4-H and FFA Families:

This is your “pre-fair letter”! Please read this newsletter and the 2020 Fair Book thoroughly as there are many changes for this year. You can find the 2020 Fair Book on our website.

After Fair Entry closes, we will be mailing a fair packet to each family. This packet includes a list of individual exhibitor entries and other important fair information.

Review the list of entries and contact the Extension Office with any corrections no later than Wednesday, July 8th at noon. Only submitted entries are allowed to be corrected. No new entries will be accepted!

Please encourage your friends and family to watch the 2020 Fair online as much as possible! We will have livestreaming links on our Facebook page and local media sites.

Good luck to all the Montgomery County Fair Exhibitors! We look forward to a wonderful fair week!

Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

July 11: Montgomery County 4-H and FFA Horse Show
July 13: Communications and Clothing @ Wilson Performing Arts Center
July 14-19: Montgomery County Fair

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Montgomery County Fair 2020 Overview

*Please read through all rules for any project area that you are enrolled in! There have been MANY changes made this year!

Static Exhibitors

Your scheduled drop-off times will be sent out in your pre-fair packet which will be sent in the mail after Fair Entry closes. **Wear your 4-H t-shirt on drop-off day!** We will be taking a photo of each exhibitor as they drop off their static projects. Please contact Eva at the Extension Office if you have any questions.

- All static exhibits will be dropped off at the 4-H white exhibit building at the fairgrounds.
- Table setting and static projects will be judged at the same time this year. Table Setting may still be entered as a static project as well.
- There is no Region 17 Table Setting Contest this year.
- The exhibitor will not be present during the time of judging. It is very important to make your write ups as specific as possible. For tips and helpful hints on write ups please visit our website: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/montgomery/content/montgomery-county-fair](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/montgomery/content/montgomery-county-fair)
- Please use the photography label 4HP 5220: [http://iastate.box.com/v/webdoc4HP5220](http://iastate.box.com/v/webdoc4HP5220).
- There will be no tasting of prepared or preserved foods this year. We are highly recommending doing an educational display of the product. You may still bring the food if you would like but please know it will only be judged on appearance and/or texture, it will not be tasted.
- There will be no Junk-in-a-Bucket this year. You may still enter a welding project of another type.
- Working Exhibits will be judged during communication judging (see below).

**July 8th**— Table Setting drop-off (There will be no Region 17 Contest)

**July 9th**— Static drop-off for Stanton Strivers, Independent Members and FFA

**July 10th**— Static drop-off for Sennett Panthers, Grant Spitfires and East Sunrisers

**July 14th**— Static and Table Setting Judging

Awardrobe and Communications Exhibitors

You will receive your scheduled time in your pre-fair packet which will be sent in the mail after Fair Entry closes. Please contact Eva at the Extension Office if you have questions about the event.

- **There will be no fashion show.**
- If your Awardrobe project will also be entered as a static project please plan to leave your clothing project after the event for staff to take to static judging.
- For Working Exhibits, please bring one bag of supplies for the judge to look through or participate during your judging time. Exhibitors will only present to the judge for working exhibits.

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Livestock/Animal Exhibitors

The general public is discouraged from attending Montgomery County livestock shows in person. We ask that you watch shows online so social distancing guidelines can be maintained on the fairgrounds. For 4-H and FFA exhibitors, please limit attendance on the fairgrounds to 1-2 adults per exhibitor as needed. Each exhibitor and livestock species is different, so it will be up to each exhibitor’s family on how many adults should attend to watch or help with the project. There will be very limited seating available for shows, and we ask that exhibitor areas remain clear except for essential persons.

- For all events, please check the Fair Book for weigh-in times, show times, rules and classes.

- Each exhibitor must complete an “Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit)” for all livestock. These must be completed and given to the veterinarian checking in livestock. The veterinarians will have the final call for all animals being entered. If the Drug Affidavit is not collected at check-in, animals will not be eligible to exhibit during the 2020 Montgomery County Fair.

- Every species except swine will be sold at market value after their show. Please see the fairbook for details about each species.

- ONLINE Livestock Auction– This will be a premium only auction. Sale order will be alphabetical by exhibitor. Each exhibitor will be displayed during the auction one time. There will be no base purchase bid on the animals as all except swine will be sold to market prior to the auction.

- There will be no pullorum testing for poultry due to a shortage of serum nationwide.

July 11th– Horse Show
July 14th– Dog Show
July 15th– Rabbit Show followed by the Poultry Show
July 16th– Sheep Show followed by the Goat Show
July 17th– Swine Show
July 18th– Beef Show followed by Open Class Bucket/Bottle Calf Show
July 19th– Livestreamed Auction (No exhibitor nor animal will be present)

Iowa State Fair a.k.a. 4-H and FFA Exhibition Show

4-H and FFA Livestock shows have been scheduled from August 6th-22nd. 4-H FairEntry for the 4-H and FFA Exhibition Show opened June 22nd and closes July 10th.

For further details visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock

Please stay tuned for details on Static, Communications and Clothing events at the state level.
Welcome Skie and Savanna!

We will have two summer assistants helping at the fair this year! Skie Campbell has joined us for her second summer and has been hard at work since we returned to the office. Savanna Moffett will be joining us in July to be a fair assistant specializing in media relations. We are happy to have them both helping this summer!

Exhibitor and Clover Kids T-Shirts

Montgomery County 4-H Exhibitor t-shirts and Clover Kids t-shirts are available at the Extension Office for purchase. Exhibitor shirts are $10 and Clover Kids shirts are $9. All first year 4-H Exhibitors will receive a free t-shirt, and will be contacted for a pick up date before the fair. If you need a new shirt and missed the order deadline please contact the office as we have limited sizes available!

Clover Kids at the Fair

The Clover Kids program in Montgomery County is a fun 4-H program for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The program offers a variety of hands-on experiences uniquely suited for this age group.

This year will look a little different for the Clover Kids. Unfortunately the Animal Share Program has been cancelled for 2020. We are working on details to have their static judging done virtually. Please email me at eiwoods@iastate.edu if your child is planning on participating and we will schedule a time for them to be judged via video conferencing.

*Children must have been enrolled in the 4hOnline system by May 15th to participate. If they are not registered in 4hOnline, they will not be eligible to participate.

Clover Kids participation is non-competitive. No premiums will be distributed and adult supervision is required. Participation ribbons will be given.

Project Areas

Creative Arts, Ag & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, Personal Development, Science, Engineering & Technology.

3rd Grade Graduation

There will not be an opening ceremony this year. We are working on details for holding a Clover Kids Graduation for the Clover Kids in 3rd grade, going into 4th grade. Please keep your eyes open for further information.