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Note: Clubs should plan to bring binder clips & pegs for club booth display in the 4-H Building.

Volunteer Appreciation Week 2020 is April 20-24, remember to THANK a volunteer!

CYC Message

Thank you all for hanging in there during this tough time of cancellations and updates! At this time, the Benton County Extension Office is closed to the public. Even with the public closure, staff are working hard to support our communities with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach resources. I am working remotely from 8 AM-4:30 PM M-F. I will be in the office weekly to check messages, but the best way to reach me during this time is through email: emilyrs@iastate.edu.

Notice of Reasonable Accommodation Process

As part of its mission to serve all Iowans, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide reasonable accommodations to its “policies, practices, or procedures” when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming to participants with a qualifying disability. The process has the following five stages: (1) completion of the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms, (2) participants and parents are sent an agenda for the eligibility team meeting, (3) the eligibility meeting is conducted, (4) a determination letter is sent to participants, (5) possible reassessment for future events. The goal of this process is to understand the participant’s limitations and to provide reasonable accommodations for all events throughout the Extension and Outreach system during that period without filling out additional requests. To begin the process, please contact your County Youth Coordinator for the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms.
Club Spotlights

DON’T THROW AWAY YOUR CANS! First, take off the tabs and help reduce the expenses for children who need to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. The North Eden Willing Workers 4-H club have began their service project for the year! This year, they will be collecting pop tabs off of pop cans all around local businesses in Vinton. The club will keep these boxes up throughout the year, emptying them when necessary. The club and the Ronald McDonald House would really appreciate any pop tabs you are able to contribute.

The following are locations that you can drop off your pop tabs at, or contact a North Eden Willing Workers Club Member: Pizza Ranch | Tootsies | Windsor Manor | The Hitchin Post | Wilson-Hite Insurance

Please consider donating your pop tabs for this great cause! Thank You!

Benton County Fair Queen Application Information

THE BENTON COUNTY FAIR IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAIR BY BECOMING THE BENTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN!

CANDIDATES WILL BE JUDGED DURING A PERSONAL AND GROUP INTERVIEW, THE QUEEN WILL BE CROWNED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, AT 4-H NIGHT AT THE GRANDSTAND.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BENTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION AND AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE BECKER AT 319-350-6611.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN TO ANGIE BY MAY 15, 2020.

Thank you to all clubs and individuals that have shared success stories with the CYC, please keep sharing! Benton County 4-H has so much to be proud of.
ITEMS IN RED HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19.

3/31: Last day to enroll in 4-H to exhibit at the 2020 Benton County Fair
4/10: YQCA Bus Trip to Ames
4/13-17: Extension Week
4/15: Animal Science Roundup Registration Deadline (More Info)
4/16: YQCA Live Training, 6:00-7:00 PM @ Extension Office
4/16: Extension Open House, 5:00-8:00 PM @ Benton County Service Center
4/19: VIRTUAL 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
4/20-24: Volunteer Appreciation Week
4/21: VIRTUAL 4-H Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Extension Office
4/30: $10 Meal Challenge 4-H Project Workshop, 5:00-7:00 PM @ Van Horne Community Center
5/2: Sheep & Goat Weigh-In
5/15: YQCA Certification Deadline
5/16: 4-H Rabbit Workshop, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Fair Grounds
5/20: Mandatory Horse Safety Class, Option 1 of 2, 6:00 PM @ Fair Grounds
6/1: Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine Verified or ID Completed in 4-H Online STATE DEADLINE
6/1: Club Stalling Due, Individual Beef Tie-Out Reservations Due
6/6: Mandatory Horse Safety Class, Option 2 of 2, 10:00 AM @ Fair Grounds
5/16-6/15: Fair Entry Open for Static, Communication & Awardrobe (Livestock will open 6/2)
6/23-6/28: Benton County Fair
8/7: 2020 Benton County Classic Youth Livestock Judging Contest
Other News

Livestock News: Sheep and Goat Weigh In has been cancelled. There will be no rate of gain contest for sheep or meat goats at the 2020 fair. The 4-H Online animal ID deadline has been extended to 6/1.

Animal Identification: USDA (4-H) tags may be picked up at the Extension Office Starting 5/11. ISF Swine DNA tags may be picked up starting 5/11. ISF sheep & goat exhibitors need to schedule a retinal scanning appointment with the CYC for 5/23. 4-H families are responsible for identifying Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Pet, Sheep and Swine in 4-H Online by the 6/1 deadline. Sheep and meat goat entries must have a photo included. FFA livestock should have all forms on file at the Extension Office by 6/1.

Full Animal Update: An email was sent to all 4-H Leaders and families via 4-H Online email on 3/27. The update is also available on our website.

YQCA: All 4-H and FFA livestock (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine) exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified by May 15, 2020.

1. Go to yqca.org, select Sign In/Register on top right
2. Select Sign In with 4-H Online and use 4-H Online credentials to log in
3. Select member and choose member age as of 1/1/2020
4. Payment: $12 fee for taking the course online or a $3 fee (per member) for taking the training at a scheduled Extension Office live training. This fee goes directly to the YQCA program.
5. Complete the course and pass the quiz! Share your certificate with the Extension Office. Certificates must be on file at the Extension Office by 5/15.

Fair Entry: Static, Awardrobe Clothing Event, and Communication entries can be made in Fair Entry starting 5/16. As a result of the livestock ID deadline being extended, livestock entries can start being made 6/2. Fair Entry closes 6/15. Please do not wait until the deadline to start making entries.
Fair Updates

**Swine Exhibitors:** The 2020 Swine Show is non-terminal. Benton County Extension and Outreach is not coordinating a hog buyer due to ractopamine (paylean) restrictions in the global market. Please contact your CYC with questions.

**Horse Safety Classes:** RSVP to participate in a MANDATORY safety class by emailing the CYC. All horse and pony exhibitors must attend one of the scheduled sessions to exhibit at the 2020 Benton County Fair. Safety classes will be held 5/20 & 6/6. No Exceptions.

**Stalling:** Leaders should bring (or send) ONE form complete with ALL payments for the club to the Extension Office by June 1. There is a drop box outside of the office door if needed.

**Beef Tie Outs:** NEW Beef Tie-Outs! Rules can be found in the fair book under 4-H and Livestock rules. 40 Tie-outs with wood chips are available for $15/tie-out and must be reserved by June 1. Tie-outs are an additional opportunity on top of regular stalling requirements. Families (not clubs) may reserve their tie-out by calling or emailing the CYC with their reservation and making the $15 payment. Tie-outs are not fully reserved until $15 fee per tie-out is collected at the Extension Office.

**4-H Night at the Grandstand:** NEW All are invited to join the Fair Board and Benton County 4-H program at 6 PM on Wednesday of fair for the Legion Color Guard, Fair Queen Crowning, County Council Introductions, Share the Fun, Awardrobe Fashion Show, and 4-H Awards Presentation. This is a new event, let’s pack the grandstand with 4-H supporters!

**Awardrobe Clothing Event:** Entries are due on Fair Entry by June 15. Report forms should be brought to judging day.

**Communication Events:** Entries are due on Fair Entry by June 15. The Educational Presentation report form is integrated into the entry. Share the Fun Set Up Form and Working Exhibit Report Forms are due 6/15.
NEW Static Classes at Fair!

Check the fair book for class descriptions, guidance, and special rules!

Class 10210- Crop Production and Plant Science
Class 10220- Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability
Class 10222- Entomology
Class 10224- Fish and Wildlife
Class 10226- Forestry
Class 10442- Food & Nutrition Preserved Products
Class 10490- $10 Meal Challenge
Class 10632- Aerospace
Class 10634- Robotics

Which site does what???

ia.4honline.com

Use this website to verify weigh in animals or add non weigh in animals by June 1. Use the same log in information you use to re-enroll as a 4-H member. “Family” should be selected. If you need help remembering your credentials, please email the CYC.

fairentry.com

Select the 2020 Benton County Fair. 4-H Members should select the green ‘log in with 4-H Online’ button and log in using their 4-H Online credentials. FFA Members that are not 4-H Members should create a separate profile. 4-H Members exhibiting specific projects as FFA Members should select their chapter, not club, when entering each project. Please call or email your CYC with questions.
Fair Schedule

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
8:30-11:30 AM // 12:00-3:00 PM 4-H STATIC EXHIBITS JUDGING
9:30 AM-12:30 PM CLOVERBUD PROJECT JUDGING
3:00 PM STALLING POSTED, OPTIONAL TACK SET UP
4:00 PM 4-H BUILDING CLOSES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
7:00 AM-12:00 PM LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL ON FAIRGROUNDS
(EXCLUDES POULTRY)
9:00 AM-12:00 PM POULTRY ARRIVAL & CHECK IN
9:00 AM 4-H BUILDING OPENS
9:30 AM SWINE EXHIBITOR MEETING
10:00 AM-12:00 PM LIVESTOCK CHECK IN & WEIGH IN
12:00 PM SHEEP & GOAT EXHIBITOR MEETING
11:00 AM-12:00 PM EXHIBITOR MEAL SPONSORED BY BECK’S HYBRIDS
1:00 PM-2:00 PM SHOWMANSHIP CLINICS: HORSE, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOAT, SHEEP & MEAT GOAT
2:00 PM-3:00 PM SHOWMANSHIP CLINICS: BEEF, SWINE, POULTRY, RABBIT
3:00 PM 4-H & FFA BEEF EXHIBITOR MEETING
2:00 PM-5:30 PM COMMUNICATIONS AND AWARDROBE JUDGING
6:00 PM 4-H NIGHT AT THE GRANDSTAND: LEGION COLOR GUARD, FAIR QUEEN CROWNING, 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS, 4-H SHARE THE FUN TALENT SHOW, AWARDROBE FASHION SHOW AND 4-H AWARDS PRESENTATION
8:30-10:00 PM 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL DANCE (9-12TH GRADE YOUTH)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
6:30 AM-7:30 AM CHECK IN/WEIGH IN MARKET BEEF PERFORMANCE
8:00 AM MARKET BEEF PERFORMANCE
8:00 AM 4-H/FFA SHEEP SHOW > B/B LAMB SHOW > 4-H/FFA MEAT GOAT SHOW
10:00 AM 4-H/FFA HORSE & PONY FUN SHOW
1:00 PM FAIR PHOTO FUN! SKILL-A-THON
2:00 PM 4-H/FFA RABBIT SHOW
FRIDAY, JUNE 26
8:00 AM 4-H/FFA SWINE SHOW
9:00 AM 4-H/FFA POULTRY SHOW
9:00 AM FLOWER ARRANGING SKILL-A-THON
10:00 AM 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL EVENT: BUBBLE TROUBLE
11:00 AM 4-H/FFA DAIRY SHOW > 4-H/FFA DAIRY GOAT SHOW
1:00 PM DAIRY KIDDIE CATTLE CAPERS (FOLLOWING DAIRY SHOW)
2:00 PM 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL EVENT: EGG TOSS & 3- LEGGED RACE
4:00 PM 4-H/FFA BUCKET BOTTLE CALF SHOW (BEEF & DAIRY)
6:00 PM STATIC STATE FAIR ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
8:00 AM 4-H/FFA BEEF SHOW
8:00 AM 4-H/FFA PERFORMANCE HORSE SHOW
1:30 PM BENTON BARNYARD BABIES (FOLLOWING BEEF SHOW)
3:00 PM BENTON FFA KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL
4:00 PM 4-H/FFA DOG SHOW > 4-H/FFA PET SHOW
4:30 PM BARNYARD OLYMPICS
6:30 PM FRIENDS OF 4-H BARN PARTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
6:00 AM 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK RELEASE
9:00 AM-11:00 AM 4-H BUILDING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
11:00 AM-1:00 PM STATIC PROJECT RELEASE
11:00 AM PARADE OF CHAMPIONS
12:00 PM 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS
5:00 PM ALL LIVESTOCK REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS

FIND THE FULL FAIR SCHEDULE (EASY TO READ AND EASY TO PRINT!) AND FAIR BOOK ON THE BENTON COUNTY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH WEBSITE:
HTTPS://WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/BENTON/4H

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