



WINNESHIEK COUNTY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

Hello 4-H Families and Friends,

Happy February! We are officially 6 months away from the 2023 Winneshiek County Fair we hope you are starting to think about the projects you will be bringing. The February Newsletter is full of upcoming spring and summer opportunities. Be sure to take some time to check out all of the wonderful experiences that are available. If you have any questions about upcoming events please reach out to the Winneshiek County Extension Office! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

With 4-H Spirit,



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Make sure to follow our Facebook pages for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/winncoext>

<https://www.facebook.com/Winneshiek4H>

Our office uses Facebook for breaking news, deadline reminders and upcoming events!

4-H Club Meeting Outline

- Pre Meeting Activity
- 1) Call to order
 - 2) Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3) Roll call/attendance
 - 4) Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - 5) Treasurer's report
 - 6) Committee reports
 - County Council
 - 7) Unfinished business
 - 8) New business
 - 9) Announcements
 - 10) Educational Presentations
 - 10) Adjournment, 4-H Pledge

WELCOME DELANEY TO THE WINNESHIEK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE!

Delaney Clark has been hired as the Office/Program Assistant at the Winneshiek County Extension Office. Stop in to say hello and welcome her to Winneshiek County! Stay tuned for the awesome things Delaney has been working on!



WINNESHIEK COUNTY 4-H OMELET BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

The 2023 Winneshiek County 4-H Omelet Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 5th at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds in the Community Building from 8AM - 12:30PM. Clubs are asked to provide club displays and silent auction baskets if they are able. 4-H clubs have signed up for shifts. Please contact your club leader to sign up to help at the 4-H Omelet Breakfast. A 4-H Omelet Breakfast flyer has been included at the end of the newsletter. Please post these around the community to promote the event. Don't forget to invite your family and friends to come enjoy an Omelet prepared by Winneshiek County 4-Her's. Proceeds from the event will help pay for 4-H members annual program development fees, fund educational workshops, and provide 4-H financial aid opportunities. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 5th!



MADISON 4-H CLUB - 2023 SOUP SUPPER

The Madison 4-H Club will be hosting their annual Soup Supper Fundraiser on March 12th from 4-7PM at the Madison Lutheran Church. Come enjoy a bowl of soup and support the Madison 4-Her's!





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WINN. CO. CATTLEMEN SCHOLARSHIP - DUE FEBRUARY 15TH



The Winneshiek County Cattlemen's Association has high school senior and collegiate scholarships available. Applications are available on the Winneshiek County Cattlemen's Facebook page. Applications must be postmarked by February 15th, 2023.

WINNESHIEK COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MARCH 1ST

Apply now for the 2023 Winneshiek County 4-H Scholarship! Applications are due by March 1st, 2023 to the Winneshiek County Extension Office. Applications are available here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek/scholarships>



IOWA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS - DUE MARCH 1ST



Applications are now open for the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships. The application will close on March 1st, 2023. Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements (i.e. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, 4-H event participation, etc.) Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarships. For more information regarding Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships visit: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1>

WINN. CO. DAIRY PROMOTERS SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MARCH 1ST

The Winneshiek County Dairy Promoters scholarship is available for high school seniors. Applications are available by contacting the Winneshiek County Extension Office. Applications are due by March 1st, 2023.



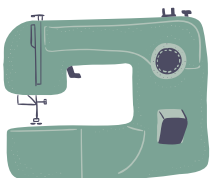
DECORAH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP



The Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce will be offering a scholarship for a high school students entering the agriculture field. Stay tuned for more information about the application and due date for this scholarship.

CLOTHING, FOODS, AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

The CFC Workshop scheduled for January was postponed due to weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 25th from 10AM - 3PM. 4th-12th grade 4-Hers are welcome to sign up for this workshop. Participants will learn how to operate a sewing machine and construct a pillow case, participate in the grilled cheese challenge, and learn more about communications posters. Registrations are due by February 23rd. To register please call 563-382-2949 or email Ashley at ashleys1@iastate.edu. Cost of workshop is \$20.

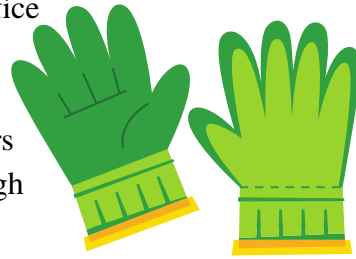




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4-H GARDEN CLUB

Are you interested in gardening to give? The garden behind the Winneshiek County Extension Office will grow a variety of crops for the local food pantry and we need help to maintain it. 4-H Garden Club will meet once per month from April to September (excluding July) likely on the 3rd or 4th Thursday of each month. In addition to maintaining the garden, the club will join Master Gardeners on their projects in the community and at Pine Bluff Camp. The club is open to youth in 6th through 12th grade. Registration for this free club will open on 4HOnline in March so keep an eye out!



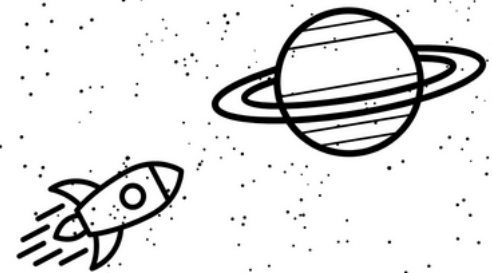
WATERLOO BLACKHAWKS SPRING 4-H NIGHTS



Cheer on the Black Hawks at Young Arena at the spring 4-H nights! The spring 4-H nights will be on Friday, March 24th at 7:05 PM and Saturday, April 8th at 6:05 PM. Tickets are discounted for 4-H members and their families at \$10 per ticket. Individual tickets can be placed at tickets.waterlooblackhawks.com using promo code spring4-h. The promo code will expire at noon on the day before each designated game. Seats are available in sections: G, H, K, L, M, & N. For larger group orders please call Tim Harwood at 319-296-7581. Tickets will be delivered electronically and can be printed at home or scanned from a mobile device.

2023 JUNIOR 4-H CAMP - LOST IN SPACE

4-H members take your chance getting lost in space at the Region 5 Junior 4-H Camp! Summer 4-H camp will be held at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp located near Decorah. Junior 4-H members (grades 4th-6th) can attend camp on June 6-7, 2023. Junior 4-H camp registrations are **NOW AVAILABLE** and are due on April 3rd, 2023! Don't delay, registration fills up quickly! Cost to attend camp is \$65. Registration form for Junior Camp can be found at the end of the newsletter.



**LOST IN SPACE
JR. 4-H CAMP**



2023 JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELOR

Do you enjoy being in nature? Are you up for adventures with Junior 4-H members? Then being a 4-H camp counselor may be for you. We are looking for 4-H youth counselors to provide leadership in partnership with 4-H staff at the Regional Pine Bluff 4-H Camp. Junior camp is a two-day, one night camp. Junior camp will be held on June 6-7, 2023. Applications are **NOW AVAILABLE** for 9-12th grade members. Contact your county youth coordinator for more information! Deadline to apply to serve as a camp counselor is April 3rd, 2023!

SAVE THE DATE: 2023 INTERMEDIATE TRIP

7th-8th grade 4-Hers please save the date for the 2023 Intermediate 4-H Trip. The trip will be held Monday, June 5th through Tuesday, June 6th. Stay tuned for more information regarding trip location and registration information.



2023 PINE BLUFF SPRING CLEAN UP



Pine Bluff camp was established in 1952 and is continually a location for 4-Hers to meet and make new friends and strengthen relationships as a 4-H community. Join us on April 29th from 9am - 12 pm. The club with the most helping hands will receive a free overnight at the camp for the summer of 2023! Please bring along: buckets, rags, rakes, work gloves, and an appetite for a light lunch. The day will consist of yard work, cabin, bathhouse, and kitchen cleanup.



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2023 YQCA TRAINING - DUE MAY 15TH

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is available online or in person at scheduled trainings. This certification teaches youth ethical and proper care of animals entering the food chain.



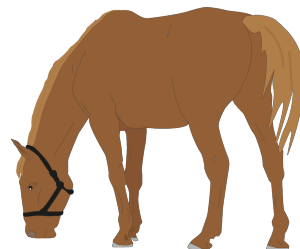
All 4th-12th grade beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to be YQCA certified to exhibit at the Winneshiek County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. YQCA certification should be completed by May 15th, 2023.

To be certified youth have the following options:

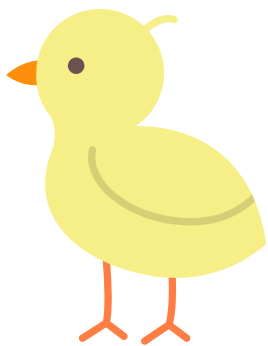
- Complete YQCA certification online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Materials and modules are organized by grade. **There is a \$12 fee paid online when you register for the online course.** Youth are welcome, by appointment, to test at the Extension Office with our laptops and internet if needed, however, a parent would need to provide payment information for the online payment.
- Exhibitors are also welcome to take an instructor led training. Registration can be completed at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. **Registration and \$3 payment are required online before coming to the training.** Instructor led trainings are available on:
 - Sunday, March 12th at 5:30 PM at the Ossian Community Center
 - Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 PM at the Winneshiek County Extension Office
 - Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 PM at the Winneshiek County Extension Office

2023 HORSE PROJECT MEETING

New and current horse project exhibitors are asked to attend an informational meeting on Saturday, April 15th at 9:30AM at the Winneshiek County Extension Office. Information will be shared regarding the horse project for 2023 as we gear up for practices to start this spring. Questions can be directed to the Winneshiek County Extension Office at 563-382-2949.



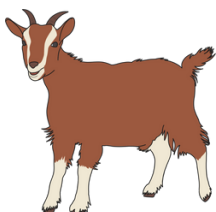
2023 MARKET BROILER REGISTRATION - DUE MARCH 15TH



Do you have an interest in poultry or interested in learning more about poultry? If you are the Broiler Project is an opportunity for 4-H or FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising chicks to broiler-weight through partnership. Luzum Brothers Poultry serves as a sponsor for the Market Broiler Project. The sponsor will purchase the chicks and the 4-H/FFA member is responsible for whatever is necessary to raise the chicks to healthy broiler weight and processing of the birds. Market Broiler letters will be sent in February to those enrolled in the poultry project. The Market Broiler Order form will be due by March 15th to the Winneshiek County Extension Office.

2023 MARKET SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH IN

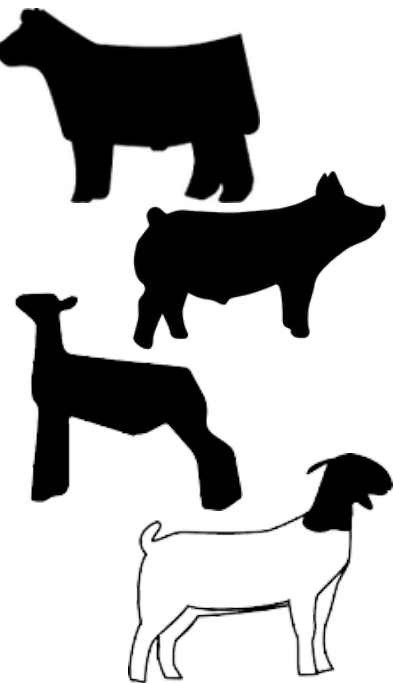
The 2023 Market Sheep/Goat weigh in will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 8-11AM in the show barn at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds. Information letters will be sent to members signed up for the sheep and/or goat project area in 4HOnline prior to weigh-in.





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2023 WINNESHIEK COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS



There are four important things to remember if you want to exhibit at the 2023 Winneshiek County Fair.

- 1) **Weigh-ins:** Attend weigh-in for your species. Market Beef - December 2022, Swine - March 2023, Sheep and Meat Goat - May 2023. Pay attention to State Fair requirements for retinal imaging or DNA samples.
- 2) **Livestock ID's:** Market Beef ID's are due in 4HOnline by February 1st. All other animal ID's are due in 4-H Online by May 15th.
- 3) **YQCA:** (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification is required by May 15th for 4th-12th graders who intend to exhibit animals that could enter the food supply.
- 4) **Fair Entry:** Due on or before June 15th for all livestock.

****Watch your monthly 4-H newsletters and mailings for information regarding the above items. It is your responsibility to read the 4-H newsletter and other mailings in order to remain up to date with any information involving fair. If you have any questions please call us at 563-382-2949. ****

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

- Market Beef ID's - **Due February 1st**
- State Recognition Applications - **Due February 1st**
- YDC Meeting - February 6th at 7PM
- County Council - February 19th at 5:30PM
- CFC Workshop - February 25th from 10AM-3PM

MARCH

- Winneshiek County Scholarships - **Due March 1st**
- Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships - **Due March 1st**
- Winneshiek County 4-H Omelet Breakfast - March 5th
- YDC Meeting - March 6th at 7PM
- Madison 4-H Club Soup Supper - March 12th from 4-7PM
- YQCA Training in Ossian - March 12th at 5:30PM
- Market Broiler Registration Form - **Due March 15th**
- YQCA Training in Decorah - March 28th at 6:30PM

APRIL

- Jr. Camp & Int. Trip Registrations - **Due April 3rd**
- YDC Meeting - April 3rd at 7PM
- YQCA Training in Decorah - April 6th at 6:30PM
- Office Closed - April 7th
- Horse Project Meeting - April 15th at 9:30AM
- County Council - April 16th at 5:30PM
- Pine Bluff Clean Up - April 29th from 9AM - noon

MAY

- YDC Meeting - May 1st at 7PM
- Sheep/Goat Weigh-in - May 6th from 8-11AM
- Livestock ID's - **Due May 15th**
- YQCA Certification - **Due May 15th**
- Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting - May 15th at 6PM
- Pre-Fair Leaders Meeting - May 15th at 7PM
- County Council - May 21st at 5:30PM
- Office Closed - May 29th

Dates, times & locations are subject to change