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The Clover Leaf

June 2020

Calendar of Events

2020 Des Moines County Fair

June

- 1 Livestock ID deadline in 4hOnline
- 8 FairEntry Open for ALL Exhibits
- 20 Clothing Event - Postponed

July

- 1 FairEntry Deadline for ALL Clothing, Communications, and Livestock Entries
- 20 FairEntry Deadline for ALL Static Exhibits
- 27 Static Judging Day
- 28 Livestock Arrive on the Fairgrounds

July 29-Aug. 4 Des Moines County Fair

****If your family missed the Mandatory Ractopamine (Paylean) Free Fair Meeting: The Fair Board's recommendation on how to proceed, is for all families who missed the meeting in Danville or the Zoom Meeting, in March, is to watch the recording and answer a few questions on what you learned.**

The link to the recording will be emailed to all families who contacted Mary on Tuesday, June 9. Deadline for completion is June 30.

The Des Moines County Fair Association in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Des Moines County as well as the Mediapolis FFA and Danville FFA, are planning for a 2020 "Youth Exhibitor Fair." They are currently working together to finalize a modified fair experience that will provide opportunities to 4-H, FFA, & Beginner members to show case their learning, receive evaluation, & recognition.

At this time, there are plans only for the exhibition of the youth communication projects, static exhibits, and livestock projects as safety guidelines allow. Camping and food vendors are currently still being allowed with final decisions on them to be made by June 20th. We as a Fair Board want to stress to all of our market livestock exhibitors that we are doing everything in our power to make sure that there will be a way to market your animals that are exhibited at the fair.

Thank you for your Patience and Understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Extension Office, Chapter Advisors, and the Fair Board.

The above press release was posted on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Final decision to come on or about June 17.



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4-H and FFA Dog and Horse Exhibitors

An email was sent to all exhibitors, on Thursday, June 4, 2020, who identified dogs and horses, in 4hOnline by the June 1 deadline. Please check your email and watch for additional information to be released as it becomes available.



ATTENTION: 2020 DES MOINES COUNTY 4-H AND FFA DOG AND HORSE EXHIBITORS

ALL DOG TRAINING AND
HORSE RIDING SESSIONS ARE
POSTPONED FOR THE MONTH
OF JUNE. STAY TUNED FOR
FURTHER UPDATES.



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How To Stay in Touch as a Club

Due to Governor Kim Reynolds move to the next level of response regarding Iowa schools and guidance from the Center for Disease Control, related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, recommendations are being made to reduce the number of public gatherings to slow the spread of this virus.

In consideration of these guidelines and discussions with the head of Iowa 4-H, Dr. Debbie Nistler, face-to-face programming should be limited to 50% of the capacity of the facility AND it is EXPECTED that that facility or location must be able to accommodate safe practices such as social distancing, etc. It is also important to consider slowing moving towards a full club meeting to allow leaders to accommodate safety precautions. It is of utmost importance to do what we can to protect the health of our 4-H youth, leaders, and families.

With that being said, if a 4-H club or Clover Kids group would like to hold a virtual meeting, feel free to do so!

This is the preferred method of staying in touch, right now, with what is going on in our world. There are different platforms for you to use: Zoom Meetings, WebEx, Facebook Live, etc. If this is something you would like to explore, feel free to contact Mary at steffene@iastate.edu to obtain the information on how to proceed with something like this.



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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 **must be completed by July 1st!**

It is a requirement that all beef, bucket bottle, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine exhibitors are YQCA certified annually to exhibit at the Des Moines County Fair and the Iowa State Fair.

Coupon Codes will be mailed to each family, upon request, to offset the \$12.00 per member cost of the online course, thanks to the generosity of F & M Bank & Trust. YQCA help sheets will be included in the mailing.

There are four (4) ways to obtain your coupon code and help sheet:

1. Stop by the Des Moines County Extension Office Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or on Friday between 8:00 a.m. - noon.
2. Call Mary, at the Des Moines County Extension Office, at 1-800-914-1914.
3. Call Mary on her cell phone at 319-931-3259. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail!
4. Email Mary at steffene@iastate.edu

The Coupon Codes are not only for our Des Moines County 4-H members, but our Des Moines County FFA members as well.

***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 Fair or the Iowa State Fair. No Questions Asked!

The winter months, snow days, early outs from school, etc. are perfect times to sit down in front of a computer and to get this completed...sooner rather than later. All you need are your 4hOnline credentials to log in to yqca.org to get his done. FFA members will need to create a log in email address and password.

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 Des Moines County Fair and youth of our area!!!





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 15th, 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-3rd 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.

Also, information will be posted to the following Facebook pages: Des Moines County 4-H, Des Moines County Extension & Outreach, Des Moines County Fair, as well as the Country Clover DMC Pre 4-H Facebook page.

As soon as we know what the future of the 2020 Beginner Livestock Shows will be, you will know!



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 2020: YQCA Coupon Codes will be available to all Market Livestock Exhibitors



The YQCA deadline for completion is July 1st! With COVID-19 and social distancing put in place, what a wonderful time to get this done!

July 1, 2020: FairEntry deadline for ALL Clothing, Communications, and Livestock entry for the 2020 Des Moines County Fair

July 20, 2020: FairEntry deadline for ALL Static exhibit entry for the 2020 Des Moines County Fair

July 25, 2020: Fair Set-up Day

July 27, 2020: Static Judging

July 29-August 4, 2020: Des Moines County Fair

August 7 and 10, 2020: State Fair selected exhibits are to be brought to the Extension Office

August 13-23, 2020: Iowa State Fair

August 26, 2020: State Fair selected exhibits can be picked up from the Extension Office

September 1, 2020: The 2020-2021 4-H year begins!

STAY SAFE EVERYONE!!!

For more information please contact:

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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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