Upcoming Dates

December 31 & January 1 — Office Closed Happy New Year
January 6 — Share-A-Calf Workshop
January 9 — Teen County Council Meeting
January 15 — Annual Volunteer Training
January 19-20 — Bald Eagle Days-Keokuk

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Lee County 4H Iowa
From the Desk of the CYC: Happy New Year!! There are some upcoming deadlines so please don’t miss these if they pertain to you. Check out the new Clover Kids section if you have a Clover Kid. Don’t forget to recruit for 4-H!! Keep it up Lee County 4-H!! As always don’t forget if you have any questions or concerns, I will be here if anyone needs anything. Feel free to contact me. ~Breana
Fun Activity
Cupcake Liner Fireworks for New Year’s

You will need:
- Cupcake liners in various colors or gold/silver
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black craft paper

How to:
1. Have child flatten their cupcake liners and make cuts (fringe) on the ribbed part of the liner. Stop cutting when reach the inside circle of the cupcake liner.
2. Glue the cupcake liners to the piece of paper. Once they are dry they are ready to display.
Share-A–Calf Workshop

We will be hosting a workshop for the Share-A–Calf exhibitors on Sunday, January 6th at noon. This workshop will be held at Dacota/Chad Holtkamp’s Farm, 2213 177th Street, West Point.

Topics to be covered:
- Daily Care
- Animal Health
- Feed (How much to feed? What to feed?)
- Showmanship Tips

If you have questions please contact Whitney at 319-835-5116.

2019 DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Dog Obedience classes will be formatted differently this year. We plan on meeting 2 times a month starting in February and ending in June. The first 3-4 session will be conducted without dogs and be held inside at the Lee County Extension Office in Donnellson. If you intend on showing a dog at the Lee County Fair you must sign-up by calling the Extension Office at (319) 835-5116 so we can send you a schedule and packet in the mail.

Tentative Class Dates:
- Feb. 3rd and 17th
- Mar. 3rd and 17th
- Apr. 14th and 28th
- May 5th and 19th
- Jun. 2nd and 16th

1st and 2nd year exhibitors will be from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
3rd year or more exhibitors will be from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

* *Please remember that 1st and 2nd year exhibitors must attend 70% of classes and 3rd year or more exhibitors must attend 50% of classes. **

2019 Lee County Fair Dates:

July 10-15

Lee County Multi-Species Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

New this year will be a Livestock Fitting and Showmanship Clinic! The Clinic will be on Sunday, June 9th at 5:30 PM. This is open to all Lee County 4-H Members!! Species to be covered: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Poultry & Rabbits. It will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds! More details to come!!!

Keep an eye out for our NEW MEMBER PACKETS!!

Within this packet is a livestock section. We have created a check-list of deadlines and expectations for each species! These check-lists are beneficial for everyone, not just new members. We encourage you to look over this. In addition to the check-lists we have made an appendix that will show examples of all the documentation needed.

Click here to view the NEW MEMBER PACKET!!!

2019 Livestock Weigh-In Dates:

Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In:
April 27

Swine Weigh-In & Competitive Swine Pick-Up: March 24

Click here to see the:
Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements
Livestock Scoop

New Leadership Opportunity

We are seeking 4-H members who are 8th through 12th grade that are interested in becoming part of the Lee County Fair Livestock and Art Hall committees.

Livestock committees consist of beef, sheep, swine, small pet, dog, meat goats, and horse. We would like 1 youth representative for each species. If you would like to be on one of these committees for the 2019 Lee County Fair please contact the Extension Office at 319-835-5116 to sign-up.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the interworking’s of the committees and help advocate for youth. All applicants must sign-up by January 15th.

The week of January 20th we will do 5–10 minute phone interviews with all members who are interested.

Don’t miss out on becoming a leader in Lee County.

You should have received a message from the 4-H State Office in December regarding Aksarben changes. If you did not take the time to read it, we suggest that you do! This email is extremely important for anyone that intends on showing at the national show Aksarben in 2019.

There have been several changes and most importantly you need to know that county extension staff will not handle any paperwork, payment or DNA samples/retinal images this year. You will need to do this yourself.

We would encourage you to go to the Aksarben website and look through the new rules! If you have further questions please feel free to contact us.

https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/

Livestock Judging Coaches Clinic:

The Department of Animal Science will be offering a clinic for adults who would like to learn more about how to coach a livestock judging team.

The event will be held on April 20, 2019 at Iowa State University. Participants will receive hands-on instruction from the ISU livestock judging coach and team. More information will be available soon. If you have questions please contact Amy Powell at ampowell@iastate.edu.

2019 Equine Extravaganza will be held on March 22-24. This is held at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. It isn’t too soon to start gathering a team!

Click here for more information!
Attention 2019 Livestock Exhibitors:

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) will be used again this year! This is an online national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 9-21. This program will take the place of FSQA.

The program is broken down by age groups and is designed to educate on food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness of youth. It takes about an hour to complete. All livestock exhibitors 4-H and FFA must pass in order to show at the Lee County Fair. This includes the following species: beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry.

Since YQCA is online you can take it at your convenience as long as it is completed before May 15. The YQCA program cost $12.00 per person. We have enough fundraiser money to cover the cost for the 2019 exhibitors so there will be no fee this year.

The Extension Office will give each club leader coupons, at the January Leader Training, that will be used to pay for all exhibitors showing livestock next year. The coupons will have codes on them and you will be able to enter the code instead of making a payment. The ISU Extension and Outreach website has a help sheet that gives step by step instructions on how to use the YQCA website. It is located on the 4-H and Youth Tab under Member Info. If you scroll to the bottom of the page you will find the YQCA Help Sheet under Additional Resources. Here is a link: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lee/page/member-info. A copy of the help sheet is at the end of this newsletter as well.

If you have previously done the FSQA test out option it will be granted for this year and you will not have to take the YQCA training, if you are unsure of your status please call the Extension Office. (It is the exhibitors responsibility to make sure this training is completed). If you have further questions please call the Extension Office at 319-835-5116!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

February 1: ALL Market Beef (Steers and Heifers) must be owned and identified in 4-H online!

Click here for the Market Beef Identification Help Sheet OR call the Extension office at 319-835-5116.  

MAY 15: All other animals, with the exception of pets and poultry, must be owned and identified by May 15 (rabbits must be identified by July 1). By the time of the weigh-in, the animal (s) must be cared for by the 4-H’er. All animals must be identified in 4H Online.
**YQCA Instructions:**

1. Go to [vqca.org](http://vqca.org)
2. 4-H members will login with their 4hOnline credentials. FFA or other non-4-H members need to create a new login username and password.
   1. Upper right hand corner click in sign in/register
   2. 4-H’ers click on blue bar “sign in with 4honline”
   3. Then select Iowa 4-H Youth Development
   4. Log in with your 4honline log-in and password.
   5. Families with multiple children select which child will be testing. Only one child may test at a time.
   6. Electronically sign consent twice for your child to take the online class.
   7. Select what class your child will be taking. Every class says what age group it corresponds to.
      a. Example – To qualify for this class you must have turned 8 in the previous calendar year.
8. Click on the corresponding class.
9. In the upper right corner you will have to click “Purchase Course” in red.
10. Select your payment method
    a. Credit cards are currently accepted
11. You will then click go to course in red.
12. You then go through a knowledge builder and a skills lab for each of the three topics.
13. Both the knowledge builder and skills lab are interactive. Follow the instructions carefully and click through the presentations.
14. Following each skills lab is a quiz. The member is required to pass the quiz with an 80%
    a. If you don’t pass. You must wait one hour and try again.
15. Once all three quizzes are complete there will be a red bar at the top of the page that reads “Print Certificate”
16. Print your Certificate for your records!
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