

The Broadcast

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

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**Animal ID and YQCA
deadline update: JUNE 1**

**YQCA Certificates must
be mailed or emailed to
your CYC by June 1 for
the certification to be "on
file"**

**Updates to the Fair Book
should be expected.
Families are responsible
for reviewing these
changes.**

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CYC Message

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we face cancellations, postponements, and an increase in virtual connection and resource sharing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I have heard your concerns about fair, projects, and summer 4-H activities and promise you that I feel the urgency in the requests to provide information pertaining to the 4-H piece of the Benton County Fair. 4-H Committee met virtually on April 21 to discuss regular business items and to spend time working together to vision how 4-H can adapt to provide the fair experience this summer. Our conversations are ongoing and plans will evolve as feedback is gathered. As a result of the meeting, I can share that concrete information about 4-H and the Fair will be shared on May 18. For now, please practice patience and stay positive. Your team of Benton County 4-H Staff and Volunteers are working hard to provide a summer 4-H experience and we are optimistic that we will continue to provide opportunities to meet the needs of 4-H youth.

Fair Book Updates

The fair book is available on the Benton County Extension Website under Benton County 4-H and Youth. Please review the post-print document listed by the fair book link. Updates to the fair book should be expected as we all work our way through this time of uncertainty.

Club Spotlights

-I'd like for each child to make a post to the group (with your assistance :-D). The item will be Show & Tell and can be whatever they choose- an animal, toy, sibling, hat, etc. These are the questions I'd like to be answered in their post:

- What are you showing us today?
- When did you receive/ find/buy/etc it?
- What's your favorite part?
- What tasks/chores/etc have to be done?
- What are a few fun facts about it?

-Post it however you'd like- a video, a photo, typed, etc. Hoping this is a way for kids to share something and somewhat engage with others. Let's shoot to have them all in by Friday.

-Next, over the weekend I'd like the kids to go into each post (with your help please :-D) and comment a reply on each kids' Show & Tell (something they liked about it, thoughts, etc). Please make sure to comment on each child!

The **Garrison Big Grove Cloverbuds** hosted a virtual "Show and Tell" to stay connected during this time of 'social distancing'! The club leader, Morgan, organized the experience in the club's private Facebook group. The instructions for the experience are shared (left). Thank you, Morgan, for your creativity to keep families connected!



Congratulations to the **Florence Go Getters 4-H Club** for receiving the \$500 4-H Pioneer Seed Grant they applied for! The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Pioneer Grants are awarded annually with applications due in late January.

Seniors

A graduating senior survey is available for those students that wish to be featured in the newsletter and Facebook Page! Seniors will be featured in the May and June newsletters. We are PROUD of our graduating 4-H members!

CONGRATS, Emma Hearn!

Emma is a member of the Polk 101 4-H club and shared that her favorite 4-H project area is Food and Nutrition. Emma's favorite 4-H event is the Benton County Fair because she loves spending time with her friends and working with her animals. Her favorite 4-H memory is showing horses her junior year. Emma's future plans are to attend Kirkwood Community College to study Nursing.

Deadlines & Important Dates

ITEMS IN RED HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19.

CANCELLATIONS UPDATED WEEKLY ON THE WEBSITE.

5/2: Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

5/16-6/15: Fair Entry Open for Static, Communication & Awardrobe

5/16: 4-H Rabbit Workshop, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Fair Grounds

5/20: Mandatory Horse Safety Class, 6:00 PM @ Fair Grounds

6/1: ALL Livestock and Animals Verified or ID Completed in 4-H Online
STATE DEADLINE

6/1: Iowa State Fair 4-H Market Broiler Entries Due

6/1: YQCA Certification Deadline, Club Stalling Due, Individual Beef Tie-Out
Reservations Due

6/2-6/15: Fair Entry Open for Livestock and Animals

6/3: Mandatory Horse Safety Class, Option 1 of 2, 6:00 PM @ Fair Grounds

6/6: Mandatory Horse Safety Class, Option 2 of 2, 10:00 AM @ Fair Grounds

6/17-6/19: Intermediate Trip to Minneapolis

6/23-6/28: Benton County Fair

6/30-7/2: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and Animal Science Roundup

7/31-8/1: Junior Camp

8/5: Serve and Slide at the NEIA Food Bank and Lost Island Water Park

8/7: 2020 Benton County Classic Youth Livestock Judging Contest



Do you have ideas for 4-H events in Benton County? Please share these suggestions with
your CYC!

Other News

Livestock News: All animals must be ID'd in 4-H Online by June 1. DO NOT WAIT until the deadline to add animals to 4-H Online. Contact your CYC for a help sheet for adding animals to 4-H Online. FFA livestock must have ID forms on file at the Extension Office by June 1. There will be no retinal scanning for ISF Sheep or Meat Goats. Families nominating Sheep or Meat Goats must include three photos of their animal (it has been suggested that sheep be shorn) in their 4-H Online ID: left side animal profile, right side animal profile, ear tag in animals ear.

Tag Pick Up: 4-H Livestock tags (and poultry bands) may be picked up by appointment only at the following dates and times: May 6 (8-4:30), May 13 (8-4:30), May 20 (8-4:30), May 27 (8-4:30). To make an appointment, please email your CYC your tagging needs including the date and time frame you are available for pick up, family name, and number of tags per species. The last day for tag pick up will be May 27.

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 June 1, 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! **Mail or email your YQCA certificate to the Extension Office. Certificates must be on file at the Extension Office by 6/1.**

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 local lockers ASAP to secure locker dates for your animals.

Horse Safety Classes: The 5/20 horse safety class has been cancelled due to COVID-19 regulations. **RSVP to attend** horse safety classes on June 3 or June 6. All horse and pony exhibitors must attend one of the scheduled sessions to exhibit at the 2020 Benton County Fair

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.

ISF Sheep and Goat Retinal Imaging: This requirement has been WAIVED for the 2020 Iowa State Fair. See the livestock news section above.

Iowa State Fair: 2020 Premium Books and Exhibitor Info is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock

Which site does what???

yqca.org

Use this website to become YQCA certified to exhibit at the Benton County Fair. Certification must be on file at the Extension Office by June 1.

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 still use their 4-H Online credentials to log in and select their chapter (not club) when entering each project. Please call or email your CYC with questions.