

Dairy Goat Webinar Series Continues into 2026

Webinars announced for the upcoming year to assist with dairy goat management

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team will continue its dairy goat webinar series in 2026 for the state's dairy goat producers and allied industry members. Topics will include timely updates on various aspects of financial management, herd health, animal care and nutrition. All webinars will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m. Central time.

"Dairy goat production is an important industry in Iowa," said Jenn Bentley, dairy field specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "We are very pleased to continue this educational opportunity with a lineup of quality speakers and presenters to provide producers and industry providers with practical take-home information."

2026 Webinar Sessions

Jan. 21 – Dairy Goat Records: Gail Carpenter, extension dairy specialist, ISU, and Greg Palas, manager of user support services, Dairy Records Management Systems

Feb. 18 – Improving Goat Dairy Milk Quality: Lessons from Parlor Audits in Vermont: Whitney Hull, dairy specialist, University of Vermont Extension, and Kelsie Braam, dairy and grazing specialist, UVM Extension

Mar. 18 – Dairy Goat Profit Analysis: Larry Tranel, dairy field specialist, ISU Extension and Outreach

Topics for April through December will be announced at a later date. There is no fee to attend the webinar sessions; however, registration is required. Registration is only required once to attend any or all webinars.

Those interested in attending may register online in advance or contact Jennifer Bentley at 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu or dairygoatextension@iastate.edu. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join the meeting. Information will also be provided about future webinars as topics are announced.

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In Loving Memory

Eldon Henrichs, age 81 of Sibley, Iowa



Eldon Glenn Henrichs, age 81 of Sibley, Iowa, peacefully passed away January 2, 2026, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of Life was held January 6th at the Celebrate Community Church in Sibley, IA, with Pastor Josh Tangeman officiating. Jurrens Funeral Home of Sibley is in charge of services.

Eldie was born on October 4, 1944, to Reiner A. and Grace (DeBoer) Henrichs in Rock Rapids, Iowa. In his early years he and his dad had a custom feed grinding business to serve local farmers. He worked hard for the Department of Transportation for 35 years until retirement, but retirement was not an option for Eldon. He kept busy. He had a strong work ethic, was a self-taught electrician, loved tinkering on and fixing cars and motors, and even drove race cars at local tracks. He also enjoyed woodworking by making use of scraps as he believed in

recycling and making something out of nothing.

His great passion was helping the Van Gelder boys (Joel and Jason) to bring in their harvest. He drove truck there for 18 years and always said he got two bonus sons and their families.

Eldon was a nature lover and avid bird watcher. He never met a stranger and loved to carry on a good conversation. God gave him a special talent of whistling. He will be missed.

Survived by and left to cherish his memories are his wife Donna and children: Lori (Ryan) Kruse of Fort Gibson, OK, Gina (Thomas) Wietzema of Sibley, IA, Keylon Henrichs of Sibley, IA, and Jason (Katie) Henrichs of Sioux City, IA, his ten grandchildren: Matthew (Antonia) Kruse of Fort Campbell, KY, Lacey (James) Davis of Fort Gibson, OK, Jessica (William) Patterson of Vicksburg, MS, Kate (Daniel) Feldman of Sheldon, IA, Jacob (Lizzie) Wietzema of Sibley, IA, Tommy Jack Wietzema of Sibley, IA, Kameron Henrichs of Sioux City, IA, Breyden Henrichs of Sibley, IA, Hadlee and Jaxon Henrichs of Sioux City, IA, his ten great grandchildren: his sister Harriet Lenderts of Sibley, IA, nieces, nephews, and numerous other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Harvey and Mabel Ver Steeg, brothers in law Gerald Lenderts and Darrell Ver Steeg, nephew Steve Lenderts, as well as numerous other family members.

In Loving Memory

Jonathan Klaassen, age 37 of Sioux Falls, S.D.



Jonathan Klaassen age 37 passed away on December 31, 2025 with his family by his side, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Funeral service was held January 9, 2026 at First Reformed Church in Sioux Falls and burial followed at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Little Rock, Ia. Miller Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Jon was born August 18, 1988,

in Sioux Falls to Donald and Katherine Klaassen. He spent his elementary years attending Calvin Christian School and enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, baseball and making lifelong friends. He moved with his family to Ellsworth, MN in the 5th grade and enjoyed basketball, football and running track. He graduated from high school in 2007.

After high school he moved to Sioux Falls and worked at Finish Line, and then worked as a Diesel Mechanic for North Central International in 2009 while attending Southeast Technical Institute, where he earned his degree in 2011. He was promoted to Service Manager in 2017. Jon devoted his time and energy to helping trucking customers get where they needed to go.

Grateful for having shared his life are his parents, Don and Kathy (Melichar) Klaassen, sister, Angela (Davied) Dingsor, niece, Norah and nephew Henry, brother Jared Klaassen and girlfriend Autumn Steichen.

He was preceded in death by grandpaents Raymond and Eloise Klaassen, George and Martha Melichar, and brother, Benjamin Klaassen.

In Loving Memory

Janice Schilling, age 84 of Johnstown, CO.



Janice Faye Schilling, age 84, of Johnstown, Colorado, passed away on January 1, 2026, in Johnstown, CO, surrounded by her family.

Janice was born on October 31, 1941, in Sibley, Iowa, to John and Esther Christians. She was raised near Little Rock, Iowa, and graduated from Little Rock High School in 1959.

Janice devoted much of her life to caring for her family as a loving wife and mother. She was a stay-at-home mother to her four children until her youngest daughter, Jerri, began school. She then worked as a teacher's aide and later as a senior teller at First Bank, where she was known for her kindness, integrity, and strong work ethic. Janice also helped her husband refurbish, collect, and resell tools at auctions and flea markets. In retirement, Janice volunteered with Senior Net, assisting seniors with computer use in assisted living facilities. Janice enjoyed helping other seniors and sharing stories along the way; she made many new acquaintances along this path.

Janice was a dedicated servant of God, living her life guided by faith, compassion, kindness, and love. She was recognized for her gentle nature, honesty, and devotion to her family and loved ones. Janice enjoyed playing bunko with friends, going on cruises with her husband, and most of all, spending quality time with her family. Don and Janice could frequently be found at a local Wendy's with their grandchildren, sharing a meal and cold Frosty treats.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, John and Esther Christians; her brother, John (Eileen) Christians; her husband, Donald Schilling; her sons, Dave and Mike Schilling; her daughter-in-law, Susan Schilling; and her grandson, Jared Akins.

Janice is survived by her children Dennis (Paula), Jerri (Jeff), and Cindy; her 9 grandchildren and her 9 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration was held on January 10, 2026 at Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Loveland, CO. A graveside service followed at Johnstown Cemetery, Johnstown, CO. Arrangements were under the care of Stoddard Funeral Home.

Janice will be remembered as a loving wife, devoted mother, treasured grandmother and great-grandmother, and a faithful servant of God. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the love she gave so freely, and the quiet example of faith she lived every day. While she will be deeply missed, her family finds comfort in knowing she is now whole, at peace, and joyfully reunited with those who went before her, forever held in God's eternal grace.

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Notice Of Probate of Will Of Appointment of Executors, and Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Dick H. Kruse, Deceased

To all persons interested in the Estate of Dick H. Kruse, Deceased, who died on or about December 5, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on December 26, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dick H. Kruse, deceased, bearing date of March 7, 2011 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Daniel Kruse and Dana Kruse have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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"We encourage local nonprofits that serve Lyon County to apply for funding," stated Jennifer Wipert, CFLC Advisory Board Chair, "We realize the services the nonprofit organizations provide impact the quality of life for our county resident."

The CFLC is governed by a local ten-member advisory board composed of representatives from communities in Lyon County. Technical assistance and staff support is provided by the Siouxland Community Foundation.

Questions about the grant program or online application process may be directed to Jennifer Glassmaker, Grants Administrator, Siouxland Community Foundation at (712) 293-3303.

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