What beautiful weather we have been seeing!! It makes me wish I was able to work outside all day long!! What have you been doing to get outside and enjoy the weather?
As the weather begins to get nice it can be easy to forget about 4-H and our clubs. Remember to still be attending your club meetings/events, and responding to your leaders as they send out communication if you are unable to attend!
Now that it is nicer, it should be easier to get out and work on projects or do activities that need sunlight and warm days!
I hope you all are gearing up for a nice summer full of fun and laughter! Be on the lookout for camps and workshops that will be hosted during the summer!

Best wishes, Megan and Chelsea

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COUNTYWIDE ZOOM MEETING

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 15: ICASH Safety Grant Due | Midnight
April 20: Countywide 4-H meeting | 6:30pm | ZOOM
April 22: YQCA Training | 6:00pm | Fairgrounds Activity Building
May 2: Sheep and Goat weigh-in | 1-3pm | Fairgrounds Livestock Barn
May 13: Countywide 4-H meeting | 6:30pm | ZOOM
May 15: Animal ID Deadline | 11:59pm | 4-H Online
May 15: YQCA Deadline | 11:59pm | learngrow.io

COUNTYWIDE ZOOM MEETING

Megan will be holding monthly 4-H meetings for any 4-H member in the county. They will be held on April 20th and May 13th at 6:30pm. They will be held on zoom, you must email Megan to RSVP if you plan to attend so she can send you the zoom link.

e-mail: mcarl@iastate.edu or call 641-752-1551 to register

2021 FAIR QUEEN AND PRINCESS

We want YOU to run for Central Iowa Fair Queen. Applications are due by Monday, June 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for any girl over the age of 16 and under 21. The new fair queen will receive a $100 scholarship and the runner up will receive $25 cash. We have several events planned and know you will have a great time.

We are looking for our next 2021 CIF Little Miss Princess. If you are currently living in the Marshall County and are currently (2020/2021) in grades Kindergarten through Third grades you are invited to participate in this year’s Little Miss CIF Princess activity. This activity is in conjunction with the Central Iowa Fair, which is scheduled for the week of July 14 – 17, 2021. Applications must be completed and returned to Jodi Breniman no later than Monday, June 14, 2021.

Applications can be found here! Please contact Jodi Breniman, queen coordinator at 641-750-6096 if you have any questions!
4-H’ers for 4-H is an annual campaign put on by the Iowa 4-H State Council. We encourage all 4-H clubs to donate $3.00 per club member. An informational flier can be found here.

Jacy was a 2017 State 4-H Council member who passed away from Ewing's Sarcoma. He collected 1000's of pounds of pop tabs during his battle and we want to continue that tradition. Flier can be found here.

The Liscomb Lively Laborers 4-H Club will be having a vendor show fundraiser on April 10th from 9-4 at the Liscomb Community Center. There will be concessions available!

Join us as we pledge our hands to larger service this summer with Gardening to Give! - 8 month gardening initiative to feed our loved ones and support Iowa food pantries - Open to ALL ages and abilities - Receive monthly lessons and activities to help you engage in the gardening experience - Report your progress and harvest totals throughout the program Register today!

We are looking forward to learning and growing with you throughout this gardening experience!

2021 Central Iowa Fair Static Judging: July 13 July 14-17 Theme: Let the Good Times Grow

2021 4-H and FFA Sheep and Goat weigh-ins will be held on May 2nd from 1-3pm at the fairgrounds livestock barn! $5 for county fair and $10 for county and state fair! Call the Extension Office with questions!

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**Static and Communication Classes**

If you would like to look at the Static and Communication classes for county and state fair this year before the fairbook is released you can locate those on the Iowa 4-H webpage.

**ICASH Safety Grant**

ICASH stands for Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health. Annually they provide grant funding to community youth groups for farm safety-related projects. This would be a great opportunity to educate your community about farm safety and health! The application, evaluation form and example projects can be found [here](#).

**Swine ID**

Tags are now available for pick up for county and state fair swine! Please call or email Megan to schedule a pick up time. They must be ID and entered in 4-H online by May 15th to be eligible!

**2021 ISF Static and Communication Classes**

Animal ID deadline is coming up in just over a month!! ALL 4-H animals (except rabbit and poultry) must be put into 4-H online by May 15th to be eligible to show at county and state fair! Check out this helpsheet on how to enter them correctly! If you plan to exhibit under FFA please be in contact with your advisor to get a paper ID form to fill out and return! If you ID them for state fair DOES NOT ID them for county fair.

**Poultry Project**

For the 2021 Central Iowa Fair Pullorum Typhoid Testing will be required for all poultry that will be exhibiting. Now is the time to be purchasing your birds for the fair!

**Dog Project**

Practices for the 2021 fair will begin on May 11th at 6:30pm, at the picnic shelter. They will be every Tuesday until the fair. If you have questions please contact Erin Calkins, Dog superintendent.
YQCA TRAINING

YQCA training will be held on April 22nd at 6pm, in the Activity Building. If you are 4-12th grade showing any animal (except bucket/bottle calves, dog and horse) you are required to take YQCA **annually**. You can either take it online or attend in person. If you want take it online this year, I was able to get a limited number of coupon codes to pay for the online training, email Megan for a coupon code. You can find the YQCA family flier on our website. It will walk you through registering and completing your course. If you attend in person you will receive a coupon code to cover the cost of your course. Email Megan to get a code and registration helpsheet.

FFA members who plan to attend in person must pre-register and pay before attending. The cost for attending is $3.00. Your advisors have registration information. This course must be complete by May 15th to show at County fair. NO EXCEPTIONS

4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

**NEW THIS YEAR!!**

Only **ONE** day! Wednesday June 30th!

To register click [here](#)! Registration limited to 130 youth! Do not delay!

Cost is only $50.00 this year! Financial assistance available

Includes transportation to the event!!

If you've completed 8th grade and an Iowa 4-H member, you're eligible to attend. You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from around the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, networking, and serving others. You will get to learn innovative things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the Round Up track taking place at the same time as the Youth Conference!

Please join us this summer for one of the most incredible days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

Contact Megan if you have any questions!

We would love to see youth from Marshall County Attend!

RABBIT PROJECT

Practices for the spring will be as follows, all from 3-4pm at the fairgrounds:

May 2, 16, 23, June 6, 13, 27, July 11

Now is also a good time to start shopping if you plan to add rabbits or are just starting out. If you need help finding or picking rabbits, Sally, Amber, Chelsia, and Sarah are always willing to help!