



The Marshall County Clover Courier

February 2020 Edition

Where did January go?! It is hard to believe that we are already one month complete with 2020.

Preparations are well under way for the 2020 Central Iowa Fair. This years theme is Where Pigs Fly. So be thinking of how your club can decorate their booth at the fair!

It is time to start thinking about your fair exhibits! Think about your interests, things that spark your passion, and dream of your best ideas! Exhibits can be just about anything. Brainstorm ideas with your parents!

Inside you will find a lot of fair updates, opportunities for your clubs as well as individually. If you see anything in there that sparks your interests and have questions let Megan know!



Sincerely,



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DATES TO REMEMBER



February

- February 1 Market Beef Verification Deadline | 11:59pm | 4-H Online
- February 9 Poultry Exhibitor Workshop | 12pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- February 9 Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- February 19 IECA Legislative Day | All Day | Iowa Capital
- February 24 Day Out of School Camp for East Marshall | 10am-4pm | Pioneer Heritage Library, Le Grand
- February 28 Youth Lock-in | 9:30pm-6am | Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA (RESCHEDULED)

March

- March 1 Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- March 6 Lets Get Jammin' Workshop | 9am-3pm | Marshalltown High School
- March 9 Youth Development Committee | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- March 19 Succulents Workshop | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- March 25 Legislative History Trip | All Day | Des Moines
- March 28 Swine Weigh-ins | By Appt | Tom Hemesath's Farm
- March 29 Dream Iowa Summit | 12pm | Iowa State University

April

- April 5 Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- April 28 YQCA Training | 6pm-8pm | Marshall County Extension Office

2020 Central Iowa Fair Animal Release Time:

New for the 2020 Fair: All livestock can be released on Saturday, July 11, 2020 one hour following the concert/entertainment for the evening. **There will be NO pre-staging of trailers.** Once the entertainment has concluded exhibitors are allowed to take LIVESTOCK ONLY home, **NO TACK will be released.** Exhibitors will be required to return on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 7 am and before 8 am to load up their tack AND help with clean up of the barns/grounds

No Non-Livestock exhibits will be released at this time, they will still be released Sunday Morning after 7am.

Health Paper Requirements:

New for the 2020 fair all large animal species will be required to turn in a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (also known as a health form) at the time of animal check-in. Forms will be read by a veterinarian on site. Health papers must be acquired within 7 days of the first day of fair.

Animal species that will be required to turn health forms in will be: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat and Dairy Goat, Swine, Sheep. All other species will be examined by a vet during their arrival at fair.



Beef Bits:

Commercial Heifers this year we will use the same process as last year. All heifers MUST have a tattoo (calfhood tattoo can not be used) and one of the following:

- 1: Registration Number (if the animal is registered)
- 2: Calfhood Vaccination Number

If you have any questions please contact Jodi Breniman, Beef Superintendent.

Central Iowa Classic Show – Coming to the Central Iowa Fairgrounds Saturday, May 2nd. Check-in will take place from 7:30am to 9am and show will begin at 10:30 am. Sullivan's will be onsite. All Marshall Co. exhibitors entry fee will be \$15.00. For more information, please contact Lisa Green. This would be a great place to come and get your calves ready for the fair, participate and have fun! It would be wonderful for your calves to have the practice. Cattle Clipping Clinic – Beef members, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to go and learn from the best! Check this out and make plans to attend!

New Class offered at 2020 Central Iowa Fair:

We are excited to offer the \$10.00 Meal challenge at the fair this year! The goal of the challenge is to create a balanced, nutritious meal for four (4) offering the recommended serving size of food from each of the five food groups using \$10 or less.



Poultry Workshop:

There will be a Poultry Workshop Sunday February 9, 2020 at 12:00pm, snack will be provided. Topics will be choosing your birds for fair and showing tips. There are some new rules and awards this year that will be covered as well. Please RSVP to Renee at reneeagnos@yahoo.com, or text 641-691-5436. Renee can also be reached on Facebook on the Marshall County 4-H Poultry Place page.

YQCA:

NEW If you plan to show at the Central Iowa Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair YOU MUST take YQCA. The Iowa State fair and Iowa 4-H is no longer accepting FSQA certifications. Please contact Megan if you have questions.

April 28 from 6-8pm will be our class at 6pm at the Extension office, contact Megan to Register! It is recommended that youth in 4-6 grade attend training in person.

YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. It will be used for all livestock species except horse and dog. There is an online certification option and a face to face training option.

The Marshall County Extension Office will be providing coupon codes to 4-H members to cover the cost of their training. Please call Megan now and she will give you your coupon code.



Recordbook App:

I have heard many, many excuses for not doing a record book! Trust me, I used some of them. 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!

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!

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Pop Tabs for Jacy Service Project:

The 2019-2020 State 4-H Council wants to carry on Jacy McAlexander's legacy by continuing to collect pop tabs from around the state in his honor. Check out the [Pop Tabs for Jacy flyer](#) to find out more about Jacy's legacy and details of the program. Counties can collect pop tabs and bring them to the Youth Conference check-in on Tuesday, June 30, or choose to drop them off at the state office anytime between now and then.

* Marshall County would like to challenge 4-H clubs to collect pop tabs from now until June 29th. The club with the most pop tabs turned in will receive \$50.00 to shop on the 4-H Mall!!

Marshall and Tama County Youth Lock-in:

Lock in has been rescheduled for February 28th. Join 4-H members and friends at the Marshalltown YMCA/YQCA for a Lock in! We will get to swim, do fun games, and even complete a community service project! This is open to ALL youth in 4-8th grade so bring a friend along!!

Contact Megan to Register!!

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training:

On May 11th from 8:30am-4pm. we will be offering a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training class. This class is for adults who work with youth. It will cover symptoms and signs on mental illnesses and how to guide youth to find help if they need it. This class is free of charge with breakfast and lunch provided.

Iowa Dairy Goat Association Share-A-Kid:

The Iowa Dairy Goat Association [2020 Share-A-Kid contest](#) is open with an entry **deadline of Sunday, March 15**. Download the application and find more information on the [4-H Dairy Goat page](#). This is an opportunity to obtain a free dairy goat doe kid for someone wishing to get involved with goats

Tri County Camp:

Youth in 4th, 5th, or 6th grades in Boone, Story, Marshall and Hardin Counties

are invited to plan the 2020 Tri-County 4-H Camp. Bring a friend with you.

2019 Tri-County 4-H Camp Planning Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2020

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Boone County Extension and Outreach Office

1327 SE Marshall Street in Boone

(south edge of Boone along Hwy 30 between Wal-mart and Casey's)

Decide on camp theme, activities, some meals, etc. Meet the teen counselors.

Pizza provided.

RSVP appreciated to annbrown@iastate.edu or 515-432-3882.

Mark your calendar for Tri-County 4-H Camp August 12-14 2020!

Camp will be held at the YMCA Camp near Boone.

This camp is for 4th-6th grade 4-H members and non-4-H youth

in Boone, Hardin, Marshall, and Story Counties.



Applications can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/tricountycamp>



Junior Master Gardeners Class:

Growing good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education. Children can get involved in exploring their world through meaningful activities that encourage leadership development, personal pride, responsibility, and community involvement. Youth involved in the program develop critical thinking skills and the ability to identify community concerns and take action to address them through individual and group projects.

The Marshall County ISU Extension and Outreach Master Gardener Coordinator, Chelsea Martens, will be offering Junior Master Gardeners on Tuesdays starting on March 17th. Class will begin at 5:30pm and will be 10 weeks long and \$15 per youth that registers. To sign up you can email Chelsea at chelsea@iastate.edu or call 641-752-1551.

Swine Update for County Fair:

Due to packer requirements for processing 4-H pigs, we will no longer be able to send pigs to harvest after the county fair. The swine show will be 100% non-terminal. For derby pigs, superintendents can assist in finding buyers for your hogs if needed. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Peterson, 515-291-0411.

Farm Visits for Livestock Species:

New for the 2020 4-H year, superintendents would love to see your projects! Superintendents will be going around to visit 4-H and FFA members projects randomly throughout the year. They will call 24 hours prior to their visit. During the visit they will talk to the youth about their project, look at the animals, and answer any questions that families might have. Visits will start after May 15th.

State Fair Meat Goat Rule Update:

This year at the Iowa State Fair the 4-H and FFA meat goat shows will be no fit. No adhesives, paint, color, oils, other aerosols, or powder projects allowed! Same rule for last year no clipping or shearing in the barn goats must come show-ready.

Day Out Camp:

ISU Extension is excited to offer a camp for you on a day out of school!! Youth will get the chance to explore areas of STEM, Healthy Living, Communication and the Arts, and Leadership and Civic Engagement! This camp is offered for Kindergarten-6th grade and is open to all youth, they do not have to be in 4-H to attend. Cost of the camp is \$10.00 per participant to cover cost of materials. If you would like to attend please contact Megan at the Extension Office. We will be offering a camp for East Marshall Students on February 24 from 10am-4pm at the Pioneer Heritage Library.

Healthy Living Club Challenge:

There is still time to register for the Healthy Living Club Challenge!. Please refer to the [Healthy Living Club Challenge webpage](#) for resources and to promote the challenge to clubs. Contact Megan if you would be interested in doing this as a club!!

Free Showing and Fitting Clinic for Dairy Goats:

The Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a free showing and fitting clinic Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bondurant, Iowa. Attendees should plan to bring salad or dessert for the potluck lunch. All Share-a-Kid winners are encouraged to attend. Contact [Judi Nayeri](#) to sign-up

New Iowa 4-H Poultry Breed Video Resources:

Videos about different breeds of poultry were recently added to the [4-H Poultry webpage](#). Videos were provided by Ohio State University. Link to videos is located near the bottom of the 4-H Poultry webpage under "Other Resources."





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