



MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

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- 18 Jr. Fun Night—9:30-11: 30 pm Knoxville Rec Center
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March

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- 17 Cooking with Mindy 9-3pm
- 18-19 Basketball Tournament

February 2022

Hello Families,

Hard to believe we are already through January! In our office we are gearing up for Fair with updates and trophy sponsorships! Our next project area we want to highlight will be: Dairy Goat.

There are two great opportunities coming up for youth interested in Dairy Goat.

2022 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid

- ⇒ Looking for a way to expand your experience? Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes this opportunity.
- ⇒ Open to youth in 4th-12th who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA or any other ag group. Winners are selected from an essay they submit.
- ⇒ For more information, please visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> . Entries are due March 15th.

Save the Date: 2022 Dairy Goat Showing & Fitting Clinic— May 7th from 9am-3pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA. Free clinic. We will share this opportunity again but want families to get the date on their calendar!





4-H INFORMATION

Fair Rule Updates

We are working on the Fairbooks. Below are the rule changes we have so far.

Beef:

- ⇒ All fans must blow on non show side of animal (left side)
- ⇒ Showmanship will be at the end of the day.
- ⇒ No longer Classes: No Fit , Rate of Gain, & Fall Calf Class
- ⇒ New Carcass class: Rules can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/new-beef-carcass-class>
 - ⇒ Results will be announced prior to Grand Champion Market Drive
- ⇒ No Exhibitor Meeting for Beef Exhibitors
- ⇒ All cattle must be removed from tie outs by 8am on day of sale (Thursday).

Horses:

- ⇒ Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting at 10am Saturday, July 16th
- ⇒ All 4-H exhibitors must wear a 4-H arm band when showing
 - ⇒ Those will be provided this first year for exhibitors

Meat Goat

- ⇒ Market Kids must be born after November 1 of prior year
- ⇒ Breeding Doe classes will be split by weight. Weigh-in will be required at Fair Check-in only
- ⇒ Fair Check in will be from **5pm-5:30pm on Friday, July 15th.**

Sheep:

- ⇒ No Changes

Pet/Cat:

- ⇒ No changes

Rabbit:

- ⇒ No Changes





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Rule Changes Continued

Dairy Goats & Dairy Cattle

- ⇒ **All Dairy animals will be required to stay the whole fair.**
- ⇒ All Dairy Exhibitors will be required to wear white pants
 - ⇒ Let us know if you need suggestions on where to get white pants from!
- ⇒ Dairy show will start at 7:30am with Dairy Cattle
- ⇒ New Classes: Jr Steer up to 1yr & Sr Steer 1-2yr
- ⇒ All Dairy Goats must be dehorned

Dog

- ⇒ Many changes to the Dog Rules. Please go the following link to view: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/2022-dog-rule-changes>

Swine & Poultry– Updates soon!

YQCA Certification

- ⇒ If you plan to show Swine, Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Poultry, Rabbit or Goat at County and/or State Fair, you will need to be YQCA certified.
- ⇒ We will be hosting an in-person training in March. Cost is \$3per youth and training is 1.5 hours.
- ⇒ There are online testing options as well. The cost is \$12 per youth. Link to register for online: <http://yqca.org/>
 - ⇒ Please sign in with your 4-H online account email and password. 4-H online and YQCA do communicate, so we know when your training is completed.
- ⇒ Training must be completed by July 1st.

Youth Picture Request

- We are looking for pictures of youth showing their livestock.
- The project goal is to create banners for each species but we need your help.
- If you have pictures of you showing livestock, please send them to marion4h@iastate.edu
- Looking for the following species:
 - Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Horse, Dairy & Pet/Dog.



4-H Activities & Workshops

Junior Fun Night

- Friday, February 18th 9:30-11:30pm at the Knoxville Rec Center.
- Open to youth in grades 4th-6th.
- Youth in 4-H can bring one junior friend not in 4-H.
 - Non-members will create a participant account and sign up under events on 4-H online.
- There will be basketball, volleyball, swimming, games and snacks!

Babysitting Basics

- Tuesday, March 15th 9am-3pm Marion County Extension Office.
- Open to youth in grades 4th grade and up.
- Youth will learn basics for caring for infants and up. We will cover feeding, changing, appropriate toys and more!
- Cost will be \$15 per 4-H Member and \$20 per non member.

Cooking with Mindy!

- Thursday, March 17th 9am-3pm Marion County Extension Office.
- Open to youth in grades 4th grade and up.
- Youth will focus on breakfast foods such as muffins, quiche, bacon etc.
- Cost will be \$20 per youth.

How to register for the above activities?

- Register via 4-H online Events Open Now! Families must register via 4-H online.
 - <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
 - Families will login and select Events on left hand side of screen.
 - Non-members will create a participant account and sign up via events.



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Club Officer Training

- ⇒ Do you have interest in learning more about Club officer roles?
- ⇒ County Council and Ashtin will be hosting a training to learn about Club Officer Roles and Parliamentary Procedure
- ⇒ **February 28th 4pm-5:30pm at the Marion County Extension Office**
- ⇒ There will be breakout sessions on the following officer positions:
 - ⇒ President/Vice President
 - ⇒ Secretary
 - ⇒ Treasurer
 - ⇒ Recreational/Photographer/Historian
- ⇒ As a large group we will make Pizza using parliamentary Procedure
- ⇒ Register via 4-H online by February 24th
- ⇒ <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



Basketball Tournament Update

- ⇒ The Basketball Tournament will be hosted at the **Pleasantville School Gym**
- ⇒ **March 18th & 19th**
- ⇒ Information on Rules, Roster and more will be sent to club leaders!
- ⇒ Please let me know if you have any questions!
- ⇒ We look forward to a get tournament





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Basket of Scraps— Sign up by March 1st

We are excited to bring back an exciting project for the 2022 Marion County Fair. The format is going to be similar to the Bucket of Junk welding project. 4-Hers will partner with a caring adult to create a quilt square. Each participant will have similar fabric given to them at the beginning of the project. Please see the rules below:

- ⇒ **Participants need to call in no later than March 1st to reserve their spot.**
- ⇒ Each participant will receive similar scrap material to use
- ⇒ No additional fabric can be added
- ⇒ When completed, each participant will turn in one 12" quilt block
- ⇒ Blocks will be judged at the County Fair
- ⇒ The completed blocks will be assembled into a quilt that will be raffled off at the next year's County Fair
- ⇒ Completed Blocks are NOT eligible for State Fair

Please let the Extension Office know if you are interested but do not have an adult available to help you quilt. There are lots of area quilters who would be more than happy to help a young person learn how to quilt. When you pick up your Basket of Scraps, there will be sample patterns for blocks. You may use of the sample patterns but are more than welcome to create any block you would like, as long as the finished product is a 12" square. If you have questions or would like to reserve your spot, please contact Ashtin at the Marion County Extension Office no later than March 1st. ashtinw@iastate.edu (641)842-2014

Vertical Gardening Workshop

- ⇒ March 7th starting at 6pm at the Marion County Extension Office
- ⇒ 6-6:30pm– Free Educational Presentation about vertical gardening
- ⇒ 6:30-7pm– Hands on workshop where you create your own vertical garden. Cost is \$25 to create your own.
- ⇒ Must pre-register and pay in advance. Call 641-842-2014 or email Lydia at dingeman@iastate.edu.



At the Marion County Extension Office
210 N Iowa St
Knoxville, IA 50138

Pre Registration is required.
To register call Marion County Extension at (641) 842-2014 or email Lydia Dingeman at dingeman@iastate.edu.

What to expect:

- 6:00-6:30PM Free educational presentation about expanding your garden by going vertical and how you can utilize it both indoors and outdoors.
- 6:30-7:00PM \$25 hands-on workshop, where you create your vertical garden (must be paid in advance).



4-H Information

Informational Dog Meeting

- ⇒ Are you interested in showing a dog at the Marion County Fair? If so, please join us on **March 24th at 7pm at the Extension Office!**
- ⇒ Please do not bring your dog to this meeting.
- ⇒ If you have your vet records and rabies information, feel free to bring that this night!

Dog Project Classes:

- ⇒ Dog classes will be hosted at the Marion County Fairgrounds starting at 7pm.
- ⇒ Dress appropriately for the weather
- ⇒ Youth will be excepted to attend 14 practices with 5 of them being before fair.
- ⇒ More information on this at the informational.
- ⇒ If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Fancy Poultry Project –

We still have spots available for this fun project!

We will be bringing the Fancy Poultry Project back for the 2022 Marion County Fair! We have 20 spots available in this project, don't wait till the last minute to sign up!

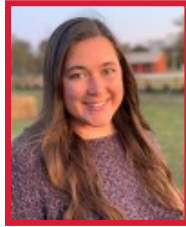
- Each member will receive 4 chicks; all female.
 - You will also receive a record book that needs to be completed by the 2022 Marion County Fair; this paperwork will be similar to bucket/bottle calf paperwork.
 - The 4-Her will not be told what types of chicks they have, it will be up to them to determine which variety they were given.
 - All birds will be standard sized chickens.
 - The 4-H member must exhibit 2 of the 4 birds at the Marion County Fair.
 - **All chickens will need to be picked up on February 21st from 1pm-4:30pm.**
- ⇒ Thank you to the Marion County Friends of 4-H and Youth Foundation! Because of their support, this project has no cost for the 4-H member other than general care for the poultry.

Please call the Extension Office at (641) 842-2014 or email marion4h@iastate.edu to sign up for this project!



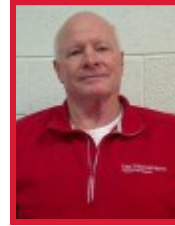
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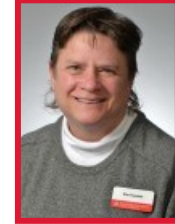
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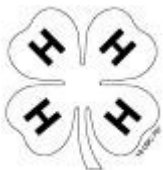
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