

Wapello County 4-H News

DECEMBER 2024

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**2024-2025
Wapello County
4-H Enrollment is
NOW open!**



**Log in today to
enroll or re-enroll
for the new
2024-2025 4-H Year!
Membership Fee for
4th—12th grade
club members is
only \$25 through
December 31st.**

(January 1st the fee will be \$45)



2024-2025 County Council Shoutout!

What a great group of Youth Council members we have this year! Thank you for all your hard work during the Awards Banquet and the Enchanted forest event! Can't wait to see what else you do this 4-H year!!



******* Membership Enrollment *******

Don't miss out on the discounted membership fee for 2024-2025 4-H year —discount deadline is December 31st.

January 1st the fee will be \$45 per member.

If you have any questions, please contact
Cindy Emery at the Extension Office.



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County Council Meeting

Tuesday
December 3
6:00 PM



Wednesday,
March 12, 2025
5:30 PM

4-H Foundation Meeting

Expo Board Meeting

Thursday,
December 19
6:30 PM



No
December
Meeting

Extension Council Meeting

4-H

BEEF WEIGH-IN



Wapello County Beef Weigh-in

Saturday, December 21st 9:00 to 11:00 am

Member must be enrolled in 4HOnline ... MUST Contact Cindy to register by email or phone
cemery@iastate.edu or 641-682-5491 by 4:30 pm Friday, December 20th.
First come basis

4-H

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

4-H Members:

Kennedy McIntyre—12/3
Addie Sexton—12/4
Angel Patlan Fernandez—12/4
Mattie Sexton—12/4
Jocelyn Davis—12/5
Jax Saylor—12/5
Alexis Long—12/6
Owen Canny—12/6
Evelyn Case—12/7
Scarlett Archer—12/12
Ryker Morrison—12/13

Korbynn Hopkins—12/13
Colton Cox—12/15
Kase Taylor—12/16
Simon Marble—12/17
Marin Plate—12/17
Michael Hellwig—12/17
Lucas Abernathy—12/17
Emmett Smith—12/17
Ruxin Halley—12/23
Manuel Markus Montijo Majin—12/27
Charlotte Bennett—12/27
Collins Stalker—12/28
Holston Hamm—12/28

Bennett Eick—12/29
Gabriel Carvajal—12/29
Bexley Shull—12/29
Ezri Kukla—12/29
Brooklyn Mach—12/30

Volunteers:

Nikki Witt—12/11
Shelley Morgan—12/19



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SAVE THE DATES—2025!

Wapello County 4-H Expo—July 12 to 19

Iowa State Fair—August 7 to 17

SAVE THE DATES—2025 Animal Weigh-Ins!

Beef Weigh-In—Saturday, December 21, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Swine Weigh-In—Saturday, March 29, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Sheep / Goat Weigh-In—Saturday, April 26, 8:00 to 10:00 am

Barnyard Palooza / YQCA Testing—Saturday, April 26, 1:00pm



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.

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!

Beef and Equine Blasts

Beef and Equine Blasts are scheduled for December 7 at Kildee Hall on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames. The event is for 7-12 grade youth that have an interest in beef cattle or horses. Nutrition, evaluation, and quality assurance are the workshops for Beef Blast. Equine Blast includes programs on nutrition, welfare, and horse care. Registration is open, and more information can be found on the Beef Blast webpage. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/beef-blast>

4-H/Casey's Pizza New Partnership

October is National Pizza Month, and Casey's is partnering with 4-H to raise funds for clubs nationwide! From October 2 through November 5, for every whole pizza purchased, [Casey's will donate \\$1](#) (up to \$100K) to support 4-H programs in Casey's Communities. Customers will also have the option to donate to 4-H with online orders during this timeframe. Questions? Contact [Sydney Peterson](#).

Camera Corps - November Photography Theme is Minimalism

Our lives are often filled with so many things with a lot going on. This month's theme, "Minimalism" invites you to take a step back from this busy life and explore something a bit simpler. Minimalism in photography is all about embracing simplicity and letting the essence of a scene speak for itself. By focusing on the essentials and stripping away unnecessary elements, minimalist photography highlights the beauty of clean lines, subtle textures, and uncluttered compositions. This approach not only challenges you to see the world differently but also creates powerful images that resonate with clarity and elegance.

Check out the [Iowa 4-H Camera Corps Website](#) for technical tips, examples, and submission information. The deadline is October 31. Questions? Contact [Clark](#).



Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications

[Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship](#) applications will open on December 1. Applications are due on midnight of March 1, 2025. Check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship page for a road map to success with instructions and the helpful hints page. The various scholarship awards range in amounts from \$250 to \$4,000. Scholarships are available to students pursuing degrees in art, agriculture, food and nutrition, ag business, animal science, journalism, and STEM-related studies. Others are open to any field of study. Graduating high school seniors or 4-H alum currently attending college are eligible applicants. Consider challenging your neighboring county to see which county can submit the most applications. [Mary Clancy](#) is available to assist with trainings or Q & A sessions for staff and 4-H'ers via Zoom.

STATE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR OF IOWA

Save the date for the 2025 Iowa 4-H Youth Development's State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa, March 27th and 28th, 2025. This opportunity is open to 6th-12th grade youth. Student researchers have the chance to meet with professional researchers and communicate their findings and understanding of the research project. New for 2025 the Junior State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa. This opportunity is available for 3rd-5th graders. For more information visit: <https://sstfi.org/>

Al Duea Memorial Beef Clinic

Join us on Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM for the Al Duea Memorial Beef Clinic. This clinic is open for any 4-H member interested in the beef project area. The clinic will cover showmanship, fitting, animal nutrition, and the meat industry. Lunch will be included and sponsored by the Cerro Gordo County Cattlemen. This clinic will be held at the North Iowa Events Center and cost \$10. Register via this [form](#). For more information, please contact [Maya Rowe](#).

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.



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! 📷

Wapello County Extension Office will be closed December 24, 25, & 26th to observe the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year. Have a safe and happy holiday!





Maker-Space Ornament Creation!

This December why not take some time and make some new ornaments for your Christmas Tree. Here at the Maker-Space we have quite a few ways to make some and we'd be happy to help.

We are offering two ways of ornament creation this year in the Maker-Space.

December 2nd-16th

During the month of December, we will be offering services through our 3D printers to allow you to create some amazing 3D ornaments! Feel free to schedule any time the office is open, or during our Open House Mondays, and learn how exactly the 3D printers make your ornaments.

And for those busy this holiday season, feel free to email us the 3D printable files and we can give you an estimate on time, cost, and materials needed to make your ornament!

Some great designs can be found at thingiverse.com or created at tinkercad.com. We can't wait to see what you bring!

December 13th

On December 13th, join us for putting together some light up Christmas ornaments with electronic kits and soldering irons. We have one of three ornaments to choose from that will light up your tree this holiday season.

Information:

December 2nd-19th 3D Printing

Grades 4th-12th.

Estimate of cost once print is emailed/reviewed.

Email prints to wbarwick@iastate.edu or bring prints on USB flash drive.

Pickup prints anytime from December 3rd-19th

(Must leave name for pickup)

(Once the print is done, we will notify you)

December 13th

Grades: 7th-12th

Time: 2:00PM-8:00PM

Cost: 6\$-8\$ depending on ornament chosen

Slots available: 8



MAKER LAB

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COUNTY 4-H

OPEN HOUSE

Have a project you want to work on? Trying to get an early start on stuff for Expo?

The Maker-Space is available at your convenience! Schedule a time to explore and discover the variety of things we have to offer.

Things we offer include.

- ▶ 3D Printing
- ▶ Laser Engraving
- ▶ Sewing
- ▶ Creations with Cricut
- ▶ Woodworking
- ▶ Access to our tool cabinets
- ▶ Access to our wide range of STEM kits
- ▶ Stem project consulting
- ▶ And so much more

Open to all ages! To schedule a time, send an email to wbarwick@iastate.edu

Time slots: Mondays 4:00PM-6:00PM, Tuesdays 1:00-3:00PM.



REGION WIDE ANNUAL LEADERS TRAINING



MASTERING THE ART OF
COMMUNICATION 2024-
2025

When: January 9, 2025

Where: Jefferson County Cambridge Building,
2606 W Burlington Ave, Fairfield, IA 52556

What time: 5:30-8:00, Dinner will be served

RSVP to County Office: December 20, 2024

**Contact your county
office to Register.**



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2024 Enchanted Forest Decorated Ashby's Sugar Cookie Fundraiser

We are selling Ashby's cookies again this year!

Thanksgiving and Christmas cookies are **\$18 a dozen**. Each box contains 12 cookies and maybe a GRINCH!! We will earn \$6 for every dozen sold.

QR Code for Store



There are 3 different delivery date options and pick up spots. Orders can be placed and paid for on the Expo's website, www.wapellocountyexpo.org, your customers will need to enter your name when they check out so you will receive credit for the sale. You can still collect money and turn in orders during the drop off times or place online orders for your customers. Customers can order for all rounds on one line. If additional orders are needed after you have turned in your form add new order on remaining order form or download a new form at www.wapellocountyexpo.org. Each form turned in should have all money collected for orders on the form. A list of all cookie sales, online and by form by 4-H'er will be returned with cookies at each cookie pick up.

Round 1- Thanksgiving Cookies - **Orders for Nov. 22nd & 23rd are due on Nov. 3rd** at the Awards Banquet, and will be available for pick up on **Friday November 22nd** from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. or on **Saturday November 23rd** from 9:00a.m.- 2:00pm during the Enchanted Forest or picked up and delivered by the 4-H'er that took your order.

Round 2- Christmas Cookies - **Orders for Dec 6th** are due on **Nov. 22nd & 23rd** at Enchanted Forest. They will be available for pickup from 6:00pm - 8:00pm inside the mall, in the old Rue 21 store across the hall from Ashby's, on **Friday Dec 6th** or picked up and delivered by the 4-H'er that took your order.

Round 3 - Christmas Cookies - **Orders for Dec. 22nd** are due **Dec. 6th** and will be available for pickup from 6:00pm - 8:00pm inside the mall, in the old Rue 21 store across the hall from Ashby's, on **Sunday Dec 22nd** or picked up and delivered by the 4-H'er that took your order.

The cookies can be frozen. Please have **checks** made out to **Wapello County Expo**.

Ashby's will NOT hand out any cookie orders to anyone. They will all be picked up from 4-H Expo.



Top 10 Selling Families will get a pizza and Nerf war party



Lookout For The Grinch!!
There will be **5 Grinch cookies** randomly placed the Christmas rounds! Each will receive a gift certificate for a dozen cookies from Ashby's



Enchanted Forest
Friday Nov.22th
6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday Nov.23th
9:00am-2:00pm

The proceeds will go to the Wapello County 4-H Expo.
Thank you for your support!

	NAME	PHONE #	Thanksgiving Cookies Round 2 Orders due Nov. 3rd Pickup Nov. 22nd or 23rd	Christmas Cookies Round 2 Orders due Nov. 23rd Pickup Dec. 6th	Christmas Cookies Round 2 Orders due Dec. 6th. 23rd Pickup Dec. 22nd	4-H'er Deliver or Pick up self	# of Dozen Sold	Total \$ Collected
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Crafternoons with Wapello County Conservation & Wapello County Extension

Wapello County Extension is teaming up with Wapello County Conservation for some of their winter Crafternoons. Join us throughout the colder months to do a fun craft, learn a little something about sustainability and hang out with friends!

Soup and Soap Making Workshop

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wapello County Extension Office

13011 120th Ave, Ottumwa, IA

Cost: \$15

Register and Pay today—Spots are limited

Registration & Payment is required.

You can register at <https://go.iastate.edu/ICRFWJ>

Registration and payment must be received by Monday, December 2nd.

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