Calendar of Events

April
4  Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
6-13  Production Swine Weigh-in
7  Working Exhibits at Day or the Child
15  Teen Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

May
2  Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
4  Goat/Sheep Weigh-in - 8:00 a.m. at SCC
7  Mandatory Horse Meeting - 6:00 p.m. at the Des Moines County Extension Office
15  Animal identification is due in 4HOnline by May 15. 4HOnline Livestock identification will close to families identifying animals at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15!
16  Teen Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
27  Office Closed - Memorial Day Observance

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Des Moines County Extension Website
www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines
Des Moines County 4-H Website
www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/4h

National Volunteer Week
April 7-13, 2019

This year marks the 45th Anniversary of National Volunteer Week and I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have volunteered their services to make our 4-H program a success: DMC Extension Council, DMC Fair Board, DMC Youth Committee, Static and Livestock Committee Members, 4-H Leaders, 4-H members, and their families.

Your support of DMC 4-H is greatly appreciated!!!

It’s That Time of Year Again!!!

Families need to go into 4HOnline to enroll/re-enroll for the 2018-2019 4-H year. We would like the process completed by May 15th, 2019.

Clover Kids and New Members also need to fill out the new member enrollment in 4HOnline as well. All you need to do is go to: iowa4honline.com, select ‘Iowa,’ then select ‘I need to setup a profile.’

As of March 31, 2019, I am proud to say that the Des Moines County 4-H program has 433 youth enrollments and 68 adult enrollments. Keep those enrollments coming in as 4-H GROWS Here in Des Moines County!!!
**Program Activity Fees**

The program activity fees are $35.00 this year. The Des Moines County Extension Council has graciously donated $10.00 per member and the Des Moines County 4-H Foundation is covering an additional $15.00 per member. The remaining $10.00 per member will need to be paid through the club. Ask your leaders how your 4-H club will be paying this fee.

**The club program activity fees are due to the Extension Office, when received, but no later than May 15, 2019. No Exceptions!!! Leaders...please make out one check to the Des Moines County Extension Office.** The due date is important to insure that all of our members are covered.

Don’t forget, if you are a Des Moines County Farm Bureau family you are eligible for the $10.00 per member benefit that Farm Bureau offers our 4-H members. To receive this benefit, it is the family’s responsibility to contact your local Farm Bureau office to request it.

**Des Moines County 4-H Community Dinner and Auctions**

What a Night!!! What can I say, but What a Night!!! Everything about this event was everything we had hope for and more! So much support, delicious food, gracious donors, beautiful venue, and so much fun!!! 🎉

The Des Moines County 4-H Community Dinner, live auction, silent auction, monetary donations, and money brought in by the sale of the Scavenger Hunt Momma Pigs brought in $11, 250.00 before expenses are taken out, to be used to offset enrollment fees for our Des Moines County 4-H’ers. What a Night!!!

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank the following...

- Des Moines County Youth Committee Members - for planning, implementing, and working the event
- Des Moines County 4-H Clubs, Members, and Families - for auction items and homemade dessert
- Jennifer and Kevin Glendening - Barn on the Ridge - for all of their support and expertise
- Two Buds bbq - for preparing the meat and baked beans
- Two Chicks Catering - for catering the delicious meal
- Steffes Group - for auctioneering the event
- Des Moines County Teen Council - for everything you were asked to do: parking cars, cutting desserts, helping with the auction, etc.

To our numerous sponsors for their donations

To anyone and everyone that helped with clean-up

And to all in attendance - THANK YOU for your continued support of the Des Moines County 4-H program!!!
Attention: Swine Exhibitors

The Des Moines County Swine Committee has decided that there WILL NOT be an organized swine weigh-in held in Des Moines County again this year.

All 4-H and FFA pigs must be identified by ear notch, ear tag, sex, and color by the individual themselves. Paperwork must be turned in to the Extension Office by April 26, 2019. Each exhibitor is limited to identifying a maximum of 12 pigs.

Production market barrows and gilts are to be weighed by the individual anytime between April 6 and April 13, 2019. Ear notch, ear tag, sex, and color need to be identified and paperwork turned in by April 26. Any barrow/gilt weighing over 65 pounds will not be eligible for the Production Barrow or Gilt Class.

Any combination of gilts and barrows may be identified on the identification form and turned into the Extension Office by April 26. It is not mandatory to have a production market barrow or production gilt entry to show.

You may identify five (5) divisions in FairEntry by July 1 and exhibit four (4) pigs in either the individual market gilt class, individual market barrow class, production market barrow class, production market gilt class, or commercial gilt class. Exhibitors may sell two (2) pigs in the auction. The extra pigs may be removed when released or when transportation is available.

Individuals may pick up the tags, both county and state fair tags; a tagger; and identification forms from the Extension Office on or after Monday, April 1st. It is important when you come to pick up tags that you know if you are exhibiting at the county level and/or the state level to insure proper tags are sent with you.

تفكير 4-H & FFA Exhibitors

Running out of movies to watch, games to play or chores to do (maybe that last one's a stretch)?!

✓ Complete your YQCA training today so you don't have to be stuck on a computer when the weather is warmer this spring/summer. You will need to complete this training by July 1st if you plan to exhibit the following animals at the Des Moines County Fair:

- Pigs
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Market Rabbits
- Poultry

YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

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Extension and Outreach
Des Moines County Fair Working Exhibits - April 7, 2019

The Des Moines County Fair Working Exhibits will once again be held in conjunction with the Day of the Child at Westland Mall on Sunday, April 7, 2019, from noon to 4:00 p.m. with our 4-H members being staggered throughout the day. A schedule will be comprised once we know the number of working exhibits that are entered.

Each working exhibit will last approximately 20-30 minutes, depending on the crowd. Please have enough supplies for 50 participants. Members will not be penalized if you run out of supplies before the end of your time. Once registered, you will be emailed an entry form to bring with you the day of the event letting us know what equipment: table, access to electricity, etc. you will need. The form will also ask what you are trying to convey through this presentation. Please know, peer judging will take place as well.

Ribbons and placings will be awarded at the 2019 Des Moines County Fair during Communication Night on Friday, July 26, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with premiums paid as usual, after the fair.

If you are interested in doing a Working Exhibit this 4-H year, please call the Extension Office at 800-914-1914. Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Reminder to All 4-H Exhibitors

Numerous publications can be found at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Store for you use. Here a list of the following used in Des Moines County on static judging day:

**Food and Nutrition:**
Food for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference Guide:
To view in store, visit: [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434)
To download, visit: [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf)
Preserve the Taste of Summer: [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductListKeyword=canning&S=0&A=0&F=5](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductListKeyword=canning&S=0&A=0&F=5)
Numerous Canning publications can also be found at this site.

**Gardening and Horticulture:**
Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit: [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394)
Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibits: [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/400](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/400)

"Hands to Larger Service" "To Make the Best Better"

No words, other than THANK YOU to our Des Moines County 4-H clubs, members, families, and the residents of Des Moines County for your support of our flood relief efforts for Mills County in western Iowa!!!
Every June, almost 900 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!

4-H/FFA Rabbit Hopping and Agility for 2019

Attention: Rabbit Project Members - the Des Moines County 4-H Program will again have a rabbit hopping and agility opportunity for you in 2019. In rabbit hopping & agility, you train your rabbit to hop a course full of jumps and agility pieces like hoops, tunnels, a teeter-totter, etc. In our first year there were 2 exhibitors with 3 rabbits and this year we hope to have more.

So if you would like to be a part of the rabbit hopping and agility fun, just call Mary at the Extension Office and sign up. Your cost will be $15 for the specially-made harness and leash (you get to pick the color). Mary will need to know the breed of your rabbit(s) so the harness can be made to fit properly.

Plans are to start practice in the spring. We will have a Bunny Boot Camp where you will be given training rules to start working with your rabbit. You will also get to take a portion of the jumps and agility pieces so you can practice at home. Last year we met together 6 times in June/July so most of the training is done at home at your convenience as everyone has busy schedules. We will have rabbit hopping & agility demonstrations and competitions at the fair that you can participate in which are lots of fun!

Join us...You will be amazed at what your rabbit can do!
Attention: Sheep and Goat Exhibitors

Weigh-in will be held May 4, 2019, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the Des Moines County Fairgrounds.

SHEEP - Members may weigh-in a maximum of 12 lambs. **ALL sheep (market and breeding) must come to weigh-in and have a registered scrapie tag with the exception of Bottle Lambs.** Bottle Lambs must have a scrapie tag identified in 4HOnline by May 15th.

GOATS – Market Goats should be born on or after October 1, 2018. A maximum of 12 goats may be weighed in.

**ALL goats must attend weigh-in to register scrapie tag number except Bottle Kid, Dairy, and Specialty Goats.**

All Breeding Does, junior and senior does, must attend weigh-in and must receive a county 4-H or FFA ear tag.

Birthdates will be collected for all breeding does, junior and senior does, and a scrapie tag must be in place for verification at the May 4, 2019, weigh-in.

**ALL** State Fair nominations must be retinal scanned!

**Sheep and Goats: Scrapie Tags:** Scrapie tags are again required for **all sheep and goats** to show at the 2019 Des Moines County Fair. Per state health rules, scrapies tags must be in the animal’s ear upon arrival at an exhibition/show. Information about the USDA scrapies program is at:


**ALL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION MUST BE DONE IN 4HONLINE BY MAY 15, 2019**

ALL animals except rabbits, poultry, cats, and small pets coming to the fair must be entered in 4HOnline by May 15th. This includes 4-H bucket bottle calves, 4-H bucket bottle kid goats, 4-H bucket bottle lambs, dogs, and horses and breeding animals such as beef, goats, sheep, and swine. Animals that attended a weigh-in (beef, goats, and sheep) and/or turned in the animal identification form (swine) have been entered in 4HOnline and are already on file.

FFA animals also need to be identified by this date at the county level.

Help sheets are available if needed. Call the Extension Office at 319-671-7165 or outside of the West Burlington area at 800-914-1914 with any questions!
SAVE THE DATES - Horse Exhibitors

May 7 - Mandatory Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

All members must attend the mandatory meeting and at least two (2) riding sessions or no meeting and at least three (3) riding sessions to be eligible to participate in the 2019 Des Moines County Fair.

The Des Moines County Horse Committee will be working with the Des Moines County Extension Office to provide an opportunity for our horse exhibitors to identify their horses prior to the May 15th deadline. Computers will be available the night of the mandatory meeting to get identification done.

The following riding sessions will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.:

June 4 - Western Pleasure and Horsemanship
June 11 - Halter and Showmanship
June 18 - Trail Class
June 25 - Ranch Horse Pleasure and Walk-Trot

July 2 - Reining and Flags Race
July 9 - Barrels, Poles, and Vet Check
July 16 - English, Egg and Spoon, and Open Practice
July 24 - Des Moines County Horse Show

Please add these dates into your busy summer calendars today!

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

Once again, the 2019 Southeast Iowa Final Drive is proud to announce a scholarship opportunity for any graduating high school senior who is a member of 4-H or FFA in any of the six participating counties, which include: Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine and Washington. The applicants must have exhibited livestock in one or more of the following species: Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine. Applicants DO NOT need to be a livestock exhibitor at the 2019 Southeast Final Drive in order to receive one of the following scholarships.

A $500 Scholarship will be awarded in each species in honor of the following youth:

Beef – Danny Campbell Memorial Scholarship
Goat – Kayla Atkins Memorial Scholarship
Swine – Ty Warth Memorial Scholarship

Sheep – Ben Moehle Memorial Scholarship

Applications may be downloaded from the Southeast Iowa Final Drive Facebook Page, picked up at any of the participating county extension offices, or by contacting Sheila Darbyshire (319-931-7998) or Mary Steffener (319-931-3259). Applications must be returned by July 15th, 2019.

The scholarship winners will be recognized and receive their scholarship as part of the opening ceremonies of the 7th Annual Southeast Iowa Final Drive on Sunday evening, July 28, 2019, during the Des Moines County Fair.

Seniors...get your applications turned in today!
SAVE THE DATE

The following dates have been scheduled to provide various opportunities to our 4-H’ers. More information on times and venues will be available in future editions of The Clover Leaf...

January 2019: YQCA Coupon Codes will be available to all Market Livestock Exhibitors

April 6-13, 2019: Production Swine Weigh-in. Families will weigh their own swine on or between these dates
April 7, 2019: Working Exhibits during Day of the Child at Westland Mall in West Burlington
May 4, 2019: Sheep and Goat Weigh-in
May 7, 2019: Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting

May 15, 2019: ALL Animal identification, those that did not attend a weigh-in, is due in 4HOnline

June 20, 2019: Communication Event for Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speaking
June 23, 2019: Rabbit and Poultry Clinic at Abel’s Pioneer Seed Shed
June 26, 2019: Clothing Event for Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, and $15 Challenge participants
June 29, 2019: 4-H and FFA Community Work Day at the Des Moines County Fairgrounds beginning at 9 a.m. More details will be available in the May 4-H newsletter.

July 1, 2019: FairEntry deadline for ALL Clothing, Communications, and Livestock entry for the 2019 Des Moines County Fair
July 15, 2019: FairEntry deadline for ALL Static exhibit entry for the 2019 Des Moines County Fair
July 22, 2019: Static Judging
July 24-30, 2019: Des Moines County Fair
August 2 and 5, 2019: State Fair selected exhibits are to be brought to the Extension Office
August 8-18, 2019: Iowa State Fair

For more information please contact:

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... and justice for all

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