ribbons for the top 5 in each division.

Clover Kids are welcome to compete also!

You will place and answer questions on classes for cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.

Results will be given at the swine show on Thursday, July 17, between the breeding and market show.

Livestock provided by Wapello County Expo Exhibitors.

NEW for 2025 – OPEN DIVISION – Entry Fee of \$5 to be donated back to the Wapello County Livestock Judging Team

BELT BUCKLE WILL BE AWARDED FOR THIS NEW DIVISION!

This division is for any adults, youth not exhibiting at Wapello County Expo, or anyone else who wants to try to win the First Belt Buckle in this division!

CAT, DOG, HORSE, and PET Project Members

Wapello County 4-H Members!

Are you exhibiting a **Horse, Dog, Pet, or Cat** at the 2025 Wapello County Expo?

Then this workshop is for you!

Most visitors don't get to see these animals since they're only on the fairgrounds during show day. But we still want to highlight your hard work and your animals all week long!

Join us to create a poster board display featuring your animal(s). Bring a few printed photos, and we'll supply the rest—poster board, markers, crayons, glue, and tape.

Open to all exhibitors showing a dog, horse, pet, or cat.

Multiple workshop times available—please use the link to sign up for a slot.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://go.iastate.edu/BZGERJ>

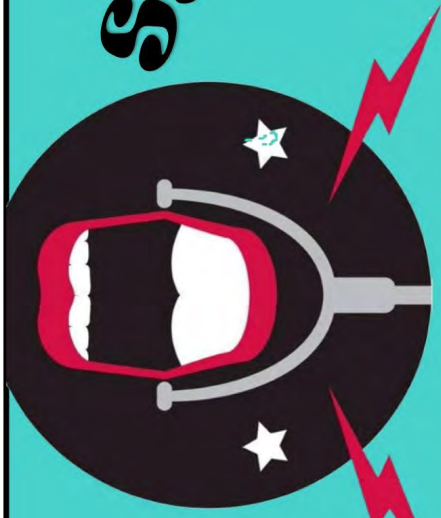
If you need to cancel your registered time, contact the office as soon as possible.

Can't make it to our workshop? You're welcome to make your poster at home!

Just be sure to include: Animal Name, Youth Name, Grade, and Club

Questions? Reach out to **Jessica Heisdorffer** or **Cindy Emery**—we're happy to help!

Lip



Sync

BAGGLE

Thursday, July 17th
8:00 pm

Wapello County 4-H Expo is hosting a lip sync battle like no other! Are you ready to battle it out to be the Champion?

Cost is *FREE* to enter



Registration and music due by

Noon Wednesday, July 16

<https://go.iastate.edu/VA1Z7L>

All ages welcome—Costumes and dance routines encouraged!
Register at the Wapello County Extension Office or call 641-682-5491
Performance time—2 1/2 minutes.

Cash Prizes will be awarded!

WAPELLO COUNTY
4-H FOUNDATION
PRESENTS

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring your friends and family to form a team to compete for victory.
Come test your knowledge and make some memories.
What are you waiting for... register your team now!
Only \$5.00 per team member (max 8 people per team)

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH @ 5:00 PM

Pizza by the Slice & Drinks for sale
to enjoy while you play!

REGISTER NOW



Register your team on the Expo Board Website Store
wapellocountyexpo.org



Cornhole Tournament

Wapello County Expo Grounds

13011 120th Ave, Ottumwa, IA

Saturday, July 12, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

To Register:

Contact: Darcy and Kevin McDaniel

[641-226-4597](tel:641-226-4597)

RULES:

- 27 feet regulation
- Go to 21 exactly
- 4 qualifying games following by double elimination (guaranteed 6 games)

2 Person teams

Youth Contest \$10 per team

Adult Contest \$30 per team

Registration and entry fee

must be paid by 5:00pm day

of tournament

YOUTH Contest: 1st place prize Split 50/50

ADULT Contest: Upper bracket cash prize

1st—60% 2nd— 30% 3rd— 10%

Lower bracket prizes

Bag boards, score towers, and cash

Bag Boards sponsored by Schroeder Graphics



Wapello County 4-H Expo ~Kid's Day~

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

FREE: STEM Activities, Crafts, Sheltered Reality,
Healthy Snack, Stuffed Animal Show

\$1 Hotdog meal—Sponsored by C1st Credit Union
And C1st train rides



BOUNCE HOUSES & LAZER TAG

Play all day prices....

\$5.00 wrist bracelets for Lazer tag

\$5.00 wrist bracelets for bounce houses



CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CHALLENGE

Think you bake the best chocolate chip cookies in town? Now is your chance to prove it!

Join us for a fun competition where the Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookie Champion will be crowned at the 2025 Wapello County Expo!

For more information and to register, go to:
<https://go.iastate.edu/SWNEA0>



Date: July 12, 2025
Location: Wapello Co Expo Grounds

Registration opens!



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UGLY CAKE Contest

July 16, 2025

CAKE DROP OFF TIMES & DATES:

8 AM TO 4:30 PM ON JULY 15 OR 7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM ON JULY 16

Think you can bake the most hideous, horrifying, and hilariously ugly cake? Prove it! Join us for a battle of the worst cakes--where the **UGLIEST** takes the crown!

The messier, the better!

There will be judges' choice and people's choice winners!

Registration open!

For more information and to sign up:
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Bake-a-licious Contest

Dust off your favorite recipe and showcase your baking skills at our annual Bake-a-licious contest at the Wapello County Expo!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

REGISTRATION OPEN!

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1st Annual ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

at the Wapello County Expo



SHOW US HOW YOU ROLL

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

**CALLING ALL
ASPIRING BAKERS!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER:**

<https://go.iastate.edu/SWNEA0>



Registration open!

Deviled Egg Competition

Looking for ALL Egg-Thusiasts!

DO YOU MAKE THE BEST DEVILED
EGGS?

Now is your chance to prove you have
what it takes to be crowned the 2025
Deviled Egg Champion!

More information & to register:

<https://go.iastate.edu/SWNEAO>



FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

REGISTRATION OPEN!



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Bucket Bottle Project Papers

Anyone participating in the Bucket Bottle Beef, Bucket Bottle Goat, or Bucket Bottle Lamb project, will need to make sure you have a record keeping form. These forms **MUST** be turned in when the calves, kids, or lambs are checked in at Expo. Please make sure you check the Expo Book rules for all necessary information you need prior to check-in.

Forms can be found at the office or online

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wapello/county-expo>

SUNDAY

June 29th



9:00 am—?

Expo Clean-Up / Work day

*Please schedule some time to stop by the Expo grounds on this date to help prepare the grounds for Expo!

Lunch will be provided!

This can be used for community service or meeting time hours

Wapello County 4-H Clover Corner



Please join us for the Clover Kids 3rd grade graduation ceremony on Saturday, July 12 ceremony starting at 6pm in the gym at the Extension Office. PLEASE RSVP BY June 9 (I will be ordering their gifts at this time) Let me know how many in your family will be able to attend, we will also be honoring our High School Graduates and all of our Clover Kids helpers too!! This will be a great opportunity to see all the 4H Clubs that your child can join in September.

ATTENTION 3rd Grade Parents:

Please email Cindy Emery cemery@iastate.edu a head shot photo (JPEG format) of your graduating child by June 23rd. We will be making posters to honor our Clover Kid graduates during Expo that will hang in the barn with the high school graduates banners.

Sign ups for Clover OPEN on September 1! We will start in October be watching our Facebook page and a note will come home in early September!



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STATIC PROJECT JUDGING

Monday, July 15

9:30 Horace Mann Clover Kids

10:00 Fahrney Clover Kids

Fahrney Afterschool 4-H Club

10:30 Cardinal Clover Kids

Cardinal Clover Crew 4-H Club

11:30 Seton & Ottumwa Christian Clover Kids

12:00 Eisenhower Clover Kids

1:30 Douma & Pickwick Clover Kids

Please contact Mrs. Duff if your time does not
work!

On Static Judging day you will bring your child and their projects to the Extension Office, I will meet you in the dining room. We will complete the 1 piece of paperwork and I will take your child upstairs to the judges. (parents are not allowed in this area) I will introduce your child to their judge and I will walk away, I will be in the doorway taking pictures! After they have talked to the judge we will take their projects (up to 10) and get their ribbons. We will come back downstairs, you will see the biggest smile on your child's face. Pure Pride!! This is my favorite part!! You can then go to the Clover Corner and help them display their projects and ribbons on our tables for the public to enjoy for the week. Projects will be picked up AFTER the Parade of Champions at 7.



We are excited to celebrate 74 Clover Kids who will be graduating into the 4-H program this year! On Saturday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m., we invite these third-grade members and their families to join us for a special Clover Kids Graduation Ceremony. ****If your child is not on this list—but is in 3rd grade and will be graduating this year, please contact Lisa Duff or Cindy Emery ASAP!****

Cardinal Elementary

Hayston Hamm
Creek Clancy
Greyson Creech
Cameron Haigler
Charles (Max) McPeak
Berkley Smith
Calvin Snyder
Charlette Warren
Adeline Williams

Hooves & Hats 4-H Club

Campbell Keith

Ottumwa Christian

Spencer Henry
Zoe Ruchti-Duran

Pleasant U&I 4-H Club

Nicholas Hellwig
Connor Veatch

Seton Elementary

Lucas Abernathy
Claire Dodson
Ella Minani
Maverick Palen
Eli Shultz



Eisenhower Elementary

Sally Alameddine
Logan Conder
Ayda Greenstreet
Taleigha Hopwood
Marshall LaPoint
Michael Lewis
Alexis Long
Samuel Maldonado
Kennedy McIntyre
Langston Mull
Carly Nicholson
Eddie Ortell
Wyatt Paxton
Zaina Rawashdeh
Karter Seemann
Kirby Tucker
Carter Wilkins
Sailor Zimmeht



Horace Mann Elementary

Lottie Belzer
Olivia Burns
Drew Goldsmith
Emaleeya Johnstone
Thatcher Kerrigan
Josephine Kopatich
Fenton McCullen
Riot Miller
Gantz Myers
Karrigan Riegel
Addie Sexton
Mattie Sexton

Fahrney Elementary

Jayla Adams
Jayda Adams
Grayson Anderson
Paxton Barnett
Evelin Botello
Axle Brownlee
Ivan Corona
Wyatt Cox
Zandin Craft
Joshua Ferrel
Jonah Fry
Cortes Garza
Rylee Gates
Delaney Gonzales
Henley Heckart
Twyla Laumeyer
Kenneth Lee
Avery Martinez
Athena Meier
Calvin Millikin
Josiah Palmer
Angel Patlan Fernandez
Estelita Raygoza
Joaquin Peinado
Kinsley Songer

