



June Marshall County News

Happy June Marshall County 4-H Families,

Thank you all so much for being flexible, understanding, and adaptive during this unknown time. We continue to receive information from Iowa State University and Iowa 4-H. What we know so far is the following, I will go into further detail about each of these things in this special edition of the Clover Courier:

- All 4-H meetings and activities can resume as of June 1 with precautions taken by everyone involved
- Attached you will find a copy of the letter sent out to families on May 29th regarding the 2020 fair
- Included is also a copy of the schedule
- Fair Entry is OPEN until June 15th.
- Rabbit and Dog project schedules have been modified to following social distancing guidelines

In the coming weeks we will be sending out details about each event to families. All updates regarding fair can be found [here](#).

While we have returned to the office we are still closed to the public. Our summer hours will be 9-4pm. If you need to come to the office we ask that you call and schedule an appointment.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact Megan at mcarl@iastate.edu or 641-752-1551.

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Dear Central Iowa Fair exhibitors and families,

We would like to update you on our contingency plans for the 2020 Central Iowa Fair. Please keep in mind that we are planning for a future that is changing daily, much of it out of our control, so we ask for your patience and flexibility. The health and safety of all our participants are our priority as we make plans for this year's fair, and we will put measures in place that follow the recommended guidelines provided by local, county, and state officials. As it stands today, this includes limiting the overall number of people present and minimizing crowds. Show attendance will be limited to exhibitors and one or two family members, livestock and animal shows "show-and-go" style, and static judging will be non-conferenced judged.

FairEntry will open as planned on June 2. There will be no entry fees for exhibitors, and there will be no premiums awarded. A revised fair schedule is attached to this letter; please note that the dates of some livestock shows have been changed in order to make it possible to spread out the shows and minimize attendance on any given day. Details about each event will be sent in the upcoming weeks after details are complete. Please keep up to date with changes including rule modifications on our extension website.

We are very proud of the relationship we have with our fairboard. A statement from the fairboard is "After many hours spent researching and talking with our local, county and state officials and following CDC guidelines the Central Iowa Fair Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel all non 4-H/FFA events during the July 8-11, 2020 Central Iowa Fair. Please know that the fair board and staff are committed to moving forward and planning the best 2021 fair which will be held July 7-10, 2021."

We continue to meet regularly with the fairboard, superintendents, 4-H leaders, and local health and emergency management officials, while looking at guidance from the CDC and IDPH. We are taking into consideration the density of cases in Marshall County and the safety of those 4-H and FFA members, superintendents, and staff that will be present during the fair.

Lastly for our 4-H and FFA members, we know the county fair is the highlight of the summer. No one understands this better than the Marshall county extension office and the Central Iowa Fairboard. Like you, we want nothing more than to have a county fair this summer, and these plans are our effort to give that to you.

The start of 2020 so far has been different (unique, we hope). We remain hopeful that despite the unique circumstances, we are building a memorable county fair.

We ask if you have any questions that you email marshall4h@iastate.edu so a staff member can respond to you in a prompt manner.

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Fair Entry:

Fair Entry is now open! A helpsheet can be found [here](#). This is for ALL exhibits that plan to be at the Central Iowa Fair. It will be open until June 15th. Megan will still be holding a help session for families who need to come in and receive help on the 15th from 5-7 at the office. This includes: Livestock, static, communications, and clothing event for 4-H and Clover Kids. Non-Conference Judging for Static means that projects will be dropped off and the projects will be evaluated based on the project and the write up by judges

Clover Kids: Please still sign up your non-livestock projects, even if we are not able to judge them during fair we will have some sort of Clover Kids showcase!

Share the Fun and Working Exhibits: We are still trying to figure out the best way to do these events, since they both require an audience presence. Please still sign up for both of these events so we know how many people to plan for when we have the events.

Rabbit Practice:

We can start practices for agility and hopping this month! We will have practice on:

June 7th

June 14th

July 5th

Practice will be from 3-4pm in the Exhibit building at the fairgrounds.

Due to the pandemic we have had to make some changes as well as implement some extra steps in regards to agility and hopping. Firstly, we have reduced the number of required practices to TWO in order to compete in the agility or hopping classes at fair. Obviously we were not able to tattoo during May as we have in previous years so tattooing will be done at ALL practices. Lastly are some safety precautions we have added to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Face masks are suggested but will NOT be required for anyone
- We ask that only 1 adult accompanies each family to keep the total number of people down
- We will ask that everyone use hand sanitizer before setting up equipment, before each run, and before tearing down equipment
- Hand sanitizer and gloves will be provided at practices

Dog Practice:

Where: Central Iowa Fairgrounds – We will meet at the picnic shelter.

When: **Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning June 9** – We will meet every Tuesday 6:30pm. I will be there, rain or shine. Please bring a 4 to 6-foot dog leash, training collar, water and water dish, and doggie clean up bags. I also encourage everyone to bring a kennel if you have one. You will also be required to have your vaccination records. *I am also asking that everyone please bring a mask for training purposes*

We welcome dogs of any age and any breed. The only requirement is they must be fully vaccinated for their safety.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions in advance or bring your questions to the first night of class. I am looking forward to working with you again this year!

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*While we can't require you to wear a mask and only recommend one for your safety from COVID19, I am requesting training with one. Remember that it is everyone's choice to wear a mask and there will be those around your dog who choose to do so. Dogs gather important social information from a person's face, and facial coverings obscure this. Dogs can become frightened or uncomfortable, which can also lead to aggression. Whether someone in the crowd or even the judge or ring steward, training with a mask is just part of preparing for the show ring. This does not mean for the entire class each night. Just an exercise of each class.



Beef Bits:

Hello Beef Members –Well this sure has been an unusual year to say the least! I hope we never have another like it again...so frustrating. With that being said WE WILL HAVE A COUNTY BEEF SHOW!! It will be a little different tho so here is what we have in store.

Friday, July 10th You can arrive on the grounds any time after 6:30 a.m. There will be NO stalling in the barns. You will be stalling from your trailers only. This means it would be a great idea to bring a generator with you to use.

Check in will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and the show will start at 10 a.m.

We ask that you stay with your calves and your trailers and not go an mingle with everyone else. I know this is a hard thing as we all can't wait to see each other but please try and obey the rules and stay with your trailer camp.

As of now only one parent will be allowed in the showing to watch the class. This might change depending on what the governor decides in the coming weeks.

Once the show is completed we ask that you clean up your area around your trailer to leave the fairgrounds nice for the next species coming in on the weekend. This is important!

Bottle Bucket Calves – you will not be having an interview this year. You will be showing your animal in class like before and judged on showmanship only. Dress attire this year will be a 4H t-shirt that you can purchase from the extension office or a plain white t-shirt.

The photo contest for this year will be canceled as we won't have enough time to have those pictures judges. Save them for next year.

Advance Cattle Feeding

The Marshall County Cattlemen are committed to holding the 2020 carcass cattle show. Given the current situation in the processing, we are evaluating a plan 'b' if we are unable to ship cattle our normal way. We hope to have some clarity in the coming days. We have reached out to those we know are planning on being in the program, but if you have not heard from either Jason or Kellie Carolan, please send them an email to kellie.a.carolan@gmail.com or text message/call (641) 751-0737 to let them know if you are planning on having pen or individual cattle. We hope to have a conference call or Zoom call to update participants with any changes.

Herd Builder

The Marshall County Cattlemen are working on plans for the 2020 Herd builder class. This class is for those youth that have a cow-calf herd (1 cow-calf pair or more). Youth will need to complete a project record sheet and conference judging will be conducted on your farm the week prior to the Central Iowa Fair. If you have not participated before, please call Kellie Carolan. She can provide you the information to get you started on the paperwork. If you are interested & planning on participating, please send Kellie Carolan an email at kellie.a.carolan@gmail.com or text message/call (641) 751-0737.

I will be sending out an email the end of June/first of July with more information and any changes that might come up. So please keep working on those calves and we will see you in July!!

Thank you – Jodi

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Central Iowa Fair Queen and Little Miss:

The Central Iowa Fair Queen and Little Miss Princess contest has been cancelled for this year. We want the queen and princess to have the full experience of an entire fair and events. We will be back at it again next year for 2021!





2020 Central Iowa Fair 4-H and FFA Schedule



Date	Check-in Time	Location	Event
Mon. June 29	5PM	Ext. Office	Ed. Presentation
Tues. June 30	4PM	Ext. Office	Clothing Event
Tues. July 7	9AM	Exh. and Act. Building	Static Judging
Weds. July 8	7:30AM	Activity Building	Rabbit Show
Weds. July 8	3PM	Activity Building	Dog Show
Thurs. July 9	8AM	Outdoor Arena	Horse Show
Fri. July 10	7:30AM	Pavilion	Beef Show
Fri. July 10	10AM	Activity Building	Poultry Show
Sat. July 11	8AM	Pavilion	Sheep Show
Sat. July 11	8AM	Pavilion	Goat Show
Sun. July 12	7AM	Pavilion	Swine Show

These times and location are subject to change.

