Are you planning to show your dog at the Lee County Fair Dog Show?

In order to be eligible to show at the fair you must participate in Dog Obedience Classes, classes will be Offered Sunday evenings Starting April 10 at the Lee County Fair Grounds.

**Beginners Class** for first or second year dog exhibitors 4:00-5:00 PM

**Advanced Class** for third year + exhibitors 5:00-6:00 PM

Bring your dog, 6 foot leash and choke chain.

The Sheep and Meat Goat weigh-in will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds April 22 & 23.

Exhibitors planning to show at the State Fair should weigh-in Friday evening, April 22th from 4:30-6:00 PM. Retinal scanning will be available during this time *only*.

**County fair only** exhibitors should weigh-in on Saturday April 23rd from 9:00-10:30 AM.

Tags will be $2.00 each, retinal scanning will be $10.00 per animal and a maximum of 30 head may be identified.

Record books for bucket/bottle calf projects are now available in the extension office! Stop in today to pick up your copy or visit the Lee County Extension Prepare for Fair website to download your copy today!

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/lee/page/prepare-fair
Swine Exhibitors

All swine exhibitors must verify their county fair weigh-in info in 4hOnline prior to May 15.

If you are planning to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair your animals must be tagged with Lee County DNA tags and entered in 4hOnline. Contact Emily in the extension office to arrange a time to pick up DNA tags, DNA tagger & an exhibitor envelope for DNA samples.

Samples and exhibitor envelopes must be returned to the extension office by April 29th. We will ID your animals in 4hOnline by May 1, then you MUST VERIFY all of your State Fair Entries by May 15th in order to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference: Dive to New Depths

Every June, almost 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

If you'd like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We're doing things a little differently this year and you'll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series.

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2016 Registration is now open. You can register between now and June 1 for the regular registration cost of $175. Between June 2 and June 10 the rate goes up to $200. All registration closes on June 10. Check out financial aid applications, due April 25 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.
Important Fair Dates

The Lee County Fair will be here before we know it! Some very important dates to be aware of are:

April 22th – State Fair Sheep Weigh-in 4:30-6:00 P.M. – Lee County Fairgrounds
April 23rd – County Fair Sheep Weigh-in 9:00 – 10:30 A.M. – Lee County Fairgrounds
April 29th – All State Fair Swine DNA Taggers, Tags, & Family Envelops must be returned to the office (to be mailed into the state)
May 1 – State Fair Broiler ID Deadline
May 10 – Fairbooks available in the Extension Office

May 15 – Deadline to ID ALL animals on 4hOnline for State and County Fair:

Breeding beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, dog, horse, meat goat does, sheep, swine. ALL of these entries MUST be entered in 4hOnline by the 4-H’er by MAY 15 to be eligible for county fair! Deadline to verify sheep, meat goats and swine in 4hOnline. ALL county level and state fair entries MUST be verified in 4hOnline.

June 1 - Entry Forms are available at the Lee County Extension Office. All livestock entries are due in the Lee County Extension Office no later than 4:30 P.M. on June 15, 2015. A $10.00 late fee, per exhibitor will be collected on all late entries. No entries will be accepted after July 1, 2016.

Deadline for State Fair Market Broiler entry

June 15 – Livestock and Art Hall Entry forms due in the Extension Office

Last day to enter non-weigh-in, county level animals in 4hOnline, ALL county level animals including; horses, small pets, rabbits, fowl, poultry, & non weigh-in animals must be ID’ed in 4hOnline.

June 29—Lee County Fair Communications and Fashion Event
July 1 – State Fair Entry Deadline
July 1—Art Hall Judging Day

Scholarship Opportunities

"The Lee County Fair will again be awarding $500 scholarships to deserving 2015 seniors. To obtain a scholarship application please visit your high school guidance office, the Lee County Extension office or online at www.leecountyfairiowa.com. All completed application forms should be mailed to: Lee County Fair Board P.O. Box 179 Donnellson, IA 52625 Completed applications MUST be postmarked by April 4, 2016.

Lee County Pork Producer’s Scholarship form is also available in the Extension Office or at:
4-H Rabbit Workshop
Sunday, April 3rd at the Marion County Extension Office
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Topics to be covered include:
° Comparing Breeds
° Meat Pens
° Sexing your rabbits
° Choosing a Rabbit to suit you
° Tattooing (2 different styles)
° Showmanship

° You may bring one rabbit to participate in a showmanship class/workshop.
° Rabbits will be available to purchase from reputable breeders
° There will be a “make your own” carrier station (materials will be sold)
° There will be a “mini show” at 3:00 p.m. to allow the audience to see and hear what a judge is looking for in a show rabbit.

No registration is required and there will be door prizes available to the youth at the workshop.

If you have questions, please contact Mindy at the Marion County Extension Office (641)842-2014 or kephartm@iastate.edu

This workshop is being presented by the Marion County Extension Office, Indian Hills Rabbit Club, and South Central Iowa Rabbit Breeders Association.

Marion County Extension Office
210 N. Iowa
Knoxville, IA 50138
(641)842-2014
Poultry Workshop
Offered by the
Washington County 4H
Poultry Dept.

Date: April 9, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (approximately)
Where: Washington County Extension Office at
2223 250th St, Washington, IA

ITEMS TO BE COVERED:

❖ Feed & Nutrition
❖ Basic Health and Care
❖ How to prepare for chicks
❖ What to look for when purchasing poultry
❖ How to “judge” your poultry & basic showmanship
❖ Time for questions

Please RSVP by March 31, 2016 to
amygreen@iastate.edu or 319-653-4811

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach
4th Annual
Gene Brunscheen

MEMORIAL CATTLE SHOW
Great Jones County Fairgrounds, Monticello, Iowa
Saturday, April 9, 2016

Check-In: 8:30 to 10:30 AM. Show Begins: 12:30 PM
Judge: Miles Toenyes

BREEDING HEIFER AND MARKET ANIMAL DIVISIONS

HEIFERS – TOP 5
1st $500 2nd $400 3rd $300 4th $200 5th $100

MARKET – TOP 5

Breeding Heifers must be born between 9-1-2014 and December 31, 2015.
Market animals must be born in 2015.
Committee Decisions Are Final!
No Outside Bedding in Barns.
Original Registration Papers to Breed Association Exhibitor Rules.

Gene Brunscheen Memorial Cattle Show is not responsible for any accidents.

Exhibitors must be a current 4-H or FFA member; no substitute showmen
Out of State Exhibitors are Welcome!!
Generators are Encouraged!!

Entry Fee: $35.00 (No Refunds)
Food Available

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The 2016 Southeast Iowa Final Drive Committee is once again planning and preparing for our upcoming livestock show which is located at the Des Moines County Fair Grounds. This year the show will be on Sunday, July 31st, 2016 @ 6:00 pm.

At this time I am asking for your support and help on our next adventure. In the past we have offered a Stock Show U fitting Clinic sponsored by Sullivan Supply on the afternoon of the show. This year we are throwing a twist to this event by adding a **grooming and fitting competition**. That means, each county will be asked to assemble a team of four 4-H or FFA youth to represent their county. Each team may consist of any combination of junior, intermediate and senior 4-H/FFA members. The time offered for this competition will be from 12-2:00 at the Des Moines County Fair Grounds. Each team must supply their own animal and grooming chute, generator, etc needed to properly groom and fit their animal. There will be a short demonstration and rules meeting prior to the competition as Sullivan Supply will still be our sponsor for this event. We will recognize a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion team the evening of our livestock show as part of our ceremonies. Each team will also receive prizes for winning and participating in the event.

All teams will need to be organized and registered to this event by July 15th, 2016. Please contact: Sheila Darbyshire (319-931-7998) to register your team or if there are any questions or concerns.

This is a great opportunity for the youth to learn and participate in the process of fitting and grooming their animal. Sullivan Supply Professors will be available to guide the youth through this process. We look forward to adding this event to our show!

*Tell me and I forget.*
*Teach me and I may remember.*
*Involve me and I learn.*