2019 Butter Braids Fundraiser Has Begun!

It’s that time of year! We are selling Butter Braids for our Enrollment Fundraiser this winter. Sales began on January 28th, and are due back to the Extension Office with ALL payments by February 11th. Delivery date is February 23rd.

ANY cash needs to be counted in front of someone, so if you cannot drop off your sales before the office closes, please contact your leader and ask if they can do it for you.

PLEASE do not leave orders and payments in the drop box!

Our 4-H Program STRONGLY encourages each member to participate, as all money raised goes towards your $35 4-H enrollment fee. If you choose not to sell please consider making a donation to cover your enrollment fee. Please help our 4-H Program keep our tradition of no 4-Her having to pay to be in our great program!

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.
**Mandatory Leaders’ Training**

4-H Fosters Independence
The 2019 Leaders’ Training will be held at the Extension Office Conference Room on **February 27th** promptly starting at **5:30 pm**. The meeting will last approximately 1.5 hours. Keokuk County 4-H Council members will be serving a potato bar starting at 5:00 pm.

**LEADERS:** Please contact the Extension Office at 641-622-2680 **ASAP** if you are unable to attend!

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**HELP WANTED**

As Keokuk County 4-H/Clover Kids Program grows we are looking for a creative and energetic volunteer who would be interested in a new opportunity as the Clover Kids Superintendent.

Duties would include: Organizing and facilitating Clover Kids events such as Master Gardener Celebration, 3rd Grade Graduation, Clover Kids Fair Shows and Clover Kids Halloween Party.

Please contact Michele if you are interested in this volunteer position.

(641) 622-2680 or mlsieren@iastate.edu

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**Livestock and Pet Identification**

**STEP #1**

All 4-H livestock and pet identification information must be completed by 11:59pm on May 15th in 4-H Online. This includes every animal attending Expo, State Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please put in ALL information even if it’s not required to. The Extension Office ONLY inputs information from market animal weigh ins, and it’s the 4-Her’s responsibility to verify market animals and input other livestock/pets attending Expo and State Fair.

**NEW FOR 2019 STATE FAIR BREEDING BEEF** - Must have a tattoo listed (both registered and commercial); calfhood vaccination IS NOT acceptable identification as the primary tattoo. Secondary method of ALL breeding beef is needed. This can be calfhood vaccination number OR an official 4-H ear tag if the animal is not registered.

**STEP #2**

All animal entries for Expo must be included on the livestock entry card due June 28th in the Extension Office. State Fair animals need to be nominated in Fair Entry by July 1st.

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**4-H MOTTO: TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER**
2019 Livestock Weigh-In’s

If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled weigh-ins in Keokuk County, please contact Michele at the Extension Office for additional information on surrounding county weigh-ins.

Swine Weigh-In

- March 23rd, 2019 from 8-10 am
- Keokuk County Expo Fair Grounds
- All 4-H and FFA Expo Swine and 4-H State Fair swine must be weighed in.
- Pigs may weigh no more than 70 pounds at the spring weigh-in. **There will be no exceptions!**
- Each exhibitor is limited to nominate 10 pigs.
- Due to biosecurity guidelines, this weigh in is done **BY APPOINTMENT**
  - contact the Extension Office ASAP to be placed in our schedule

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

- May 4th, 2019 from 8-10 AM
- Keokuk County Expo Fair Grounds
- This will include all 4-H / FFA Expo & 4-H State Fair Animals
- Commercial Yearling Ewes & Purebred Yearling Ewes don’t need to be weighed in.
- ALL 4-H State Fair lambs including: Market, Commercial, Purebred, and Breeding Lambs will be retinal scanned and **MUST attend county weigh-in.**

Antibiotic-free swine show

Below are a few upcoming deadlines and rules for the Antibiotic-Free Swine Show 2019.

To receive a complete list of rules and to officially sign up, please contact the Extension Office at (641) 622-2680 **by the March 1st deadline**!

A) Participants must **sign up by March 1 with the Extension Office.** Participants may bring their home raised antibiotic – free swine or may purchase up to four pigs from swine superintendent, Mike Bensmiller.

B) Participants who are purchasing from Mike Bensmiller, must sign up by March 1 with the Extension Office, and pay a non-refundable ‘deposit’ ($10 per head).

C) Participants may bring/purchase up to four pigs

D) Entrants in this class will not be eligible to show any other pigs in the Keokuk County Expo Swine Show.

E) Participants purchasing pigs from Mike Bensmiller, a price will be set according to the value of the pig the day of pick up. Participants will pay the balance at the Swine weigh in on March 23rd minus the $10 deposit fee given to the Extension Office on or before March 1.

For a Full list of rules for the Antibiotic-Free Swine Show please contact the Extension Office.

*Rules for the Antibiotic-Free Swine Show are set by Keokuk County Expo Swine Superintendents*
OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE