

# Wright County 4-H News

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## Read Across Iowa

Read Across Iowa is a special event celebrated throughout the month of March to help motivate kids to read. The goal of these celebrations is to bring the joys of reading to people of all ages and make all children feel valued and welcomed.

Check out these helpful tips for reading and watch for more tips on our Facebook page. Stop by the Wright County Extension Office anytime in the month of March to get a copy of this FREE book marker!

In this newsletter you will find a Wright County 4-H reading contest for 4-H members and Clover Kids.

We have some great Agriculture Elementary books from Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation and I would be happy to come to a Wright County classroom as a guest reader anytime!

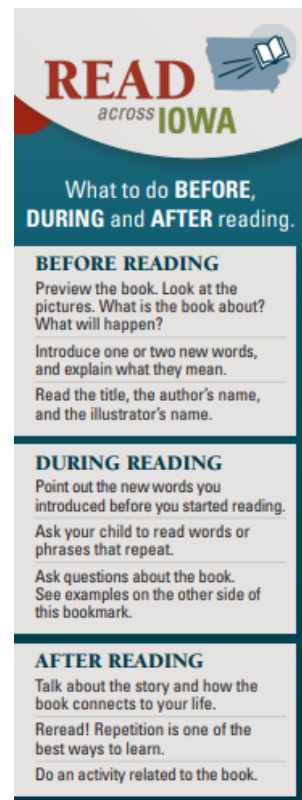
Happy Reading!

**Krystal Schnabel**  
County Youth  
Coordinator

WRIGHT COUNTY 4-H  
HOME OF THE CLOVER



CLOVER FEST  
AUGUST 26, 2023 4-6 PM



## HYDRO DIP WOODEN EGGS

April 1, 10-11 am

Where: Wright County Extension Office, Clarion  
With Artist Sara Middleton from Studio Sol

Cost: \$15 per youth

Who: 4th grade and up

RSVP: [schnabel@iastate.edu](mailto:schnabel@iastate.edu)



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# 4-H Calendar



March 6, 5:00 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
March 9, 5:30-6:30 pm	Wright County Clover Kids	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
March 14, 6:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
March 17	Omaha Zoo Registration Deadline	
March 21	Belmond Clover Kids	Belmond Elementary School, Belmond
March 25, 9:30-11:30 am	Planting for a Cause	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
March 26, 1:00 pm	CWF informational meeting	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
March 26, 2:00-3:30	County Council Meeting	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
April 1, 10-11 am	Hydro Dip Eggs Workshop	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
April 4	Belmond Clover Kids	Belmond Elementary School, Belmond
April 14, 6:00-7:00 pm	Design and Create Your Prom Boutonniere and Corsage	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
April 16 6:00 pm	Dog Project Kick Off	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
April 17-22	Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week	
April 19	Dows Library Program	Dows Public Library, Dows
April 20 5:30-7:00 pm	Leaders Meeting	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
April 21-22	Omaha Zoo Trip	Omaha, Nebraska
May 2	Belmond Clover Kids	Belmond Elementary School, Belmond
May 6, 8:00 am	Sheep Weigh In	Wright County Fairgrounds, Eagle Grove
May 8, 5:30-7:00 pm	YQCA in Person Training	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
May 8, 7-8 pm	Animal ID Help Night	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
May 9, 6:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
May 11	Wright County Clover Kids	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
May 15	<b>Animals ID Due in 4-H Online</b>	
June 15	Makers Space Day Camp	Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
<b>June 15</b>	<b>FairEntry Deadline</b>	
June 15	YQCA Certification Deadline	
June 27-29	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference	Iowa State University, Ames
July 1, 9:00 am -1:00 pm	Wright County Fair Static Judging	Wright County Fairgrounds, Eagle Grove
July 12-16	Wright County Fair	Wright County Fairgrounds, Eagle Grove
August 10-20	Iowa State Fair	Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines
August 26, 2-4 pm	Wright County 4-H Clover Fest	



# Planting for a **CAUSE**

**MARCH 25, 9:30-11:00 AM**

**Who: K-12 graders and their families**

**Cost: FREE**

**Where: ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County**  
2302 Madison Ave Suite B, Clarion

**RSVPs: requested to [xwright@iastate.edu](mailto:xwright@iastate.edu)**

Over the last two years, Wright County Extension, local Master Gardeners, and the First Lutheran Church Food Pantry partnered to create a community garden, which produced 845 pounds of fresh produce that fed over 3,000 people. Come join us to help plant seeds that will be grown for this year's community gardens, while learning different techniques to grow starter plants and replant in your own garden. Each youth will take home their own seed starter that they can grow inside until it's ready to be planted in their own gardens.

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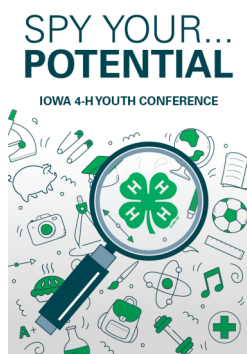


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## Youth Conference Registration

State 4-H Youth Conference is June 25-27, 2023 at Iowa State University in Ames. Registration will be opening March 15 in 4Honline. Prior to registration, please check out this [promotional video](#). Share this with your club at your next club meeting to discuss who can come to represent your club! Please note there are [financial assistance](#) opportunities available through the 4-H foundation. This is a great opportunity to recognize and encourage your accomplished young people to participate in state events and expand their perspective of what 4-H is, and can be!



## Animal Science Roundup

Animal Science Round-Up will be held in conjunction with Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. June 27-29. Youth in grades 8-12 that have an interest in cattle, dogs, horses, poultry, sheep, or swine are encouraged to attend. Youth will learn about health, nutrition, behavior, genetics, and reproduction. Each animal project area is limited to the first 20 who register via 4HOnline. Registration opens March 15. New this year: youth do not need to apply or be approved! More information is available on the [Animal Science Roundup webpage](#).

## Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award is a \$10,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The award, honors Herbert Hoover, an Iowa native and the thirty-first President of the US, identifies approximately 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then accomplish projects of their design. The projects should demonstrate the values Hoover exemplified. Each of the finalists will receive a \$1,500 cash award at the completion of the program. Four of those could earn an additional \$10,000 scholarship each, for a total of \$11,500! Application deadline is March 15, 2023. For more information and to submit an application, have students visit the [website](#).

## Equine Extravaganza

Equine Extravaganza provides opportunities for all youth in grades 4-12 to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. Depending on the event, youth can participate both as an individual and as part of a team. Participatory Events – Creative Writing, Digital Story, Clothes-Crafts-Woodworking, Drawing, Painting, Poster, Model Horse, Photography, Scrapbooking are for grades 3-12. Hippology, Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, Public Speaking and Presentations Contests are for grades 4-12.

April 14-16, 2023. Held at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls.

To register or for more information visit [Equine Extravaganza | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#)

**Good Luck to our Horse Project Group members who will be competing at Equine**

## Rabbit and Cavy Workshop Offerings

The 4-H and FFA rabbit and cavy workshop about raising rabbits and cavies will be held at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine, Iowa on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 12:30 - 4 pm and at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, Iowa on Saturday, April 22 from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. It is free to attend either workshop, and you do not need to pre-register.

## **Design and Create Your Prom Boutonniere and Corsage**

FRIDAY APRIL 14, 2023

6-7 PM

\$10

9-12 GRADERS

Open to non 4-H members  
and 4-H members



RSVP by scanning  
QR Code  
or email  
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*Belle of the Ball*



Youth in grades 4- 12, and FFA members up to 21 years old producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry **MUST BE YQCA CERTIFIED** to show your animal a producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry **MUST BE YQCA CERTIFIED** to show your animal at any fair. Certification lasts for one year.

## Youth have three options to get certification.

- **In person training**

- When: Monday May 8 Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Where: Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
- Must register and pay \$3 at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> by May 1
- Check the YQCA website for other counties YQCA in person training date.

- **Online training with quiz**

- Must register and pay \$12 at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

- **Test out option (youth ages 12, 15, and 19)**

YQCA must be completed by June 15  
youth should keep record of certification and send certificate to  
[schnabel@istate.edu](mailto:schnabel@istate.edu)

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>



If you have questions, please call  
515-532-3453 or email [schnabel@iastate.edu](mailto:schnabel@iastate.edu)

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## Wright County 4-H members Heading to Iowa 4-H State Awards Interviews!

Wright County is proud to announce 3 of our members applied for State Recognition Opportunities and each of them will move on to the next step of Interviews. We wish them luck at their interviews later in March and watch for more to come from these 4-H members.



**Madison Ingelbritson**  
Healthy Living Ambassador  
State 4-H Council  
Rabbit Project Area Award

**Harley Charlson**  
State 4-H Council  
Rabbit Project Area Award



**Belle Wharton**  
State 4-H Council



*Congratulations and  
Good Luck at State!*

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## Attention 4-H Clubs

It's time to start planning for Clover Fest. Each club should plan to have an fun activity planned for the community to participate in.

Fun activities include but not limited to a game, craft, educational interactive booth.

Clubs should plan to provide all the supplies for their activity.

A few things we learned last year is that power is limited, space is limited inside and we have lots of space outside.

Please submit your activity before May 1st. We want to make sure we don't double up and activities will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

We will be having a free meal again this year, we will also have a free will donation box by the meal. The money collected from the free will donation will be split between the 4-H clubs participating with an activity during Clover Fest.

Clubs, project groups, and families are encouraged to collect items for the Silent Auction. The person or business that donates the silent auction item will be able to choose where the funds raised from that item will go. Donors of silent auction items will have the choice of designating where the funds raised from that item will support 4-H club, project group, 4-H program or 4-H Endowment.

This year we will be looking for sponsors or contributors to help keep this a FREE community event, if you have any suggestions of a company or induvial we should contact please email [schnabel@iastate.edu](mailto:schnabel@iastate.edu).





# REGIONAL 4-H EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

## SLEEPING BAG SAFARI

OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY  
ZOO & AQUARIUM  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

APRIL 21-22, 2023

7-12 GRADERS



Sign Up Today by scanning this QR code  
or for questions and to sign up contact  
your local County Extension Office.  
Deadline to register is March 17.



**\$125**

Per 4-H Member

**\$60**

Per Adult  
Volunteer

for non  
4-H member

**\$150**

**Scholarships Available  
Upon Request**

Payment should be either cash or check, made payable to your County Extension office in Kossuth, or Winnebago or Wright County Extension. Credit card payments will not be accepted. Fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development Wright County, Kossuth and or Winnebago Extension Program.

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### Omaha Zoo Trip Itinerary

#### Friday, April 21, 2023

**9:00 am** Bus picks up youth in Britt.

**10:00 am** Bus Picks up youth in Clarion.

**11:00 am** Tours at Iowa State University.  
Youth will eat their sack lunch on campus.

**5:00 pm** McDonalds Stop on the way to  
Omaha money for **supper approx. \$5-10**

**6:15 pm** Arrival to Henry Doorly Zoo

**7:00 pm** Zoo activities including a night hike,  
movie, snack and games. Our group will  
Sleep with the Sting Rays

#### Saturday, April 22, 2023

**6:00 am** wakeup call, pack, breakfast  
package, morning hike

**9:00 am** County Pictures of group and  
explore the zoo- must stay in groups money  
for souvenirs optional.

Lunch on your own at the Zoo \$ Money  
needed for **lunch Approx. \$10-20**

**1:30 pm** Bus Leaves Henry Doorly Zoo for  
home

**5:00 pm** Bus arrives arrive in Clarion.

**6:00 pm** Bus arrives in Britt.



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Informational meeting for youth and their families about the

## Iowa 4-H CWF trip in 2024

**Sunday March 26 at 1:00 pm.**

**At the Wright County Extension Office in Clarion**

Zoom link will be available upon request.

If you are interested but can't attend the meeting in person or zoom please email [schnabel@iastate.edu](mailto:schnabel@iastate.edu) before Sunday March 26.

**Attention 8-11 graders and families, are you interested in going to Washington D.C. Summer of 2024? If your answer is yes this meeting is for you!**

Let's meet now to work together explore fundraising ideas to help with costs to those youth that are interested in attending.

### What is CWF?

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H high impact program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at time of trip).

### Schedule Highlights

Saturday: Travel from Iowa

Sunday: Gettysburg, then arrival at CWF

Monday – Thursday: CWF Program

Friday: Mount Vernon, begin travel home

**Our focus during Citizenship Washington Focus will be workshops around active listening, civil discourse, media literacy, as well as learning how to create an action plan.**

The week's field trips will tentatively include:

- Arlington National Cemetery
- Capitol Hill visits with elected officials
- daytime / nighttime visits to many monuments and memorials
- evening entertainment to be determined
- our own day around the National Mall
- Mount Vernon

### When is it?

June 14-22, 2024

*(tentative dates at this time, they will not be confirmed until the end of 2023)*

Iowa 4-H released the dates now so 4-H members had a year to plan!

### How much Does it Cost?

\$2500

For more information visit:

**[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf)**







## ***HOW MANY BOOKS CAN YOU READ IN THE MONTH OF MARCH ?***



### **Clover Kid's Read Across Iowa Challenge: Read 25 Books in March.**

Books may be read by the Clover Kid or Clover Kid may listen, to someone reading a book to them.



### **4-H Members Read Across Iowa Challenge: Read 5 books in March.**

#### **How to Complete your Challenge:**

Clover Kids and 4-H members when you complete your challenge have your family email [schnabel@iastate.edu](mailto:schnabel@iastate.edu) a picture with you and your reading log. All reading logs received will be entered into a drawing to win a 4-H surprise.

## ***CHECK OUT THIS STORY WITH CY!***

Enjoy a book with Cy and his friends during Read Across Iowa, a celebration of the joy reading brings to kids of all ages. Throughout March, agriculturally themed Read Across Iowa events will be held across the state. Our goal is to help Iowa communities be places where adults make time to read with children, and children get the message that reading is important.

Read Across Iowa 2023 -  
YouTube



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# Wright County Fair

## July 12-16, 2023

### 4-H and FFA Static Judging

**July 11, 2023, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm**

**Youth must check in by 12:00 pm**

Youth may come anytime during static judging. Youth with more than a few exhibits are encouraged to begin the check in process at 9:00 am.

A static exhibit is a non livestock project. For exhibit ideas scan this QR code or visit [4-H Projects](#) | [4-H Youth](#)



## Static Challenge Classes

What is a challenge class? Youth can choose a special challenge class to participate in. The two challenge areas are food and nutrition and photography, each year a new theme is chosen and 4-H members enter the class using the same theme.

Example: 2022s Photography Challenge class was the 4-H Clover, members entered different pictures they took that represented the clover. The challenge class entries still sit down with the judge, but also work together to learn how to judge the photograph.

New this year judges choice award will be awarded for one entry in photography and one in food and nutrition challenge classes.

Below are the themes for the 2023 Wright County Fair Challenge classes!

### 2023 4-H Food and Nutrition Challenge Class

#### Libby's Classic Pumpkin Bread

##### Ingredients

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour	1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1/3 teaspoon ground nutmeg	1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup vegetable oil	2 large eggs
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar	1 cup LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
1/3 cup water	

##### Directions

##### **Step 1**

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray a 10-inch loaf pan with baking spray. Set aside.

##### **Step 2**

In a medium bowl, stir together flour, spices, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a large bowl, combine vegetable oil, eggs and sugar. Stir in pumpkin. Then add flour mixture alternating with the water in two installments.

##### **Step 3**

Pour bread mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 60-70 minutes or until bread is firm and cooked through.

2023 Photography  
Elements and  
Principles

Challenge Class

**Photograph of  
"shoes"**

For complete challenge  
class rules please check the  
fair book.

New this year are Clover Kid  
Challenge Classes. Watch  
for more information in the  
April Newsletter.



## 4-H Awardrobe Clothing County Event

**New this year** Judging will take place during Static Judging day on July 11 from 9:00 am-1pm. 4-H members must check in before 12:00 pm.

### What is a Awardrobe Clothing event?

4-H Members enter a class that fits with their goal of a piece of clothing or outfit. (classes listed below) When 4-H members meet with a judge they are also modeling their clothing item or items. During judging the judge will ask questions about the goal of the design, how much it cost or what was changed. Event participants will have a changing area in the static building to model their outfits for the judge.

After members have completed their clothing judging they should continue to get the rest of their exhibits judged. 4-H members will then be asked to bring their outfits to Share the fun on Friday July 14 for a fashion show and ribbon results. Only Senior level 4-H members may qualify for state fair.

### Event Classes:

- ★ **Fashion Revue:** The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
- ★ **Clothing Selection:** The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
- ★ **The \$20 Challenge:** (formally the \$15 challenge) This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.
- ★ **Innovative Design:** **New in 2023** The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
- ★ **Clothing Changed or Modified (county only)** a garment (constructed or ready-made) that shows major changes to make it more useful. Examples include recycling a garment or design changes to a garment.

Watch for the fair book for the official rules and guidelines.  
4-12 graders may participate. Entry deadline is June 15 in FairEntry.

These classes are a fun experience! Consider trying something new!

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## 4-H Static Premier Exhibitor Award

An overall Premier Static Exhibitor and Reserve Premier Static Exhibitor will be selected for the divisions of Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The areas of involvement include communications, clothing and static exhibits. Your involvement will be weighted, and bonus points attached when you participate in all 3 areas. Consider getting involved in Static exhibits, Communication exhibits and Clothing exhibits! Step outside of your box and reap the rewards of new skills.

**Champion Premier Static Exhibitors**      **\$50.00 prize and a Banner awarded**

**Reserve Champion Premier Static Exhibitors** **\$25.00 prize and a Banner awarded**

Prizes will be awarded for the top two exhibitors in each age division; Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

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## 2023 Barnyard Olympics at the Wright County Fair Hosted by the 4-H County Council

Get your teams of 2, 4-12 graders ready!  
Barnyard Olympics will take place after the group picture on Saturday at the fair.

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