

Osceola County 4-H News

February 2022



4-H CLUBS

Baker Roadrunners

Clover Kids

Cooking Around the World

East Holman Wildcats

Gilman Jr. Farmers

Ocheyedan Indians

Sibley-Ocheyedan Shooting Club

Westerners

Greetings!

154 days until the Osceola County Fair! Be on the lookout for fun opportunities and deadlines along the way!

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New Info



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 and experts when needed

Participants will be responsible for:

- Adequate feed & housing for broilers
- Completion of project book
- Monthly feed worksheets submitted to extension office
- Exhibition of 4 birds at the Osceola County Fair in Foundation Broiler Class

After Fair:

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

Sign Up Deadline: March 16, 2022

[2022 Osceola County Foundation Broiler Project \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)



Sheep/Share A Sheep Updates

UPDATES:

- April 8-Deadline to sign up for Share A Sheep Project
- April 30-**Share A Sheep pick up** and **Sheep Weigh In**

Are you interested in showing sheep at the Osceola County Fair? If you join the share a sheep program, you'll receive 2 lambs (at no cost), 1 ewe lamb and 1 wether lamb. Both will weigh around 50 pounds. Each exhibitor will receive education guidance on sheep care and show preparation. You will be given a project book for record keeping which is to be turned into to the extension office after the fair.

If you are interested, fill out the survey below!

[Share A Sheep Program 2022 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)





Dairy Goat Share A Kid-IDGA

2022 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2022**.



4-H'ers for 4-H

What is 4-H'ers for 4-H???

In its 37th year, the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign is a youth driven campaign to raise funds for the 4-H Program. 4-H'ers are challenged to contribute \$3/member—funds support:

- 4-H Enrollment Fee Financial Aid
- Financial aid for camps, conferences and other programs

Support statewide leadership opportunities like State 4-H Conference and State Council

Again this year, counties who participate in the campaign will be eligible to apply for a mini-grant thanks to funding from Growmark. Top counties will be recognized at the 2022 Iowa State Fair!





Pop Tabs for Jacy

The State 4-H Council will be hosting **“Pop Tabs for Jacy”** again this year! This memorial pop tab collection will take place February 14-June 28, 2022. The State Council has a goal to collect 1,000 lbs. OR 10 pounds from each of the 100 Extension offices. **The top 5 counties to collect the MOST poundage of tabs by June 28th will be recognized with plaques at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference (June 28-30).**

What is Pop Tabs for Jacy?

Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council member with a big heart who was passionate about helping others through the Ronald McDonald House. He lost his courageous battle with cancer during his 2017-18 term on Council. Each year since then, the State Council has chosen to continue Jacy’s collection efforts in honor of his passion for serving others and giving back. All pop tabs will be donated to a Ronald McDonald House in Iowa. *See attached PDF of PowerPoint slides sharing Jacy’s story.*

Please drop your pop tabs off at the Osceola County Extension Office between February 14-June 28!



Reminders



Mystery Poultry Pick Up

When: February 15, 2022

What time: 12-2pm

Where: Sibley-Veterinary Clinic

Please plan to pick up your chicks by 2pm on Tuesday, February 15.



Iowa State Fair Livestock 2022

Do you plan on showing livestock at the Iowa State Fair in 2022? If so, please fill out this form!

[Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)





YQCA Training (Virtual)

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

In today's world, food safety is one of animal producers' biggest responsibilities. With over 15,000 Iowa 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock projects, about 17 million pounds of meat is produced each year.

The goal of this program is to help youth and their parents better understand what they can do to produce the safest food possible.

All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following:

- Beef
- Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

*****Training must be completed virtually by July 1, 2022 to be eligible to show at the Osceola County Fair.**

Here is the link to complete YQCA training: [YQCA \(Youth for the Quality Care of Animals\) | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu/yqca)

Click on the link. Then click on YQCA Youth Login. This will bring you to the login in page. Use your 4-H Online login information to complete the training.



Don't Forget!

- **Mystery Poultry Project Pick Up:** 12-2pm on February 15 @ Sibley Vet Clinic
- **Foundation Broiler Project Link:** [2022 Osceola County Foundation Broiler Project \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/2022-Osceola-County-Foundation-Broiler-Project)
- **Share A Sheep:** [Share A Sheep Program 2022 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/Share-A-Sheep-Program-2022)
- **IDGA Share A Kid Opportunity:** <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/>
- **Iowa State Fair Livestock Jotform:** <https://form.jotform.com/4Hregion1/iowastatefair4hlivestock>
- **4-H Foundation Scholarships** are open! [Scholarships - Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](https://iowa4hfoundation.org/Scholarships)
- **4-H dues** need to be paid to show at the Osceola County Fair!!!
- Make sure you **re-enroll** in 4-H! Just because you paid your dues, doesn't mean you are automatically re-enrolled. You need to visit [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) to enroll.
- **YQCA Training Link:** [YQCA \(Youth for the Quality Care of Animals\) | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu/yqca)

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 15: Dairy Goat Share A Kid Deadline
- March 16: Foundation Broiler Sign Up Deadline
- April 8: Share A Sheep Sign Up Deadline
- April 15: Must be enrolled in 4H Online to show at 2022 Osceola County Fair
- April 30: Sheep Weigh In/Share A Sheep Pick Up
- May 15: Animal ID in 4H Online
- June 20: Animal Fair Entries
- June 21-28: Late fee for animal entries-\$25
- July 1: YQCA Certification Deadline
- July 18-24: 2022 Osceola County Fair



February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 State 4H Rec. App Due Market Beef ID	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 K-1 Clover Kids	10	11	12
13	14	15 Mystery Chick Pick Up	16	17	18	19
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