

The Broadcast

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

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The last day to enroll in 4-H to be eligible to exhibit at fair is 3/31/2020.

Derby Swine Weigh In will be March 21, 9-11:00 AM! Save the date for Sheep & Goat Weigh In May 2!

Club Spotlight: Bruce Boosters Cloverbuds make Bread in a Bag!

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CYC Message

I want to thank all of the clubs that participated in the Bowling Tournament on 2/9! This year Benton County 4-H had 28 teams sign up and 100 people show up ready to don bowling shoes and try their luck at winning bragging rights and a cool 4-H prize. I personally enjoyed meeting many of Benton County's 4-Hers, parents, and 4-H club leaders. I also want to thank the 4-H County Council for running the event, doing fast math to tabulate scores, and having a can-do attitude all afternoon! While the bowling tournament is over for the year, clubs can still sign up for the 4-H Volleyball Tournament! The stakes aren't as high, but there are still bragging rights and \$20 for the winning Jr-Int-Sr teams for the taking. Form and register your team by 3/4 to participate in the tournament on 3/8! This is a free 4-H event at VS Middle School.

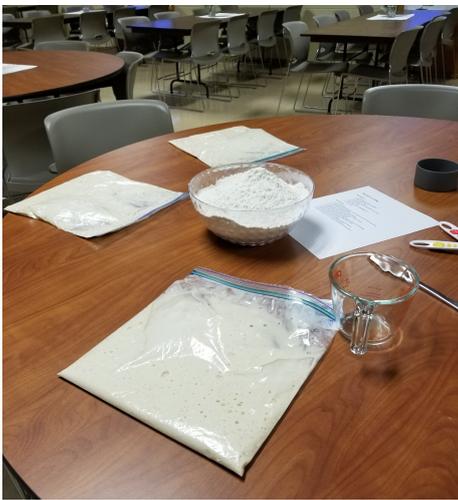
Livestock Quiz Bowl

4-H'ers in grades 4-12th are eligible to participate in the Iowa 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon! This year's state event will be 4/25 on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. Benton County 4-H can enter a mixed-age or senior division team. Practice will be held on Sunday evenings to prepare for the contest. The first meeting will be 3/8 (5:00 PM) at the Pioneer warehouse (behind Theisen's) in Vinton. For more information about the Livestock Quiz Bowl please visit:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl>

Club Spotlights

Benton County 4-H celebrated the addition of a new Cloverbud 4-H Club, the Bruce Boosters Cloverbuds, in January. With the encouragement from a current club leader, two 4-H parents became new volunteers and joined the 4-H family as full-fledged Cloverbud leaders! During their first meeting, members practiced the 4-H pledge, played a get-to-know-me game, and learned about yeast through creating 'Bread in a Bag'. All members truly embraced 'Bread in a Bag' by using all of their senses: smell, sight, sound, touch, and... after it was cooked, taste! Since January, the Bruce Boosters Cloverbuds have grown by several new members! Cloverbud 4-H Clubs that want to try the Bread in a Bag activity should contact the Benton County Extension Office for supplies and information.



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4:30 - 6:00PM

\$10/youth : Pre-registration required as seats are limited : Call Buchanan County ISU Extension @ (319) 334-7161 to register

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Deadlines & Important Dates

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

3/8: 4-H Club Volleyball Tournament, 12:00-5:00 PM @ VS Middle School

3/8: Livestock Quiz Bowl/Skillathon Practice, 5:00 PM @ Pioneer Warehouse

3/11: YQCA Live Training, 5:30-6:30 PM @ Extension Office

3/15: 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:00 PM @ Extension Office

3/17: 4-H Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Extension Office

3/21: Swine Weigh In, 9:00-11:00 AM @ Fair Grounds

3/25: 4-H Legislative Trip to Des Moines (*More Info*)

3/28: 4-H Night at the Hockey Game, 7:00 PM @ Young Arena, Waterloo

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

3/31: Last day to enroll as a 4-H Member to be eligible to exhibit at the Benton County Fair

4/10: YQCA Bus Trip to Ames (*More Info*)

4/15: Animal Science Roundup Registration Deadline (*More Info*)

4/16: YQCA Live Training, 6:00-7:00 PM @ Extension Office

4/19: 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:00 PM @ Extension Office

4/21: 4-H Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Extension Office

Standing Deadlines

5/15: Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine Verified or ID Completed in 4-H Online *STATE DEADLINE*

5/15: YQCA Certification Deadline

5/15-6/15: Fair Entry Open

Other News

Livestock News: Swine weigh in will be Saturday 3/21, from 9-11:00 AM at the Benton County Fair Grounds. Families can start entering all non-weigh in species onto 4-H Online. FFA Members showing livestock or animal exhibits at the fair should contact the Benton County Extension Office for livestock ID forms. Both 4-H Online (4-H) and paper ID forms (FFA and/or 4-H families that prefer paper) must be completed by May 15th. **Please don't wait until the deadline to complete this important process.**

Highway 30 Field Team: Youth in 7-9th grade are invited to attend 4-H Legislative Day at the Capitol in Des Moines on March 25th! Registration is due March 11 to the Benton County Extension Office. Youth will tour the Capitol, the Judicial Center, visit with legislators, and explore the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. If the Legislative Trip doesn't spark your interest please consider the 7-12th Grade YQCA Bus Trip to Ames on April 10th! The YQCA Bus Trip fulfills the YQCA exhibitor requirement while providing great tours of Iowa State University's teaching farms, the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center, and ISU's College of Veterinarian Medicine.

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.**

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! Registration opens in March!

Fair Updates

We hope you are getting excited for the Benton County Fair! The next several issues of The Broadcast will include IMPORTANT updates... stay tuned! Your 4-H Committee Volunteers and County Extension Staff are looking forward to great things this year.



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**2020 BENTON
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Tuesday, June 23-Sunday, June 28



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