Wapello County 4-H spotlight for March is Yvonne Baldwin-Green. Yvonne has started up the City Slickers club and has continued to set the bar in terms of community service and club growth. She has continued to help with the decorations of Enchanted Forest, Dr. Seuss Birthday party, assisting with make-up during the Haunted House, and lending a helping hand during other misc. 4-H events. Thank you Yvonne for your hard work and commitment to the 4-H youth and for the Wapello County 4-H program!

2019 Theme—A Universe Of Possibilities

2019 Wapello County 4-H Expo Rule Book
2019 Rule book is now available online or at the Extension Office.
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wapello/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/wapello/2019%20Wapello%20County%20Expo%20Book%20FINAL.pdf
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

County Council will meet
Tuesday, April 2nd @ 6:30 PM
(we will vote on t-shirt design—bring your ideas)

EXPO BOARD MEETING

The next Expo Board Meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 pm
at the Extension Office.
** Pictures will be taken if needed

EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING

Extension Council Meeting is scheduled for
Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm

4-H FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

The next 4-H Foundation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 at 6:00 pm.
(Senior Scholarship Interviews)
Archery Program

The Wapello County Arrows & Ammo Club will be having Archery make-up classes on the following dates:

March 5, 12, 15, 19, 22
(Tuesday’s and Friday’s)

Please contact Cindy if you have any further

Swine, Sheep and Goat Weigh-In

Swine weigh-in will take place
Saturday, March 16th from 9:00—11:00.

Sheep / Goat weigh-in will take place
Saturday, April 27th from 9:00—11:00.

You MUST call to register if you will be attending.

Sheep / Meat Goat Scrapies Tags
Per state health rules, scrapie tags must be in the animal’s ear upon arrival at the 4-H Expo / show. Per Wapello County rules, scrapie tags must be in the ear or in hand to be put in the animal’s ear at weigh-in. Please be aware that currently the wait time for anyone ordering scrapie tags is approximately 3 weeks. Information about the USDA scrapie program is at:


Superintendent Meeting

There will be an animal project Superintendent Meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office to discuss the upcoming 2019 4-H Expo. Please let me know by March 15th if this will work in your schedule. This is for Beef, Cat, Dog, Goat, Horse, Pets, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine and Project judging areas.

If you have questions please contact Cindy at the office.
We have setup our practice schedule for the 2019 4H dog project. We would also appreciate greatly if all that plan to attend to contact Elaine by text at 641-777-7448 or at our email at wapello4hdogproject@gmail.com. Please respond leaving your name and preferred contact info in case we need to cancel.

**Dog Project**

**Horse Project**

**4-H Horse Project Dates to Remember**

To be eligible to show at the 2019 Wapello County 4-H Expo:
- Junior and Intermediate age 4-H members must attend 2 Project Meetings (no horse) and 2 Clinics (bring horse)
- Senior members need to attend 1 Project Meeting (no horse) and 1 Clinic (bring horse)

**4-H Horse Project Meeting Schedule: (Just you)**

- **March 11** at 6 p.m. **Farrier and Veterinary Care** – Presented by Dr. Tom Lopp at Ram Rodeo Office 14500 Sycamore Road, Ottumwa, IA. (Just North of Bowling Motors)
- **April 15** at 6 p.m. **Presentation of Breeds** – Presented by Kelsey Keith-Rusch held at Keith Equestrian Center, 3378 142nd Avenue, Ottumwa, IA

**4-H Horse Clinic Schedule: (Bring your horse)**

- **April 7** at 3 p.m. **Halter, Showmanship and Trailering** presented by Jana Stansberry at Pine Ridge Equestrian Indoor Arena, 3446 91st Avenue, Ottumwa, IA
- **June 8** at 10 a.m. **Reining** presented by Amy Van Maanen. **Goat Tying** presented by Tammi Epp and **Other Games** presented by Dally Orman at the Wapello County Expo grounds arena.
- **June 13** at 6 p.m. **Pleasure Clinic** presented by Aaron Angle and Heather Rich. Will cover English, Western and Ranch at the Wapello County Expo grounds arena.

**4-H Area Horse Show: (Bring your horse)**

June 29 mark your calendars
- We are inviting Davis, Appanoose, Monroe, Jefferson, & Keokuk but others may attend. Details to be published later.
Horse and Livestock Judging – If you are interested in practicing and competing on either the horse or livestock judging team, please text Allison Angle at 641-777-5986 so she can include you in her text messages about when practices will be. Every 4-H member in Wapello County is welcome to give it a try! We will be having practices in March to get ready for upcoming competitions.

Mayhem Haunted House

Anyone have old privacy fence that they want to get rid of? Looking for some for the Haunted House (Mayhem). Old, falling apart is just perfect! We need lots of it! All proceeds to Mayhem haunted house goes to the Expo grounds and

Looking for a home: If you are interested in any or all of these male neutered rabbits, please contact Cindy at the Extension Office 641-682-5491 or by email cemery@iastate.edu

WELDING CLASSES

2019 Welding Classes will take place at the IHCC North Campus.
They will be held 4 consecutive Tuesdays.
April 2, 9, 16, 23 at 6:00 pm.
Cost is $5 for 4-H members
*must register by contacting Cindy

WORK / CLEAN UP DAY

Wapello County Expo Board would like to schedule a work / clean up day on Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 am. Please let us know if you are able to attend.
There are some changes to the schedule for the 2019 4-H Expo. We have added on an additional day to help limit some chaos. This is a trial year to see how well it works!

Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, July 13th—Set-up Day (we will need ALL hands on deck)
   Sunday, July 14th—Royalty Pageant and Kick-Off
   Monday, July 15th—Static project judging
   Tuesday, July 16th—Animal project check-in
   Wednesday July 17th—normal schedule
   Thursday, July 18th—normal schedule
   Friday, July 19th—normal schedule
   Saturday, July 20th—normal schedule
   Sunday, July 21st—Clean-up / Premium Pay-Out

*We are considering doing our communications judging on Tuesday, July 16th to avoid conflicts with animal shows. If you have any concerns regarding this—please contact Cindy asap.

We are preparing our schedule for the 2019 4-H Expo. If your club is interested in doing a meal—please let me know what day and meal you would like and I will get you on the schedule. Anyone interested in doing a specific craft or activity, please contact me and we can work out the details. Thanks! Cindy

Mark your calendars!

Royalty Applications will be due to the Extension office by 4:30 pm Friday, May 31st.
Royalty Interviews will be held on Sunday, July 7th at 3:00 pm.
CALL FOR STUDENT ARTISTS

Calling all student artists in kindergarten through twelfth grade! The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is now accepting entries for the 2019 Iowa Federal Junior Duck Stamp (JDS) art contest. While entering the JDS contest, students have the opportunity to learn about waterfowl and their habitat, and then create an image of an eligible North American waterfowl species. School groups, informal groups, can enter this contest, or the student may enter individually.

Iowa entries for 2019 must be postmarked by March 15, 2019, and mailed to Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 399, 9981 Pacific Street, Prairie City, IA 50228. All information needed to participate can be found on the website: www.fws.gov/juniorduck.

The 2018 Iowa Junior Duck Stamp winner was T’Annah Banda, an 18-year-old from Afton. Her entry was a wood duck done in colored pencils and water color. T’Annah’s entry is now traveling around the United States with all the state Best of Show winners.

The Iowa entries are judged by a panel of five judges with 100 students receiving awards. The Best of Show from Iowa is submitted to the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest in Washington, D.C. One image from the Best of Show entries from each state will become the next Junior Duck Stamp, with cash prizes for the national first, second and third place winner. The Junior Duck Stamps are sold for $5.00 with the proceeds from the sale of the stamp being returned to the program for environmental and conservation education.

If you have questions about the Junior Duck Stamp, please contact the Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator, Doreen Van Ryswyk by calling 515/994-3400 or email Doreen_VanRyswyk@fws.gov.
Iowa Poultry Queen

Are you a 4-Her or an FFA member who participates in the Poultry events at fair?
Are you between the ages of 16 to 21?
Do you want to share your knowledge of the poultry industry with others?

If you answered YES to these questions, then we would like you to apply to be the next Iowa Poultry Queen.

The Iowa Poultry Queen serves from March to March.
The duties are as follows:

◆ Represent and share about the Poultry and Egg industry of Iowa.
◆ To attend the county fairs in your area. Past queens have attended anywhere from 5 to 20 county fairs. Represent your industry and share your knowledge in the community.
◆ Speak at events approved by the board/council.
◆ Be present for the Iowa State Fair poultry shows. Attend other related poultry and egg sponsored events at the Iowa State Fair. o Egg Rolling Contest. o Help hand out egg on a stick for the Iowa Egg Council. o Egg/poultry events at the Ellwell Food Center. o Chicken calling contest and rubber chicken throwing contest at Pioneer Hall. You will receive:
◆ A crown and sash.
◆ Parking pass during the poultry events at the Iowa State Fair, and passes for those days of the fair. To apply:
◆ Send a resume about yourself and your participation in the poultry industry/events. This may be as many pages as needed to share your experience.
◆ An essay about the Poultry Industry in Iowa. (Minimum 2 pages)
◆ Two 4x6 photos of yourself. Entries are due March 15th, 2019.
◆ Mail all information to: Kambrea Davies
  2294 Xavier Place
  Clarinda, Iowa 51632

Questions can be e-mailed to: davies@myfmtc.com

SAVE THE DATE

Brunch with the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 13th 10:00am—12:00
New Limits for Tractor Restoration Program
The Antique Tractor Restoration Program, sponsored by Titan Tire, is receiving applications for 2019. 4-H and FFA members can register to receive donations of front or rear tires while supplies last. There are new limits for the number of tires 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and individual members can be awarded. See the program flyer and application for details. Find out more information by visiting the Iowa 4-H Tractor project webpage or the Titan Tire webpage.
Mandatory Leader Training

There will be a mandatory Leader training on Thursday, March 14th—starting at 5:30 with meal in the 4-H office at the Wapello County Extension Office. This is for all leaders that did not make the meeting in September.

SPOTLIGHT of the Month

This 4-H year 2018-19 each month, we will be highlighting a leader or volunteer that goes above and beyond to help with making the best better for Wapello County. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, please send in your request along with a picture by March 28th to cemery@iastate.edu.

*Thank you to those who have already submitted someone!

The Wapello County 4-H Foundation Senior Scholarships are due to the Extension office by 4:30 March 20th.

SAVE THE DATE: Interviews will be held on Wednesday, March 27th

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca

For 2019: All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following: There is a cost to the online certification. There will not be a certification class held at the office, everything is online.

- Beef
- Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

Youth who completed the FSQA test-out option previously, will be granted certification through their respective expiration date.
Now Hiring

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wapello/countynews

Check out our website for job descriptions and more information.

February 1, 2019
Now Hiring- Produce with A Purpose Program Coordinator
We are looking for an energetic, hard-working individual to serve as a Produce with a Purpose Program Coordinator.

February 1, 2019
Now Hiring- Local Foods Coordinator
We are looking for an energetic, hard-working individual to serve as a Local Foods Coordinator.

February 1, 2019
Now Hiring- Summer Youth Education Intern Assistant
We are looking for an energetic, hard-working individual to serve as a Summer Youth Education Intern Assistant.

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Now Hiring- Summer Youth Education Intern
We are looking for an energetic, hard working individual to serve as a Summer Youth Education Intern.

Anyone willing to volunteer some hours to help with the Dr. Seuss Birthday party—please contact Cindy at the office.