Mark Your Calendars!

**Sheep and Goats**
May 2nd 8am– 11am at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. An official 4-H tag and retinal scan are required for identification.

**Dairy Goats**
Need to attend Sheep/Goat Weigh In for ID purposes only. Retinal scan and tag OR tattoo will be used for ID. If animal has a breed association tattoo, a tag will not be required.

**Breeding Heifer Identification**
May 9th, 9am– 1pm. Location TBD. A tattoo and retinal scan are required for identification. Any breeding heifers wishing to nominate for the Iowa State Fair must also have either an official 4-H tag, calfhood vaccination tag, or registration number for their breed association.

**Poultry**
Date TBD. A leg band is required for identification.

**Rabbits**
Date TBD. Tattoo is required for identification.

**Swine**
April 18th, 8am– 11am at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. An ear notch and official 4-H tag will be required for identification. Any swine wishing to nominate for the Iowa State Fair will receive a yellow DNA tag.

**Dogs**
Must attend 4 total practices, 2 agility and 2 obedience. Practices will start on May 20th and 25th with no dogs, just a meeting. Practices with dogs will be every Monday and Wednesday following from 6-8pm.

**Horses**
Must attend 3 practices, but may attend only 2 practices if just showing at halter. Practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8pm starting on June 2nd. No practices on June 30th or July 2nd.

**The following youth completed a record book this year and were recognized on January 26th at a Record Keeping Awards Banquet:**
Graydon Gunzenahuser, Grace Watkins, Sayge Polo, Madallyn Gunzenhauser, Hannah Schlutz, Emersen Gunzenhauser, Erika Narber, Olivia Narber, and Cayden Schlutz.

**2020 Beef Rule Changes**
- Weigh backs have been removed for the 2020 county fair.
- The top two animals in each class will be retinal scanned prior to the final drive for both market and breeding beef.
- **NEW CLASS: Produce of Dam Class.** Consists of a cow/calf pair to be shown at halter. Calves must be born between January 1 and April 30, 2020. Cow/Calf pair must attend Breeding Beef ID on May 9th. Both the cow and calf will be tagged with an official 4-H tag and retinal scanned for identification. Limited to two cow/calf pairs per exhibitor.
County Youth Council

Are you interested in holding a leadership role in 4-H? Consider joining the Lucas County 4-H Youth Council! The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, February 12th, at 7:00pm at the Lucas County Extension office! PLEASE NOTE: this is a new day and time. Clover Sprouts will be meeting at 4:30pm and 6pm on the same night. I would love help with this from Youth Council!** All youth interested in joining are welcome! County Council meets monthly to plan and implement community service projects, 4-H events and activities, and assist with fair activities. This group is open to 4-H members in grades 7th-12th. Contact Logan to get signed up and with questions at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Every June almost 900 teenagers come together on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. This year’s conference is scheduled for June 30th–July 2nd, 2020. The theme this year is “Go For the Gold.” Youth currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. The registration fee is $180 per youth. This includes all lodging and meals during the camp. Interested youth should reach out to Logan to discuss scholarship and registration costs at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016. Registration will be open soon, so stay tuned for updates!

Animal Science Round Up

Do you have a passion for the livestock industry? Check out this unique opportunity during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 20th–July 2nd, 2020! Youth who have are currently enrolled in grades 8-12 are invited to apply. Each youth chooses a species they wish to learn more about, and may only attend Animal Science Round Up for that species once. Species to choose from include: beef, dairy, horse, meat and dairy goat, poultry, sheep, and swine. Youth who attend Animal Science Round Up participate in many of the Youth Conference activities, but also get to explore their favorite animal species through ISU’s farms and technology. Applications will be available soon and are due April 15th. Selected youth will be notified by May 1st. Cost to attend is $180. Interested youth should reach out to Logan to discuss scholarship and registration costs at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016. Additional info can be found here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

Meaning of the “H’s” Day Camp

February 14th, 2020 is a NO SCHOOL day for Chariton schools! What better way to spend your Valentine’s Day than with your friends learning, exploring, and making memories! During this day camp, youth will learn the true meaning of 4-H: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. All activities throughout the day will involve one of the “H’s” and Valentine’s Day. Youth will make Valentine’s with residents at Homestead, learn about heart healthy practices, explore the meaning of loyalty, and complete challenging activities together. The day will be full of leadership and teambuilding activities! Youth will need to bring a sack lunch and registration is $10 per youth. Space is limited to the first 20 youth who register. Open to youth in grades 4th-7th. This day camp will be from 9am–4pm with snacks and drinks provided. To register, complete online registration: https://form.jotform.com/lkinyon/meaning-of-the-hs-day-camp-registration and submit payment/required medical forms by Monday, February 10th. For questions contact Logan at lkinyon@iastate.edu or call the office at 641-774-2016.

Clover Sprouts

Clover Sprouts meetings began in January and will be a little different than last year. Meetings will be held at the Lucas County Extension office on the second Wednesday of every month from January to July. **Due to large enrollment numbers, Clover Sprouts will be split into two times. Kindergarten and 1st grade will meet from 4:30–5:30pm. 2nd and 3rd grade will meet from 6-7pm. NO FEES will be collected for Clover Sprouts enrollment this year! However, all Clover Sprouts must be actively enrolled in 4HOnline. We will follow the Chariton Schools for inclement weather decisions—if school or evening activities are cancelled, Clover Sprouts will be cancelled. If you have questions about enrollment, please call the office at 641-774-2016.**
**Water Connects Us All Day Camps**

TWO OFFERINGS—ONE FOR MORMON TRAIL STUDENTS AND ONE FOR CHARITON STUDENTS! Join us for this fun-filled day of water-focused learning and exploration! Event offered in partnership between Lucas County Extension and Outreach and Lucas County Conservation. Open to youth in grades 3rd and 4th grade. Registration is FREE and will be held at Pin Oak Lodge. During this event youth will explore using a stream table, take a nature hike, enjoy healthy snacks, learn about water conservation and pollution, identify water insects, and engineer solutions to clean up our oceans. Participants must bring a sack lunch and preregistration is required. Chariton’s day camp will be held on April 10th from 9am– 3pm. Mormon Trail’s day camp will be held on March 20th from 9am– 3pm. For details and to get registered, visit our website here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas/news/water-connects-us-all

**What class does your project fit in?**

So, you have completed an AMAZING 4-H project but you just aren’t sure what class to put it in. The biggest thing to remember is 4-H is all about setting goals, so your goal is going to dictate which class you enter a project. What is your goal about? That is likely going to lead you to a clear class. Keep in mind that the steps your took to complete your goal will relate to the class you enter the project, as well. For example, I can make a wooden flower box as a 4-H project and have a few options for classes to enter. If I built the wood flower box to learn about woodworking, cutting, building, and the design process, I would enter my project into the Woodworking class. In my “steps I took to reach my goal” I would talk about what I learned about measuring: being exact is important; what I learned about using saws: safety is important and what kind of safety steps I took. On the other hand, if I built my flower box with the goal of donating it to a local park, I could enter my project into the Citizenship project area. In my “steps I took to reach my goal” I would talk about what I learned about working with a community partner: communication skills; creating a timeline and holding up your end of the deal is important, etc. Questions? Contact Logan— she’s happy to help!

**YQCA— FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

UPDATE: A classroom-style annual YQCA training will be offered on March 24th from 5-7pm at the Lucas County Extension office and will cost $3 per youth. To attend the classroom training, youth must login to YQCA using the instructions below and purchase the Instructor-Lead Course. The class must be paid for prior to completing the training. After the training is complete, Logan will mark all youth present as having YQCA certification for this year. A certificate can be printed by the family, if needed.

**ATTENTION LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:** If you plan to show sheep, goats, beef, poultry, swine, or rabbits at the Lucas County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair, you MUST hold a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification. The YQCA test is completed online annually and holds a cost of $12 per test, per year. There are two test-out options for older youth:

- **At age 12,** youth can test out for 3 years for a cost of $36. The test can be attempted once and if failed, youth must complete the yearly certification. Payment is only processed after successfully passing the test.

- **At age 15,** youth can test out for 4 years (the rest of 4-H career) for a cost of $48 and holds the same requirements as above.

Youth under the age of 12 must complete the annual certification. If your age has changed from the last time you took YQCA, you may take your test now! YQCA aligns certifications based upon age of the youth, and you may only complete the certification once for that age. For example, if you were 11 when you tested last year and have yet to turn 12, you may not access the next certification yet. The deadline to have YQCA completed for exhibiting at the county and/or state fair is July 1, 2020. **Please utilize your 4HOnline account login information when logging into YQCA. DO NOT CREATE AN ACCOUNT FROM SCRATCH!** YQCA does not support Internet Explorer. It is recommended to use Google Chrome or Firefox to access YQCA. If you wish to set up a time to take your testing at the Extension office or have questions about your certification or how to complete YQCA, please contact Logan at lkinyon@iastate.edu. Access the YQCA login page here: https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login
Count Your Clovers Campaign

Every year the State 4-H Council sponsors the Iowa 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign, which raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign. This year, the State Council is continuing the Count Your Clovers theme with a goal to raise $29,000! The funds raised through this campaign contribute to: providing financial assistance to help 4-H’ers attend 4-H camp or conference, helping members pay part of their annual 4-H program fee, and funding for the State 4-H Youth Conference, which keeps registration fees affordable for everyone! Each 4-H club in Iowa is challenged to donate $3.00 per member to the campaign. All clubs that meet the $3.00 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate. The top contributing counties and region will be formally recognized at the 2020 State 4-H Youth Conference in June. If clubs wish to donate to this state-wide campaign, complete the Count Your Clovers Pledge Form and return the bottom portion to the Lucas County Extension office by Friday, May 15th. Clubs are welcome to use their funds in their club account for this pledge. In order to do so, the club will need to make a motion and vote on this matter.

The form and additional information can be found here: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/documents/filelibrary/campaign_documents/donation_form_2020_31E4F7325484D.pdf This campaign is coordinated by 4-H’ers to support 4-H’ers and showcases just how much Iowa 4-H’er’s care about their 4-H program. Thank you for being a part of this special project!

Record Keeping Awards Revision Committee

Are you interested in revising and offering input on the future of 4-H record keeping and awards in Lucas County? Logan would like to form an advisory committee to analyze past awards, discuss new awards, and set goals for the record keeping program moving forward. It would be great to have people currently involved in the program, as well as people who have been involved in the past on this committee. If you are interested in attending a meeting this spring to discuss this topic, contact Logan at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

1ST—State Recognition Apps Due
1ST—Iowa 4-H Scholarships Due
12TH—Clover Sprouts
12TH—Youth Council Meeting
14TH—Meaning of the “H’s” Day Camp
26TH-1ST—National 4-H Photo Summit
29TH—Lucas County Fair Fundraiser

MARCH

9TH—RISE Conference Reg. Deadline
11TH—Clover Sprouts
11TH—Youth Council Meeting
20TH—Water Connects Us All Day Camp
24TH—YQCA Training
26TH—Lucas County STEAM Fest
28TH—Extension Council Conference

APRIL

8TH—Clover Sprouts
8TH—Youth Committee Meeting
9TH—4-H Simpson RISE Conference
10TH—Water Connects Us All Day Camp
18TH—Swine Weigh In

MAY

2ND—Sheep & Goat Weigh In
9TH—Heifer ID
13TH—Clover Sprouts
13TH—Youth Council Meeting
15TH—Animal ID Deadline
20TH—Dog Project Practice (No Dogs)
25TH—Dog Project Practice (No Dogs)
27TH—Dog Project Practice

2020 Fair Dates

Lucas County Fair, July 24th- 29th
Iowa State Fair, August 13th- 23rd

Lucas County Fair Fundraiser

Saturday, February 29th, 5PM
Carpenter’s Hall, Chariton
Free-will donation soup supper and live auction