The Broadcast
Benton County 4-H Monthly Newsletter for 4-H Members, Leaders, and Volunteers

CYC Message
It has been an absolute whirlwind learning about all things Benton County 4-H... this program is awesome! I am loving learning about the traditions and activities that are unique to Benton County. For example, the bowling tournament! While sifting through drawers, I found years worth of bowling score cards, which tells me that this bowling tournament is a big deal... which then informed me that I needed to start planning and hunting for prizes! I know I am excited to experience my first Benton County 4-H Bowling Tournament, and I hope you are excited to show off your team’s skills and defend past titles. All teams need to be registered by February 3 at 4:30 PM. Leaders can call in with their team’s information or send a quick email that includes club name, team name, and 4 member names/grades. The 4-H County Council has picked out some AWESOME prizes for this year’s winners. Don’t miss out on this once-a-year opportunity. This event is suited for 4-12th grade 4-H Club Members.

Note
Several area counties are offering livestock workshops this spring, and opening them to Benton County 4-H Members! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for sharing of opportunities. In January several counties hosted workshops about poultry, beef, and sheep. The Iowa Dairy Goat Association is holding a fitting and showmanship clinic in May AND they have a share-a-goat program with applications due in March. For more information on this specific opportunity, view their website: https://www.iowadairygoat.org/. If you have workshop ideas (static, livestock, etc.) that you would like to see hosted in Benton County, please email your CYC!
In January, the Florence Go-Getters 4-H Club completed an application for a Pioneer Seed Grant through the State 4-H Office. Each year Pioneer proudly offers $5,000 in seed grant money to 4-H clubs across Iowa to stimulate clubs to plan and carry out improvement projects in their communities. The Florence Go-Getters club is teaming up to support Waypoint Services through a club service project that focuses on youth skills building and service learning through the creation of pillow cases. Youth members will learn basic sewing skills while creating the pillow cases on February 17. The completed pillow cases will then be filled with toiletries, food, and household items to be donated to Waypoint Services. Members will also have the opportunity to create a second pillow case as a 4-H project! Great work, Florence Go-Getters!

Six members of the Benton County 4-H Livestock Judging Team attended the 2020 Western National Roundup in Denver. On the road to Denver, participants worked to further their preparations for the Livestock Judging Contest held at the National Western Stock Show. On Friday January 10, the team of Gabe Hanson, Alex Ludeking and Jacob Ludeking competed in the contest and placed sixth as a team in the goat division. Steiger Manson, Clayton McKenna and Josh Wiley went along for the week to improve their evaluation and reasons skill sets.
Deadlines & Important Dates

**These dates pertain to February and March scheduled activities and events. Please watch for continued schedule updates in future Broadcasts or by following our Facebook page**

2/1: Market Steers & Heifers Verified (weight, tag, M/F, breed) in 4-H Online by 4-H Member **STATE DEADLINE**

2/3: Bowling team registration deadline, registration fee due

2/4: YQCA Offered at Benton County Extension (6 PM)

2/9: 4-H Bowling Tournament (12-4:00 PM @ Berry Lanes, Vinton)

2/16: 4-H County Council Meeting (6 PM @ Extension Office)

2/18: 4-H Committee Meeting (7 PM @ US Bank Community Center)

2/28: Marshall, Tama, Benton County Lock In Reschedule (**information will be sent via email to leaders, registration deadline 2/21**)

3/11: YQCA Offered at Benton County Extension (5:30 PM)

3/15: 4-H County Council Meeting (6 PM @ Extension Office)

3/17: 4-H Committee Meeting (7 PM @ Extension Office)

3/21: Swine Weigh In, 9-11 AM

3/25: 4-H Legislative Trip to Des Moines (**flier will be sent via email to 7-9th grade youth, leaders, and posted on Facebook**)

3/28: 4-H Night at the Hockey Game (7 PM @ Young Arena, Waterloo) ($8 tickets, Order by phone before 3/26 with Tim at 319-296-7581 or take flier to box office the night of. **Flier will be sent via email to leaders and posted on Facebook**)

3/30: Spring 4-H Leaders Meeting (5:30-6:30 Cloverbud Leaders, 6:30-7:30 4-H Club Leader @ BC Service Center Conference Room)

**Standing Deadline**

5/15: Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine Verified or ID Completed in 4-H Online **STATE DEADLINE**, YQCA Certification Deadline
**Livestock News:** Animal ID forms are on hand at the office for Breeding Beef, Horse, Dog, and Dairy. Members can enter these species/divisions themselves on 4-H Online by May 15. If you prefer paper forms email Emily and return forms prior to May 10. Please email Emily if you would like a form mailed or emailed to you. 4-H and FFA Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine Verified or ID Completed in 4-H Online by May 15 deadline. If you are leasing a horse to be shown at the fair, an Iowa 4-H Horse Lease Agreement form must be filed at the Extension Office by May 15.

**Bowling Tourney:** The Annual Benton County 4-H Bowling Tournament will be held from 12-4:00 PM on 2/9 in Vinton. Teams will consist of four members and will bowl by division: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members. Teams with mixed-division members will bowl in the next bracket (e.g. 3 Jr/1 Int will bowl in Intermediate bracket.) Clubs should have teams registered to bowl by February 3. Registration fee is $5 per team member, or $20 per team. The registration fee should be paid to the Extension Office by 2/3 to secure your teams spot in the bracket.

**Highway 30 Field Team:** Great opportunities are on the way! Watch for information regarding the 4-H lock in reschedule, 4-H Legislative Trip, and the YQCA Bus Trip (April 10), Discover Minneapolis Intermediate Trip (June 17-18).

**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. Log onto yqca.org to register and complete the training.

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 money goes directly to the YQCA program.
5. Complete the course and pass the quiz! Share your certificate with the Extension Office.

**Iowa 4-H:** Current 8-12th grade 4-H members are encouraged to save the dates of June 30-July 2, 2020 for State 4-H Conference and Animal Science Roundup in Ames! 3 Days full of speakers, workshops, community service and more... registration opens in March! https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

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