



The Marshall County Clover Courier

January 2020 Edition

Happy New Year!

A new year and decade for new opportunities, chances, and explorations!

Inside this edition of the Clover Courier we will talk about 4-H judges training, Iowa Pork Judging contest, Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships, State Project Awards, and Junior Master Gardeners.

The 4-H Lock-in will be next Friday January 10th. You can still register if you would like! It is open to ALL youth in 4-8th grade. Contact Megan to register.

We are in preparing for spring and summer programming! Be sure to look for new programs!

A reminder that we will have our first YQCA training for the year on Friday January 3rd from 9-11am at the Marshall County Extension Office. Contact Megan to register!

There is still time to enroll for 4-H and Clover Kids! There are 231 members enrolled right now!!

We hope you have a prosperous year of growth and learning in your 4-H career!



Sincerely,



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DATES TO REMEMBER



January

January 1	Office Closed Holiday
January 3	YQCA Face to Face Training 9am-11am Marshall County Extension Office
January 5	Youth Ambassadors 5pm Marshall County Extension Office
January 9	Annual Volunteer Training 6pm-8pm Marshall County Extension Office
January 10	Marshall County Youth Lock-in 9pm-6pm Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA
January 17	Day Out of School Camp for Marshalltown 9am-5pm Marshalltown Public Library
January 20	Day Out of School Camp for West Marshall 9am-5pm Gutekunst Public Library, State Center
January 30	Du Pont Pioneer Community Grant Due
January 30	Superintendents Meeting 6pm Marshall County Extension Office

February

February 1	Market Beef Verification Deadline 11:59pm 4-H Online
February 9	Youth Ambassadors 5pm Marshall County Extension Office
February 24	Day Out of School Camp for East Marshall 10am-4pm Pioneer Heritage Library, Le Grand

March

March 1	Youth Ambassadors 5pm Marshall County Extension Office
March 6	Lets Get Jammin' Workshop 9am-3pm Marshalltown High School
March 25	Legislative History Trip All Day Des Moines
March 28	Swine Weigh-ins By Appt Tom Hemesath's Farm

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

Great job to everyone on beef weigh in! The window is open and you can go in and verify all information to be sure that it is correct. Please remember if you entered a breed steer to be sure to have the Steers Registration Number and the tattoo in the steers ear written down correctly. If there are any discrepancies please contact Megan at the office asap and corrections can still be made. Also reminder to make sure all your tag numbers match what is in the calves ear.

Also a reminder that if you are attending the Iowa Winter Beef Expo that entries are due online by Feb. 1st! You can check out their website (Iowa Junior Beef Breeds) for all information.

For 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

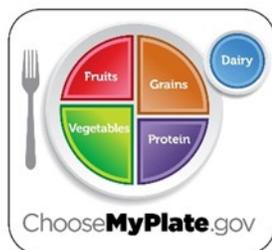
If you have any questions please contact Jodi Breniman, Beef Superintendent.

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!

Have a great January and call if you need anything. Thank you.

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.



Club Spotlight:

Marshalltown Trailblazers:

The Marshalltown Trailblazers were busy in December! They packed over 180 Christmas food boxes with Salvation Army for those in need in our community and donated hats and mittens for students at Anson Elementary School!



YQCA:

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

Our first class is Friday January 3rd from 9-11am at the Marshall County Extension Office. Contact Megan to Register!

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 know and she will give you your coupon code.



4-H Judges Training:

Join the ranks of 4-H judges by attending a new 4-H Judges Training held Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Polk County Extension and Outreach Office, 1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona, IA. Attendees will hear Extension 4-H Youth Development staff and experienced 4-H Judges share how to evaluate, educate and encourage exhibiting 4-H members at county fairs. Registration fee is \$15 for the day. Find out more information on the [Judges Training webpage](#). **Registration deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 28.** Contact Megan with any questions.



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Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships Open:

These scholarships are not only available for high school seniors but some are also available for college students! Instructions, helpful hints, and a complete list of scholarships can be found [here](#).

Did you know that there are scholarships available specific for youth from Marshall County?? You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps:

The Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a group where 4-H members with an interest in photography can explore their interest. If you are interested you can still [apply online](#) to be a part of the [2019-2020 Iowa 4-H Camera Corps](#). Contact Megan if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

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!!!

State Recognition Day:

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador and State 4-H Council open Friday, Nov. 15 and will close Saturday, February 1. A county coordinator checklist and a summary of program changes are available on the [State Recognition Day](#) webpage. For project awards you did not have to turn in a record book in to apply for these awards!

Poultry Place:

The LeRoy Stewart Poultry Scholarship is now open. Applications will be available to Marshall County 4H/FFA seniors. There will be one \$300 scholarship available. Please contact Renee Anagnos at 641-691-5436 or renee.anagnos@yahoo.com for an application. All applications must be completed by February 1, 2020. Good Luck!

Tri County Camp:



Iowa Pork Youth Judging Contest:

The Iowa Pork Producers Association invites all Iowa 4-H members to participate in the 12th annual Youth Swine Judging Contest. The event is free of charge. Find more information about the contest on the [Iowa Pork Producers Association website](#). Email [Team Registration Forms](#) to cvanderheiden@iowapork.org by Friday, Jan. 10.

Marshall and Tama County Youth Lock-in:

On January 10th 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!!

There is still time to register!!



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.

Setting New Years Resolutions:



**Build Your
New Year's Resolution**
with the 4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,

- Learn a new skill
- Organize your schedule
- Take a challenging class
- Read one book a week

my HEART to greater loyalty,

- Plan a weekly family game night
- Make family dinner a priority
- Set time aside to visit friends and family each month

my HANDS to larger service,

- Hold a food drive
- Volunteer at a pet shelter
- Plan a social event at a nursing/assisted living home

**and my HEALTH to better living for my club,
my community, my country, and my world.**

- Exercise 5 days a week
- Drink 64 oz. of water a day
- Buy a new fresh fruit or vegetable to try each week

North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference:

Forward to the Future - of Beef, is this years theme for the 2020 North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference. An education program being sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Ellsworth Community College for North Central Iowa for youth who want to learn more about beef production will be held on Saturday, February 1st at Ellsworth Community College Campus, 1100 College Ave, Iowa Falls. The program will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with registration beginning at 8:30 am at Kruse Main Hall, in the Hamilton Auditorium. Cost is \$10 per participant.

This conference also qualifies as **YQCA Certification** for one year. Must pre-register at: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

The registration flyer can be found [here](#):

Day Out Camps:

ISU Extension is excited to offer a camp for you on a day out of school!! We will be offering a camp in Marshalltown, State Center, and Le Grand. Youth will get the chance to explore areas of STEM, Healthy Lifting, 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. Dates of the camps are as follows:

January 17: Marshalltown, 9:30am-5pm. Marshalltown Public Library

January 20: West Marshall. 9:30am-5pm, Gutekunst Public Library

February 24: East Marshall, 10am-4pm, Pioneer Heritage Library

Servers needed for House Of Compassion:

Is your 4-H Club looking for a Community Service Project? The House Of Compassion is in need of groups to provide meals. They are looking for groups all the time to serve. If your club is interested please contact March at the House of Compassion at 641-752-5999.



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