Lee County March Insider News

Upcoming Events:

February 27 — Dog Obedience Class

March 1 — Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline
March 2 — County Council Meeting
March 12 — Swine Weigh In/ Competitive Swine Pick Up
March 13 — Dog Obedience Class
March 15 — Spring Break Project Workshop
March 26 — Duds to Dazzle 2.0 Clothing Workshop-Des Moines Co
March 27 — Dog Obedience Class
March 31 — Lee County Fair Scholarship Deadline

April 6 — County Council Meeting
April 10 — Dog Obedience Class
April 23 — Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In
April 24 — Dog Obedience Class

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Available Scholarships

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship—College scholarship applications are NOW OPEN through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. If you are a current or graduated Iowa 4-H'er, check out what scholarships you are eligible for. Applications are open through March 1, 2022. Go to: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/ for more details and application.

Lee County Fair Scholarship—The Lee County Fair scholarship is available to any senior for Lee County. Deadline is March 31, 2022. They are available on our website, in the Extension Office or on the Lee County Fair Website.

From the Desk of the CYC: It’s March! Everyone is looking forward to spring and enjoying those nice days. The cold weather has us stuck at home and is a great time to work on Static projects for fair or YQCA!! Let us know if you need help with a project area. Keep an eye out for our upcoming clinics and workshops. We will be having some soon. If you are a Clover Kid don’t forget to check out your section for updates and information. Don’t forget to recruit for 4-H!! As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. ~Breana

Reasonable Accommodation Practices

As part of its duties under the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 (“ADAAA”) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide reasonable accommodations to its “policies, practices, or procedures” when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming to participants with a qualifying disability. It will also provide auxiliary aids and services when they are necessary to provide equal access.

The process has the following five stages: (1) completion of the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms, (2) participants and parents are sent an agenda for the eligibility team meeting, (3) the eligibility meeting is conducted, (4) a determination letter is sent to participants, and (5) possible reassessment for future events.

To access forms or learn more visit the Iowa State University Diversity and Civil Rights website.

Spring Break Project Workshop

We will be offering a Spring Break Project Workshop on Tuesday, March 15th from 9 AM – 12PM at the Lee County Extension Office. Cost will be $25 per project. You will have the option to design a round wooden door hanger with either Welcome or Hello on it, or a garden gnome. You will go home with a ready made project for fair along with a completed goal sheet. Registration is required to the Extension Office at 319-835-5116 so we will have enough supplies. Please specify which project and if doing a door sign which saying you would prefer when registering.

Duds to Dazzle 2.0: “Stage” Your Upcycling Clothing Workshop

The Des Moines County Clothing Committee invites you to attend the 2022 “Duds to Dazzle 2.0: Stage Your Upcycling” Clothing Workshop to all 4th-12th graders in Region 21: Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa counties. The committee strongly encourages those interested to bring a parent, leader, or an adult mentor to this exciting opportunity sponsored by the Des Moines County Extension and Outreach 4-H program. The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the Des Moines County Extension Office in West Burlington. Lunch will be provided.

The workshop will focus on the $15 Challenge class and the morning will allow us to travel to Ft. Madison for participants to shop at Stage 2 for $15 Challenge outfits. In the afternoon, we will break off into teams and given a textile to repurpose using only items in a sewing kit and craft closet so that you can go from “Duds to Dazzle!”

Registration deadline for this FREE workshop is March 23, 2022. To register, contact the Des Moines County Extension Office at 319-671-7165. Non 4-H members must complete a medical release form prior to participating in this workshop.
**4-H CLOVER KIDS**

**Upcoming Activities for Clover Kids**

- March 16 - West Point Library Take Home
- April 20 - West Point Library Take Home

**4-H Online Re-enrollment Deadline Passed**

If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H Online please do so ASAP so you will continue to receive emails and newsletters in the mail. If you have questions please contact the Extension Office at 319-835-5116.

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**STEM Basketball**

**How to:**

1. Create a basketball hoop using Cardboard, tape, pipe cleaners and craft/popsicle sticks.
2. Create a Basketball shooter using empty toilet paper tube, craft/popsicle sticks, bathroom cup or condiment cup and tape.
3. Try shooting hoops using your basketball shooter into your hoop.
4. Did you make it? How many times in a row? Is there something you could change to make it better?

**Supplies:**

- Cardboard
- Tape
- Pipe Cleaner
- Small Ping Pong Balls
- Craft/Popsicle Sticks
- Empty Toilet Paper Tube
- Bathroom cup or condiment cup
2022 Livestock Weigh-In Dates:
Swine Weigh-In/Competitive Swine Pick-Up: March 12
Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In: April 23

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

**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.

**4-H Bucket Bottle Calves**
- Must have been calved between 1/1/22 and 4/30/22.
- If purchased the calf must be purchased and in possession of the 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
**2022 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 Saturday, March 12 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 1 and pay a non-refundable $70/head by March 7th 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:*

1. Derby Results
2. Show Ring Results
3. Record book and Interview

WE WILL START PROMPTLY AT 3 PM SO PLEASE BE ON TIME.

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**2022 Swine Weigh-in:**

Swine weigh-in will be held Saturday, March 12 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 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.

Please contact the Lee County Extension Office at 319-835-5116 to sign-up for a scheduled time.

REMINDERS….. PLEASE READ!

- **All** hogs, including breeding swine, will need to weigh-in and be tagged
- Exhibitors or family members will hold their own hogs at the scale during weigh-in
- **Market and Derby hogs** should not weigh over 75 lbs at weigh-in
- **Breeding Gilts** must be farrowed on or after Jan. 1
- **State Fair hogs** are required to have DNA punch tags, you can get these from the Extension Office. This will be subject to change per the state office. These will be $8 per tag on top of the $2 regular USDA tag.
- We will be a Paylean-free fair again this year.
- Lee County Fair Swine Show will be non-terminal again this year. Tyson’s is NOT accepting fair pigs this year. There will be NO outlet for swine at the fair. All swine will need to go home with the exhibitor. You can make a locker date now for after fair, take swine to the Keosauqua Sale barn on Saturday, July 16th or other sale barn on their sale date, or another outlet.
- Purebred classes will continue again this year. Registration papers are due to the office by May 15th. Please plan accordingly.

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**Avian Influenza Detected in Two SE States**

There have been some cases of High Pathogen Avian Influenza (HPAI) detected in Kentucky and Virginia confirmed by the USDA and APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service). Though HPAI does not pose a public health concern, both flocks were liquidated. It’s important for poultry project members to be mindful of biosecurity practices and if they see animals that look sick, to immediately contact their local veterinarian. APHIS has materials about biosecurity, including videos, checklists, and a toolkit available at [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/dflesources/dflesources](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/dflesources/dflesources).
2022 Equine Extravaganza will be held on March 25-27. 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!

2022 Lee County Fair
July 6-10th

Anyone that intends on showing livestock (except for horse or dog) at the county fair must complete YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) online training. Again this year YQCA will be handled through each club. Please make sure to talk to your club leaders about this process. Please print and mail/email a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office/bhoutz@iastate.edu.

Deadline to complete YQCA is still May 15.

2022 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

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 show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/ for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2022.

2022 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic

Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 7th from 9am-3pm at Ma’s Acres in Bondurant, IA the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a FREE dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic. Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So…if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day this is an excellent opportunity to see what it’s all about. Please RSVP by texting Judi Nayeri at 515-250-4836 for this FREE event by April 30. Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA’s Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!

Do you need a New Member Packet?
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.

If you would like to receive a packet please contact your 4-H Club Leader or the Lee County Extension Office.