



# The Marshall County Clover Courier

## March 2020 Edition

Happy March! We hope you find lots of luck this month!!

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!

Spring Break would be the perfect to complete your YQCA training! Remember this is required for ALL 4-12th grade members showing any livestock species. This must be done by May 15th.

Inside is information regarding dog and rabbit practice, Swine weigh-ins and many other important items!

If you see anything that sparks your interests and have questions let Megan know!



Sincerely,



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# DATES TO REMEMBER



## March

- March 9 Youth Development Committee | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- March 19 Succulents Workshop | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office \*Registration full
- 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 2 Seed Starting Workshop | 5:30pm | Gutekunst Public Library, State Center
- April 4 Latino Family Visit Day | All Day | Iowa State University
- April 5 Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- April 10 Extension Office Closed
- April 17 Healthy Kids Day | 4:30-7pm | Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA
- April 28 YQCA Training | 6pm-8pm | Marshall County Extension Office

## May

- May 1 Dia Del Ninos | 4-5:30pm | Marshalltown Public Library
- May 3 Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
- May 15 Animal ID Deadline | 11:59pm | 4H online
- May 15 YQCA Deadline | 11:59pm | Learngrow.io
- May 18 Fair Entry Opens | Fairentry.com

### 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 static 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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:

New information posted on our website about the \$10.00 Meal Challenge! Find out more [here](#). This class will be a great learning experience not only if you have a large family, but with nutrition and budgeting!



## Legislative History Trip:

Join youth from across central Iowa who are in 7-9th grade for our annual Legislative Trip! This year we will be traveling to Des Moines. We will have the opportunity to tour the capital, talk with local legislators, and visit the World Food Prize! Registration is \$25.00 which include a 4-H polo. Registrations are due March 11th to Megan at the Extension office. NO late registrations will be accepted. You can find the registration form on our [website](#).



## 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 know 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!!!

## 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. To register go to: <https://prosper-rx.ppsi.iastate.edu/ymhfa>

## 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

## 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

## Tri County Camp:

Mark your calendars for **Tri-County 4-H Camp: Camping Around the World**



August 12-14, 2020

Boone Y Camp

Registration available late

March. [https://](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/tricountycamp)

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## Liscomb Lively Laborers to hold Easter Egg Hunt:

The annual Liscomb Lively Laborers Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Liscomb Saturday, April 11th 10am at the old school park. Paint and take flower pots to follow at the community center. Each participant will paint a flower pot and take seeds and some soil home to plant in the pot when it is dry. Join us! Plus the Easter Bunny will make an appearance!

## Marshall County Youth Ambassadors:

The Marshall County Youth Ambassadors will be holding a meal fundraiser at the swine sale taking place at the fairgrounds in the Pavilion from 4-6pm on Saturday March 7th. Stop in to see quality swine prospects and get a bite to eat. Pork burger and Brat baskets will be on the menu with potato salad, chips and a drink.

Regular Business meeting for April will be held on the 5th at 5pm at the Extension Office.

## 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.



## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:chelsea@iastate.edu) or call 641-752-1551.

## Swine Weigh-ins:

Swine weigh-ins will be held on March 28th, at Tom Hemesath's Farm. ALL derby pigs need to attend this weigh-in. If you have county fair market pigs, you can attend this weigh-in or tags can be picked up from the extension office. State Fair swine will follow the same process as Market Swine. All swine must be entered into 4-H online and verified by May 15th.

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. All state fair swine exhibitors should have gotten an email about paylean usage at the 2020 Iowa State Fair. If you did not please let Megan know.

## 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.

## Rabbit Practices:

Agility/hopping practices will be starting before we know it! Remember in order to show in any agility or hopping classes you and your rabbit must come to at least 3 practices. Our dates this year are:

May 3, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 28

July 5

The practices are 3pm-4pm at the fairgrounds. Tattooing will again be available at the May practices (3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st). Practices aren't just for the hopping and agility! We also practice showmanship, go over rabbit care, demonstrate how to show a rabbit, and answer any questions you have.

If you are looking to find a new rabbit now is a great time. Spring shows as well as a few 4-H workshops are starting up and their will be rabbits available to buy. If you need help finding shows, feel free to reach out to us. Friendly reminder all rabbits shown at the fair need to be in your possession by May 15th.

## Dog Practices:

Iowa is enforcing that all dog owners must carry a signed certificate of vaccinations with their dog. Vet record MUST include Rabies, Distemper, and Parvo. I have received detailed information on this so if they have questions, they can call, text or email me.

**NEW RULE:** All 4-Hers and dogs showing at the County Fair must attend a minimum of 3 obedience classes. Anyone unable to make the scheduled classes can contact me for other options.

Dog classes will begin Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:30pm. We will meet at the picnic shelter at the Central Iowa Fairgrounds. Classes will be every Tuesday at 6:30pm until county fair. 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.

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Dog Superintendent



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