

THE CLOVER CONNECTION

JEFFERSON CO. 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

May

09 Fair Board Meeting
12 Babies at the Barns
14 Youth Committee Meeting
15 4-Hers for 4-H Deadline
15 **ANIMAL ID DEADLINE**
16 Fair Entry Opens
19 Kids Carnival
21 YQCA and Fair Entry Office Help
28 OFFICE CLOSED: Memorial Day
30 Poultry Class

June

12 Quest to be Your Best Day Camp
14 Passport to Adventure Day Camp
14 YQCA and Fair Entry Office Help
15 **Clover Kids Fair Sign Up Due**
15 **YQCA, FAIR ENTRY,
STALL \$\$ DEADLINE DAY**

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

JUNE 25—JULY 02

THEME: It's a Fair Thing!



MAY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dog Obedience	2	3	4	5
6 Des Moines Ramblers	7 Horse Practice— Speed Events Ceniteers	8 Dog Obedience	9	10 Fairfield Clover Kids Jr. Master Gardeners	11	12 Teen Council Babies at the Barns Jefferson G's
13 Penn Workers	14 Horse Practice—Feed Representative	15 ANIMAL ID DAY (4HONLINE)	16 Fair Entry Opens Packwood Trojans & Packwood Clover Kids	17	18	19 Kids Carnival Mindset
20 Walnut Ridge Workers & Lockridge Clover Kids Future Forgers	21 Office Hours for Fair Entry and YQCA Horse Practice	22 Dog Obedience	23	24 Jr. Master Gardeners	25	26
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day No Horse Practice	29 Dog Obedience	30 Poultry Class	31		

* ALL meeting dates are SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Your 4-H Leader will know the most up-to-date information. *

CYC CORNER

There's only about 50 days until Static Exhibit Judging and the start of fair week! Are you ready?? I have one more category to cover and give you a few project ideas for the Family and Consumer Science project area in this month's CYC Corner.

One of the most popular classes in the FCS project area is Food and Nutrition. Did you know? There's a "Quick Reference Guide" that you can refer to and make sure your food exhibit is eligible for county fairs. Find it under the "Helpful Handouts" on our "All Things Fair" webpage: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/content/all-things-fair>

Food and Nutrition Project Ideas

- Compare cost of purchased vs. homemade foods
- Make a recipe calendar including one new recipe for each month
- Dive deeper into nutrition labels on foods
- Create a nutritional meal plan on a budget
- Research the process of pressure canners

More ideas: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/foodandnutrition

With 4-H pride,

Rachel Wonderlich

POULTRY CLASS

Community member Cindy Goodwin has a Master's Degree in Agriculture with an emphasis in Poultry. She is excited to share her knowledge with our youth poultry exhibitors and anyone interested in learning more about poultry. Topics to be covered include: nutrition, anatomy, breeds, equipment and more! This FREE class will take place at the Extension Office on **Wednesday, May 30th from 6:00-7:30pm**. Please RSVP by May 25th by calling 472-4166.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/news/4-h-and-ffa-poultry-class>

YQCA Training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. **4-H & FFA ONLY**. Clover Kids are exempt.

Must be done online at yqca.org by **June 15**. The system communicates with 4-H Online and it automatically shows up once you've completed the course. Also, good news—there will eventually be a testing out option. It will be next year before that rolls out.

You may take the training at the Extension Office using our computers and/or internet if needed. Scheduled hours are: **Monday, May 21st from 8am-7pm; Thursday, June 14th from 1pm-6:30pm; or by appointment.**

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS

The Jefferson County Master Gardeners are starting a new 4-H Club, the Junior Master Gardeners! This group will meet nearly every Thursday evening May—August. Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! Open to youth completing 4th-8th grades! Contact Taylor at tsickels@iastate.edu to show interest. **Starts May 10th.**

KIDS CARNIVAL

The 4-H Youth Committee will host their annual Kids Carnival on **Saturday, May 19th from 10am-2pm** on the Fairgrounds. If you can make cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk, please contact Carrie at 641-919-5540. We will also need 4-Hers to volunteer for shifts during the event. Watch your emails for that sign-up!

FAIR BOOK AND FAIR FORMS

The "All Things Fair" webpage is set up on our website. Here you can find the fair book, forms, important links, reminders, deadlines, etc. It will be updated throughout the fair season:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/content/all-things-fair>

BABIES AT THE BARNs

Jefferson County 4-H is again partnering with the Maasdam Barns to host this annual event on Mother's Day Weekend! Babies at the Barns will be **Saturday, May 12th 10am-2pm**. We are looking for Clover Kids and 4-H members who have baby farm animals: kittens, puppies, calves, goat kids, lambs, foals, etc. to bring to the Maasdam Barns. **Please sign up in the Extension Office by Friday, May 4th.**

SMALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

We have a community member with male rabbits for sale (very affordable!) and he wants 4-H'ers to use them as projects! He can also help members with getting chickens, ducks, geese, guinea pigs, etc.! Call Brian Heisel at 641-919-1309 for more information. **Remember - these animals need to be obtained before May 15th so you can identify them on 4-H Online.**

2018 CLUB CHALLENGE

This year's club challenge is..... **BIRDHOUSES!** No kits are allowed. Materials used to build the structure of the birdhouse may be bought. All other materials should be items that can be "upcycled" into something new—turning "trash" into "treasure"! Use the fair theme—"It's a Fair Thing!" Remember—birdhouses will be bid on all week during fair and 100% of the money goes to the clubs that participate. This year, this will be a contest for "Most Creative Birdhouse" - a secret judge will make their decision and that club will earn an extra \$50.

4-H'ERS FOR 4-H CAMPAIGN

Every year the State 4-H Council sponsors the Iowa 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, which raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year's goal is to raise \$29,000 and suggests a \$3/member donation. **Club contributions are due to county Extension Office by May 15.**

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION DEADLINE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ALL animals to be shown as 4-H animals at the 2018 county and/or state fairs **MUST** be identified on 4-H Online by **May 15th**.

- Log in to your 4honline.com account
- Click "Continue to Family"
- Click "Edit" next to the 4-H member's name
- Click on the "Animals/Livestock" link in the upper left corner of the member page
- Use the drop down box to choose the type of animals and complete the process for **EVERY** animal—poultry, beef, sheep, swine, horses, rabbits, pets, dogs, goats, cats, etc.

NOTE: Animals brought to weigh-in have all been entered by Extension staff

Step-by-step help sheet:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/EnrollmentDocs/LivestockEntryForFamilies.docx>

FAIR DEADLINE DAY

Please mark **June 15th** on your calendars as the BIG Fair Deadline Day! This is the day that all **YQCA** trainings must be complete, **stall fees** are due, as well as **Fair Entry** project entries (required for ALL PROJECTS—livestock, pet, horse, dog, indoor exhibits, clothing event, communication event, EVERYTHING coming to the fair). **Clover Kids fair sign-up** is due this day, as well, for bottle-bucket projects and indoor exhibits.

There will be office hours to help members complete YQCA and Fair Entry online: **Monday, May 21st from 8am-7pm; Thursday, June 14th from 1pm-6:30pm; or by appointment.**

Fair Entry will open from May 16-June 15: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/1963>

FREE 4-H SHIRT FOR ALL 4-HERS

The Extension Council has approved for all 4-H members (grades 4-12) to receive one green 4-H shirt free of charge. You may pick your shirt up any time M-F 8am—4:30pm. Additional shirts may be purchased in the office for \$10.

Please be sure to thank the Extension Council the next time you see one of them!

HORSE PROJECT PRACTICES

Practices will be held from **6-8pm every Monday thru June 11 (except Memorial Day)**. Members must attend at least two horse project practices to show at county fair. Members are encouraged to attend as many practices as possible to ensure a successful learning experience for them and their horses! **June 11th practice is mandatory.**

DOG OBEDIENCE

Practices will be held **every Tuesday thru June 12** on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Clover Kids will meet from 6pm-6:30pm and 4-H/FFA members will meet from 6:30pm-8pm every Tuesday. Youth must attend at least two dog practices to show at county fair. Members are encouraged to attend as many practices as possible to ensure a successful learning experience!

ED ELMORE BEEF SCHOLARSHIP

Ed's family has set this beef scholarship up in his memory to honor him, his hard work over the years, and his passion for cattle. The scholarship money can be used to assist in the purchase of a breeding heifer to help you start/grow your own cattle herd. Applications are available online and in the Extension Office and are **due to Amy White by June 08**. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/news/ed-elmores-4-h-and-ffa-beef-memorial-scholarship-due-june-08>

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUMMER CAMPS

ISU Extension Jefferson Co. will host six day camps in June thru August. We are also planning our 2nd annual STEM Investigation Destination Week July 23-26. Registration for STEM Week will come out in mid-May.

Each of the six standalone day camps cost \$5 per participant and will be held from 8:30am – 4:00pm (with one camp lasting until 4:45pm). The Fairfield CSD Summer Feeding program will provide lunch at each camp. Snacks are also provided to participants. Camps are based on the grade completed this school year. Register here: bit.ly/jeffersoncountycamps

Grades K-3 (all full - waiting list only):

- Passport to Adventure (June 14)
- Movin' to the Beat (July 10)
- Frontier Living (August 03)

Grades 4-8

- Quest to be Your Best (June 12)
 - 10 spots left
- Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse (July 17)
 - 6 spots left
- Monarchs on the Move (August 21)
 - 13 spots left

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Opportunities Beyond the County

SUMMER 2018 CAMPS AT CLOVER WOODS

The Iowa 4-H Camping program is offering four different summer camps. All camps, except for the Shooting Sports camp, will be held at Clover Woods Camp in Madrid, Iowa. **Jefferson County 4-H has scholarship money available.**

Visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/2018-state-4-h-camp-information>

IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself!

Regular registration for a fee of \$180 closes on June 1 with late registration for \$200 available until June 11. **Jefferson County 4-H has scholarship money available.**

Visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

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