

Osceola County 4-H News

March Updates 2022



4-H CLUBS

Baker Roadrunners

Clover Kids

Cooking Around the World

East Holman Wildcats

Gilman Jr. Farmers

Ocheyedan Indians

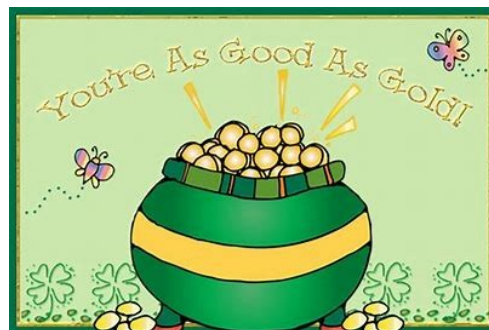
Sibley-Ocheyedan Shooting
Club

Westerners

Greetings!

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

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New Info



2022 Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition

WHO: Youth ages 10-18

WHAT: Event designed to bring youth with an interest in the dairy industry together. Youth participating will learn about the dairy industry, meeting new friends, and developing their leadership and communication skills. The night will be filled with quiz bowl competitions, dairy judging workshops, and games. The following day includes tours of Hansen's Dairy, educational workshops, a banquet/conference.

WHERE: Hotel is located in Grundy Center, IA and Hansen's Dairy is located in Hudson, IA.

WHEN: April 1st-April 2nd. Check In from 5:00pm-5:30pm.



4-H and Open Bottle Bucket

4-H Rules

- 4-Hers in 4th-8th grade are eligible to exhibit in this class but may only exhibit in this class for a maximum of three years.
- Calf must be born between March 1 and May 15 of the current year to be eligible.
- Calf must be in possession of exhibitor within two weeks after birth.
- Calf can be a bull, heifer, or steer calf of any breed (dairy or beef).
- The calf must be bottle or bucket fed. No nursing is permitted.
- A 4-Her may identify up to two calves by May 15, but only one may be exhibited at the fair.
- Calves are to be halter broke and will be shown at halter.
- Calves should be clean and healthy. Grooming is optional. No clipping.
- Exhibitors need to wear an official 4-H shirt, jeans and/or hard soled shoes or boots.
- Bottle/ Bucket Calves are encouraged to go home after their show.
- Classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendents.

Open Bottle Bucket Rules

- The exhibit is open to youth in Kindergarten through third grade from Osceola County.
- Any newborn or orphan calf born between April 1st and June 1st of the current year is eligible.
- Calf can be a bull, heifer, or steer calf of any breed (beef or dairy).
- Calf may be in possession two weeks after birth. May have name or tag or both.
- The calf must be a bottle/bucket calf, not a nursing calf.
- The exhibitor may identify up to two animals, but only one calf is exhibited at the fair.
- Grooming the calf is optional; however, clipping is not permitted.
- Calf will be halter broke and will be shown at halter.
- Calf may be kept at the fair all four days or may be taken home after the Bottle/ Bucket Calf Show.
- Please return entry forms to Mitchell's Farm Bureau Office by July 1st, bring completed questionnaire to your interview, and bring calf's Health certificate to the Fair Office before unloading calf.





IMPORTANT YQCA INFORMATION

YQCA is updating and switching to a new platform/website. This will take place on March 23, 2022.

- If you have completed YQCA for this year, download your current and valid YQCA certificate on or before March 22, 2022.
- If you are currently registered for a YQCA web-based training be sure to complete this training on or before March 22nd and download your current and valid YQCA certificate by the 22nd .
- If you are currently registered for a YQCA instructor-led training that will be completed on or before March 22nd, complete the training as planned and download your current and valid YQCA certificate by the 22nd .
- If you are current registered for a YQCA instructor-led training that is scheduled for March 23rd or after, cancel that registration so you can receive a refund to your credit/debit card and/or reactivate the coupon used for payment.
- As early as March 23, 2022, create a new account at yqcaprogram.org. A help sheet will be released on March 23rd detailing the steps to create accounts, purchase courses, download certificates, etc.



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

- There have been a few cases of HPAI here in Iowa. As 4-H members, you need to be mindful of the health and biosecurity of your birds and flocks. Many of us remember 2015 and the devastation avian flu caused that year.
- State 4-H will update their poultry page with links to several key resources.
[Poultry | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](http://Poultry | 4-H Youth Development (iastate.edu))
- Iowa Poultry Association Website: [Home \(iowapoultry.com\)](http://Home (iowapoultry.com))
- HPAI Toolkit: [HPAI Toolkit \(iowapoultry.com\)](http://HPAI Toolkit (iowapoultry.com))
- Podcast by ISU Veterinary Medicine's Dr. Yuko Sato "Avian Influenza & Biosecurity" [smallfarmsustainability's podcast: Avian Influenza & Biosecurity \(libsyn.com\)](http://smallfarmsustainability's podcast: Avian Influenza & Biosecurity (libsyn.com))

Key Talking Points

1. All bird owners should continue to practice good biosecurity, USDA APHIS | Defend the Flock Program , prevent contact between their birds and wild birds, and report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to state/federal officials.
2. Signs of HPAI include coughing/sneezing, diarrhea, depressed, birds, drop in feed/water consumption and egg production, and sudden death.
3. HPAI detections in birds do not present an immediate public health concern and poultry products are safe to eat.



Reminders



Nose to Tail 4-H Animal Academy

WHO: Youth grades 4-12

WHAT: focus on selection, showmanship, nutrition, and health of Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Rabbits. Each youth will have the opportunity to participate in two livestock workshops and learn about agriculture advocacy.

WHERE: Dordt University Ag Stewardship Center, 3648 US 75, Sioux Center

WHEN: Monday, April 4, 2022

- Supper served from 5:30PM-6:00PM
- Hands-on education from 6:00PM-8:45PM

[Nose to Tail 4-H Animal Academy \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)



4-H Animal Science Roundup

Get hands on experience and go more in depth in either Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Horse, Poultry, Sheep, or Swine!

- For 4-Hers in grades 8-12
- June 28-30, 2022
- Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- More Information:
- To apply: [Animal Science Round-Up Application 2022 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)



Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

WHAT: Every June, approximately 700 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities. You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Choir, and a Talent Show!

WHO: Grades 8-12

WHEN: June 28-30, 2022

WHERE: Iowa State University, Ames, IA

More information: [Iowa 4-H Youth Conference | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu)





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!



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://jotform.com)



Foundation Broiler Project Deadline

Sign Up deadline for the Foundation Broiler Project is **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022.**



Don't Forget!

- **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)
- **Nose to Tail 4-H Animal Academy:** [Nose to Tail 4-H Animal Academy \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/Nose-to-Tail-4-H-Animal-Academy)
- **IDGA Share A Kid Opportunity:** <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/>
- **4-H Animal Science Roundup:** [Animal Science Round-Up Application 2022 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/Animal-Science-Round-Up-Application-2022)
- **Iowa State Fair Livestock Jotform:** [Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/Iowa-State-Fair-4-H-Livestock)
- **4-H Foundation Scholarships** are open! [Scholarships - Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](https://iowa4hfoundation.org/Scholarships-Iowa-4-H-Foundation)
- **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/Sign-In) to enroll.
- **YQCA Training Link:** [YQCA \(Youth for the Quality Care of Animals\) | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu/4-H-Youth-Development/YQCA-Youth-for-the-Quality-Care-of-Animals)

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



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Clover kids K-1	10	11	12
13	14	15 Dairy Goat Share A Kid Deadline	16 Foundation Broiler Deadline	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Clover Kids 2-3	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

