Happy May 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 events and meeting are postponed until May 31st
- Animal ID deadline is pushed back until June 1st
- Swine, sheep, and goat weigh ins are cancelled
- We will be pushing back the YQCA Deadline until June 1st
- Fair Entry timeline changed to June 2nd – June 15th
- For the 2020 Central Iowa Fair the three meeting rule has been waived
- Check out this video on our YouTube channel that walks you through resources on our website, how to ID an animal on 4-H Online and our Facebook page!
- This a great time to start 4-H exhibits and complete leadership or civic engagement projects
- Rabbit and Dog project schedules have been modified to following social distancing guidelines

We are currently closed to the public with one staff person there daily. If you need anything we ask that you call or email us if you plan to stop by the office, so we are aware you are coming by. During shutdown our office hours are 9am-4pm. We have installed a drop box at our office, if you need to drop off anything outside of office hours. If you are dropping off anything monetary we ask that no cash is placed in the drop box. All we ask is that you put the flag up when you drop something off so that we know there is something there. Our office is constantly working to provide resources to help you all through this time. I know that this will make us a stronger 4-H unit and will allow us to be inventive and innovative as we change the way we are able to learn or meet.

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

-Megan Carlson
4-H County Youth Coordinator
All Meetings and Events Cancelled:
Following social distancing guidelines and the safety of our volunteers and family members. All 4-H meetings, events, and special activities are cancelled/postponed until May 31st. You should have received notification from your club leaders as well as from 4-H Online. When you check your email please look for emails from Megan (mcarl@iastate.edu), and 4-H Online. Please check your spam email if you do not get them.

Livestock Weigh-ins Cancelled:
Swine, Sheep, and Goat weigh-ins have been cancelled. Members who plan to show sheep, goat, and swine at county and state fair need to stop in the office to pick up tags and instruction packets to tag and ID your animals. Since we will not be seeing the animals at weigh-ins you will be REQUIRED to upload pictures of you animals into 4-H online when you ID them. We do have taggers available if you do not have one on your farm.
- **Special note:** RETINAL IMAGING FOR 2020 IOWA STATE FAIR IS WAIVED. Youth Showing Sheep and goat at Iowa State Fair need to arrange tag pick up from the office.

**Directions for picking up tags:** We ask that you call or email Megan ahead of time before you stop at the office to pick up your tags.

**Derby Swine:** There will be a Marshall County Produce Class for Derby Swine. They will show for Champion gilt, barrow, and overall champion.

Livestock ID Deadline Extended:
The deadline to ID animals in 4-H Online has been pushed back until June 1st. This includes all clover kid open livestock, all 4-H and FFA livestock. Helpsheets to help you ID animals are located here:

YQCA Deadline Extended:
We are extending the deadline to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) until June 1st.

*CANCELLED due to COVID-19: Date of Face to Face Class:* May 21st at 6pm will be the face to face class. Contact Megan to get a coupon to register for the face to face class.

**Online Training Option:** Online is the only option for YQCA for this year. There are only 15 coupons left after they are gone you will have to pay for the course on your own.

**FFA members:** Your advisor should be contacting you if you plan to show to complete your training if you have not completed it yet.

**List of 4-H members who have completed YQCA for 2020 Central Iowa Fair and Iowa State Fair:**
**Fair Entry:**
Due to extending the deadline for Livestock ID back until June 1st fair entry will not open until June 2nd. It will be open from June 2nd to 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.

**Meeting Requirement Waived:**
Due to circumstances that are out of our control this year, the three meeting rule to show at the 2020 Central Iowa fair has been waived. We are encouraging members who have not completed their three meetings to complete a leadership or civic engagement project and share it with their clubs and the county extension office as well! Visit our website to see updated goal sheets, and 4-H project hotsheets to get ideas of what you could do in EACH project area that 4-H has to offer.

**Record Book Workshop:**
Have you always wanted to start a record book but don’t know where to start?? Join Megan for a three week digital series to learn what you need to complete your record book! Series videos will be once a week for 30 minutes at 6:00pm on May 20, May 27, June 3rd. Join us on Zoom to learn all about Record Books https://iastate.zoom.us/j/3289996999

**Fairbook Information:**
The 2020 Central Iowa Fairbook 4-H sections have been uploaded onto the Marshall County Extension and Outreach Website. For 2020 we will not be printing hard copies of the fairbook. We will printing a limited number for 4-H leaders, superintendents, and FFA advisors. As changes occur we will keeping a document on our website with changes.

**Rabbit Practice:**
We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy right now! We are keeping an eye on the social distancing guidelines as well as the governor’s declarations. Please keep up to date on any changes on the Marshall County Rabbit Exhibitor Facebook group. We will make changes as they are needed. Practices will be held from 3-4pm at the fairgrounds. As of now the current planned practices are:
June 7 and June 14
July 5

**Dog Practice:**
The Dog Project has a new Facebook Group. Please join it to keep up to date on all things that are happening in the dog project. There are videos being uploaded to help you with dog obedience at home since face to face practices are not allowed right now. As always, I am here to answer any questions you may have about your dogs. Feel free to post something on the facebook page or message me directly.
Stay safe and healthy!

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Beef Bits:
Hello Beef Members – We hope this finds all of you and your families healthy and doing well. I know I sure miss you all and hope to see you real soon.

During this time at home hopefully you have all been working hard with your beef projects. I know most of you are itching to get out and show and boy I can’t wait! As of right now the fair is still a go. Now it can change so please be watching for updates in the coming days but for now we are still planning on a fair. With that being said please remember the following important dates:

Make sure you have completed the YQCA training. If you haven’t you need to do this asap and you will have to complete this online. If you do not have internet at home, please call the extension office and set up a time to use a laptop at the office. For more information on this training please contact Megan at the office.

Breeding Heifer/Cow Calf ID’s are due June 1st. The extension office will NOT enter your calves for you. You must do this yourself via the internet.

Bottle Bucket Calves – Your forms for ID can be found on the extension web site. Please print this form off, fill it out, and return the office with a picture attached by June 1st. Don’t forget.

Fair entries will be open from June 2nd to June 15th. That is only 2 weeks! So please be sure you get this done. This is for ALL beef entries including the bottle bucket calves. So EVERYONE must enter their projects.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information please feel free to give me a call.

A reminder that the fairbook is online only!!! They are not printing fairbooks this year. So please check out classes, cost and all fair information on either the extension office web site or the Central Iowa Fair website (which will list all fair information including open class, entertainment, entries, etc.)

Please be watching for updates. Keep your fingers and toes crossed that we can have a fair! We all need to be together to celebrate and have fun!! See you soon. Jodi

Central Iowa Fair Queen and Princess:

We want YOU to run for Central Iowa Fair Queen. Applications are due by Monday, June 15, 2020 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 fun events planned and know you will have a great time. The application and all the requirements are on line at centraliowafairgrounds.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jodi Breniman, Fair Queen Coordinator at 641-750-6096. Don’t delay, get your application in today!!!

We are looking for our next 2020 CIF Little Miss Princess. If you are currently living in the Marshall County area and are currently (2019/2020) 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 8 – 11, 2020. Applications must be completed and returned to Jodi Breniman no later than Monday, June 22, 2020. For the application please go online to the Central Iowa Fair web site or give Jodi a call at 641-750-6096.