Memo from Michele

Now that the 2020 Fayette County Fair is history I would like to THANK everyone for being acceptive to the multiple changes. COVID 19 didn’t help make the fair be what we all had planned but overall I felt it was an amazing week. Everyone did a great job working together to Make the Best Better.

Next step: Completing a record book. Record keeping is something you will need and use for the rest of your life and there is no better time than now to learn the ropes.

Need assistance? Let me know and a time will be set up in which we can sit down and work on it together. Record books are due to the club leader by September 15 and to the Extension Office by October 1.

Cloverly,
Michele, CYC

Premium Money and Ribbons

Fair premium money and ribbons from the 2020 Fayette County Fair are available for pick up at the Extension Office by club leaders or individual families from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday.
2021 Fair Dates
Fayette County Fair July 20-24, 2021
Iowa State Fair August 12-22, 2021

Fair Thank You

Be sure to look at the list of businesses and individuals that support Fayette County 4-H through the “Friends of Fayette County 4-H Club.” I challenge each 4-H member to pick a minimum of 4 businesses or individuals and write them a thank you. Remember without these businesses and individuals 4-H in Fayette County would not be what it is today. Monies from the Friends of 4-H fund purchases fair trophies, cover exhibitor shirt balance, quiz bowl and livestock judging team registrations, to name a few.

County Fair Evaluation

The fair evaluation is available online at the following link 2020 Fair Evaluation. We appreciate your feedback from the 2020 Fayette County Fair. Iowa State University Extension – Fayette County and the Fayette County Fair Board take all feedback into consideration to improve the fair experience for everyone! This evaluation will accept responses until Tuesday, September 8.

State Fair Evaluations and Ribbons

According to staff at Iowa 4-H state fair judges’ evaluations and ribbons will be sent to the Extension Office sometime in mid to late September for those selected to represent Fayette County 4-H through this year’s virtual judging. Due to the static exhibit results page still showing as “unofficial” results, official results will be printed in an upcoming edition of the 4-H newsletter and exhibitor’s will be notified when it becomes available.

2020 Iowa State Fair Special Edition:
4-H Livestock Show Results

Congratulations to the Fayette County 4-H members who competed at the 2020 Iowa State Fair Special Edition 4-H Livestock Show held over three weekends in August. As you can see to the right Fayette County was well represented and did quite well.

HORSE
Kasydi Meyer, Barrel Racing - Exhibitor grades 7-9, 2nd Purple and Barrel Racing Res. Champion (Gr. 7-9)
Kasydi Meyer, Pole Bending - Exhibitor grades 7-9, 2nd Purple and Pole Bending Res. Champion (Gr. 7-9)

DAIRY
Lily Holthaus, Holstein Intermediate Calf (Dec. 1, 2019 - Feb. 28, 2020) 1st Purple
Lily Holthaus, Holstein Senior Calf (Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019), Purple
Lily Holthaus, Holstein Sr. Yearling (Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2018), 1st Purple
Taylor Sparrgrove-Nelson, Milking Shorthorn Aged Cows (Before Sept. 1, 2015), 1st Purple
Jordan Kuhn, Milking Shorthorn Jr. Calf (Mar. 1 - May 1, 2020), 1st Purple
Jordan Kuhn, Milking Shorthorn Intermediate Calf (Dec. 1, 2019 - Feb. 28, 2020), 1st Purple
Jordan Kuhn, Milking Shorthorn Sr. 2-year-old (Sept. 1, 2017 - Feb. 29, 2018), 1st Purple

BREEDING BEEF
Michael McDonough, Breeding Beef / Foundation Simmental, Purple 2nd
Ryan Putney, Breeding Beef / Foundation Simmental, Blue
Ryan Putney, Breeding Beef / Commercial Heifer, Blue

MARKET BEEF
Alexis Steffens, Crossbred Steers Division II, Blue

BREEDING SWINE
Jaeda Rupprecht, Breeding Swine / 26113: Duroc Blue
Jaeda Rupprecht, Breeding Swine / 26130: Commercial Gilt, Blue
National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be observed October 4-10, 2020. Please talk to your club members on ways current members can promote 4-H throughout the week as individuals or as a group. Some ideas that have been done in the past include:

→ Painting or setting up a 4-H display in a store front window
→ Writing a news release to be printed in the newspaper encouraging youth to join 4-H
→ Making and hanging posters throughout school hallways, in the local convenience and grocery store promoting 4-H. Be sure to include club contact information.
→ Wear 4-H apparel all week, selections could include a county fair shirt, a 4-H club shirt or just a plain green shirt.
→ Talk to a friend, and/or their family, neighbors or anyone that might be interested in joining 4-H and invite them to a meeting
→ Participate in the “Walking for Wellness” walk on October 7, beginning at 4 pm at the Extension Office

Please submit photos to Michele, identifying those in the picture along with a small description sharing what your club members did to promote 4-H!

Walking for Wellness, Wednesday, October 7

Please help Michele and others celebrate National 4-H Week by joining the ‘4-H Walking for Wellness’ team during the Healthiest State Initiative’s annual walk.

This walk will be held on Wednesday, October 7 beginning at 4 pm. Pre-registration is required by notifying Michele by Monday, October 5. Participants are asked to bring their own water bottle along with a pre-packaged snack, if needed, wear comfy clothes and shoes, and meet in the Extension Office back parking lot (adjacent to the Fayette Public Library).

Laura Liechty, 4-H Healthy Living Program Specialist shares, “This would be a great way to promote “the 4th H” to families and community members across your county, and to kick off the Healthy Living Club Challenge for participating clubs.” Those who pre-register by the 5th will be given a pedometer for participating.

October 7th is also “Spirit Day” for National 4-H Week. Wear green and show your 4-H pride!

Record Books due September 15

Did you see the new “Recordkeeping Help Sheet” that was sent to your family email in mid-August? If not, please look at it and remember it is not too late to start doing recordkeeping. Your record book can be as simple or complex as you make it. Just remember that keeping records is something each and every one of us will do the rest of our lives. Record books are due to club leaders by Tuesday, September 15 and to the Extension Office by October 1.

If you would like assistance with completing your record book or if you have questions, please reach out to Michele to set up a time to visit.

Record Book Flash Drives Available

Flash drives with all the record book forms on them are available at the Extension Office for a fee of $5 each. If you would like one for your child or family please call in advance to order.

Record Book Judging Help Needed

Wanted: Individuals to assist with judging record books. Please contact Michele by October 1 if you are interested. Record Book Judging will be:

- Tuesday, October 13, 5:30-8:00 pm
- Thursday, October 15, 5:30-8:00 pm

Due to ISU/4-H guidelines, food can not be served. Please bring your own if you choose.

Re-enrolling in 4-H is Important

Iowa State 4-H is in the process of “rolling over” to a new 4-H online program called 4HOnline 2.0. Most years families could start re-enrolling September 15. Please be patient. Once 4HOnline 2.0 is up and running an email will be sent to each 4-H family with instructions on how to complete the process. Be on the lookout for that email or watch the county Facebook site and if you have any questions get in touch with the Extension Office.

SESS Squirrel Hunt

Interested in squirrel hunting? The SESS instructors are hosting a hunt on Saturday, September 19 from 9 am to noon at Lansing’s. Please contact the Extension Office by September 17 for more information or to register.
4-H Leader Meeting—Several Opportunities

Due to the ISUEO guidelines that 4-H follows, there will be multiple fall leaders’ meetings held with the dates and times as follows:

- Tuesday, September 29, 7-8:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 30, 4:30-6 pm
- Thursday, October 1, 7-8:30 pm

To maintain the required 6-foot social distancing, space will be limited. **ALL leaders attending a fall leaders training MUST pre-register by calling the Extension Office a minimum of 1 day in advance of the training in which you plan to attend. Leaders must only attend one of the meetings.**

More information will be sent directly to the 4-H leaders in mid-September but please mark your calendar today to save the date(s). Save a trip and bring 4-H members record books to the meeting you plan to attend.

**Important Forms for 4-H Leaders**

Important forms should have arrived in the mail for club leaders. Please work with club officers and members in getting these forms filled out and returned to the Extension Office as soon as possible or by October 1.

Forms consist of:

- 4-H Compliance Report
- Iowa 4-H Charter Agreement (only needed if club leadership will be changing)
- Club Program Book (calendar)
- 4-H Secretary’s Record Score Sheet
- 4-H Historian Book Score Sheet

These forms must be turned in by the deadline as a requirement from the State 4-H Office in club chartering that was discussed in the past at a leaders meeting.

Wanting to pick up your club calendar at the leaders meeting? Submit it to the Extension Office by September 21.

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**Memo from Michele to Clover Kids,**

*Did you know that September is National Chicken and Honey Month?*

Check out [https://nationaltoday.com/national-chicken-month/](https://nationaltoday.com/national-chicken-month/) to learn more about chicken month and [https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/honey-month/](https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/honey-month/) to learn more about honey.

Chicken and honey are two of my favorite foods, so this month I am going to share favorite recipes that I enjoy from the Spend Smart, Eat Smart website.

Recipes include:

- [https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/favorite-chicken-noodle-soup/](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/favorite-chicken-noodle-soup/)
- [https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/peanut-butter-balls/](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/peanut-butter-balls/)

Additional recipes can be found at [https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipes/](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipes/)

If you haven’t checked this site out please do so. What I like about it is the fact that the recipes are easy and most ingredients are either in my house or easy to obtain with a quick visit to the grocery store.

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**Calendar of Events**

**September & October**

- Sept 1 — 4-H Foundation Board, 7 pm, Extension Office
- Sept 7 — Labor Day — Extension Office closed
- Sept 10 — YDC Meeting, 7:30 pm, Extension Office
- Sept 13 — County Council Meeting, 3 pm, Ext. Office
- Sept 15 — Extension Council, 7:30 pm, Extension Office
- Sept 19 — SESS Squirrel Hunt, 9-Noon, Neil Lansing Farm
- Sept 27 — 2021 Citizenship Meeting, 2 pm, Dance Pavilion
- Sept 29 — Leaders Meeting, 7-8:30 pm, Ext. Office
- Sept 30 — Leaders Meeting, 4:30-6 pm, Extension Office

- Oct 1 — Leaders Meeting, 7-8:30 pm, Ext. Office
- Oct 7 — “Walking for Wellness” Walk, 4 pm, Ext. Office