Dear 4-Hers and Families,

Happy March! I hope you are gearing up for warmer weather as spring is quickly approaching. I encourage you all to look through the monthly newsletter to stay up to date on the upcoming events and deadlines. We are beginning to approach our busy months and it will be very important to stay up to date on new information. Please remind family and friends about our upcoming 4-H Omelet Breakfast this Sunday, March 6th from 8 AM until 12:30 PM. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or deadlines please reach out to the Winneshiek County Extension Office.

Closerly,

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MARCH 4-H TRIVIA
WHAT YEAR DID 4-H BEGIN?

Do you know the answer? If you do send your answer to ashleys1@iastate.edu. The first person to answer the March 4-H trivia question correctly will win a prize. The prize can be picked up at the Winneshiek County Extension Office.

THANK YOU FROM THE WINNESHIEK COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

On behalf of all Winneshiek County 4-H Endowment Board members, we would like to thank the County Council members and Michelle Schwartzhoff for volunteering their time and helping at our 2022 Friends of 4-H Gala. We appreciated your help with serving dinner, modeling our auction items, and helping clean up at the end of the night.
WINNESHIEK COUNTY 4-H OMELET BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

We will be hosting the 2022 Winneshiek County 4-H Omelet Breakfast on Sunday, March 6th at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds from 8AM - 12:30PM. Clubs will be asked to provide club displays and silent auction baskets if they are willing. Contact your club leader if you are interested in working a shift at the breakfast!

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 6th!

PINE BLUFF SPRING CLEAN UP

Pine Bluff camp was established in 1952 and is continually a location for 4-Her's to meet and make new friends and strengthen relationships as a 4-H community. 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. Join us on April 30th from 9am - 12 pm. The club with the most helping hands will receive a free overnight at the camp for the summer of 2022!

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 Sunday, March 27th vs. Lincoln at 3:05 PM and Saturday, April 2nd vs. Dubuque 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.

POP TABS FOR JACY

The State 4-H Council will be hosting "Pop Tabs for Jacy" again this year! This memorial pop tab collection will take place February 14th - June 28th, 2022. The State 4-H Council has a goal to collect 1,000 lbs. or 10 pounds from each of the 100 Extension offices. The top 5 counties to collect the MOST poundage of tabs by June 28th will be recognized with plaques at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. What is Pop Tabs for Jacy? Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council member with a big heart who was passionate about helping others through the Ronald McDonald House. He lost his courageous battle with cancer during his 2017-2018 term on Council. Each year since then, the State Council has chosen to continue Jacy's collection efforts in honor of his passion for serving others and giving back. All pop tabs will be donated to a Ronald McDonald House in Iowa. The Winneshiek County Extension Office will be collecting pop tabs until June 28th, 2022.

IOWA 4-H CAMERA CORPS

All youth who submit in the photography project area are encouraged to practice and improve their skills year-round by submitting to the monthly challenges. To receive email notifications regarding the monthly challenges sign up here: https://form.jotform.com/212375018209956. Submit monthly challenge photos here: https://form.jotform.com/220296764254965. County and family members can participate in the public people's choice voting for each theme by liking the photos on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page.
4-H CAMPS COMING IN JUNE OF 2022

4-H members…Come join us for tons of fun, adventures galore, and lifelong friendships from northeast Iowa. 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 7-8, 2022. The Junior 4-H Camp registration form can be found on the Winneshiek County 4-H website and are available at the Extension Office. All registrations are due April 1st, don't delay space is limited!

WANTED: 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

Attention High School 4-H Members! Do you like the outdoors? 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 Camps. Junior camp is 2 days and one night. Junior camp will be June 7-8. Applications are now available for 9-12th grade members. Registration form can be found on the home page of the Winneshiek County 4-H website and are available at the Extension Office. Deadline to apply is April 1st.

INTERMEDIATE 4-H TRIP: INTO THE WILD IN THE TWIN CITIES

Go 'Into the Wild', June 6th-7th, with an overnight trip to the Twin Cities where you will test your skills at Base Camp with a high ropes course, archery, rock climbing and leadership activities. Explore the Mall of America and adventure through the Minnesota Zoo! Registration form can be found on the home page of the Winneshiek County 4-H website or are available at the Extension Office. All registrations are due April 1st, don't delay space is limited.

IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will take place on June 28th - 30th on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames. Youth completing grades 8th -12th are invited for three days of fun. Participants will have the chance to tour Iowa State University's campus, listen to keynote speakers, attend workshops, participate in service learning activities and create lifelong memories. Registration will open in March for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Get excited the theme for this year's Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is "Building the Future"!

2022 WINNESHEIK COUNTY FAIR THEME

The 2022 Winneshiek County Fair theme will follow the 2022 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme "Building the Future". Begin meeting with your fair booth decorating committees to prepare for fair 2022. Start brainstorming all things construction!

MARCH COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEA

Is your club looking for a Community Service project for this month? Work with your club members to put together spring baskets for a local nursing home. This is a great way to connect with the community and brighten someone's day!

4-HER’S FOR 4-H CAMPAIGN

The State 4-H Council invites 4-Her's from across the state to get involved in the 4-Her's for 4-H Campaign! The State 4-H Council has a goal to raise $27,000 and they need assistance from 4-Her's across the state. All club leaders have received information on how to donate to the 4-Her's for 4-H Campaign. If you are interested talk to your club and club leaders to discuss donating!
MARKET BROILER PROJECT

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 were sent in February if you did not receive one and are interested in the Market Broiler Project please contact the Winneshiek County Extension Office for the form. The Market Broiler Order form is due on March 15th to the Winneshiek County Extension Office.

SWINE WEIGH-IN/IDENTIFICATION

The Derby Swine Show will be returning to the Winneshiek County Fair in 2022. Swine exhibitor letters were mailed in February. If you did not receive this information and are interested in exhibiting Swine at the 2022 Winneshiek County Fair or the Iowa State Fair please reach out to the Winneshiek County Extension Office to receive the swine information for 2022.

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL & SKILLATHON

Competitions will be held on Saturday, April 9th at Iowa State University in Kildee Hall. Quiz bowl is a team event for 4th - 12th graders where they test their knowledge of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats. Skillathon is a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, quality assurance, selection, meat evaluation, and other livestock skills. Registration is open until April 1st in 4HOnline. For more information visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl

2022 UNCOMMON STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award is a $10,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The program is designed to attract students who are motivated and community-minded. The award, which honors Herbert Hoover, an Iowa native and the 31st President of the United States, identifies approximately 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then accomplish projects of their own design. The projects the students propose should demonstrate the value that Herbert Hoover exemplified in his life of public service. Deadline for juniors to apply is March 15th. Several Iowa 4-H members were apart of the 2021 USA program! Check out the webpage for application details and requirements. https://hooverpresidentialfoundation.org/uncommon-student-award/
2022 BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST

Looking for a fun, challenging way to strengthen your welding and creative skills? The 'Bucket-of-Junk' challenge is open to all 4-12th grade members. Each registered participant will be given one 5 gallon bucket with 'junk' (metal welding material) in it that they are challenged to weld into something creative (lawn ornament, decoration, something useful). Buckets and junk are provided by the Extension Office. This contest is limited to 10 participants so don't hesitate to register! Sign up for the Bucket of Junk will close on April 14th.

1. Buckets will be handed out on a first call - first serve basis by calling 563-382-2949 or emailing ashleys1@iastate.edu
2. You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items you are provided, but no pieces may be added.
3. You must use approximately 75% of the materials provided.
4. Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the members exhibit write-up responding to the Winneshiek County Exhibit Goal Sheet.
5. These exhibits may also be exhibited at Static Day under the appropriate classes and are eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair. Note: Visual Arts and Home Improvement require Design Elements and Art Principles worksheet.
6. Your project may be NO bigger than 36” x 36” x 24”
7. Members may enter only 1 entry into this contest.

Please complete and return to the Winneshiek County Extension Office by April 14th. Limited to 10 participants.

2022 BUCKET OF TALL CORN CONTEST

The goal of the Bucket of Tall Corn Contest is to grow the tallest corn stalk by fair time (with supplied seeds)! All 4-H members are welcome to participate, including Clover Kids! Youth are encouraged to further their project and enter in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Static Class with posters, research, or any direction fitting class description. This contest is limited to 10 participants so don't hesitate to register! Seeds and buckets will be handed out on a first call - first serve basis by calling 563-382-2949 or emailing ashleys1@iastate.edu. Sign up for the Bucket of Tall Corn contest will close on April 14th.

Rules: There are zero rules! Plant seeds in your 5-gallon bucket after April 14th and put your bucket anywhere you wish to grow it. Feel free to decorate your bucket, but be sure to include your name and 4-H club. Make sure the selected spot is sunny, wind protected, and an area where the giant corn will not interfere with overhead power lines or hinder TV signals!

Youth are encouraged to further their project and enter in the Agriculture and Natural Resources static class with posters, research, or any direction fitting class descriptions.

MADISON 4-H CLUB'S SOUP SUPPER

The Madison 4-H Club will be holding their annual Soup Supper Fundraiser on March 13th, 2022 from 4PM-7PM at the Madison Church. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children, and preschoolers are free. Come enjoy a bowl of soup and support the Madison 4-Her's!
WINNESHIEK COUNTY EXTENSION SUMMER JOB OPENING

We will be hiring a Summer Assistant for the Summer of 2022!

- This position provides assistance to ISU Extension and Outreach staff in Winneshiek County. This position will support staff by assisting with researched based educational programming for all ages, administrative assignments, maintaining records, and assisting with the community garden.
- 40 hours/week starting no later than June 1st, 2022.
- Flexible hours are required and may include some evenings and weekends.
- An undergraduate freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior level college student with a major in an Extension related discipline, high school graduate, or high school senior.

For a full job description and job application email alliemc@iastate.edu. Application closes March 7th, 2022.

VERNON SPILDE MEMORIAL - COMMUNITY GARDEN

We will be "Building the Future" at the Winneshiek County Extension Office with the addition of a Community Garden this spring.

The new addition will provide a safe and accessible garden growing space for the Winneshiek County community. Outreaching to community members through educational opportunities collaborating with 4-H members, Master Gardeners, RSVP, and the Winneshiek County Extension. Stay tuned in the coming months for ways you can become involved in the addition of the community garden.

WOODWORKING WORKSHOP

Are you passionate about woodworking or looking to learn more about the project area? The Community Garden committee will be holding a woodworking workshop on Saturday, April 3rd from 8 am - noon. At the workshop you will have the chance to help construct the raised garden beds that will be used in the new Community Garden. This is a wonderful opportunity to be apart of a project that will impact community members. If you are interested in attending call the Winneshiek County Extension Office at 563-382-2949.

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
2022 COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

There are four important things to remember if you want to exhibit livestock at the 2022 Winneshiek County Fair.

1) **Weigh-ins:** Attend weigh-in for your species. Market Beef weigh-in - December, Swine (Pending), Sheep and Meat Goat weigh-in - May. Pay notice to State Fair requirements for retinal imaging or DNA samples.

2) **Livestock ID's:** due in 4-H Online 2.0 by **May 15th** for animals that were not required to weigh-in. Market animals should be verified in 4-H Online by their respective dates. *May 15th falls on a Sunday! We highly recommend completing this by Friday, May 13th in case you have questions.*

3) **YQCA:** (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification is required for all 4-Her's who intend to exhibit animals that could enter the food supply. **MUST BE DONE BY MAY 15TH!**

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.

YQCA TRAINING OPTIONS

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 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.

To be certified youth have the following options:

- Complete YQCA certification online at [https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login](https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login) using your 4HOnline login name and password. Open to all grade levels. Materials and modules are organized by grade. **There is a $12 fee paid online when you register for the online course.** You must click to receive your certification to verify your completion of the 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 needs. Must be completed on or before **May 15th**.
- Grades 4-12 can attend face-to-face training. **Registration and $3 payment are required online prior to these trainings.**
  - [https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login](https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login)
  - Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM at Winneshiek County Extension Office
  - Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 PM at Winneshiek County Extension Office
  - Monday, April 18th at 3:00 PM at Winneshiek County Extension Office

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

HOW TO REACH US?!

Stay connected with us: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek/](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek/)
Come see us at our new location: 2316 Sweet Parkway Road Decorah, IA
Call us: 563-382-2949 Email: ashleys1@iastate.edu
MARCH

- Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application: Due March 1st
- Winn. Co. 4-H Scholarship: Due March 1st
- 4-H Omelet Breakfast: March 6th from 8AM - 12:30 PM at Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
- YDC Meeting: March 7th at 7 PM at the Extension Office
- Madison 4-H Club Soup Supper: March 13th from 4-7 PM at Madison Church
- Winneshiek County 4-H Market Broiler Bird Form: Due March 15th
- Winneshiek County Derby Swine Weigh In: March 19th - March 26th
- Waterloo Blackhawks Spring 4-H Night: March 27th at 3:05 PM
- YQCA Training: March 29th at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office

APRIL

- Registration for Jr. 4-H Camp, Int. Trip and Jr. Camp Counselors: Due April 1st
- Waterloo Blackhawks Spring 4-H Night: April 2nd at 6:05 PM
- YDC Meeting: April 4th at 7 PM at the Extension Office
- YQCA Training: April 7th at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office
- YQCA Training: April 18th at 3 PM
- Pine Bluff Clean Up: April 30th from 9AM - Noon

MAY

- YDC Meeting: May 2nd at 7 PM at the Extension Office
- Sheep & Goat Weigh In: May 7th
- County Council Meeting: May 15th
- YQCA Certification: Due May 15th
- 4-H Leaders Meeting: May 16th

JUNE

- YDC Meeting: June 6th
- Regional Intermediate Trip: June 6th - 7th in Minneapolis, MN
- Regional Junior 4-H Camp: June 7th - 8th at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp
- Clothing Foods & Communications Day: June 22nd at Decorah Lutheran Church
- 4-H Youth Conference: June 28th - 30th

JULY

- Static Entry Day: July 7th
- 2022 Winneshiek County Fair: July 12th - 16th

*Dates, times & locations are subject to change*