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## The Clover Leaf

July 2020

### Calendar of Events

#### July

- 10 2020 Fair Special Edition Livestock Show Entry Deadline - This is an Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Entry Deadline
- 17 Des Moines County Youth Livestock Exhibitor Fair Entry Deadline

July 27 - August 1 Des Moines County Youth Livestock Exhibitor Fair

#### August - 2020 Fair Special Edition Livestock Show Schedule for 4-H and FFA Exhibitors

- Aug. 6, 7, 8: FFA Beef, FFA Horse, 4-H Rabbit, FFA Rabbit, 4-H Sheep, FFA Sheep, Youth Dairy Cattle
- Aug. 13, 14, 15: 4-H Horse, 4-H Meat Goat, FFA Meat Goat, FFA Poultry, FFA Swine
- Aug. 20, 21, 22: 4-H Beef, 4-H Poultry, 4-H Swine, Youth Dairy Goat

#### September

- 1 2020-2021 4-H Year Begins!

### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



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### 4-H Participation is Withdrawn from the Des Moines County Fair until 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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West Burlington, IA – June 21, 2020 - Due to the ongoing social distancing guidelines, legal considerations, additional precautions taking place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, as well as the challenges with enforcing 4-H best practices, the Des Moines County Extension Council has withdrawn the 4-H participation in the Des Moines County Fair until 2021.

Barbara Kerr, Chair for the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Des Moines County Extension Council, said, “The health and safety of our 4-H youth, staff, volunteers, and families are our number one priority when making this decision. After reviewing guidance from the Iowa Public Health regarding mass gatherings, local COVID-19 epidemiology data, legal guidance and the number of youth and volunteers needed on the fairgrounds at one time, we regretfully realized that in-person 4-H events and the measures necessary to keep everyone safe were unmanageable”.

Des Moines County 4-H is home to 320 4-H members in 4th through 12th grades, and 78 Clover Kids in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade. Each year, 312 youth, on average exhibit projects at the Des Moines County Fair.

“4-H is a year-round positive youth development program where adult volunteers mentor, role model, and teach citizenship, leadership, communication, and resilience to reach their full potential”, says Mary Steffener, County 4-H Youth Coordinator. For many, County Fair is an opportunity to showcase all that 4-H and FFA youth have learned throughout the year and to receive feedback and recognition about their exhibits and learning. This feedback, recognition, and learning will still happen this year in different ways including an online showcase for static exhibits to be announced soon.”

Annually, Des Moines 4-H partners with the Des Moines County Fair Board to provide a community celebration and educational experience.

“The Des Moines County Fair Board supports the decision made by the Des Moines County Extension Council to withdraw 4-H from this year’s fair and we are moving forward to provide the best experience possible for participating youth”, said Travis Holsteen, President of the Des Moines County Fairboard.

Both entities appreciate the community’s understanding as they navigate these uncertain times.

For more information regarding this year’s 4-H opportunities please follow Des Moines County 4-H on Facebook, and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines> Please email [xdesmoines@iastate.edu](mailto:xdesmoines@iastate.edu). The details for the 2020 Des Moines County Youth Livestock Exhibitor Fair are being finalized by the Des Moines County Fair Board and will be posted on the fair website at [desmoinescountyfair.com](http://desmoinescountyfair.com)

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## Des Moines County Youth Livestock Exhibitor Fair

The Des Moines County Fair would like to ask each exhibitor wanting to show at the 2020 Des Moines County Youth Livestock Exhibitor Fair to submit a Show Registration Form. The form can be found on the following page or at [desmoinescountyfair.com](http://desmoinescountyfair.com), under “2020 Show Registration Form,” and is due by July 17th, 2020.

Thank you exhibitors and families, let's make this a fair to remember!



Again, for the 2019-2020 4-H year...ALL youth exhibiting livestock, 4th-12th grade, MUST be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified. This is an annual certification. Online modules opened on January 1st and closed on July 1st at 11:59 p.m.

**\*\*\*New for the 2019-2020 4-H/FFA year...ALL** youth are required to turn in a copy of their YQCA certification certificates to the Des Moines County Extension Office. These can be emailed or sent by US postal service, but there needs to be a copy on file for every market livestock exhibitor. Without a copy of the certificate on file, the 4-H and/or FFA member will not be allowed to participate in the 2020 Des Moines County Youth Livestock Exhibitor Fair or the Iowa State Fair. No Questions Asked!

On behalf of the Des Moines County 4-H and FFA programs, we would like to take this opportunity to thank F&M Bank & Trust for their generous donation, in offsetting the cost of the YQCA requirement, and for their continued support of the youth of our area!!!

### 2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H and FFA Livestock Show

In the spirit of tradition, the Iowa State Fairgrounds are excited to host the 2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H and FFA Livestock Show. Held with the same prestige and competition found at the Iowa State Fair, this 2020 Special Edition will showcase the superior showmanship, hard work, and determination of Iowa's 4-H and FFA youth. This Special Edition show will follow all Iowa Department of Public Health and CDC recommendations for social distancing, hand washing and sanitization, so although it will be held in August and on the Iowa State Fairgrounds, you may notice some “special” considerations for this standalone event

Purpose: To support the mission statement of the Iowa State Fair by providing an opportunity for Iowa 4-H and FFA youth to showcase their hard work and livestock projects.

Information on Websites:

- Iowa 4-H Livestock State Fair website – <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock> Premium Book rules, Schedule, Exhibitor Letters, **2020 Fair Entry Help Sheet**, and other info as the fair nears
- Iowa State Fair website – [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)
- The Premium Book will be posted by end of day, Friday, June 19th
- Entry Deadline: July 10 @ 11:59 PM!! Enter at: <https://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com>



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Des Moines County Fair  
**Show Registration**

By July 17th, 2020

One Form Per Animal Being Exhibited

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

YQCA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a copy of certificate with this registration

Species being Exhibited (Market or Breeding)

\_\_\_\_\_

ID Tag # \_\_\_\_\_

Scrapies Tag # (Sheep & Goats)

\_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Weight(Cattle or Hog) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of when this Weight was taken \_\_\_\_\_

Description (Be very descriptive for auction house purposes)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will you need a pen for your animal \_\_\_\_\_

Will this animal be listed for auction \_\_\_\_\_

1 Head of Cattle, 2 Hogs, 3 Lambs, and 2 Goats per exhibitor can be listed for auction

Beginner Bucket Bottle 1st-3rd Graders have already registered – please check in day of show

Please check in the day of the show and declare a weight for the animal listed on this form

Mail them to: DMC Fair 13086 Pfeiff Rd. Burlington IA 52601

Or

Email to [desmoinescountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:desmoinescountyfair@gmail.com)



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## Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

Once again, the 2020 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 eight participating counties, which include: Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Johnson, 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 2020 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      Sheep – Ben Moehle Memorial Scholarship  
Goat – Kayla Atkins Memorial Scholarship      Swine – Ty Warth 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The scholarship winners will be recognized and receive their scholarship as part of the opening ceremonies of the 8th Annual Southeast Iowa Final Drive on Sunday evening, August 2, 2020, during the Des Moines County Fair. Seniors...get your applications turned in today!

## CLOVER KIDS CORNER

With the outbreak of COVID-19 and the implementation of social distancing and venue restrictions, it is in the best interest of everyone involved that we continue to be proactive to protect ourselves and those around us.

With that being said, the Des Moines County Clover Kid events have been cancelled for Fair 2020. This includes the exhibit judging and stuffed animal judging on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, sponsored by the Des Moines County 4-H Teen Council. The recommendation from the State 4-H Office is to conduct this type of event via Zoom, to protect our K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade members, and that is just not an option when we have 100+ Des Moines County Clover Kids and limited access to internet and wi-fi in some of our rural areas. It is the intent of our 4-H organization to provide inclusion for all and unfortunately, this is not the case in this scenario.

For the beginner livestock members, the Des Moines County Fair Board will make their final decision on the future of the Des Moines County Fair at their June 17 meeting. Once that decision is made, the Fair Board will reach out to each member that turned in their beginner livestock identification forms to the Extension Office June 1 to let you know what is going on.

It is our intent to provide you with as much information as we can as it becomes available. That is why it is important that we keep lines of communication open be it through email, text message, or a phone call.

Please follow the decisions and updates being made, regarding the Beginner Bucket Bottle Shows, on the Des Moines County Fair website at [desmoinescountyfair.com](http://desmoinescountyfair.com) or follow their Facebook page “Des Moines County Fair”

Stay Safe!



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