Upcoming Dates

March 13 — Spring STEM Trip to Iowa State/Teen County Council Meeting
March 17 — Happy St. Patrick’s Day
March 18 — STEM Program Keokuk Library
March 23 — Babysitting Clinic Keokuk Library
March 24 — Swine Weigh-In & Competitive Swine Pick Up
March 30 — Multi-County Photography Workshop
April 10 — Teen County Council Meeting
April 15 — STEM Program at Keokuk Library
April 27 — Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh In

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Lee County 4H Iowa
Babysitting Clinic
We will be holding another Babysitting Clinic at the Keokuk Public Library on Friday, March 22 from 9AM-3PM. This will be free as the library is covering the cost of the Clinic. We will also be having CPR training as well as sending home a babysitting bag to take to jobs. Call the Extension Office to sign up today. Spots are limited.

STEM Program
Lee County Extension and Keokuk Public Library are teaming up to bring you an hour and a half of STEM programming on Monday, March 18th, and April 15th from 3-4:30PM. Call the Extension Office for more information.

Spring STEM Trip
Calling all 6-8th graders!! Spring STEM Trip will be held March 13th. We are going to Iowa State University and learning about Sports Medicine and Kinesiology Departments as well as being a cyclone for the day. Eat in a college cafeteria, and swim in the State Gym pool. Cost is $25 for the trip. Spots are limited. Call the Extension Office today to get signed up. 319-835-5116

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps
Do you like taking pictures? Want to practice your photography skills, receiving public recognition and juror feedback on your work? Then Iowa Camera Corps is for you. Check out the link below for more information on how to join.
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps

Multi-County Photography Workshop
Lee County is teaming up with 5 other counties to bring you a photography workshop that will be held in Washington County at the Washington County Extension Office in Washington, Iowa. There will be 3 photography experts that will hold sessions. The workshop will run from 9 AM-3PM on Saturday, March 30th. This will be for beginner to advanced. It is $15 to attend. Spots are limited so call the Lee County Extension Office today to get your name on the list. Deadline is March 15th!!

From the Desk of the CYC: March is here. Spring is right around the corner. Swine, sheep and meat goat weigh-ins are upon us. This all means fair is coming up on us faster than we would like. I hope you are all looking and thinking ahead to this. Many projects including art hall, communications, fashion, share the fun and working exhibits can be started on now before the weather gets nice. We have some exciting workshops and trips coming up. If you are interested please call the Extension Office today to get on the list. Spots are limited for most of the opportunities so get yours reserved today. If you are a Clover Kid don’t forget to check out your section. 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
Upcoming Activities for Clover Kids

Clover Kids are welcome to attend the STEM program at the Keokuk public library on Monday, March 18th, and April 15th from 3-4:30 PM. You are welcome to call the Extension Office for more information about this.

Fun Activity

Leprechaun Trap

You will need:

- Any type of material

How to:

1. Create a trap to catch a Leprechaun on St. Patrick’s Day

2. Use your imagination, use any type of materials from construction paper to glue to popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners to create something that will catch and hold a leprechaun.
2019 Swine Weigh-in:
Swine weigh-in will be held Sunday, March 24 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Lee County Fairgrounds. Ear tags will be $2 each, each exhibitor may weigh in a maximum of 10 pigs, each exhibitor may not show more than 6 pigs at fair, 2 of which may be breeding gilts.

**ATTENTION: Please make sure to call the Extension Office and sign-up for a weigh-in time!!**

**NEW THIS YEAR..... PLEASE READ!!!!!!**

- Exhibitors or family members will hold their own hogs at the scale during weigh-in
- All swine will be tagged
- **Market hogs** should not weigh over 70 lbs. at weigh-in
- **Derby hogs** should not weigh over 50 lbs. at weigh-in
- **Breeding gilts** do not need to be weighed, but will need to be tagged at weigh-in
- **Breeding gilts** must be farrowed on or after Jan. 1
- **State Fair hogs** are required to have DNA punch tags

2019 Competitive Swine Project
Lee County Pork Producers are excited to announce that the Competitive Swine Project will be offered again this year!!! This will help provide more opportunities for Lee County 4-Her’s to learn from exhibiting livestock. 4-Her’s will pick up their hogs on Sunday, **March 24** at 3:00 pm at the Lee County Fairgrounds, by this time, the hogs will weigh approximately 50 pounds and exhibitors will pay market price for them at the time of sign up. As always, call the Extension Office with any questions and to sign up for the Competitive Swine Project!

- **Participants must sign up for this project by March 8 and pay a non-refundable $70/head to the Lee County Extension Office for up to four hogs. All hogs must be paid for before the time of pick-up or you will not receive a hog.**
- **Hogs will be weighed, ear tagged and vaccinated for several diseases prior to pick-up.**
- **Participants will be chosen by lottery to choose their hogs one at a time.**
- **Participants must complete a record book and will take part in a brief interview regarding their project at the fair.**
- **Entrants in this class are NOT eligible to show these hogs in regular 4-H Swine classes.**
- **Participants may show up to 4 head in this class with a maximum of 6 hogs total.**

**Overall Placings will be based on four factors:**
- Derby Results
- Show Ring Results
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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. **

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 Lee County Fair Dates:

July 10-15

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/

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

2019 Iowa Poultry Queen
Are you a 4-H or FFA member between ages 16-21 that participates in poultry events at fair and loves to share your knowledge of the industry with others? If so, you don't want to miss the opportunity to become the 2019 Iowa Poultry Queen! Click here for more information or check out our website!

4-H Bucket Bottle Calves
- Must have been calved between 1/1/19 and 4/30/19.
- If purchased the calf must be purchased and in possession of member within 2 weeks of birth.
- Calf must be bucket or bottle fed, no nursing permitted after purchase.
- Calf/calves must be identified on 4-h online by May 15.
- An exhibitor may identify up to 3 calves. A maximum of only 2 calves may be exhibited at the fair. Only one calf will be eligible for a trophy. It is eligible to be shown only in the Bucket Bottle class.
- Class is open to any newborn or orphan heifer or male calf. Male calves may be shown as a bull or steer. All steer calves must be castrated by March 15.

Download a copy of the Bucket/Bottle Calf Record Book: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/lee/page/prepare-fair

2019 State Fair Changes
Breeding Beef - Required to have 2 forms of ID Tattoo & Registration #, Vaccination # or 4-H Tag
Horse - Halter Horse must be owned
Swine - Declared weight system; if tagged with USDA tags notches are not required
Meat Goats - Birth Dates required for all breeding animals; animals must arrive show ready, no clipping
Sheep - New pedigree wether dam class

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don’t know if you can afford one of good quality?

Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways they encourage young people in this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program. Check out our website for more information!

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lee/news/2019-dairy-goat-share-kid-opportunity?fbclid=IwAR0YCeD_PyAHcijhMOrnOspz-sobDZUF0B_QGuFap50hHMIs7tksw9MuFz6Y
2019 Livestock Weigh-In Dates:

Swine Weigh-In & Competitive Swine Pick-Up: March 24
Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In: April 27

*Don't forget to sign-up for weigh-in time!

4-H & FFA Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
The annual 4-H and FFA rabbit and cavy workshop about raising rabbits and cavia will be held at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine, Iowa on Saturday March 30, 2019 from 12:30 – 4 pm.
Contact Mike Avesing: 563-263-5959, Lynne Rechterman: 563-260-5295, or Bill Wolfe 1-800-205-6929 with questions.

YQCA online training must be completed by May 15th for all exhibitors showing beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the County/State Fair! If you have not already received your coupon code from your club leader please make sure to contact them as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT: If you did not use your 4-H Online login to take the YQCA training you will need to print your certificate and send it to Whitney Weisinger at the Extension Office or email it to weisinger@iastate.edu.

4-H-Livestock Quiz Bowl Competition
April 13, 2019
Registration: 10:30 a.m.
Contest: 11:00 a.m.
Lush Auditorium, Room 126 Kildee Hall, ISU Campus
Two divisions: "Open" and "Open - 5 or older"
Milk Division: open 10-10 a.m. of January 1
"Senior Division": ages 14-15 and 16 on January 1
Winner of the division will represent Iowa at the National 4-H Coop Quiz Bowl during the All-American in Livestock, Nebraska in September.
For complete rules and sample questions, go to: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4-h/quiz-bowl

Contact Amy Powell
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515-294-3441

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 4-H Online.
YQCA Instructions:

1. Go to 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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