

Wapello County 4-H News

MARCH 2024

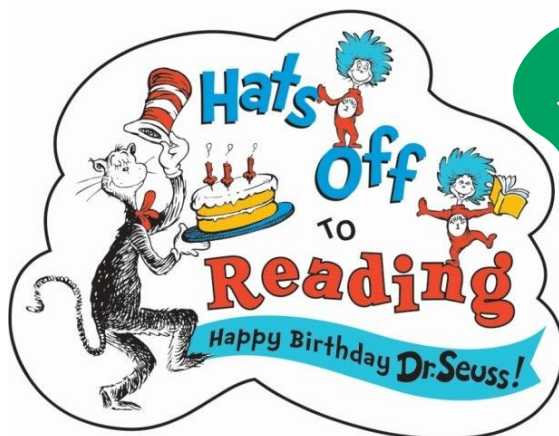
4-H FAMILY UPDATE & NEWS



**SAVE THE
DATE
2024**

**Wapello
County Expo
Dates:**

July 13-20



Read Across Iowa

will launch March 1 and begin a month-long celebration to bring the joys of reading to kids of all ages. Agriculturally themed Read Across Iowa events will be held across the state and will feature books and materials about agriculture that will appeal to all readers.



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County Council Meeting

Sunday
March 24th
TBD



Wednesday,
March 27, 2024
6:00 PM

4-H Foundation Meeting

Expo Board Meeting

Thursday,
March 21st
6:30 PM



Monday,
March 25
6:30 PM

Extension Council Meeting

DOG PROJECT PRACTICE



DOG

We will not meet on March 10th or March 17th, due to spring break.

Starting March 24th, we hope to be able to practice outside, weather permitting.
At that time, we'll switch to the following schedule:

Beginning Sunday, March 24th

- 3:30PM – Clover Kids & First Year Trainers
 - 4:10PM – 2nd Year Trainers
- 4:50PM – 3rd Year and Above Trainers

* Additional
dates TBD

We plan to practice on the following dates: (see different times above)

March 24 th	May 5 th
April 7 th	May 19 th
April 14 th	June 2 nd
April 21 st	June 9 th
April 28 th	

HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

March 17, 2024 Horse Project Meeting (Tack Cleaning, Proper Adjustment of Tack, Parts of Tack) 5:00 pm

March 22-24 Iowa Horse Fair

March 29, 2024 (Good Friday) Halter, Showmanship, Clipping for a show—Keith Equestrian Center 1:00 pm
(This can be used as a clinic or project meeting for members.)



SHOOTING SPORTS—AIR RIFLE



Due to multiple conflicts the Wapello County shooting sports air rifle discipline will not be held this spring. We hope to be able to hold something later in the year. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please watch your email and newsletters for more details and information.



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Iowa 4-H Camera Corps

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a program open to all 4-H youth designed to support photographers planning to participate in the photography project area at county fairs each summer. Youth registered for this program receive a different photography theme with a specific focus each month. This program is a valuable opportunity allowing youth to practice their photography skills throughout the entire 4-H year and receive public recognition and juror feedback on their monthly submissions. Technical tips and suggestions are provided to youth to allow for more practice and create the best possible photo for the next month's theme. All photographs submitted each month are shared on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page for public viewing and voting. Interested in Iowa 4-H Camera Corp go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-cameracorps> for more information and/or for the registration.



Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey as you "Explore the Jungle of Opportunities!" at the 2024 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference being held on the Iowa State University campus, June 25-27, 2024. Registration for this adventure like no other will open April 1, 2024 through 4HOnline. 4-H members and non-members 8th grade and older are invited to join in on the chance to dive into a world of growth, learning, and endless possibilities. Whether you're swinging into leadership, discovering new talents, or exploring pathways to success, this conference is your jungle of opportunities waiting to be explored!

Continue to watch the newsletter for more details, exciting updates, and the chance to be part of this amazing youth opportunity. Check out more about Iowa 4-H Youth Conference at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>
Questions: Please reach out to Cindy at cemery@iastate.edu or our State Council representative, Anna Egan, annaegan489@gmail.com

2024 Communications Event—**CHANGE**

The 2024 Wapello County Expo Communications event will be held on **Saturday, June 29, 2024**. This is a change from previous years. We will begin scheduling times June 1st. Judging will start at 8:00 am—in 10 minute increments. All awards will be given out at an awards event during the week of Expo.



SAVE THE DATES—2024 Animal Weigh-Ins!

Swine Weigh-In—Saturday, April 6, 9:00 to 11:00 am
Sheep / Goat Weigh-In—Saturday, April 27, 8:00 to 10:00 am
Barnyard Palooza / YQCA Testing—Saturday, April 27, 1:00pm



Pop Tabs for Jacy

Thank you to those that have donated—Wapello County has collected 5 pounds already—let's see how many more pounds we can get!!

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!



4-H Home Improvement Workshops

Youth in grades 4-12 and 4-H members are encouraged to register to attend the upcoming virtual statewide 4-H Home Improvement workshops! This trio of workshop opportunities will empower 4-H members to explore the home improvement project area and practice technical skills related to developing their home improvement project work. Registration space for workshops is limited, and youth will register to attend in 4-H Online Events. See additional information about workshop dates, content, and marketing tools on the [Home Improvement MyExtension page](#)

Wapello County 4-H Scholarship Applicants

Wapello County 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications open January 1. Applications are due to the extension office by 4:30 pm Monday, March 18th. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 pm. Applications can be found on our webpage at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wapello/club-resources> - under Scholarships

Senior Spotlight—2024

We would love to feature our 2024 4-H Seniors on our Facebook Page and during Expo. Please contact Cindy at the Extension office for a form or for more information.

Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs –

Quick Reference Guide (2024) is now available in the Extension Store, <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> A copy of the new reference guide has been placed in each club's mailbox located in Michele's office and was sent to those enrolled in the Food and Nutrition project area. If you are planning to prepare a food and nutrition exhibit for the Fayette County Fair and did not receive the email, please let Michele know as it's best to know of the changes ahead of time.

Shooting Sports Instructors Needed

Wapello County is in need of some volunteers interested in helping with our Shooting Sports program. There is an upcoming Certification class Iowa SESS Instructor Certification class being held at Hawkeye Community College Law Enforcement Academy on Saturday, April 13. New certification and re-certification will be offered for archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, shotgun, rifle, and wildlife. Early bird registration closes on March 24 with a late registration closing on March 31. Interested, please reach out to Cindy for more information.



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS



**Happy Birthday to the following 4-H members
And volunteers for the month of March!**

4-H Members:

Adolfo Curiel Cortes—3/1
Miles Meinders—3/2
Ethan Hougland—3/2
Eliah Cloke—3/3
Fletcher Hinton—3/5
Sophie Hussak—3/7
Bobby Haw—3/8
Emersyn Ebert—3/8
Mitchell Lewis—3/8
Sabrina Buruta—3/9
Tripp Frymoyer—3/9
Maxley Snyder—3/10
Eli Shultz—3/10
Audrey Molkenhuth—3/10

Claire Morrow—3/12
Treyce Pilcher—3/13
Grace Kelley—3/13
Alana Brinkmeier—3/14
Hudson Gould—3/14
Bexleigh Heinrichs—3/14
Hayston Hamm—3/15
Jade Carballeira Molina—3/16
Archer Jacobsen—3/17
Gage Denner—3/18
Draven Livingston—3/18
Hunter Stevens—3/19
Crue Chickering—3/21
Elliot LaPoint—3/21
Heidi Wemmie—3/22

Collins Wood—3/22
Austin Little—3/22
Brinkleigh Heinrichs—3/23
Nicholas Hellwig—3/23
Gavin Hammack—3/24
Aubrey Spurgeon—3/24
Langston Mull—3/25
Gantz Myers—3/26
Laney Norris—3/29
Dawson Skinner—3/29
Thaddaeus Van Wyk—3/29
Kreighton Grant—3/30
Jason Eister—3/31

LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS:

Eric Heisdorffer—3/19



May 15th Deadline



Animal Identification REMINDER:

All 4-H animals must be enrolled in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 15th. All FFA members, please contact your advisor as identification will be completed through them by May 15th and turned in to Cindy.

Please plan ahead to make sure all your questions are answered prior to 4:30 PM Wednesday, May 15th.

Our office hours are Monday thru Friday—8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Central Iowa Rabbit and Cavy Workshop The Iowa State Rabbit Breeders Club will be hosting their annual youth rabbit and cavy workshop on March 9 from 12:30 PM – 4 PM at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, IA. Speakers will discuss rabbit and cavy breeds, health, equipment, grooming, showing, and fair information. Youth can bring their animals, and ID opportunities will be available. The clinic is free to attend.



Spring Clean-up / Work day
Saturday, April 20th—starting at 8:00 am

Wapello County Expo Board is asking for all hands on deck to come out to the grounds on Saturday, April 20th to help with spring clean-up. We have something to do for everyone.

Hooves and Hats did their annual Christmas Cookie sharing. Everyone was all smiles when they received their tins. Hooves and Hats sharing Christmas cheer.



Royalty Applications

Wapello County Royalty applications are opening April 1st. Applications must be turned in electronically to Cindy Emery at cemery@iastate.edu by 4:30 pm June 2nd.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our committee members:
Nikki Witt, Natalie Kopsieker, or Kayla Emery



SOUTHERN IOWA ELITE JUDGING & WAPELLO COUNTY EXPO PRESENT THE 2024



GOLD BUCKLE JUDGING CONTEST

HORSE & LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

FFA, 4-H, Open Youth!

Senior Division - Grades 9-12th - Reasons

Junior Division Grades 8th & Under - Questions

Tuesday, May 7th @ 10am Wapello Expo Grounds in Ottumwa, IA

**BELT BUCKLES AWARDED TO THE CHAMPION SR & JR TEAMS &
HIGH INDIVIDUALS IN BOTH LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVALUATION!**

\$75 PER TEAM OR \$30 PER INDIVIDUAL

LUNCH INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FEE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WAPELLO COUNTY EXPO

Questions Contact Allison Angle 641-777-5896



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to our
Sponsors!



Southern Iowa Elite

Judging Team

Team members are from Wapello 4-H, Davis County 4-H, Agri-Power FFA, Ottumwa FFA and Davis County FFA
Any 4-H and FFA members in the area are welcome to attend our practices!

**Practices will be at the Wapello County Extension Office
From 5:30 to 7:00 pm on the following dates**

Wednesday, March 6

Monday, March 11

Thursday, March 21

Wednesday, March 27

**Gold Buckle Judging Contest – Tuesday, May 7
Ottumwa, Iowa**

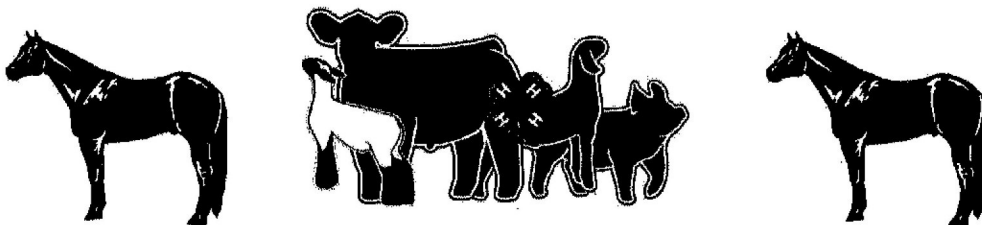
**Iowa 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – Ames, Iowa
Saturday, April 13.**

**Iowa 4-H Horse Judging Contest – Iowa Falls, Iowa
Sunday, April 14.**

**New Sharon FFA Judging Contest – Oskaloosa, Iowa
Saturday, April 27**

**Mt Ayr FFA Judging Contest – Mt Ayr, Iowa
Wednesday, May 1**

**Please Contact Allison Angle at 641-777-5896
to get on the group updates on practices!**





BARNYARD PALOOZA



WHO: ALL 4-H Youth from Wapello County

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2024

WHERE: Wapello County Extension Office

COST: FREE to attend

RSVP: Must Register by Monday, April 22nd by calling
Cindy @ 641-682-5491 or by email cemery@iastate.edu

Come for the
**FUN—Stay for the
Pizza.**

4-H'ers will explore each animal project area, play animal jeopardy, and prepare for the County Expo. Everyone is invited to learn and have fun!

YQCA

face to face training:

1:00 - 2:30 PM

All 4-H livestock exhibitors
will be required to be YQCA
certified for county and
state fair exhibition for
Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry,
Rabbit, Sheep, Swine

****This training only****

Cost will be free for
Wapello County members
if attending
Livestock Palooza
(**MUST contact Cindy
for coupon**)

Learning Sessions:

2:30 PM (after YQCA training)

Project areas covered will include:

Beef, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry,
Pet, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine.

If you are an experienced live-
stock/animal member or just
want to learn more—

This is for you!

Adults are welcome to attend.

Pizza!

Pizza will be served at the end
of the event

(approximately 6:00 pm)

Jeopardy

(Approx. 4:30 pm)

We will end our Livestock Palooza day
with Ag Jeopardy! You can create your
own team of 3 or 4 Wapello County 4-H
members to participate for great
prizes. Two teams will compete against
each other - each round, with the winning
team continuing to advance until we have
an overall winner! There will be prizes
for more than just the winning
team! Gather your team for this fun
event! Please let Cindy know your team
members by April 22nd so we can plan for
prizes and pizza!

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Dear 4-H Families,

Believe it or not we are already busy planning for this year's Wapello County Expo! As part of this planning, we are gearing up for our 3rd annual Celebrity Animal Show. This event will take place on Saturday, July 20th, 2024.

If you have been able to attend, then you remember what a fun event this is and how many great community partners came out to the Expo grounds to support us! Here are the details you need to know. If you have a goat, sheep, pig, horse, chicken, rabbit, or cow and want to participate in this event, you are responsible to find someone out in the community to come to the Expo grounds and show your animal. This celebrity can be anyone. Some examples may be your boss if you work somewhere, a teacher; a member of your family, the sky is the limit because anyone is a celebrity. The person that you find to show your animal must commit to a \$100 donation to enter the show. The money collected by these donations will be used as follows. Half of the money collected will go back to the Wapello County Expo Board to be used for continued improvements to our buildings and grounds, while the other half will go to the winner's charity or nonprofit of their choice. Additionally, this year we will be adding new, fun categories for more chances to win a prize.

This is meant to be a fun filled event, so we encourage dressing up in costumes or following a theme. We want to take this chance to bring community members out to our Expo and showcase what 4-H/FFA in Wapello County is about. You will go into the ring with your celebrity to help them show your animal for safety purposes! There will be a \$100 Visa gift card awarded to the 4-H or FFA member whose celebrity is announced as the winner.

If you do not have an animal, but would like to take part in this show, please contact Clint Witt at 641-344-3392 and he will work to find you one to use.

Once you have your celebrity secured, please contact Clint Witt at 641-344-3392 or Nikki Witt at 641-344-3392 to sign up.

Spots are limited to 30 so do not delay! Start finding your celebrity today! Let's make the 3rd annual Celebrity Animal show a fun filled success.

Please direct all questions to Clint or Nikki Witt at the numbers listed above.

Best Regards,

Clint and Nikki Witt





DID YOU KNOW?!

You do NOT have to own
a horse to be in the
HORSE PROJECT!!!



4H Horse Project Opportunities

- * Grades K–12th; any 4H/Clover Kid club member
- * Horse/Horseless Activities:
 - * 4H Horse Show (Individual—compete or watch/help and learn how to run a horse show!)
 - * 4H Horse Club (Learn all things horse in our Project Meetings and Clinics!)
- * Horseless Activities:
 - * 4H Horse Judging (Individual or Team)
 - * 4H Quiz Bowl (Team)
 - * 4H Hippology Contest (Individual or Team)

Questions? 4H Horse Committee: Lisa Reece 641-777-0157 and Laci Morrissey 641-455-9167

If interested in joining 4H, contact the extension office!
Current members can re-enroll annually using 4honline.com.
More info at: Youth and Horses | Equine Science (iastate.edu)



Wapello Cty ISU Extension Office
13011 120th Ave.
Ottumwa, IA 52501

PROJECT MEETINGS:

- * January 28 - 5:00pm
 - * February 18 - 5:00pm
 - * March 17 - 5:00pm
 - * March 29 - 1:00pm
- (Horseless educational mtgs)*



CLINICS:

- * March 29 - 1:00pm
 - * May 10 - 5:00pm
 - * May 30 - 5:00pm
 - * June 23 - 5:00pm
- (May bring your horse)*

**The above dates/times will be confirmed in 4H Newsletters!*



4H HORSE PROJECT 23-24

*In order to show at Expo and/or 4H State Fair,
4H and Clover kids need to:*

- ☐ Attend 50% of 4H Club Meetings,
- ☐ Give a presentation during a 4H Club Mtg,
- ☐ ID horses in 4Honline (including Lease Affidavit)
- ☐ Clover Kids/Juniors attend 3 Horse meetings (1 must be a Project Mtg and 1 must be a Clinic)
- ☐ Seniors must attend 1 Horse Project Mtg and 1 Clinic
- ☐ Attend Achievement Show

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Wapello County 4-H Clover Corner



Hello Clover
Kids!

March Clover
Kids

This month
Clover Kids we
are having A
Trapstastic
Time talking
and
celebrating
Dr. Seuss .



SAVE THE DATE

2024

**Wapello
County Expo
Dates:
July 13-20**

The 1st 100 Clover Kid that shows at Expo will receive a Free 4-H Clover Kids t-shirt to wear when they show. Please let Mrs. Duff know their t-shirt size April 1—May 20. This is such a great life skill for your child to have, to talk to a judge about their project. Remember Clover Kids can show so many things from baking, art, photography, pets, cats, rabbits, goats, chickens, bunnies, communication projects, sewing and much more. Please ask, I would love to help!

To Register or for Questions:

Contact Lisa Duff, Clover Kids Afterschool Coordinator at 641-682-5491 or email lrduff@iastate.edu Please send your child's name, phone number, and email address. I will send you the Zoom link the week before our meeting. Their Clover Kits will be passed out before their meeting. (Times and dates of pick-up TBA)

****STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED & PAID BY THE 1ST MEETING ****



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March & April Clover Kids

Eisenhower #1 3/20 & 4/10

Eisenhower #2 3/21 & 4/11

Eisenhower 3 3/25 & 4/15

Cardinal 1 3/5 & 4/2

Cardinal 2 3/6 & 4/3

Douma 3/18 & 4/8

Liberty 3/19 & 4/9

Horace Mann #1 3/27 & 4/16

Horace Mann #2 3/27 & 4/17

Ottumwa Christian 3/28 & 4/18

Pickwick 3/7 & 4/4

Blakesburg 3/26 & 4/23

Seton 3/4 & 4/1



Mrs. Duff is bringing Chick Hatching to Ag in the Classroom here in the Ottumwa Schools. Clover Kids will be offered these chicks that will be hatched April 8 and May 2. Clover Kids will be given 3-5 chicks to show at Expo. Please let me know if your child would like any chicks. Dry warm area, food and water are all that is needed for supplies. Ask Mrs. Duff for any other questions!!



Please practice the
4-H Pledge with
your Clover Kid, or
maybe they already
know it??

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



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Clover Corner Continued...

READ
across **IOWA**



Book Bingo Card

Read aloud to a pet or soft toy	Read a poem	Read a book you have never read before	Read in bed	Read a recipe that uses corn
Read with a flashlight	Read to an adult	Read your favorite book	Read a book about gardening	Read while eating a snack
Read in your pajamas	Read a book with "river" in the title	Ask someone to read to you	Read a magazine	Read in the morning
Read in a blanket fort or special place	Read at nighttime	Read a picture book	Read a book with an animal character	Read a book with a place in the title
Read a book while wearing a hat	Read a book at the library	Read a comic book	Read a book you have read before	Read a book outside

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**Redeem your Bingo card for a FREE ice cream cone from Ottumwa
Sonic coupon at the following locations!**

Must be handed in by April 1st

Wapello County Extension Office

13011 120th Avenue
Ottumwa, IA 52501
(641) 682-5491

Ottumwa Public Library

102 West Fourth Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501
(641) 682-7563

Main office at the School you attend

**On April 2 Lisa Duff will go live on Facebook and draw a winner for a
Grand Prize!**



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Clover Corner Continued...



"Don't cry
because it's
over, smile
because it
happened."



"Today was
good. Today
was fun.
Tomorrow is
another one."

"If you never
did, you should.
These things
are fun, and fun
is good."



"In my world,
everyone is a
pony, and they
all eat rainbows
and poop
butterflies!"



"You can find
magic wherever
you look. sit
back and relax,
all you need is a
book."



"I meant
what I said,
I said what I
meant."

"Read. Travel.
Read. Travel.
Ask. Learn.
Read.
Connect.
Read"



"Things may
happen, and
often they do
to people as
brainy and
footsy as you."



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