

Wright County 4-H Newsletter February 2024



Hello, Wright County!

My name is Paige Dagel. I am the new Wright County K-12 Program Coordinator. I am excited to work with the youth in Wright County. I will be attending 4-H meetings and events this spring to introduce myself and meet everyone.

I grew up on a pig farm in NW IA in O'Brien County. Growing up, I participated it Clover Kids and 4-H day camps. Once I was old enough to join 4-H, I dove into static projects, communication projects, showing rabbits, and showing pigs. My favorite static project area was Leadership and my favorite species to show was rabbits! I was on County Council and the 2020 O'Brien County Fair Queen.

I graduated from Hartley-Melvin- Sanborn High School in 2020 then attended Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. I am studying towards my bachelor's in Business and bachelor's in Marketing and a minor in

Social Media. I am finishing up online and will graduate in May! My fiancé and I farm on his multigenerational family farm west of Belmond where we raise corn and soybeans. We also enjoy cheering on the Cyclones!

You don't have to be done doing what you love, you just have to change your role. I have stayed active in 4-H and fairs since graduating high school. Following graduation, I stepped into my county's rabbit superintendent position and have continued to grow—the county program for the past three years. In 2020, I started Dagel Rabbitry to help get 4-H and FFA members in Iowa involved in a rabbit project. Dagel Rabbitry continues to grow and help getting kids connected to—4-H. I feel very fortunate that I get to play a small part in so many members 4-H journey. I am excited to see my role change once again now as the K-12 Program Coordinator here in Wright County!



Paige Dagel, age 10, in her first year of 4-H at the O'Brien County Fair with her first rabbit

Paige Dagel | Wright County
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
K-12 Program Coordinator



Calendar

February 25	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office
March 12	Noon-3pm	Pillowcase Workshop	Wright County Extension Office
March 18	3:30-4:45pm	Wright County Clover Kids	Wright County Extension Office
March 19	5:30-6:30pm	Belmond Clover Kids	Jacobsen Elementary School
March 24	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office
April 2	3:30-4:45pm	Belmond Clover Kids	Jacobsen Elementary School
April 8	5:30-6:30pm	Wright County Clover Kids	Wright County Extension Office
April 28	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office
May 4	8 am	Sheep & Goat Weigh In	Wright County Fair Grounds
May 7	3:30-4:45pm	Belmond Clover Kids	Jacobsen Elementary School
May 13	5:30-6:30pm	Wright County Clover Kids	Wright County Extension Office
May 15		Animal IDs are due	4-H Online
May 26	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Ext
June 15		Rabbit IDs are due	4-H Online
June 23	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office
July 9		Static Judging Day	Wright County Fair Grounds
July 9-14		Wright County Fair	Wright County Fair Grounds
July 28	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office
August 8-18		Iowa State Fair	Iowa State Fair Grounds
August 25	5 pm	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office

2024 Volunteer Training

4-H is growing here in Wright County which means we need more volunteers! Club leaders, community members, and parent volunteers must all complete the annual volunteer training presented by Iowa 4-H each year. If you did not attend the in person training last month, you will need to complete the training in 4-H Online.

Past Volunteers:

- 1. Go to 4-H Online https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in
- 2. Enroll in 4-H Online for the 2023/2024 4-H year if you haven't already.
- 3. Sign in to your family 4-H Online Account.
- 4. Click View to access your profile page.
- 5. Click **Trainings** on the lower left-hand side of the screen.
- 6. Click **Register** in the right-hand corner.
- 7. Click on Annual Leader Training 2023-2024.
- 8. Click **Register** in the bottom right corner.
- 9. Click Annual Leader Training 2023-2024 (It will say incomplete next to it)
- **10**. Click **Creating a Vibrant 4-H** to gain access to the training.
- **11.** Complete the training as instructed in 4-H Online. Once finished, your account will show that you have completed the training.

New Volunteers:

- 1. Go to 4-H Online https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in
- 2. Enroll in 4-H Online for the 2023/2024 4-H year if you haven't already.
- 3. Sign in to your family 4-H Online Account.
- 4. Add yourself as a member of your family
- Sign up for an Zoom training → Go to https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining
 - a. April 4th, 6-9pm | Register Here
 - b. April 13th, 9:00am-Noon | Register Here

Please reach out to Paige Stewart with any questions at pstewart@iastate.edu



4-H Reminders

County Council- Every forth Sunday at 5pm at the Wright County Extension office 2302 Madison Ave. Clarion, Iowa. Open to 7th grade – 12th grade 4-H members. New members are welcome to join!

Follow us on Facebook- "Wright County 4-H-Iowa" & "ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County". to stay up to date with activities and updates! We will also be posting when the office is closed due to weather conditions as well.

Start a rabbit project- Rabbits are a great project for everyone! They are easy to care for and double as a family pet. Call the office at 515-532-345 or email pdagel@iastate.edu to get help finding a rabbit!

Enroll in 4-H – Go to 4-H online and re-enroll in 4-H online! Make sure all your info is up to date. The email on the account will be sent activity reminders, updates, and important fair info! You must re-enroll each year.

https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in



4-H Programs





Wright County 4-H - Pillowcase Making Workshop!

When - March 12th, 2024, Ipm - 3pm

Where - Wright County Extension Office, 2302 Madison Ave. Clarion, IA 50525

Who - 4th - 12th grade

Cost- 4-H members - \$5 & Non-4-H members - \$10

Supplies- 1/4 yard and 3/4 yard of 100% cotton fabric. We will also have fabric available for \$5.

About the workshop- At this workshop youth will learn the hands-on skills to make a pillowcase. They will also be walked through the process to complete a static exhibit write up. Then they will have all they need to enter and show at the fair as a static exhibit. A snack will be provided.

To Register - Call (515) 532-3453 or stop into the extension office by **March 4**th.

Spots are Limited.



Questions?

Paige Stewart | Wright County
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
Wright County Youth Coordinator
Pstewart@iastate.edu
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



Clover Kids



We are excited to start Clover Kids back up! Below are the dates for the rest of the 2024 school year!

What is Clover Kids?

Clover Kids is a fun 4-H program specifically designed for children K-3 grade. Clover Kids fosters positive relationships and builds valuable life skills through a variety of hands-on activities. Clover Kids meets once a month with a new theme each month featuring books, STEM, games, and snacks!

Clover Kids is **FREE** thanks to the Wright County 4-H Endowment!

Belmond Clover Kids

Jacobsen Elementary 3:30-4:45pm

March 19 April 2 May 7

Wright County Clover Kids

Wright County Extension Office 5:30-6:30pm

March 18 April 8 May 13

Questions?

Paige Dagel | Wright County
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
K-12 Program Coordinator
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



4-H Online

Animal IDs DUE!

4-H Online May 15



Summer Intern-

The extension office is looking for a 2024 summer intern! If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please see the requirements and application on the Wright County Extension website.

4-H Pledge

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service,
My **HEALTH** to better living,
For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

ISU Extension and Outreach - Wright County

Address- 2302 Madison Ave, Suite B Clarion, IA 50525

Monday-Thursday- 8:00am - 4:30pm

(12:00pm – 12:30pm Closed for Lunch)

Friday- 8:00am - 12:00pm **Phone- (**515) 532-3453

Email- www.extension.iastate.edu/wright