



# 4-H FOCUS

June 2024

## Fair Deadline—July 1st!

**Animal classes (showmanship included), apple pie, communications, clothing event, table setting, scholarships and more! Check out the fairbook for all the fair entry deadlines!**



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## List of Events at a Glance

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**June 4-6:** Camp Discovery, Onawa (Monona County)

**June 5:** Painting with Penny—Project Exploration Evening 6-8 p.m.

**June 7:** Babysitting Course, Extension Office, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**June 11-12:** SOFA trip

**June 13:** Crocheting/Needle Arts—Project Exploration Evening 6-8 p.m.

**June 14:** Growing in the Garden Friday Fun Day—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—K-3rd grade

**June 17, 18 or 19:** Premier Exhibitor Skillathons (Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine)

**June 19:** Photography Workshop—Project Exploration Evening 6-8 p.m.

**June 20:** “Last Chance” Instructor Led YQCA training 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7:00 p.m.—Extension Office. Must register at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)

**June 21:** Kids in the Kitchen Friday Fun Day—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—4th-8th grade

**June 24, 25 or 26:** Premier Exhibitor Skillathons (Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Goat)

**June 28:** Coding/STEM Friday Fun Day—9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - K-3rd grade

**June 25-27:** Iowa State 4-H Conference and Animal Science Roundup

**July 1:** Fair Entry Deadline (Westfair)

**July 1:** Scholarship Application Deadline

**July 1:** Deadline to order Westfair t-shirt (must submit one exhibit in Fair Entry to receive a t-shirt).

**July 1:** Iowa State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline

**\*\*Make sure to check out the fair schedule in the fairbook or online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/westfair>**



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# Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



Natalie Ausdemore—Neola Busy Members

Bree Barrier—Minden Monarchs

Mikenzie Brewer—Neola Busy Members

Mary Graeve—West Pott. Horse Club

Ethan Greiner—Neola Busy Members

Loeck Helvie—Silver Keg Feeders

Jack Jensen—Hazel Dell Challengers

Nate Jensen—Hazel Dell Challengers

Camille Karr—Silver Creek Club

Ella Klusman—Hazel Dell Challengers

Ava Konz—Silver Keg Feeders

Alexander Mass—Silver Keg Feeders

Emily Newby—Crescent Innovators

Will Tiarks—Hazel Dell Challengers

Levi Young—Silver Keg Feeders

**We wish you all the best in  
your future endeavors!**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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## YQCA Information!



4th-12th graders showing beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy and/or goats must be YQCA certified.

YQCA certification expires EVERY year. Your YQCA certification must have an expiration date after the 2024 Westfair to be valid (so an expiration after July 29, 2024 to be valid for this year's fair).

Members can be certified by attending a 90 minute instructor led training OR doing an online certification.

The cost for the instructor led training is \$3.00. The cost for the online certification is \$12.00. The Extension Office has purchased \$3.00 coupon codes to help offset the cost of either the instructor led training or the online certification fees. Coupon codes can be obtained by emailing [jenvin@iastate.edu](mailto:jenvin@iastate.edu).

Members should visit [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org).

This is where you will create a YQCA account (if you have not already), get access to register for your class (instructor led or online), get access to your certificate, enter your coupon code, complete your pre/post tests, etc. There are also help sheets and videos on the YQCA website.

**ONLY ONE INSTRUCTOR LED TRAINING DATE LEFT!**

**You must register on the YQCA website listed above!**

**Thursday, June 20th—Last Instructor Led Training!**

**Times offered are either 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. OR 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The class is filled at 15 participants

Make sure that if you are showing beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy and/or goats that you get your YQCA certification completed! You must have a current YQCA certificate to put in Fair Entry when you enter beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy and/or goats for this year's Westfair.

Help sheets and information is also available on the YQCA website.

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## Friday Fun Days

Friday Fun Days will be offered to youth in grades K-8 every Friday in June from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the West Pottawattamie Extension Office!

Registration is available online via jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/241164815967162>

Each session is open to a max of 15 youth, so make sure to snag a spot early to avoid missing out!

There is no charge for West Pottawattamie 4-H'ers (courtesy of the 4-H Apple Pie Auction). Non 4-H members are welcome to attend with a cost of \$25.00 per registered session.

You can view complete descriptions and more information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/newsletter>.

### **Schedule of Friday Fun Days:**

#### **June 7—Babysitting Certification—5th-8th grades.**

Do you have what it takes to be a super sitter? During this 6 hour course, we will be exploring the 4-H/Army Child & Youth Services Babysitting Curriculum. Participants will leave with first aid knowledge, magic bags, babysitting manual and a vast knowledge of how to safely promote themselves as a babysitter and start earning some \$\$ this summer!

#### **June 14—Growing in the Garden—K-3rd grades.**

Get ready to get your hands dirty at this fun day camp! What is a tickle me plant? What is a Mexican Jumping Bean? We will be doing lots of horticulture and digging in the garden to make lots of fun discoveries about plants and the ecosystem that surrounds us!

#### **June 21—Kids in the Kitchen—4th-8th grades. (FULL)**

Like to cook? Want to learn the science behind your creations? Come to our Kids in the Kitchen Friday Fun Day where we will play fun games and learn about the food groups, My Plate, the Thrifty Meal Challenge, how to follow a recipe and make some great food too!

#### **June 28—Coding/STEM—K-3rd grades.**

Calling all coders! Check out this Friday Fun Day if you are into coding, science, engineering and math! We will have some fun with Bee Bots, Dash and Dot robots and so much more! Learn basic block coding and how you can create your own games and fun!

Don't forget to register early to secure your spot! Friday Fun Days are limited to 15 participants per session. Grades are as of May 2024. Contact the Extension Office at 712-366-7070 or email [jenvin@iastate.edu](mailto:jenvin@iastate.edu) with any questions! Hope to see you this summer!

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/YOUR COUNTY NAME HERE](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/YOUR COUNTY NAME HERE)

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# Wednesday Project Exploration Evenings!



Wednesday Project Exploration Evenings will be held every Wednesday evening in June from 6-8 p.m. at the West Pottawattamie Extension Office. The Project Exploration Evenings are open to all West Pottawattamie 4-H members currently in grades 4th-12th.

Registration is available online via jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/241165811768158>

Each session is open to a max of 15 youth.

There is no charge for West Pottawattamie 4-H'ers (courtesy of the 4-H Apple Pie Auction).

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## Schedule of Wednesday Project Exploration Evenings

### **June 5—Painting with Penny—Visual Arts exploration with Penny Christensen**

Penny's Visions Gallery (Penny Christensen) will be our guest presenter this evening. Penny will guide us through the process to take our idea and turn it into a great work of art. We will also discuss how to create an awesome visual arts write up (complete with design elements) for you to take to the fair.

### **June 13—Crocheting/Needle Arts—presenter Sue Smith**

Crocheting and needle arts are becoming very popular. If you want to learn basic needle arts (crocheting, felting, etc.) then make plans to attend this Wednesday night!

### **June 19—Photography**

We will learn how to write a good photography goal, learn about rule of thirds, how to capture a subject and how to fill out those photography labels! If you have a cell phone or camera, bring it along!

### **June 26—Speak It, Make It, Do It—Communications workshop**

Did you know that communications receive some of the highest premiums? We will be presenting a communications workshop exploring presentations, extemporaneous speaking, share the fun and working exhibits. Learn how you can participate in these super easy competitions!

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## Premier Exhibitor Contest is Back!

Members in 4th-12th grade who show market beef, breeding beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, goats and/or horses are encouraged to participate in the Premier Exhibitor Showman Contest!

**You could win \$250.00!!!!**

It is super easy to participate!

1. Sign up for a time to complete the skillathon and 5 question interview at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4FAAAF2CA2FB6-49424369-premier#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4FAAAF2CA2FB6-49424369-premier#/)/
2. Complete and submit 2 pages of support material to the office by July 1.
3. Sign up for the premier exhibitor showmanship class at the fair.

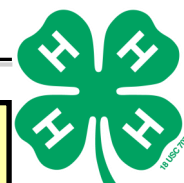
Check the fairbook for a complete list of rules for the contest. Study guides and help materials can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/westfair> under “Livestock and Animal Entry forms”.

If you have any questions about the Premier Exhibitor Contest, contact the office at 712-366-7070 or email [jenvin@iastate.edu](mailto:jenvin@iastate.edu).



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## 2024 Fair Booth Theme:

Explore the Jungle of  
Opportunities



## Fair Entry:

[https://fairentry.com/  
Fair/SignIn/19441](https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19441)

See what is due in Fair Entry by July 1 below.  
Static entries due by July 20 (but don't forget  
to go in and enter one exhibit to order your  
Westfair t-shirt). Check the fairbook for  
important deadlines too!

### July 1 Fair Entry Deadline!

- All animal classes (including showmanship)
  - Scholarship application deadline
  - Apple Pie Contest
- Communications (Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Clothing Event (Innovative Design, Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, \$20 Challenge)
  - Table Setting Contest
  - Premier Exhibitor Support Material

\*\*\*Make sure to check the Fairbook for a complete list of deadlines! Westfair Fair Entry link is <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19441>. Find lots more fair information on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/westfair>

# Westfair

## July 24-29, 2024

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