Dear 4-H Families,

As you well know, these are strange times. Franklin County Extension and 4-H are trying our best to accommodate you and your family during these trying times. Our hope is that you can utilize the resources that have come out of Iowa State University Extension & Outreach, as well as Iowa 4-H. Our entire summer’s programs have had to be canceled, rescheduled, or done virtually. Please keep in mind for your 4-H’er, that it’s the learning they get from their projects, not the ribbons earned, that will make a difference in these members lives!

Stay strong, keep learning, and keep safe,

Jackie Dohlman

4-H’ers for 4-H

The Iowa 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is a fundraising program created by 4-H’ers for 4-H’ers. The money donated by 4-H’ers stays in Iowa to help other youth. Iowa 4-H’ers donate more money to their 4-H youth program than any other state in the nation.

Franklin County’s goal is $3.25 per member! The club with the highest donation per member will get to send a member to State 4-H Youth Conference 2021 for FREE!!

All contributions must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15. Thank you for your participation and continuing support of the 4-H program in Iowa!

Getting Ready for the County Fair!

Franklin County Fair Books On-Line To see the fair books go to: [http://www.franklincountyfair.com](http://www.franklincountyfair.com) You can find and print off livestock entry forms too! Use the 2020 4-H & FFA Livestock Rules for animal information and the 2020 General Exhibit Rules for other 4-H Exhibits.

4-H Exhibit Tip Sheets Judges will expect information on exhibits such as elements and principles of design, recipe sources, and websites where you got your inspiration, etc. Check out suggestions for exhibit ideas and tips on the Iowa 4-H Project pages at: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets)

Exhibit Questions/Record Book Form You will want to use this form to explain what you wanted to learn or do, what steps you took to learn or do that, and what was the most important thing you learned, for each exhibit you bring to the fair. After the fair you can fill in the backside of the form and insert it into your record book. EASY!! You can find the form at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/kidsteens.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/kidsteens.htm)

4-H Photography Exhibit Form Fill out and attach this form to the back of your fair photo exhibits. Located: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/4h)

All of this information is also available on the Franklin County Extension App!
**YQCA Certification**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification is required for all 4-H and FFA youth exhibiting livestock (beef, bucket calf, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine) at the county and state fairs. If you were unable to attend a class this year, certification can be obtained by completing a course on-line. This requires both registration and payment online at: [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io). Here you will need to create your own YQCA account using your 4hOnline account. Deadline to become certified is May 15.

**Livestock Show Rules Changes**

See all livestock rules and schedules at: [http://franklincountyfair.com/wp/](http://franklincountyfair.com/wp/)

**Bucket of Flowers and Hort Challenge**

Becky’s Greenhouse, Dougherty, is again sponsoring these classes. [Join us LIVE May 19, 5:30 p.m. with Franklin County Extension Facebook broadcast](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyIowa). Becky will be assembling take home boxes of FREE flowers for you to pick up and plant in your own bucket. You may order and purchase additional plants. Call 641-794-3337 to order your flowers by May 22. You can pick up Hort Challenge seed packets at the Extension Office. Call 641-456-4811 or email jack-jied@iastate.edu to reserve Hort Challenge seeds.

**The Fair, it’s More than Livestock!**

There are ample opportunities for members to participate at the Franklin County Fair other than showing livestock. Get a head start now by looking through exhibit classes. Like to strut your stuff in the fashion world? Check out the Clothing Events on pgs. 15-16. Are you into designing accessories? Look at the Duct Tape Designs Challenge on pg. 17. Do you want to become a better communicator? Why not try out one of the Communications departments on pgs. 4-6? Do you have a hidden talent? Show it off at our 4-Hers Got Talent show on pg. 5. Do you like to refurbish flea market finds? Prove it at our Drab to Fab Home Improvement Challenge on page 20. This year’s Food Challenge is on pg. 18. We hope to hold a workshop on June 15 at the 4-H food stand. Our Sewing/Citizenship Challenge this year, Fidget Quilts on pg. 21. NEW this year is the $10 Meal Challenge! Each county in Iowa can send one of these exhibits to the Iowa State Fair! Check out the rules on page 19. We hope to hold a workshop on June 22 at the 4-H food stand.

Check out the fair book: [http://www.franklincountyfair.com](http://www.franklincountyfair.com)

**Livestock Identification Due!**

If you (a 4-H member) are expecting to take a four-legged animal to the fair it must have been identified in 4hOnline!!! Livestock identification for swine; breeding sheep and cattle; dairy cattle, dairy or meat goat does; dogs and horses must be filled out by YOU on 4hOnline before 11:59 p.m., June 1!

FFA members are responsible for completing and returning hard copy ID forms to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 1. We do not accept forms turned in late.

Market beef cattle were turned in at weigh-ins. All sheep, meat goat, and swine must have USDA 4-H or FFA tags. Make arrangements to pick up tags from the Extension Office or from Ag Advisors. 4-H bucket calf and all rabbit ID forms are due July 1. For information on how to fill out Animal ID On-Line: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders)

**Dog Training Meetings**

Please contact Jodi Lyon to get started training your dog to become better behaved at home as well as to participate in the county fair dog show! A small fee will be charged per lesson with incentive to show at the fair. Call 262-989-4516. *Don’t forget to ID your dog in 4hOnline by June 1!!*

**Iowa 4-H Creates Face Masks!**

**Decide who!** You could sew masks for a local hospital, care center, your neighbors or friends. You could reach out to a local essential business and offer to sew masks for their employees or customers. You may want to learn what requirements they have and how they would like your donation packaged.

**How?** Check out the simple instructions for this mask at on our Franklin County 4-H webpage: [Face masks instructions](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/index.php/4honline-4h-creates-face-masks).

**Sew, sew, sew!** Wash your hands and get busy sewing! Have fun while you do it! Involve the whole family and set up an assembly line. Play some music! Take pictures!

**Celebrate!** Bag the face masks and drop them off! Be sure to record your donation at [www.bit.ly/IAfacemasks](http://www.bit.ly/IAfacemasks). Post pictures on social media with #Iowa4HFaceMasks.

For more information: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-creates-face-masks](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-creates-face-masks)
Youth Council Retreat!

Calling all Senior and Clover Kids Youth Council members!
Join us at the beautiful Maynes Grove Park, Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m., for an evening of outdoor fun, along with county fair and fall 4-H recruitment events planning.

It’s Time for Clover Kids Summer Program!

What is Summer Clover Kids? It’s a FUN 4-H youth program specially designed for youth completing grades K-3. The focus is hands-on and cooperative learning in small groups. Clover Kids participate in activities, games and other positive experiences to explore areas of healthy living, earth environment, citizenship, plants and animals, science and technology, personality development and expressive arts.

What can your child expect to do in Clover Kids? Explore science with simple science experiments. Strengthen motor skills through a variety of art experience and crafts. Have fun learning and playing cooperative games. Make friends and learn to work positively in a group setting.

Summer 2020 Clover Kids Day Camps & Fees:

Registration Cost and schedules TBA!

Registrations available at Franklin County Extension Office after May 15, 2020. Scholarships will also be available.

Call the Extension Office at 641-456-4811 for more details or find the registration forms after May 15 on our Facebook page or website at www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/

Workshops for You!

Food Challenge Workshop: Join us Monday, June 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m., at the 4-H Food Stand, for this FREE workshop to learn how to make Easy Dinner Rolls. We will learn the science of how yeast works and how to make other creations out of yeast dough! Size of class is limited, so reserve your spot by June 12! Call 641-456-4811 or e-mail jackied@iastate.edu

Design Workshop: Would you like to get some tips on how to talk to the fair judge about your exhibits? Do you know the difference between line, shape, color, texture and space, or unity, balance, rhythm or proportion?? Join us for this FREE workshop and some fun at making some art pieces while learning about design, Wednesday, June 17, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Food Stand.

$10 Meal Challenge Workshop: Learn how to create a balanced, nutritious meal for a family of four that includes the recommended serving size of food from each of the five food groups! We will have fun using the USDA MyPlate recommendations, tour a grocery store, purchase and prepare a meal, and serve it to your family! Space is limited to ten youth. Make reservations for Monday, June 22, 1:00-7:00 p.m., at the 4-H Food Stand. Cost is $10 per youth.

Club Leaders and parents welcome. Call 641-456-4811 or e-mail jackied@iastate.edu to reserve your spot!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May
2  Painting Workshop, via Zoom, 9:00 a.m.
15 Deadline for YQCA certification
15 4-H’ers for 4-H donations due to the Extension Office
19 5 Gallon Bucket of Flowers Workshop, via Facebook Live 5:30 p.m.

June
1  Livestock Identifications due on 4hOnline/FFA Identifications due to Extension Office
10  Youth Councils Retreat, Maynes Grove Park, 5:30 p.m.
15  Dinner Rolls Workshop, 4-H Food Stand, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
17  Design Workshop, 4-H Food Stand, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
19  County Fair Entries Due, 6:00 p.m., FAIR OFFICE
22  $10 Meal Challenge Workshop, 4-H Food Stand 1:00-7:00 p.m.

July
1  Iowa State Fair Livestock/Garden Horticulture Entries Due on-line
8  Set up 4-H Food Stand, 6:30 p.m.
9  Clothing Event Judging & Communications Practice, Hampton United Methodist Church
13  (MONDAY) County Fair Judging Day