# Wright County 4-H News

May 2023



4-H Calendar

**Pop Tabs For Jacy** 

**Horse Project Group** 

**Dairy Goat Judging** 

**Animal Science Round Up** 

**Youth Conference** 

**Summer Day Camps** 

**Makers Space** 

**4-H Dog Project** 

**Mental Health Month** 

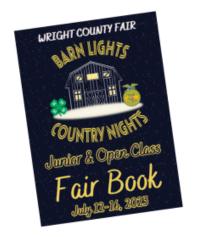
**Nighttime Photography** 

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### ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County

2302 Madison Avenue, Suite B Clarion, Iowa 50525 515-532-3453 Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-12:00 PM & 12:30-4:30 PM www.extension.iastate.edu/ wright





The fair book will be all digital this year. Scan this code to access this year's fair book.



## **IOWA STATE FAIR**

**4-H LIVESTOCK ID** 



ENTRIES ARE DUE IN 4HONLINE BY MAY 15TH!



# 4-H Calendar



May 6, 8:00 am

May 8, 5:30-7:00 pm

May 8, 7-8 pm

May 9, 6:00 pm

May 15, 11:59 pm

May 16, 6:00 pm

June 15, 9 am-3 pm

June 13, 1-2 pm

June 15, 11:59 pm

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June 19, 3:00-9:00 pm

June 23, 8:30-12:30

June 27-29

July 11, 9:00 am -1:00 pm

July 12-16

July 20, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

July 24, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

August 10-20

August 26, 2-4 pm

Sheep Weigh In

YQCA in Person Training

Animal Identification Help Night

Youth Committee Meeting

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Wright County Fairgrounds, Eagle Grove

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Animals Identification Due in 4-H Online (all animals expect rabbits)

Club Leaders Meeting Fair Edition

Makers Space Day Camp

Monochromatic Animals Workshop

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
Wright County Extension Office, Clarion
Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Rabbit ID Due in 4-H online

FairEntry Deadline

**YQCA Certification Deadline** 

Teen Night at the Lake

Cover Crop Science Day Camp

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Wright County Fair Static Judging

Wright County Fair

**Everyone Kneads Bread** 

Up Down Spin Around Day Camp

Iowa State Fair

Wright County 4-H Clover Fest

Shelter House, Lake Cornella

ISU Northern Research Farm, Kanawha

Iowa State University, Ames

Wright County Fairgrounds, Eagle Grove

Wright County Fairgrounds, Eagle Grove

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Monies

Heartland Museum, Clarion

No County Council Meeting in May! Next County Council will be at Teen Night at the Lake!

#### **4-H Leaders Fair Meeting**

May 16, 6:00 pm

Wright County Extension Office,
Clarion

Rsvp to schnabel@iastate.edu

# New Deadline for Wright County Fair Rabbit ID's

All Rabbit ID's are due in 4-H online June 15. 4-H must enter Identification in 4-H online before choosing classes in FairEntry.

All other county fair animals identification deadline is May 15.



#### **New Dairy Goat Judging Contest**

The Midwest youth dairy goat judging contest is scheduled for July 14 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Quad State Classic Dairy Goat Show. Teams are comprised of up to four individuals in each division (novice and senior) with the top scoring three individuals being tallied for the team score. Youth aged 5-21 are eligible to participate. Registration of individuals and teams can be done online. More information on the Dairy Goat Judging webpage. Contact Fred Hall with questions.

#### **Civic Leadership Academy**

Drake University is hosting the first annual Civic Leadership Academy this summer on campus on July 10-12. The Academy is an intensive and rewarding leadership development program that will give students the opportunity to learn from scholars, policymakers, and thought leaders! There is no cost to attend, students just need to get themselves to Drake University. The deadline to apply is May 8. Questions? Contact Megan Wesselink.

#### 4-H State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

Dairy Quiz Bowl is scheduled for June 13 at Starmont High School in Arlington, IA. Quiz bowl is open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12 and a team is comprised of 3 to 4 4-H'ers. Registration is open in 4-H online and more information is available 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl. Contact Amy Powell.



#### 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 2017-18 term on council. The 2022-23 State Council wants to help collect pop tabs and continue to donate them in his honor.



Drop off pop tabs at your local county extension office.

The State 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 by June 1st will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, June 27-29.



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY** 

**New for 2023 Wright County Fair** No Entry Limits for Poultry, Sheep and Goats For all species entry limits please check page 9 or the fair book.



Congratulations to the Wright County Horse Project group. The Horse project group team members recently participated in the Iowa 4-H Horse Extravaganza Contests in Iowa Falls.

Adelyn Howell 2nd in Senior Hippology Individual

Samantha Seaba 1st in Junior Poster

Ember Howell 2nd Place Beginners Photography

Junior Hippology team members included Samantha Seaba, Bella Roberts, Taylor Hagen, and Ember Howell

**Congratulations to the Horse Project Group** and their leader Victoria Homeyer!



We are looking for succulents for an upcoming 4-H workshop. If you have any that need to be thinned out and you want to donate them, please drop them off at the Wright County Extension Office M-F 8:30 am- 4:30 pm. If you would like someone to pick them up, please email schnabel@iastate.edu. We are also looking for old CDs (will not be played just to be used for a craft) and planters for succulents.

### Sign up today for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 27-29 Iowa State University, Ames

This conference is planned BY youth FOR youth in grades 8th-12th - open to all youth (not just4-H members)! Youth choose between Animal Science Roundup or SPY Your Potential for a Jam packed agenda.

Registration deadline is June 1, 2023 in 4HOnline.

For more information about Animal Science round up and Youth Conference scan this QR code.



# SPY YOUR... POTENTIAL



\*Wright County 4-H Endowment Committee will provide \$100 towards each 4-H members registration to Youth Conference making the conference registration \$125 with application. Applications are due May 20, 2023. Applications can be picked up at your Wright County Extension office or by emailing schnabel@iastate.edu.





#### Makers Space June 15, 9 am-3 pm

Woodworking, Sewing, Art and plants. Each youth will leave with at least 4 items that they can take as a Static Exhibit at the Wright County Fair. This is the perfect day camp for youth who are new to 4-H and want to know more about 4-H projects and exhibits but it will also be great for non 4–H youth to learn a new skill. Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Where: Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Who: 4th-8th grade completed

Cost: \$25

Registration: Due June 1 (limited to the first 15 youth

with completed registrations)

# Monochromatic Animals June 13, 1:00-2:00 pm

Join local artist Christina Newton as she teaches about value and balance create a monochromatic animal using paint. Items made at this workshop could be taken as exhibits to the Wright County Fair. Where: Wright County Extension Office, Clarion Who: 3rd–10th graders (grade completed)

Cost: \$10

Registration: Due June 5

### Teen Night at the Lake Monday June 19, 3:00– 9:00 pm

A fun night filled with leadership, teambuilding, campfire cooking and fun at the lake. We will be making our own supper. Please bring a water bottle.

Where: Lake Cornella

Who: 7th-12 grade completed

Cost: \$5

Registration: Due June 10

#### Cover Crop Science Day Camp June 23, 8:30 am -12:30 pm

Perennial ground cover (PGC) is a cropping system, where a perennial cover crop (often grass) is planted once and then grows for multiple years alongside annual crops such as corn and soybean. Join us for hands-on activities and experiments to learn more about PGC and its benefits. Activities include rain simulators, insect collection and identification, and more. Pizza lunch is included and sponsored by North Central Research Association. Please wear closed toed tennis shoes, sunscreen and bring a water bottle.

Where: ISU Northern Iowa Research Farm, 310

South Main Street, Kanawha

Who: 4th-8th graders (grade completed)

Cost: \$5

Registration: Due June 15

#### Everyone Kneads Bread Thursday July 20, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Join us for a day filled with delicious learning activities and fun-filled games! Everyone Kneads Bread is a STEM day camp examining the science behind baking bread. We will be making our own pizza for lunch. Please bring a water bottle. Where: Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Who: K-3rd graders (grade completed)

Cost: \$15

Registration: Due July 1

### Up Down and Spin Around Monday July 24, 9 am-3 pm

Have you ever been to a fair, festival, or amusement park with rides? Step right up and try your hand at midway games, roller coaster challenges and more during this fun-filled amusement park themed day camp! Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Where: Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

Who: K-3rd grade completed

Cost: \$15

Registration: Due July 1

To register for any Wright County summer program email schnabel@iastate.edu or pick up a registration form at the Wright County Extension Office.

Wright County Extension Office, 2302 Madison Avenue Suite B, Clarion, IA 50525

financial scholarship are available

**SPRING has SPRUNG!** Did you know spending time in

nature can improve focus, lower stress, improve your mood, and reduce your risk of developing a mental health condition? What a great reason to unplug from electronics and go outside!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and when we think of the 4 H's, head, heart, hands, and health, they're all stronger when we prioritize our mental health and wellbeing. With an increase in youth mental illness and suicide and the challenge of balancing everything in our busy lives, lowa 4-H is committed to offering mental well-being programs and resources for youth and families to learn new tools and skills for healthier lifestyles and managing stress. We also continue to educate 4-H staff and volunteers about mental health, mental illness, and suicide prevention in order to create a safer, more welcoming atmosphere for youth!

Check out some of what's available:

THRIVE Youth-Adult Retreat

Mindful Teen: From Surviving to THRIVING!

Wellness/Helpline Magnet (English)

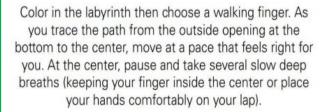
Wellness/Helpline Magnet (Spanish)

Mental Health Matters!

Mindful Nature Hike BINGO

For additional programs, resources, and information, contact 4-H Career Pathways Academy & Mental Well-Being Specialist, Tiffany Berkenes at berkenes@jastate.edu.

If you're thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the free and confidential 9-8-8 Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the U.S.

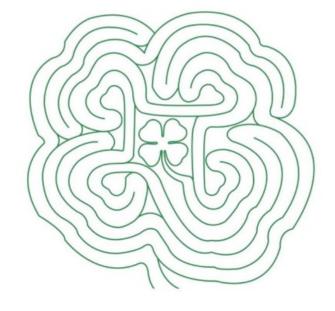


When ready to leave the center, or feel satisfied (like after eating a good meal) retrace the path back out to the entrance (which now becomes the exit point). Upon leaving the labyrinth, be grateful for the opportunity to bring strength and insight back with you into your daily life.









# **4-H Dog Project**



#### **W**Dog Class in Hancock County

Wednesdays in May and July 6:30-7:30 pm

at the Hanock County Fair Grounds in Britt. 2210 Jewell Ave. Britt, Iowa

### **Dog Class in Wright County**

(Fenced in area great for 3-year project members to practice off leash)

Wednesdays in June 6:30-7:30 pm

at the Belmond Dog park. 800 5th Street SE, Belmond Iowa

Watch for more information on guest speakers and additional practices.

All dogs must bring rabies certificate to their first practice or they can be emailed to your county Extension office.

Hancock County Extension Office: <a href="mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu">vschmidt@iastate.edu</a> Phone: (641) 923-2856

Wright County Extension Office: <a href="mailto:schnabel@iastate.edu">schnabel@iastate.edu</a> Phone: (515) 532-3453

4-H members in the dog project are welcome to come to any practice in both Wright and Hancock Counties. Counties will be working together to provide the best experience for our 4-H members. 4-H members may also show their dog in Wright and Hancock Counties.



#### 4-H Dog Show at the Wright County Fair 12:00 pm Friday July 14.

Identification deadline in 4-H online by May 15, 2023. Each year you must enter the animal's identification as it doesn't transfer over from year to year in 4-H online.

Fair Entry Deadline is June 15, 2023.

For more information on the Wright County Fair scan this QR code.



#### 4-H Dog Show at the Hancock County Fair 2:00 pm Saturday July 29.

Identification deadline in 4-H online by May 15, 2023. Each year you must enter the animal's identification again it doesn't transfer over from year to year in 4-H online. Fair Entry Deadline is June 15, 2023.

For more information on the Hancock County Fair scan this QR code.





16 Wright County 4-H members and 3 adult volunteers joined other 4-H members, staff and volunteers from region 3 for an educational overnight experience. Leaving Clarion our first stop was the Iowa State University Veterinarian School with a tour and demonstrations. Hands on learning was next on the agenda as youth were given the opportunity to practice pulling a calf's from two of the models the vet students use. On our bus ride to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium we played travel games, had a design contest, stopped for supper and got to know each other. Arrival at the Zoo meant our Sleeping Bag Safari was beginning. The zoo had already closed to the public so we started with an up close personalized tour with the animals and a zoo expert who shared facts and answered questions. After we set up our sleeping bags in a large indoor building we were off to see the sting rays. Sleeping next to the string ray building allowed us to travel between our sleeping bags and the sting ray pool. The night ended with snacks and a movie. In the morning we continued our tour with the aquarium. After our zoo program was over each county split up and explored the zoo, till we met up for the bus ride home. Thank You Wright County Endowment for supporting this trip. Thank you to our Volunteers, Angela, Angela and Jim! Wright County 4-H members loved this trip and already started making requests for next years Sleeping Bag Safari.

# Nighttime Photography

### Discovering Photography

Controlling light when there is no sunlight is a really fun challenge in photography. There are great opportunities to play with light color and warmth. Work with existing lighting and move to create interesting compositions. Play with drama and sharing a creative vision.

#### Creating Photographs

- Pay close attention to your white balance when creating and make adjustments to set the mood you are going for.
- You might need to use a tripod or longer exposures depending on the light intensity.
- Pay close attention to the subtle highlights in the shadows, move yourself, your subject, or your light source to get the light just right.
- If hand holding you might need to use a higher ISO and correct for noise later.

#### **Editing Photographs**

- Make adjustments to your color balance first, push some creative colors or if you feel like the colors are distracting to the highlights and shadows convert to black and white.
- · Correct for noise in your shadows with noise reduction.
- Increase or decrease your exposure to set the mood.
- Crop to create a strong composition and intentional eye movement from light sources to the subject and back.









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4H 2658 April 2023







Do you need help entering your animal Identification in 4-H online?

All animals attending county fair need to be identified by May 15 in 4-H online. After YQCA training May 8, we will have computers set up and families can get help ID their animals.

May 8, 7-8 pm

Wright County Extension Office, Clarion

#### 4-H Food Stand Manager Needed

Who's already dreaming of burgers, mr. ribbs, pasta salad, and all of the delicious food items the Food Stand has to offer??

We need your help! We are still looking for a Food Stand Manager for the 2023 Wright County Fair. Without a food stand manager the food stand won't be able to open! Can you help us???

Please contact the Extension Office (515) 532-3453 if you or someone you know could be that person!

2023 Wright County Fair Static Judging

Tuesday July 11, 9:00 am -1:00 pm

#### County Council Barnyard Olympics Saturday July 15, 5:00 pm

Start forming your teams of two now.
Watch for more information on registration.

# County Fair and State Fair Swine Tags are Now Available

- 1. Stop by the extension office Monday-Friday 8:00 am–12:00 pm and 12:30- 4:30 pm to pick up tags. If you need to borrow our tagger please call ahead to make sure one is available. 515-532-3453. Please return all taggers within 24 hours so someone else can use them. Each DNA tag is \$8.00 and 4-H USDA tags are \$1.00. We can now except credit cards. Please bring exact change or check.
- 2. Tag your swine. Each animal going to the state fair also requires a DNA collection tag and one 4-H or USDA tag. DNA collection tag uses a different tagger then the 4-H tags.
- 3. State fair DNA collection tags need to be returned to the extension office in the white envelope provided. Signatures are required on each white envelope. The extension office will mail the white DNA envelopes to the State Fair. Return white envelopes with DNA collector by May 12.
- 4. Enter your swine ID's in 4-H online before 11:59 pm May 15.

Wright County District Junior Fair Queen

Contestant Application
Deadline: June 9th

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Scan this code for more info.



#### Fair Clean Up Day Sunday, July 16

- County Council Arrive at 2:00 pm
- 4-H Families Arrive at 4:00 pm

#### YQCA Certification Due June 15

Email your completion certificates to schnabel@iastate.edu

For more information of getting certified online visit. YQCAprogram.org





# Opportunities for Clover Kids at the Wright County Fair July 12-16, 2023

#### Clover Kids Static Judging July 11, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

#### **Class Numbers**

# 900, All static Entries limit of 6 entries

# 901 Clover Kid Challenge Class Photography: Limit of 1 entry # 902 Clover Kid Challenge Class Food & Nutrition: Limit of 1 entry

#### **Clover Kids Static Classes**

#### Class # 900, limit of 6 entries

Youth Clover Kids ages K-3 enrolled in 4-H online can participate at the fair, too! Clover Kids can create items and enter any static area they would like. This is a great opportunity to find some new hobbies. Each Clover Kid should fill out and a attach a goal card for each exhibit. Clover kids will sit down with a judge to share about their exhibit and what they learned. This is a great experience for our youngest members and also helps introduce static judging Goal cards can be found on our website or at the Extension Office. Each Clover Kid participating will receive a participation ribbon.

#### **Clover Kids Static Challenge Classes**

# 901 Clover Kid Challenge Class Photography: Photo must be outdoors.

# 902 Clover Kid Challenge Class Food & Nutrition: Microwave Rice Krispie Treats— official recipe in the 2023 Wright What is a challenge class? All youth are given the same "idea or recipe" and add their flair for their entry. With food challenge its harder for youth to be creative when given the same recipe but its about who followed the directions. It is amazing to see with the older 4-H kids the different food challenge exhibits that come in with the same recipe. Youth do not need to submit a goal card but will sit down with a judge to show their exhibit. Each Clover Kid participating will receive a ribbon and one exhibit will receive a special judges choice award.

Clover Kids should enter each exhibit into FairEntry Clover Kids static exhibits https://wrightcountyia.fairentry.com/. FairEntry deadline is June 15 and not available till May 16.

#### Clover Kids Pet Show July 14, 2:00 pm

Pets include cats, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, fish, turtles, birds, dogs (not 4-H dog training program) and other small pets. All pets should come on a leash, in a kennel, a cage or a bowl. NO WILD ANIMALS. It is illegal under lowa law to capture or keep any game animal, fur animal or game birds. Cats and dogs three months or older must have a current official rabies certification given by a veterinarianClover Kids could also bring a stuffed animal or a picture of a pet. Pets should be identified in 4-H online by May 15 and will also have to enter in FairEntry by June 15.

May 15 pet identification in 4-H online deadline. https://.v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in June 15 FairEntry deadline. Not available till May 16 https://wrightcountyia.fairentry.com/

Make sure to check out the Wright County Fair Book for more information and official rules. Fair book is available only online this year! Scan this QR code to access.



For more information contact Krystal at 515-532-3453 or schnabel@iastate.edu

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# Thank you to the Wright County Fair Board for providing these opportunities on this page for youth!

Wright County Fair PO Box 125 1000 E. Broadway St. Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Phone: 515-448-3351

Email: wrightcofair@wmtel.net

#### **Bucket/Bottle Calf Show**

The Wright County Cattlemen's Association and Wright County Farm Bureau are again sponsoring a bucket/bottle calf show to encourage and promote future participation in the fair. The show will be held at the Wright County District Junior Fair in Eagle Grove on Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m.

The show is open to any Wright County youngster who has completed kindergarten through age 12, based on age as of Sept. 15 of the previous year. Interested youth need to select any newborn or orphan calf (steer or heifer, beef, or dairy) born between March 1 and June 1. Forms have been sent to last year's participants. The calf must be identified before June 1 to the Farm Bureau Office in Clarion. by filling out an identification form and sending it to Kathy at

Wright County Farm Bureau, Box 347, Clarion, IA, 50525. For more information and forms contact Kathy at 515-532-2380. Must wear jeans & hard soled shoes.

Sponsored by Wright County Cattlemen's Association and Wright County Farm Bureau.

#### Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot Barrels Fair Horse Show

Pre-4-H Members Classes – Walk Trot Pleasure Class & Barrel Race will follow after the 4-H & FFA Horse Show. Please register on Wednesday morning during the 4-H & FFA Horse Show prior to the start of the games at the announcer's stand. Must wear jeans & hard soled shoes. Sponsored by the Wright County Fair Board.

#### **Novice Lamb Class**

This class is open to anyone who has completed K-3 grade during the 2022-2023. Ewes or wether lambs must have lambs teeth. Lambs will be shown directly following the sheep show. All lambs must check-in Wednesday. Lambs must be clipped within 30 days preceding the Wright County Fair. Lambs may be shown with halters & shortened lead

Wright County Novice Lamb Class	ropes. Each participant will visit
Complete & turn into the Fair Office by <u>June 15, 2023</u>	with the judge about the lamb
PO Box 125, Eagle Grove	they are showing. The lambs do
Exhibitor Name:	not need to be owned by the
Parents Name:	person showing them. There will
	be two classes: costume &
E-mail Address:	showmanship. Exhibitors may
Phone Number:	enter both classes. No entry fee is
Grade completed in 2022-2023 school year:	required. No premiums will be given. Must wear jeans & hard
Is lamb also a 4-H or FFA project?	soled shoes.
If so, list the name of the 4-H or FFA member	

#### Lil' Squealers Showmanship Class

This class is open to anyone 4 years old prior to January 1, 2023 through 3rd grade. This class will be held 1 hour after swine show. Swine will be furnished for this class or you can line up a pig at the show to use. No entry fee is required, ribbon will be given but no premium will be awarded. Classes will be broke by age depending upon exhibitors. Must wear jeans & hard soled shoes.

Wright County Lil' Squealers Showmanship Class (complete & turn into the Fair Office - PO Box 125 - by June 15, 2023)	
Exhibitor Name	
Parents Name	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Current Age T-Shirt Size: Youth Adult	
Child's Birthdate	
If borrowing a pig from a 2023 exhibitor, the name of exhibitor:	

### **WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR**

# ENTRY DEADLINES 2023



Swine, breeding beef, horse, sheep, goats, poultry, pets and

Animal ID

Rabbit Animal ID

• Fair Entry

YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE SANIMALS

MAY

**15** 

4-H Members: ID animals in 4-H online

FFA Members: ID animals on paper form due to FFA Advisor

**JUNE** 

15

4-H Members: ID animals in 4-H online before entering in fairentry JUNE



wrightcountyia.fairentry.com

FairEntry available beginning May 16 JUNE 15

All youth exhibiting Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goats, Alpaca, Dairy Cattle, Poultry and Rabbits must be YQCA certified.

https://yqcaprogram.org/ must submit certificate by June 15 to the Extension Office



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