

# 4-H GROWS WINNESHIEK COUNTY

## OUR OFFICE IS NOW OPEN

The Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach Office is OPEN AGAIN! We take serving Iowans seriously, and we are prioritizing the health and safety of our community and staff. Please enter our office through the front door, and if there are others in line, please exit through our back door. Updated information can always be found on our website.

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We are available by phone and email for questions. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this together. Continue to check emails, our Facebook page, and reading the monthly 4-H newsletter for updates.

## A WORD FROM THE 4-H OFFICE

What a whirlwind the last 12 weeks have been! We are working hard to provide a positive youth experience for our 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Winneshiek County. I've found some days more difficult than others. BUT, I've also found many more days that are uplifting and energizing.

**Continue to make the best better in all that we do in 4-H.** Continue to help others and take advantage of the opportunities we have at hand!

A special thank you goes out to the Winneshiek County Fair Board for their ongoing support. Thank you to our Youth Development Committee, Winneshiek County Extension Council and to our 4-H and Office Staff.

With excitement for what's ahead,  
Angie Sperflage, County Youth Coordinator

## LIVESTOCK SHOW UPDATES

Livestock Shows will be one-day, show and go events. Exhibitors will check-in/weigh-in at scheduled times, wait for class breaks/show program and then participate in the show. All animals will leave the fairgrounds the same day as the show. No exhibitors or animals will be on the fairgrounds overnight.

**Showtimes are approximate.** Please be patient with our volunteers and staff. Shows may begin ahead of scheduled time.

**These shows are NOT open to the public.** Please follow Winneshiek County 4-H on Facebook and check our website for live stream details closer to the fair.

When creating your class entries on the Fair Entry website, **we are asking for names of who plan to attend the event with their 4-H or FFA exhibitor.** If they can honestly and truthfully say yes, to this statement, they may be listed: "I am a caring adult, or fellow caring exhibitor, that is essential for the hands-on safety of exhibition for the exhibiting member."

For these shows to be at all possible, we are asking for your help to limit the crowd size and attendees. More information will be shared with registered exhibitors regarding the gate check-in process, wearing mask/face covering expectations and more. This letter will be shared after the entry deadline has passed.



## CONTINUED: LIVESTOCK SHOW UPDATES

**Stalling** will be available by request through fair entry. Families are welcome and encouraged to show out of your trailer.

**Health papers requirements and other class requirement/information** listed in the fair book remains the same unless noted in print from the Extension Office.

**Wash racks** will be open for use. Please do not share tack/supplies with others.

As an exhibitor, **if you are unable to exhibit at a scheduled Winneshiek County 4-H/FFA livestock show, for any personal or related reason to Covid-19, please reach out to the Extension Office for an accommodations form.**

## LIVESTOCK AUCTION UPDATE

We are working very hard with several of our partners to include an auction for our Winneshiek County Fair, while still respecting the health and safety concerns that accompany our current COVID-19 situation. The Auction Committee has decided that, **for this year only**, we will conduct an online achievement auction.

- Each livestock exhibitor is **limited to one Auction Entry**. The entry can include all the following species and is not limited to market animals within these species: **Beef, dairy, meat goat, dairy goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine**.
- Each exhibitor will submit **a photo or a video**, which must include the exhibitor and the market animal(s).
  - Please be professional and wear your 4-H or FFA shirt.
  - Images may be a collage, but must be ONE upload.
  - Videos may be combined multiple clips, no more than 1 minute long, and must be viewable from one link/upload.
- Exhibitors must **submit videos/images through Fair Entry**. Much like 'Stalling' is an entry, Livestock Auction registration will be the same process. These photos or videos will be posted on the online auction website.
- There will be an online option for a description of the animal project, which could include feed costs, what was done to care for the animal(s), etc.
- **This is a achievement auction only**. If the exhibitor wishes to take the additional opportunity to sell the animal for harvest it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact potential buyers. There will be **no load out process this year**. Transportation of the animal, locker availability, etc. are the responsibility of the exhibitor and buyer.

There is limited space at area lockers for Winneshiek County Fair animals. **When calling, please state that you are a Winneshiek County 4-H or FFA member or if your buyer is calling, to state this is a Winneshiek County Fair animal.** Please also remember to be patient and kind; their industry is under pressure, much like many lowans are experiencing because of Covid-19.

Jet's Meat Processing	Waukon, IA	563-568-2403
Polashek's	Protivin, IA	563-569-8774
Wadena Locker	Wadena, IA	563-774-2725
Yocum & Yocum: Lamb/Goat buyers	Mabel, MN	507-951-9878



## LIVESTOCK AND PET CLASS UPDATES

- Dairy lactation classes: Dairy Cattle: 21018-21021; Dairy Goats: 22003-22004, will submit a video for virtual judging. All other Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat classes may be exhibited at the show and go on their scheduled day.
- Dairy Herd and Daughter-Damn classes (21022 and 21023) are eliminated for fair 2020.
- There will be NO carcass scanning for beef or swine. This decision was based on scanner availability and show schedule.

**Video Submission Requirements for Dairy:** All videos should be taken using a smartphone camera or equivalent. Phones should be held horizontally (sideways). All videos should be unedited. Videos should be one continuous take with no cuts. Video submissions that appear to be edited in any way will be disqualified. Tip: Do not zoom during video; this distorts the quality. Instead, step closer to the exhibit. Video must start by showing the animal ID in the ear.

- There will be NO pet show this year. Exhibitors may enter the poster exhibit under the Animal Science class 10101 in the Static Department. *If you would like to be considered to advance to the Iowa State Fair, please send a goal sheet. Otherwise, your poster will be judged like years past. We will name a Pet Poster Champion. Having or not having a goal sheet will not inhibit your eligibility to be named champion.*

## CLOVER CAFÉ

The Clover Café will not be open this fair. Limited food from other vendors may be available during the week of fair.

## CLOVER KIDS CORNER: FAIR UPDATES

This year, we are providing a *Clover Kid and Caring Adult Worksheet* as a judging alternative. We want our K-3rd grade youth to experience a learning conversation with a trusted adult of your choice. Worksheets are available online or by request. Please return the worksheet to the Extension Office on or before July 24 to receive a Clover Kid participation ribbon(s). More information is included with the worksheet. *Limit 3 worksheet entries per exhibitor.*

- Clover Kids will NOT submit a paper entry for Static exhibits
- There will be NO livestock or pet shows for Clover Kids this year. Members are encouraged to utilize the *Clover Kid and Caring Adult Worksheet* alternative.
- Clover Kids registered for Share the Fun, may submit a video. Please see your exhibitor letter/ email for upload details and dates.

## IOWA STATE FAIR UPDATES

The ISF will announce their plans mid-June.



## STATIC CLASS UPDATES

- There will be **no food entries fair 2020**. This includes class 11502 Food/Beverage Items; 10440 Food & Nutrition-Prepared Product; and 10442 Food & Nutrition-Preserved Product.

Youth are encouraged to enter Class 10445 Food & Nutrition-Educational Display. Please do not submit perishable foods with your exhibit; we do not have proper disposal for the food.

## STATIC, CLOTHING, AND PLACE SETTING EXHIBITS

**Static, clothing and place settings** may be dropped off on **Monday, July 6 from 3:30-6:30 PM or Tuesday, July 7 from 7:30-9:00 AM** at the Danan Lansing building on the Winneshiek County fairgrounds. Please come when convenient for you and your family. **Drop-Off Procedure:**

- Create class entries on [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com), June 10-30th. No late entries will be accepted.
- Entry tags will be mailed to exhibitors after the entry deadline.
- Label ALL detachable parts of your exhibit.** *Yard dice? Each die and the bucket must be labeled. Child development 'Busy Board'? Every piece that is removable must be labeled.* Labels are available by request. You may create/print your own.
- Please wait for the vehicle ahead of you to pull away before exiting your vehicle.
- Please place exhibits on the table located on the east side of the building (by large overhead door). Please return back to your vehicle. A volunteer will gather your exhibits and take them inside.
- It is recommended to bring your exhibits in a box(es) or laundry basket(s). PLEASE LABEL your carrier. This will help volunteers sort your project for a quick pick-up.
- If you have a large exhibit, it is required that only two people would be needed to move the exhibit. Those two people must wear face coverings while placing the large exhibit in the building. You may also consider submitting photos only of the large exhibit.

Youth will NOT be present for judging on July 9. Judges will examine the exhibit and goal sheet and provide written feedback just like the Iowa State Fair Static Exhibit judging. Please see handout *Tips for Writing a 4-H Exhibit Write-Up*, included in this newsletter.

## PICK-UP: STATIC, CLOTHING, AND PLACE SETTING EXHIBITS

**Static, clothing and place settings** may be picked-up on **Friday, July 10 from 2:00-6:30 PM** at the Danan Lansing building on the Winneshiek County fairgrounds. **Drop-Off Procedure:**

- Please wait for the vehicle ahead of you to pull away before exiting your vehicle.
- Please pull up to the east side of the building (by large overhead door). Remain in your vehicle while a volunteer collects your item(s) from inside and places the item(s) on the pick-up table.
- If you have a large exhibit, please announce this to the volunteer and allow for those in the building to be notified. Only 2 people may enter the building to collect the exhibit and they must wear a face covering.
- There are no scheduled drop-off times. Please come when convenient for you and your family. Please be patient while waiting.
- Having your exhibit in a box(es) or laundry basket(s) will help pick-up go smooth. Remember, PLEASE LABEL your carrier.

## RABBIT TIPS AND POINTERS: VIDEO

Interested in showing rabbits at the Winneshiek County Fair? New to the rabbit project area? Check out this video, created by 4-H County Council Member, Chance Adam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-zs9lpanel>

Job well done to Chance on his County Council Leadership Project. This video will help you be confident in showing and learn about basic rabbit care.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Your SESS leaders have put together an Adventure List for you! Completing items from this list will add to your summer adventures. The next scheduled meeting is July 26 at 10:00 AM at Lake Meyer for canoeing and kayak safety. Please wear water safe shoes, and sunscreen/sun protective gear as needed. If you have a life jacket, please also bring that.

### Adventure List:

- Find a recipe for wild game.
- Take 3 pictures of wild flowers.
- Safely identify an invasive plant.
- Make a poster about a local songbird
- Go fishing.
- Design and create range safety signs.
- Identify and find local macroinvertebrate.
- Find 3 different species of mushrooms (don't touch or taste).
- Design/build a shooting branch for backyard plinking.
- Take a silent hike in the woods trying to be quiet enough to sneak up on wildlife.
- Check-out the Bird/Frog/Toad 'interactive sound' identifier from the Extension Office.
- Practice turkey or other animal calling.
- Volunteer at the Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery.
- Research the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation or other professional origination.
- Research the ISSF: International Shooting Sports Foundation.

## GROUND BREAKERS 4-H GARDEN CLUB

Meeting is scheduled for **June 16 at 7:00 PM**. If you would like to join the Ground Breakers, please email Angie at [aksperf@iastate.edu](mailto:aksperf@iastate.edu). A pending face-to-face meeting is set for July 28, location TBD.

## DOG PROJECT

Continue to follow the 'Winneshiek County Dog Project' on Facebook for class updates. If classes are to cancel or change because of weather, please check your email by 5:00 PM on those days.

## HORSE PROJECT

Continue to follow the 'Winneshiek 4-H Horse Group' on Facebook for workout updates.

## LEADERS CORNER

A leaders meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 PM at the Danan Lansing building on the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds.

If you are interested in holding a virtual meeting and need Angie's help setting up an online meeting, please reach out! We are here to answer questions, and help you get in touch with your club members.

Please see also 4-H Club Best Practices to Transition to Face-to-Face Meetings email send 5/30/20.





## COUNTY COUNCIL CORNER

Now accepting applications for the 2020-21 4-H Youth County Council, for youth entering grades 9-12. Returning members do NOT need to reapply. Applications are due on or before August 3 to the Extension Office. Interviews will take place on Sunday, August 9.

## STATE WIDE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

**CROP SCOUTING COMPETITION FOR IOWA YOUTH 2020** - is now virtual. To participate at a shot for cash prizes and learning please visit:

<https://www.ipm.iastate.edu/crop-scouting-competition-iowa-youth-2020>

**ANIMAL SCIENCE ACADEMY** - An opportunity for high school students to glimpse into the many disciplines and career opportunities available in the field of animal science. Pre-register for the July 1 event at <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/ancy/>

**GARDENING TO GIVE CHALLENGE** - receive free weekly lessons and challenges about gardening and growing a #StrongIowa, now through October 30th. Registration and more information online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/gardening-to-give>

**4-H AT HOME LEARNING RESOURCES** – These resources are free and available online! Check back weekly for updated activities and challenges

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources>

**4-H** IS ABOUT MORE THAN THE  
*ribbons & awards...*

It's about *the people*, the experiences,  
the life-long skills, *the memories*,

THE  
**COUNTY FAIR**

*It's about* being a role model, giving back,  
& making the *best better*.



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## 2020 Winneshiek County 4-H/FFA Schedule

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<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek/content/winneshiek-county-4-h-and-ffa-fair-information>

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
June 10-30	<i>Closes at 11:59 PM on June 30</i>	Fair Entry <a href="http://www.fairentry.com">www.fairentry.com</a> for all Livestock and Static class entries, stalling requests, and lactation animal video uploads. Show Accommodations forms due.
June 22	Virtual – All Day	Communications Judging
Mon., July 6	3:30-6:30 p.m.	Drop off Clothing, Static, Pet Posters, Place Setting, Bucket of Junk, Bucket of Tall Corn Exhibit entries at the Danan Lansing Building, Fairgrounds.
Tue., July 7	7:30-9:00 a.m.	
Tue., July 7	by 12:00 p.m.	Submit Share the Fun videos online
Thur., July 9	All Day	Judging (no exhibitors present)
Fri., July 10	2:00-6:30 p.m. pick-up	Clothing, Static, Pet Posters, Place Setting, Bucket of Junk, Bucket of Tall Corn Exhibit entries at the Danan Lansing Building, Fairgrounds.
Mon., July 13	8:00 a.m.	Dog Show – Show Barn
	2:30-3:00 p.m.	Rabbit Check-in – Swine Arena
	4:00 p.m.	Rabbit Show – Show Barn
Tues., July 14	7:00-9:00 a.m.	Swine weigh-in – Swine Arena
	1:00 p.m.	Swine Show – Show Barn
Wed., July 15	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Check-in for Dairy Cattle and Bucket Bottle Cattle
	9:30 a.m.	Bucket Bottle Show – Show Barn
	Immediately following	Dairy Cattle Show – Show Barn
	11:00-12:30 p.m.	Sheep and Goat check-in – Swine Arena
	3:00 p.m.	Dairy Goat Show – Show Barn
	Immediately following	Meat Goat Show – Show Barn
	Immediately following	Breeding Meat Goat Show – Show Barn
	Immediately following	Sheep Show – Show Barn
Thurs., July 16	7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Horse Check-in
	9:00 a.m.	Horse Show – Horse Arena
	11:30-12:00 p.m.	Poultry Check-in
	1:00 p.m.	Poultry Show – Show Barn

<b>Fri., July 17</b>	7:00-9:00 a.m.	Beef weigh-in (at scale) Check-in of Breeding Beef – Swine Arena
	1:00 p.m.	Breeding Beef Show – Show Barn
	Immediately following	Market Dairy Steers
	Immediately following	Market Beef Heifer Show – Show Barn
	Immediately following	Market Beef Show – Show Barn
<b>DATE(s) TBD</b>	Virtual	Livestock Achievement Auction

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-20—WINNESHIEK COUNTY

Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>JUNE</b>			
June 10-30	Winneshiek County Fair Entry (Livestock and Static) — Open June 10	Closes 11:59 PM June 30	Fair Entry Website
June 1—July 1	State Fair Entry—Open	Closes 11:59 PM July 1	Fair Entry Website
June 22	Communications Judging	All Day	Virtual
<b>JULY</b>			
July 7	Fair Grounds Clean-up	2:00 PM	
July 13-17	Winneshiek County Fair		Winneshiek County Fairgrounds

\*Dates, times & locations are subject to change.

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### **Pre-Meeting Activity**

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call**

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Voucher Requests**

#### **Committee Reports:**

County Council  
Shooting Sports  
Horse or Dog Project

#### **Old Business**

Garden Club

#### **New Business:**

Livestock Updates  
Auction Updates

CFC Updates

Static Updates

Restaurant Updates

#### **Other Business:**

**Leader's Report**

**Calendar of Events**

**Educational Presentations**

**Adjourn, 4-H Pledge,**

**Recreation**



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# PREPARING YOUTH FOR THE FAIR



## Tips for Writing a 4-H Exhibit Write-Up

### Top of the page:

- Your name
- Grade in school (what grade did you just complete?)
- 4-H club
- Project area and class number

### Goal sheet questions:

- What did you want to learn or learn to do?
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you learned?

## Additional questions to consider when writing your goal sheet:

- Tell your project story. Why did you choose this project area?
- Where did your idea or inspiration originate?
- What did you like most about this project?
- What was the hardest part about this project?
- Would it be helpful to explain your building or assembly process by including a budget?
- What did it cost to make your exhibit?
- Pictures of the process of you making your exhibit and the end product.
- Please check your fair book for more details that could be included in your exhibit.
- Copyright permission if needed.

Remember, you need the judge to understand all the work that you put into making your fair exhibit. It is important to give the whole story.

## Examples of project specific items to include in your goal sheet:

### Food & Nutrition:

- Recipe & where your recipe came from.
- Pictures of making your food exhibit.
- Picture of the final product.

### Photography:

- Make sure to attach the photography label and NOT a goal sheet.

### Home Improvement

- List elements of design and/or art principles.

### Sewing and Clothing & Fashion

- List elements of design and/or art principles.

### Visual Arts:

- List elements of design and/or art principles.
- Sketch or drawing of your idea.
- Original inspiration if you are painting/creating from a photo.
- Copyright permissions
- Pictures of you making your exhibit.
- Material(s) used in your creation.

### Poster Communication Exhibit

- Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to back of poster

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## YES! We are offering virtual summer camp opportunities!

Although we can't host face-to-face summer camps today, we will still be having fun and learning new things together this summer! We are currently planning take-home Clover Crates through July 21st!

Ensuring the health of our campers, volunteers, and staff is our first priority. As a result, we are creating take-home Clover Crates for registered youth to have camp at home. We'll have pick up dates and locations throughout our communities. Each Clover Crate will contain materials and a guide. Some camps will offer virtual discussion options while others will be do-it-yourself projects.

### Sign-Up Soon!

To register for these Clover Crates visit

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6rt9cy>

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