



CLOVER LEAVES NEWSLETTER

March/April 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

HAPPY SPRING!

March has arrived which means winter will be over soon and Spring is hopefully in our reach. Take advantage of your spring break to start on some 4-H exhibits. Be sure to take pictures as you progress. Experiment with some baked goods recipes...your family will love it!

Please be sure to read this newsletter completely as there are many deadlines and opportunities happening! If you have questions about 4-H, upcoming events, deadlines or anything else, please contact the Extension office, 641/228-1453.

Until next time,

Lesley

FAIR ENTRY AND 4HONLINE DEADLINES: 2 STEP PROCESS

1. ID DEADLINE & 4Honline: iowa.4honline.com

May 15-Identify all animals not attending a ID Day or weigh-in. Animal ID forms would be for all breeding sheep and beef including cow/calf pairs, dog, bucket/ bottle calves (including Clover Kids), horses, dairy and dairy goats. No exceptions will be made for late submissions into 4Honline. Helpsheets are available by clicking on the link located on the login of 4HOnline.

2. FAIR ENTRY: floydcounty.fairentry.com

May 16-Fair Entry Opens

June 22-Fair Entry Deadline for all livestock and non-livestock projects

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FSQA OR YQCA

If you plan to exhibit any livestock species (beef, swine, dairy, sheep, poultry, rabbits) at the county or state fair you must be FSQA certified. This is a requirement, if you don't get certified—you do not show. This year either FSQA or YQCA will be accepted and needs to be completed by Fair Entry Deadline, June 22.

There will be two different training dates and times to choose from:

Monday, April 16th; afterschool-5pm @ RRMR school library

Monday, April 30th; 5pm-6:30pm @ Floyd County Extension

FSQA Certification/Recertification Process ONLY FOR 2018-

Grades 4-6: Must attend training this year.

Grades 7-9: Can attend training this year OR complete the intermediate test (test only good for 1 yr.)

Grades 10-12: Can attend training this year OR complete the senior test (test only good for 1 yr.)

Must choose one date to attend. Those older who choose to test may do so at the training locations or set up an appointment with the office to take the test. (For those that have taken the test in the past and it has not expired. Those tests will be honored through their expiration date.)

NEW YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

If you are unable to attend the above FSQA training sessions, there will be another option. YQCA is to continually provide a current, peer-reviewed, quality curriculum for youth quality assurance training and certification. Members may complete an online course for \$12 with a credit card. For more information please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/fsqa-food-safety-quality-assurance> or contact the Floyd County Extension office at 641/228-1453.

Floyd County Fair Queen, Little Miss and Mister applications are available at the Extension office.

REGIONAL VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

All 4-H Volunteers are invited to join in an evening of learning and sharing at the Regional Volunteer Workshop on Thursday, April 12 from 6-8pm at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly. A light supper will be served. The cost of the training is \$10 per person, but Floyd County 4-H will pay the cost for each volunteer who attends the training. Please RSVP by April 5 to the Extension office .

SHEEP/MEAT GOAT ID DAY MAY 5TH

Sheep/Meat Goat ID day will be May 5 from 8-11am at the Fairgrounds. A verification fee of \$2 per animal will be charged. 4H'er interested in exhibiting sheep or meat goats at the 2018 State Fair will need to contact the Extension office before May 1, so arrangements can be made for retinal imaging.

PRE-FAIR LEADER MEETING MAY 21

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! There will be a Pre-Fair Leader's Meeting on Monday, May 21st at the Extension Office at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing fair preparations and having the food stand lottery. If you are unable to attend, it may be beneficial for you to send someone in your place to ensure your club has food stand times they will be able to work.

FLOYD CO. 4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Frankenfield-Carpenter Scholarship is given in memory of Harley Frankenfield and Joanne Carpenter. The Stauffer Scholarship is given in memory of Dale, Alice, and Roger Stauffer. The scholarships will be awarded to 12th grade Floyd County 4-H'ers entering a 2 or 4 year degree program who have demonstrated, through active involvement in 4-H, personal growth and achievement as both a leader and citizen in the community. Applications are due April 1st.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



DATES TO REMEMBER

March:

- March 17 New Volunteer Training from 9:30am-12:30pm, Franklin Co. Extension
March 30 Good Friday, Extension office closed

April:

- April 12 Regional Volunteer Training from 6-8pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly
April 14 Swine ID Day from 8am-12noon, fairgrounds
April 16 FSQA training from afterschool until 5pm, RRMR School Library
April 30 FSQA training from 5pm-6:30pm, Extension office

May:

- May 5 Sheep/Meat Goat ID Day from 8-11am, fairgrounds
May 15 Livestock ID Day into 4Honline
May 21 Pre-Fair Leader's Mtg., 6pm, Extension office
May 28 Memorial Day, Extension office closed

Cancellations and Postponements

Cancellations and Postponements for County Extension and 4-H activities due to inclement weather will be broadcast on KCHA 95.9FM



Floyd County Fair 2018: July 18-22
Iowa State Fair 2018: August 9-19

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