

# Osceola County Green Grapevine

February 2024

## 4-H CLUBS

Baker Roadrunners

Clover Kids

East Holman Wildcats

Gilman Jr. Farmers

Ocheyedan Indians

Sibley-Ocheyedan

Shooting Club

Westerners

## **Happy February!**

Whew! We officially made it through the cold January weather! County fair is just 5 short months away!

In this month's newsletter you will find important information about :

- ♥ Bottle Bucket Calf Project
- ♥ Mystery Poultry Pickup
- ♥ Foundation Broiler Project Signup
- ♥ Share a Sheep Signup

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Happy Valentine's  
Day!



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# REMINDERS:



## Fair Dates:

- ♥ This year's Osceola County Fair will be held **July 15-20, 2024**
- ♥ Static judging will take place on July 15



## 4-H Online Re-Enrollment:

- ♥ Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2023-24 year!
- ♥ Members must be enrolled by **April 15, 2024** to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- ♥ [4honline](#)



## Beef Reminders:

- ♥ Jump to : [Market & Breeding Beef Reminders](#)

\*Tattoo information is for Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair\*



## Iowa 4-H Scholarships:

- ♥ There are many scholarship opportunities available for high school seniors and recent 4-H alumni.
- ♥ Instructions for the Iowa 4-H Scholarships can be found on the [Iowa 4-H Foundation website.](#)
- ♥ Applications are due no later than **11:59pm on Friday, March 1, 2024.**



# NEWS:



## Mandatory County Swine Tagging: *NEW in 2024*

- ♥ Osceola County will be holding a mandatory swine tagging day to help alleviate any inconsistencies.
- ♥ Swine Tagging will take place **Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 9am– 11am**
- ♥ Trailers must be in line by 11am—NO LATER!



## 4-H Bottle Bucket Calf Project

- ♥ 4-Hers in 4th-8th grade are eligible
- ♥ Exhibitors can only exhibit in this class for a maximum of 3 years
- ♥ Calf must be born between March 1st and May 15th of the current year. Calf must be in the exhibitors possession within two weeks after being born. Calf can be a bull, heifer, or steer. The calf must be bottle or bucket fed, no nursing permitted. All bottle bucket calves must be halter broke. Grooming for show is optional.
- ♥ 4-Her may identify up to 2 calves, but only 1 can be exhibited at the fair.



## Mystery Poultry Pickup

- ♥ All exhibitors signed up for the Mystery Poultry Project will need to reach out to Katie Vreeman to set up a pick up time on February 13th if you have not done so already. Any questions please contact Katie or Larry.
- ♥ Katie Vreeman: 712-548-6808 email: wallst@premieronline.net
- ♥ Larry De Boer: 712-461-2534 email: larryd010chassis@gmail.com
- ♥ Chicks will be picked up from Vreeman Farm on February 13th.
- ♥ Pickup Address:

5571 170th Street, Sibley, IA 51249



# NEWS:



## Foundation Broiler Project:

Participants will receive:

- ♥ 16 chicks (8 cockerels, 8 pullets)
- ♥ Educational guidance on chicken care
- ♥ Project book for record keeping
- ♥ Assistance from poultry committee

Participants are responsible for:

- ♥ Adequate feed/housing
- ♥ Completion of project book
- ♥ Monthly feed worksheets submitted to the extension office
- ♥ Exhibition of 4 birds in the Osceola County Fair Broiler Class

After fair:

- ♥ Birds will be taken home to butcher when necessary (exhibitor responsibility)

**Sign Up Deadline: March 16, 2024**

**[2024 Foundation Broiler Sign Up](#)**



## Share a Sheep Sign Up:

Exhibitors will receive:

- ♥ 2 lambs at no cost, 1 ewe lamb and 1 wether lamb both at a weight around 50 pounds
- ♥ Education and guidance on care and show preparation
- ♥ Project book for record keeping which is to be turned into the extension office after fair.
- ♥ Sign Up Deadline: April 6, 2024

**[2024 Share-A-Sheep SignUp](#)**



# NEWS:



## YQCA:

- ♥ Coupons are available to complete YQCA at no cost to the exhibitor. To obtain a coupon code please email Trey to receive one.
- ♥ YQCA certification needs to be completed by June 1, 2024 and a copy will need to be turned into the extension office or emailed to Trey by June 30, 2024.



## Livestock Vet Papers:

- ♥ Exhibitors will need to obtain vet papers from any veterinary office of their choosing prior to the fair. Vet checks will not be provided on fairgrounds.
- ♥ Every livestock project being exhibited at the Osceola County Fair will need to have vet papers at check in to be allowed on fairgrounds.



## Osceola 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application:



Attention graduating seniors of Osceola County



- ♥ Apply for the Osceola 4-H Foundation Scholarship by 11:59pm on March 31, 2024
- ♥ Apply here: [2024 Osceola 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application](#)



# Upcoming Events:



## Clover Kids:

- Upcoming Dates-

1st & 2nd Grade Dates: **February 8**

Time: 3:30—4:30 Location: S-O Lunch Room

3rd Grade Dates: **February 15**

Time: 3:30—4:30 Location: S-O Lunch Room



## Steam Fest:

- When— **Saturday, February 10, 2024** at 9am-3pm
- Where— Dordt University

## Steam Fest Jr.:

- When— **Saturday, March 9, 2024** at 9am-11:30am
- Where— LeMars Convention Center
- Who— Open to all youth grades 1-3
- Registration opens **February 1st**



\*See attached flyer for more information\*



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# STEAM FEST

## JUNIOR

STEAM Fest, Junior is open to 1st through 3rd graders. Youth are invited to a morning of learning and having fun with hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and Literacy activities hosted by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Northwest Iowa Youth Development Team.

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Le Mars Convention Center**

251 12th Street SE | Le Mars, Iowa

**\$5 per Youth**

Fee for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4H Youth Development County Extension Program.

**Register and Pay Online at:**

<https://go.iastate.edu/TEGKWR>

or stop into your local ISU Extension and Outreach office for assistance registering.

STEAM Fest, Junior is limited to the first 60 registrants.

Registration will open February 1 and close March 1 or when maximum registrants has been met.



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### Questions?

Cherokee County — Debbie Erpelding, 712-225-6196, [deberp@iastate.edu](mailto:deberp@iastate.edu)

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# STEAM FEST

## JUNIOR

STEAM Fest, Junior es para las edades entre 1er grado y 3er grado. Están invitados a pasar la mañana aprendiendo y disfrutando mientras participan en actividades STEAM (Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas) y literatura organizados por el personal de desarrollo juvenil de la Oficina de Extensión y Difusión de la Universidad Estatal de Iowa.

**Sábado, 9 de marzo, 2024**

**De 9:00 a.m. a 11:30 a.m.**

**Le Mars Convention Center**

251 12th Street SE | Le Mars, Iowa

**\$5 cada Joven**

Los costos de este servicio serán utilizados para cubrir los gastos y para apoyar el Programa Provincial de Extensión de Desarrollo Juvenil de 4H.

**Pueden inscribirse y pagar en línea al:**

<https://go.iastate.edu/TFGKWR>

o visite su oficina local de Extensión y Difusión de ISU para su inscripción.

La capacidad máxima de STEAM Fest, Junior es de 60 jóvenes.

La registración se abrirá el 1 de febrero y se cerrará el 1 de marzo o cuando el máximo de registrantes se haya completado.

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del mundo  
en 80 días*



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# Breeding Beef Reminder

- Breeding Beef

- Maximum of 10 head can be identified.
  - All heifers MUST have birth date listed.
  - 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
  - All animals MUST have two forms of identification. Tattoos are required as the primary form of identification.*
    1. *Tattoo (Both registered and commercial)*
    2. *Calfhood vaccination number, approved 4-H ear tag, or registration number.*
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.

# Market Beef Reminder

- Market Beef

- Maximum of 10 head can be identified.
- Approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag and weighed at a county weigh-in.**
- 4-H Online ID required by February 1.
- Purebred animals must enter a breed in 4-H Online by February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Registration number may be added by May 15.
- ALL State Fair Market Beef must have an approved 4-H tag, weighed and retinal images collected at a county weigh-in by February 1.
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.