

# Linn County's Clover Connection

March 2020

## Serve N' Slide

**Registration Deadline:** July 22nd

<http://bit.ly/ServeAndSlide>

**What is it?** Join 4-H members and friends for a morning of service and an afternoon of waterpark fun! We will be volunteering at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo and will complete a service project. After lunch we will go to Lost Island Waterpark for fun in the sun.

**When is it?** Aug. 5th 8:20am

**Where?** Leaving the Extension Office @ 8:20am

**Who?** 7th-12th Grade 4-H'ers and their friends!

**Cost? \$25**

*Be sure to bring a sack lunch, closed-toe shoes, towel, appropriate swimming attire, sun screen and money for snacks if you want them.*

## YQCA Bus Trip for 7th-12th grade

Registration Deadline March 27th

<http://bit.ly/ISUYQCA>

**What is it?** Travel to ISU to visit the places listed below. Youth who attend will also complete their YQCA training for the year.

- ⇒ ISU Vet School
- ⇒ ISU Swine Teaching Farm
- ⇒ ISU Beef Teaching Farm
- ⇒ ISU Dairy Teaching Farm
- ⇒ ISU Sheep Teaching Farm

**When is it?** April 10th

**Where?** Leaving from Extension Office @ 6:30am

**Who?** 7th-12th Grade 4-H'ers from Linn, Benton, Tama, and Marshall Counties

**Cost?** \$23; \$20 will be paid at the link above. The other \$3 will be paid through YQCA.org when you sign up for the class.

2020 Fair Queen information is out! Go here to

learn more! <https://thelinncountyfair.com/fair-week/royalty/fair-queen/>

## COUNTY FAIR TIPS

### 2020 Linn County Fair!

Fair is coming up quick! If this is your first fair (or your 100th) here are some reminders and things to think about as we approach County Fair season.

**2020 County Fair Theme:** "Strive for Gold!"

⇒ Why do you need to know the theme? For fun, of course, but also because the club booths are partially judged on their use of the fair theme.

**Fair Book:** How do you get one?

⇒ Club leaders will get books for all their club members on April 2nd at their spring Leaders meeting. Be sure to get yours from them. It will also be posted on our website.

⇒ What is it? This is the County Fair Rule Book. Be sure to review it to know what the rules are and what classes are offered at county fair.

**Not in 4-H?** Open Class and Fair Contest!

⇒ County Fair is for the whole family. Be sure to check this website to see what else, besides 4-H, will be happening during the week of county fair. <https://thelinncountyfair.com/fair-week/open-classes-contests/>

## Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In

**When:** April 25th 1-4pm **Where:** Linn County Fairgrounds Swine Barns.

Weigh-in is required for all sheep exhibitors and all market meat goat exhibitors. If you are planning on showing at the Iowa State Fair you can also get one of those tags at this time.

## 2020 Fair Queen Competition



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## Horse Exhibitors Dates To Know

Do you want to show horses at the Linn County Fair? Want to learn more about your horse and practice? This is the place for you — learn more below!

### Orientation Dates

⇒ The beginning of the May 14th Clinic

### Clinic Dates

*All clinics are at the Linn County Fairgrounds Horse Arena*

⇒ Thursday, May 14th 6-8pm

⇒ Monday, May 18th 6-8pm

⇒ Friday, June 5th 6-8pm

⇒ Monday, June 15th 6-8pm

⇒ Saturday, June 20th 10-Noon

**Note:** 4-H and FFA Members must attend one Horse Orientation and two hands-on clinics to exhibit Horse/Pony at County Fair.

## Last Poultry Orientation

**Note:** Any 4-H or FFA member must attend a Poultry Orientation in order to exhibit poultry at the 2020 Linn County Fair.

**April 3rd** at 6:30pm @ LDM Building @ Linn County Fairgrounds

## Poultry Youth Night Workshop

4-H'ers will have the opportunity to learn more about the Poultry Project Area from other members!

**When?** March 3rd at 6:00pm @ LDM Building @ the Linn County Fair

You do not have to show poultry to attend. Learn tips and Tricks from the Poultry Pros! RSVP by Feb 23rd at <http://bit.ly/poultry4H>

## Food & Nutrition Update

The *Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs Quick Reference Guide* has been updated. Be sure to check any recipe you may bring to County Fair against this document! <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf>

## Beef Production and Ultrasound

**NEW for 2020!** Beef Ultrasound is an option at county fair this year. Come to this workshop to learn more about why you may want to participate. Learn from Beef Specialist Denise Schwab. **When:** March 15th at 1pm at the Extension Office.

## Beef Quiz Bowl Workshop

Prepare for the Beef Quiz Bowl at the fair! Test your knowledge against your friends and the Beef Committee! **May 3rd at 2pm @ LDM Building @ Linn County Fair Grounds**

## Beef Fair Prep 101 Workshop

Wondering what it's like to show beef cattle at county fair? Do you want to hear tips and tricks from the pros? Come to this workshop!

**When?** June 7th at 1pm at the Linn County Fairgrounds Beef Ring.

## YQCA



YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certifications are **due by May 15th, 2020** for those 4-H & FFA exhibitors wanting to show the following livestock species at the Linn County Fair or the Iowa State Fair.

—Pigs—Beef Cattle—Sheep—

Dairy Cattle—Goats—Rabbits/Cavy—Poultry

**To complete YQCA Follow the steps below:**

- 1) Go to YQCA.org
- 2) Sign-in with either 4hOnline or (FFA Only) a new profile
- 3) Select the member taking the course
- 4) Select age of youth in 2019
- 5) Pay and take course
- 6) Send picture of certificate to JD at [jwaybill@iastate.edu](mailto:jwaybill@iastate.edu)



## Dog Orientations

*Dogs learn obedience. 4-H'ers learn responsibility* **Note:** Any 4-H or FFA Member wanting to exhibit a dog at the 2020 Linn County Fair must attend at least one orientation

**March 24th:** 6:30pm @ LDM Building @ Linn County Fair Grounds

**March 28th:** 9:00am @ LDM Building @ Linn County Fair Grounds

## Rabbit/Cavy Exhibitors Dates

Do you want to show rabbit or cavy at the Linn County Fair? Want to learn more about your rabbit/cavy project? This is the place for you! Learn more below:

### Workshop Dates and Topics:

- ⇒ March 12th 6:30pm—LDM Building Linn County Fairgrounds
  - Finalizing/picking your animals
- ⇒ April 4th 9:30am—Extension Office
  - Rabbit Poster FAQ/tattooing
- ⇒ April 30th 6:30pm—LDM Building Linn County Fairgrounds
  - May 15th help and tattooing
- ⇒ May 23rd 9:30am—Extension Office
  - Showmanship/Grooming/Fair Prep

### Rabbit/Cavy Hopping Classes

*All clinics are at the Linn County Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn 7-8pm*

- ⇒ May 21st                      ⇒ June 11th
- ⇒ May 28th                     ⇒ June 18th
- ⇒ June 4th

**Note:** 1st and 2nd year 4-H and FFA Members must attend two Linn County Rabbit workshops. 3rd+ year members must attend one workshop or another rabbit event. See *Fair Book Rabbit Rule 2* for more info.

## Swine: New Rules & Weigh-In

**New Rule:** All derby pigs must be checked-in/tagged on March 14, 2020 from 8am-10am. Each exhibitor can weigh a maximum of 12 pigs. All pigs must have been castrated and ear notched prior to weigh-in. All exhibitors who don't want to attend the swine check-in/tagging at the fairgrounds on March 14, 2020 from 8am-10am can get tags and check out a tagger from the Extension Office. Pigs tagged in this way ARE NOT eligible for the derby classes. They are ONLY eligible for the market, breeding, and carcass classes. All pigs enrolled this way must be ID'd in 4hOnline by May 15th and have any borrowed taggers and/or unused tags returned to the Extension Office.

**Weigh-In:** March 14th 8:00am-10:00am at the Linn County Fair Grounds Conservation Building Use Gate 3.

### Not attending weigh-in and needing tags?

Contact JD prior to picking up tags and taggers. She will have everything ready for you to pick up. Limited number of taggers available for check out.

## Horse Drill Team

**New opportunity!** 4-H'ers in 4th-12th Grade are invited to join the new Linn County 4-H Horse Drill Team.

**What is a Drill Team?** A horse drill team is a group of horses and riders performing choreographed maneuvers to music.

**How do you get involved?** Attend the interest and registration meeting on **March 15th at 6:00pm at the Extension Office.**

## Follow us on Social Media!

 Facebook—Linn County Iowa 4-H

 Instagram—@4hlinncounty

## Egg-stravaganza!

**Youth Council Annual Egg Hunt—When:** Saturday, April 4th at 1pm!

Come for games, prizes, eggs, and see the Bunny! Bring your own basket and a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry (Please: No glass)



## Youth Conference and Animal Science Round-Up Save the Date

**What:** 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.

**Who:** 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!

**Why:** 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! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

**Want more in depth workshops!?:** If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

### **Deadlines:**

- ⇒ April 15, 4-H Animal Science Roundup Application Deadline.
- ⇒ May 1-June 15, Iowa 4-H Foundation financial assistance due.
- ⇒ June 1, Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Registration due for regular registration fee set at \$80
- ⇒ June 30th-July 2nd Youth Conference/Animal Science Round-Up Trip!!

**Learn more:** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

**Cost:** \$80 for Linn County Youth

*Thanks to Youth Council and Youth Programs Committee! Scholarships are available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation*

## Adult Chaperones Needed

For the first time in *many* years these conferences do not overlap with our County Fair! They are open to 8th-12th grade youth. We're anticipating a higher than average number of youth wanting to go on this trip but we can't go unless we have adult chaperones. We'll be taking a charter bus. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age.

***If you or someone you know is interested, please email [jwaybill@iastate.edu](mailto:jwaybill@iastate.edu) to learn more!***

**When:** Leaving June 30th aprox. 6:00am returning July 2nd aprox. 6pm

**WE CANNOT TAKE YOUTH TO THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT ADULT CHAPERONES!**



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## 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign!

The State Council invites 4-H'ers from across the state to "Count Your Clovers" and help provide support for 4-H members across the state. Funds raised from this campaign provide financial aid support for young people, helps to keep costs low for the State 4-H Conference and supports the State Council's efforts. Clubs should complete the [Count your Clovers pledge form](#) and return the bottom portion to local County Extension Offices by Friday, May 15.

## Adult Volunteers Needed

Linn County's 007 Squad, Shooting Sports Team, is needing more caring adult volunteer leaders! The cost of this training could be **FREE** for Linn County Volunteers contact [jwaybill@iastate.edu](mailto:jwaybill@iastate.edu) if you are interested!

- ⇒ We have 10+ dedicated youth members but we need more caring adults!
- ⇒ We have a need for instructors in various disciplines. (Archery, Air Rifle, Shotgun)
- ⇒ Also someone to help with the paperwork and coordination on the back side.

**Contact JD to learn more!** Training is held in Ames, Izaak Walton Range & ISU Campus 4-H Office

March 13-14, 2020 – New Leader training

Arrival 1 p.m. for Face-to-Face Volunteer training (not required if you had Face-to-Face in your county) Discipline training 4:30 pm Friday – 9 pm Saturday.

## Share-A-Lamb

**What is this?** 4-H'ers apply and are selected to partner with a local farmer to learn how to care for sheep. 4-H'ers will visit the farmer's farm a couple of times a week for 1-2 hours each time to care for and train the lamb, with the help from the farmer. Then the 4-H'er will show the lamb at county fair.

**How much does it cost?** The only cost to the 4-H'ers is the cost of the 4-H tag, show attire, and time. The farmer provides transportation, equipment, feed, housing, knowledge, and time.

**Who are these farmers?** The farmers are background-checked, approved 4-H Volunteers. Who have a passion for helping 4-H'ers learn more about Sheep.

**Who can apply?** Any Linn County 4-H'ers in 4th-12th Grade. You don't need to come from a sheep/farming/agriculture background to participate!

**Applications are due to the Extension Office by March 15th**

Learn more and download the application:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/content/fair-information>



# R E C O R D B O O K

I don't like record books.....

Why do I have to keep writing the same thing over and over?

I don't like to write...I don't have good grammar...

**I DON'T HAVE TIME!**

I have heard many, many excuses for not doing a record book! Trust me, I used some of them when I was in 4-H. But I am extremely grateful for completing mine each year. It is a great reflection of my time in 4-H and has taught me the importance of leadership, citizenship, communication and record keeping.

Did you get the email? The State of Iowa 4-H has released a new program called "Recordbookapp.com" It is not an app but an online program! Follow these instructions to check it out:



1. Go to <http://recordbookapp.com>
2. Click "Get Started."
3. Select your state (Iowa!)
4. Click the GREEN button to "Sign-in with 4-H Online"
5. Enter your 4hOnline email and password and get started!

Find help sheets and videos to learn more about the system here: <https://recordbook.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360002390834-Recordbook-Management>

2019-2020 is a free trial year! We do not know at this time if there will be a charge next year. The State 4-H Office has invited everyone to try it this year and to let your County Extension Office know what you like or don't like about! So please, try it out this year and let us know!

Linn County will accept this record book program in September 2020. However, you **MUST PRINT ALL THE RECORDS OUT** and include it in your current record book. We will not evaluate by using the computer!

Try it out and let us know what you think!!  

**What is a record book?** The purpose of 4-H record books is to teach youth how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. You get to learn lots of important skills like goal setting, organizational skills, communication, money tracking, summarization, and responsibility. If that is not enough you can also apply for special Record Book Awards!

**Learn more:** You can learn more by visiting our website. Also, record books are not due until September but you should work on them all year long!

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/page/4-h-recordkeeping>





# LIST OF UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

More details about these events can be found in this month's newsletter

What	Date	Who
Rabbit/Cavy Workshop—Finalizing/Picking your animals	March 12th	Rabbit Project Area
Beef Production and Ultrasound Workshop	March 15th	Beef Project Area
4-H Legislative Trip	RSVP <b>FULL</b> Event Mar. 25th	7th-9th Grade 4-H'ers and Friends
YQCA Bus Trip	RSVP Mar. 27th Event April 10th	7th-12th Grade 4-H'ers
Poultry Youth Night Workshop	RSVP Feb. 23rd Event March 3rd	Poultry Project Area
Murder Mystery Fundraiser	RSVP Mar. 1st Event Mar. 28th	Adults and 9-12 Grade
Swine Weigh-In	March 14th	Swine Project Area
Share-A-Lamb Applications Due	March 15th	4th-12th Grade
Dog Orientation	March 24th	Dog Project Area
Dog Orientation	March 28th	Dog Project Area
Final Poultry Orientation	April 3rd	Poultry Project Area
Rabbit/Cavy Workshop—Rabbit Poster FAQ/Tattooing	April 4th	Rabbit Project Area
Animal Science Round Up	Apply by April 15th Event June 30-July 2nd	8th-12th Grade 4-H'ers and Friends
Meat Bird Orders Due to E.O. email <a href="mailto:jwaybill@iastate.edu">jwaybill@iastate.edu</a>	April 15th 4:30pm	Poultry Project Area
Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In	April 25th	Sheep and Meat Goat
Rabbit/Cavy Workshop—May 15th Help/Tattooing	April 30th	Rabbit Project Area
Beef Quiz Bowl Workshop	May 3rd	Beef Project Area
Horse Orientation	May 14th	Horse Project Area
Rabbit/Cavy Workshop—Showmanship/Grooming/Fair Prep	May 23rd	Rabbit Project Area
Communication Judging Day (More info to come in April)	June 6th	Everyone
Iowa Youth Conference	RSVP June. 1 Event June 30-July 2nd	8th-12th Grade 4-H'ers and Friends

**Event cost refund policy:** Full refunds will be issued if an event is cancelled. NO refund will be given for participants who cancel less than 48 hours in advance or don't show up. Please see event registration pages for more event-specific restrictions. **Fees Statement:** The fees for services will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program. **Justice Statement:** This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext).

