Wapello County 4-H spotlight for April is our Dog Project Leader team: Elaine Heisdorffer and Eric Heisdorffer. We appreciate their commitment to this project area and the 4-H youth of Wapello County. Elaine and Eric have supported the dog project area for many, many years. This team has dedicated countless hours, working with youth and their animals to “make the best better”. Thank you Dog Project Team for your hard work and commitment to the 4-H youth and for the Wapello County 4-H program!

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party—it was a great day for a great event!
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, April 18th at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office.

EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING
Extension Council Meeting is scheduled for
Monday, April 29th at 7:00 pm

4-H FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING
The next 4-H Foundation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

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.
**Sheep and Goat Weigh-In**

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: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/LHSheepScrapie.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/LHSheepScrapie.pdf).

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**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)**

- **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.

We will be offering the following opportunities to get your horse acquainted with the arena in May. Please watch our Facebook Page: 4H Wapello County Horse Project for last minute details on ground conditions and cancellations.

* May 7th 6 pm - A Reining Clinic by Amy Van Maanen.
* May 14th 6 pm - Open Riding - You and your horse can have individual attention at your request.
* May 21 6 pm - Open Riding - You and your horse can have individual attention at your request.
* May 28 6 pm - Open Riding - You and your horse can have individual attention at your request

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Horse project members will be doing a Fund Raiser at Pizza Ranch on Monday June 3rd beginning at 4:45. Please plan to attend!
Dog Project

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.

APRIL 7 @ 2:30—OBEDIENCE
APRIL 22 @ 5:30—OBEDIENCE
APRIL 28 @ 2:30—AGILITY
MAY 5 @ 2:30—OBEDIENCE
MAY 13 @ 5:30—AGILITY
MAY 20 @ 5:30—OBEDIENCE
JUNE 2 @ 2:30—OBEDIENCE
JUNE 9 @ 2:30—AGILITY
JUNE 17 @ 5:30—OBEDIENCE
PRE SHOW
SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH
MORE DETAILS TO COME
EXPO SHOW DATES:
JULY 18—THURSDAY—OBEDIENCE
JULY 20—SATURDAY—AGILITY

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

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

Show your support by wearing blue every Friday in the Month of April

APRIL
National Child Abuse Prevention Month
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

*Communications judging will be held on Tuesday, July 16th to avoid conflicts with animal shows. If you will be checking animals in Tuesday afternoon—please sign up for a morning session. If you have any concerns regarding this—please contact Cindy asap.

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**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.

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**2019 Expo Theme**

**A Universe Of Possibilities**
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

Bucket of Junk & Bucket of Flowers

We will again be having the Bucket of Junk & Bucket of Flowers competition / fundraiser this year. Please contact the Extension office to sign up. We will be collecting the buckets of Junk in April to be available for pick-up mid April.

If you have any questions regarding this—please contact Cindy

Clothing Event

The Wapello County Clothing Event judging has been scheduled for Monday, July 15th during the regular static project judging. Please call Cindy at the office to register for a time. You will need to be there and ready at your specified appointment time.

You must be registered to participate for the clothing event by Wednesday, July 10th. This includes:

Clothing Selection
$15 Challenge
Fashion Revue
Please see 2019 Expo Rule Book for current rules and regulations.

Communications Event

The Wapello County Communication Event will be held on Tuesday, July 16th from 9am to 4pm. You must register to participate in this event by Wednesday, July 10th, by calling Cindy at the Extension office. Please let us know of any additional equipment that you will need when registering. If it is not noted that you have requested anything additional, it may not be available.

Please see 2019 Expo Rule Book for current rules and regulations.
Help Iowa Legal Aid celebrate National Farmworker Awareness Week during the week of March 24th – 31st, 2019 with a long sleeve shirt drive.

What is National Farmworker Awareness Week?
It’s a week of action that is aimed at shedding light on the multitude of challenges that farmworkers face. It’s also a time to honor and celebrate the contributions that farmworkers make to our daily lives.

Why is this week important?
Farmworkers feed the world.
Farm work is the 3rd most dangerous job in the United States.
Farmworkers are treated differently under the law and don’t benefit from the same protections as other employees.

Why long sleeve shirts?
Farmworkers work long hours doing hard work and are often exposed to dangerous pesticides and heat stress.
According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, over 1 billion pounds of pesticides are used in the United States each year.
Long sleeve shirts are used as a tool to help farmworkers better protect themselves against pesticide exposure and heat stress.

What type of shirts can I donate?
Slightly used
Light colored
Natural Fabrics (like cotton)

Where can I donate?
Drop off shirts at Iowa Legal Aid 112 East 3rd Street Ottumwa, IA 52501
Call Yvonne at 641-683-3166 ext 1805 to make arrangements for pick-up

NEWS ITEMS

Archery Tournament
Story County is hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports archery tournament Saturday, April 20, 10AM-4PM at the Story County Extension Office in Nevada, IA. Entry deadline is April 4 to obtain awards. Late entries are allowed with no guarantee of an award. Register online and send entry fee to Story County Extension Office. Check out the tournament flyer for more details and rules. Contact Teri Jensen with questions.

Native Bees Training
There is an additional opportunity for teen leaders interested in participating in the Native Bee Challenge this year. A one-day training will be held on April 10th in Nevada to teach teens how to facilitate the program. Staff are welcome to attend as well. Please contact Maya Hayslett for more information about the program and the training.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Registration open!
Registration for the 2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is now open until June 1st. The State 4-H Council is proud to present a “Universe of Possibilities” at this year’s conference. All youth in grades 8th-12th are eligible to register for this fun-filled leadership conference, June 25-27 on ISU campus in Ames, IA. From keynote speakers to educational workshops and from a formal banquet to service learning, youth will be able to meet others from around the state and experience new opportunities. Register online. Contact Haley Jones hjones@iastate.edu with any questions.
Book your seat for a one-day fun-filled Mystery Trip!
We will be traveling to a “mystery” town where you will get to visit 7 different exciting locations.
You won’t want to miss this fun, exciting, mysterious trip.
Put the puzzle pieces together and come along to see if you had it all put together right!

June 12, 2019  Cost is $100.00
This covers all meals and events for the day!

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

* Registrations are due to your county office by May 15, 2019.

This trip will be an all-day trip. The bus and trip schedule for Wednesday June 12th will be mailed to all attending Mystery Trip Participants after May 15th. Once you sign up for this AWESOME trip you will receive more secret information on what you will need to bring for this Mystery trip......we can’t give too much away all at once, can we? Fill out the bottom portion and remit with payment to your local Extension Office by May 15th. Check should be made payable to Monroe County Extension. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Name __________________________________________
Address ________________________________________
City/Town ___________________ T-Shirt size ______
Phone _______________________ Grade ________
County _______________________
Email _______________________

Each county will have 5 seats available, after the first five have signed up, you will be placed on a waiting list. Don’t miss out on the fun mystery sign up today!
Looking for volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt and some crafts.

Please contact Cindy if you are able to help.

Silver cord hours can be awarded.
Erin Campbell

Erin is planning to attend Indian Hills Community College to get her Associate of Arts degree then transfer to continue studying history.

We asked Erin the following questions:

What does 4-H mean to you?

4-H has impacted my life in many ways. It was one of the first activities I joined when my family moved to town and throughout the years, it has been a great way to meet with others and a great outlet to express my creativity.

What have you learned from 4-H that you will use in the future?

I have learned many things from being in the 4-H program, from showing rabbits and horses, to basic things like making new friends. 4-H has taught me many skills like communicating with others, learning to appreciate different styles of art, and caring for the earth we live on.

Elijah Jacobs

Elijah: At the current moment I am still trying to figure it out. However, I know I am college bound and may pursue a career in computer security or history teaching.

We asked Elijah the following questions:

What does 4-H mean to you?

4-H means that I get the opportunity to be involved in my community and grow as an individual.

What have you learned from 4-H that you will use in the future?

I have learned how to communicate better with people, how to get involved with others to make a difference, in both my personal life and community life, as well as how to apply these things for my dealings in the coming future.

Gabriel Larkin

Gabe will be graduating from EBH High School this year. His future plans are to attend William Penn and play basketball and his major is currently undecided.

We asked Gabe the following questions:

What does 4-H mean to you?

4-H is somewhere that I am able to build or create any projects and a place to show animals and learn the basic needs of the animals.

What have you learned from 4-H that you will use in the future?

I have learned good leadership skills and how to properly care for animals.