

Iowa State University Extension—Harrison County

4-H Clover Chatter









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Go "Wild!" Come to 4-H Jr. Camp

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend **Southwest Iowa's 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp**, June 14-17, at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa.

Experience the adventure of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including:

-  nature hikes
-  creek stomping
-  wall climbing
-  Canoeing
-  camp songs
-  Swimming
-  outdoor camping basics
-  campfires

Create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits. Bring a friend with you or make new ones!

Camp will run from Sun.,

June 14 at 3 p.m. until our closing ceremony at 11 a.m. on Wed., June 17.

4-H camps are open to ALL YOUTH – membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement – so bring a friend to share the experience!

Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all Southwest Iowa youth who have completed grades 5 and 6. The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up.

Registration, Parental Permission and Request for providing Medication at a 4-H Event form (if your camper will be bringing any medications with them) are available from the county extension office or downloaded from <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2009jrCamp.html> in Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF for-

mat.

We will be using your Medical form filled out at the beginning of the 4-H Year provided to us by your county extension office. Please make sure you have it updated if needed.

Registration Deadline is May 29. Camp Registration is \$130 for the fun packed four days and three nights. Harrison County Extension will pay \$50 of the fee for Harrison County 4-H members, leaving a balance of \$80.

Please contact David Seilstad, phone: 712/644-2105 or email: Seilstad@iastate.edu if you have any questions on this camp or others offered at the Iowa 4-H Camping center: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summerncamp/index.php>

“O” What a Big Adventure

Hey 7th and 8th graders! Head to Omaha this summer as a part of “O” What a Big Adventure. Join other intermediate 4-H’ers from southwest Iowa on a two day trip to Omaha on June 10 and 11.

You will meet other 4-H members; tour the Qwest Center and Kountze Planetarium. Our evening events include a night hike at the Henry Doorly Zoo, additional activities and sleeping with the fish at the Scott Aquarium. Thursday morning will include a morning hike, time to explore the zoo and conclude with a

movie at the IMAX Theater.

Applications will be accepted beginning now and need to be received at the Montgomery County Extension office not later than Friday, May 15. Stop by the Harrison County Extension office today, complete your application to join dozens of other south west Iowa 4-Hers on “O” What a Big Adventure.

Application forms and additional information is located at our web site at www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/.

The trip is being planned by members of the SW Iowa Area 4-H

Council. 4-H members are responsible for their transportation to the West Pottawattamie County Extension office. Participants will board a bus in Council Bluffs for transportation in and around the Council Bluffs/Omaha area.

The cost for this adventure is \$64, however, Harrison County will pay \$30 of this fee (from the pie and muffin auction money), leaving you with a balance of \$34.

Note: Adult chaperones are needed for the trip. They must also pay the \$64 registration fee. Applications for chaperones are available at the Extension Office.

“Be sure to thank the people who volunteer for your club.”

Pie Auction Helps Pay 4-H Fees

As you know, there is a \$20 fee per 4-H member due each year to the State 4-H Office. This program development fee is used to help defray costs of the 4-H program throughout the state.

Some of the money raised at the annual apple pie and muffin auction at the Harrison County fair is used to pay \$10 of the fee for Harrison County 4-H’ers, so that each individual 4-H’er only pays

the remaining \$10 of the fee themselves.

By participating in this contest, you are helping Harrison County Extension with these fees!

THANK YOU!

Clover Chatter

Dear 4-H Families:

School is almost over for another year. It is time to think more about 4-H! There are many wonderful opportunities for all ages this summer. Read the newsletter and watch for deadlines.

Also, work on your exhibits, write-ups, and make sure you take pictures. Don't wait until the last week before fair to work with your animals; they need your attention now.

In 4-H Spirit,

Dee Colwell,

*County Youth Coordinator/
Office Assistant*

“School is almost over for another year. It's time to think more about 4-H!”

4-H'ers for 4-H . . .

“Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams”

Now is the time for clubs to think about contributing to 4-H. The State 4-H Council has asked that every 4-

H club contribute \$2.50 per member. This money will help to support 4-H youth activities statewide. Please turn

in your club checks (payable to the Iowa 4-H Foundation) by May 15th to the Extension office.

Here Comes the Fair!!!

Harrison County Fair Theme Chosen

The 2009 Harrison County Fair theme is "Voyage to Great-

ness."

Start thinking now about booth and trash

can decorating ideas.

2009

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County

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Talent Show/ Crowning of Fair Royalty

The Harrison County Fair Talent Show and the crowning of the Fair King

and Queen will be on **Tuesday** night July 21.

This will take place

in the Logan-Magnolia Community School Auditorium.

County Fair Parade on Sat., July 25

The Harrison County Fair Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The sponsors would like to have some 4-H clubs participate with floats in the parade.

Think about it! The parade theme is "Voyage to Greatness."

Little Hands on the Farm Program

Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm Program needs 20-25 volunteers for each four-hour shift. This is a new program.

Volunteers receive one admission ticket,

one parking pass, and a t-shirt.

Contact Emily Brewer at (515)262-3111 ext. 244 or email ebrew@iastatefair.org

You could plan a club outing including

parents to the Iowa State Fair and work half the day and explore the fair the other half.

Contact the office for further information.

Take the \$15 Challenge

Iowa 4-H'ers can take The \$15 Challenge as part of their project work, according to Sue Bogue, program specialist with Iowa State University (ISU) Extension 4-H Youth Development. Participants are challenged to find outfits for \$15 or less at garage sales, consignment stores or clothing resale stores such as Goodwill or Salvation Army. They can model the outfits during each county's 4-H Clothing Event.

"This means the Clothing Event will have three categories—Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue and The \$15 Challenge," Bogue said. A receipt will be required and handwritten receipts will be accepted for garage sales. Counties may send up to three participants -- one male, one female, one minority -- to attend the event at the Iowa State Fair. Participants may attend one time, as in Clothing Selection.

"Consumer education and the green movement to recycle are ongoing processes and the challenge will be a part of that," Bogue said. "Rather than buying something under \$15 just for the clothing event, 4-H'ers should consider look, fit and construction as well as whether the clothing is needed in their wardrobe."

All participants, male or female, who qualify for participation in this state clothing event should:

- Purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
- Have individuality planned or county experience(s) in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, and price and cost comparison.
- Outfits must be selected and purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop such as Goodwill. Hand-me-downs or clothes as gifts that were selected by the 4-H'er belong in Clothing Selection.
- Cost of outfit must be \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.
- Receipt(s) MUST be turned in with the Clothing Selection Event Report Form.
- 4-H'ers DO NOT have to be enrolled in clothing to participate in this event.

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'Stitch This!' Fashion Design Competition at the State Fair

Nine wedding dresses, 36 teenagers and two days at the Iowa State Fair. That's the pattern for *Stitch This!*, a 16-hour fashion design competition for Iowa high-school youth.

Inspired by the hit TV show "Project Runway," the competition will involve teams of youth working together to deconstruct wedding dresses and design them into new wearable garments. *Stitch This!* will culminate in a runway-style fashion show during the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

"The Iowa 4-H *Stitch This!* event will be a fun opportunity for youth across the state to express their creativity, design style and fashion sense," said Shelly Greving, marketing coordinator for the Iowa 4-H Foundation. "Besides, we had to do something with all those wedding dresses."

The nine dresses had been donated to the Iowa 4-H Foundation for an auction at the 2008 Iowa State Fair, but they didn't sell, Greving explained.

Stitch This! will take place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 21-22 at the 4-H Exhibit Building on the Iowa

State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. [Youth can apply in teams of four](#), and nine teams will be selected to compete, Greving said.

Here's how the competition works: Each team will be assigned a wedding dress. Over the course of two days, each team will

need to submit a written application online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/stitchthis.htm (or print off the PDF form and mail it in), as well as upload a video application to YouTube and e-mail the video link to iowa4h@iastate.edu. The video then will be

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take the dress apart and will use their creativity to design and construct a wearable garment from the pieces. Each team will be paired with an ISU Textiles and Clothing student who will provide direction and overall expertise on patternmaking and construction.

"We are looking forward to this exciting new youth event for the 2009 Iowa State Fair, sponsored by 4-H. *Stitch This!* will bring youth together in an innovative way," said Gary Slater, CEO/manager of the Iowa State Fair.

To apply, youth teams

posted on the 4-H YouTube channel, <http://www.youtube.com/iowa4h>.

Applications are due by June 1. Teams will be selected by July 1 and will be announced at the State 4-H Youth Conference. All Iowa high school youth who have completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 are eligible to apply. At least one youth on each team must be a 4-H member. For more information on *Stitch This!*, contact Shelly Greving at (515) 294-1607 or visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/stitchthis.htm.

Congratulations '09 Seniors

We wish each and every one of you the best of luck on your new adventure after high school. We do plan on seeing you at summer 4-H activities, though.

Congratulations to:

- *Brent Bruck*
- *Aimee Burbridge*
- *Elizabeth Byers*
- *Amy Christiansen*
- *Taylor Dailey*
- *Curtis Frazier*
- *Jeena Gochenour*
- *John Killpack*
- *Michele Manhart*
- *Clayton Michael*
- *Brianne Mikels*
- *Billi Oloff*
- *Michelle Thomas*

Quilt Block Contest Open to All

Draw a quilt block using geometric shapes to be judged at the Harrison County fair!

The top two blocks will be sent to the Iowa State Fair to be placed on the NEW Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center along with 100 other quilt blocks. They will be displayed in tiles on the exterior walls of the building.

The rules are:

1. Design a 16" x 16" quilt block on a white

sheet of paper.

2. Draw to a scale of 1/2" equals 1"
3. Must be geometric shapes.
4. No animals, words, symbols, or logos can be used.
5. Must use 2-5 colors (blue, red, orange, green, teal, yellow, purple, brown, black and white are the only colors allowed.)
6. Leave a white 1" border on all sides.

Enter your quilt block at the Harrison County Fair on Wed., July 22 at the 4-H Building between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All drawings will be the property of Harrison County Extension until the State Fair approves of our choice (In case two counties submit the same block).

The blocks sent to the Iowa State Fair become the property of the fair.

What are . . . "Elements of Design"?

Confused about what judges mean when they ask you about the design elements you used in your fair project?

A design is a visual plan you can use to create your 4-H project. Everything you see has design. When you describe something you see, you can use

words that tell about the lines, shapes, colors, textures, and spaces.

Line, Shape, Color, Texture, and Space are the basic elements of design.

For an easy to understand definition of each of these terms, along with an explanation of how they apply to your projects,

see pages 8 and 9, or check out the awesome color brochure at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H313.pdf>. You can also pick up a copy of this from the Extension Office.

A workshop will be held Tues., June 23. More information will follow.

Questions & Answers on Applying Design Elements in Your Projects

Q. Why do I need to include design elements and art principles in my home improvement and clothing projects?

A. Recognizing design elements helps you to be more successful with your 4-H projects. When you learn to identify and use these elements, you not only know a piece works well, but you also know why it works well. It is like when you make a cake. It takes ingredients, right? Design elements and art principles are the ingredients for your creation.

Q. But when will I ever use this information again?

A. You will use it all the time when you someday decorate and landscape your own home. You will also use it whenever selecting clothing. The elements of design are important to everyone who works in textiles and clothing, home interiors, woodworking, photography, landscapes, architecture, foods, graphic design, and the visual arts, so if you choose a career in one of those areas, you will use design elements and principles constantly.

Q. How many design elements or art principles do I need to include in my write-up?

A. For most home improvement exhibits, you need to include an explanation of how at least two design elements or art principles were used. In most clothing exhibits, you need to explain how they were applied in your exhibit. In a visual art exhibit, you must identify the design element(s) and/or principles used and explain how they were used.

Q. So, what design elements am I looking for?

A. Design elements include lines, shapes, color, space, and texture. Think of these elements as tools to accomplish a certain "look". They are used to draw attention to a specific area or to move your eye's focus from one point to another.

Q. What are art principles and what am I looking for?

A. Art principles are simply a combination of design elements that work well together. You will use design elements to create principles like rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity.

Q. How can I tell which ones to write about?

A. Don't make this too hard. Look at your exhibit. What do you see? Pick out a couple of points that really jump out at you. It will probably be color, shape, texture, line or space. Now talk about how you used them to create rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and/or unity.

Q. Could I have an example, please?

A. Sure. Your visual art exhibit is a piece you created with marble painting. You would explain how you chose the **colors** and how you swirled the colors or moved the paper to create the **lines** in the paint. You sense **movement (rhythm)** as a result of the lines and they draw your eyes around the piece. The **intensity** of color might depend on the type of paint you chose as enamel paints are more intense than other types. (Notice that in that short paragraph, four elements and principles were mentioned.)

Elements of Design

A design is a visual plan you can use to create your 4-H project. Everything you see has design. When you describe something you see, you use words that tell about the lines, shapes, colors, textures and spaces. Line, shape, color, texture and space are the basic elements of design.

The elements of design are important to 4-H member who work in clothing, home improvement, wood working, photography and visual art. If you understand the design elements, you will be more successful with your 4-H projects.

Line:

Lines can be horizontal, vertical, dotted, zigzag, curved, straight, bold or fine. Lines can show direction, led the eye, outline an object, divide a space or communicate a feeling.

Proportion:

Connecting lines makes shapes. Circle, square, triangle and freeform are words used to identify shapes. Look at objects around you and describe their basic shape - do you see triangles or free form shapes? After doing this several times, you will begin to understand what shape is. Lines create two dimensional or flat shapes. When shapes are three dimensional, we call them forms. Circles are shapes, ball are a form. Squares are shapes, but cubes are three dimensional and called forms. A sculpture is three- dimensional.

Color:

Color is described with the words hue, value, and intensity. Hue refers to the name of the color - red or blue for example. Value tells the lightness or darkness of a hue (color). Intensity refers brightness or dullness of a hue. You can use a color wheel and learn how colors work together - ask for 4-H 633 *Color*.

Texture:

Texture is the surface quality of an item. It is how something feels when it is touched or looks like it would feel if touched. Sandpaper is rough. Velvet is smooth. A drawing of a tree stump could show the rough outer bark and smooth inner surface. Texture adds variety and interest to 4-H projects.

Space:

Space refers to the area that a shape or form occupies. It also refers to the background against which we see the shape or form. Space can be defined as positive and negative. The positive space of a design is the filled space in the design - often it is the shapes that make up the design. Negative space is the background. The negative space is as important as the positive area.

“Everything you see has design.”

Principles of Design

The principles of design will provide some guidelines about why some combinations of the design elements work and others do not work as well.

Rhythm:

It allows your eye to move from one part of the design to another part. It can be created by:

- repeating color, line, texture, shape or space when designing
- varying the size of objects, shapes in lines in a sequence (small to large)
- using a progression of colors (light blue to dark blue)
- Shifting from one hue to a neighboring hue (yellow to yellow-orange to orange to red-orange to red).

Proportion:

Proportion refers to the relationship between one part of a design and another part or to the whole design. It is a comparison of sizes, shapes or amounts.

Emphasis:

Every design needs a point of interest. Emphasis is the quality that draws your attention to a certain part of the design. Here are several ways to create emphasis:

- use a contrasting color
- use a different or unusual line.
- Make a shape very large or small
- Use a different shape
- use plain background space

Balance:

Balance gives a feeling of stability or equilibrium to a design. There are 3 types of balance. Symmetrical - an item that is symmetrically balanced is the same on both sides. If you were to cut the design in half, one side would be identical to the other.

Radial - Designs that have a radial balance have a center point. A tire, a pizza and a daisy flower are all examples of design with radial balance.

Asymmetrical balance creates a feeling of equal weight on both sides, even though the sides do not look the same.

Unity:

When things look right together, you have created unity or harmony. Lines and shapes that repeat each other show unity (curved lines and curved shapes). Colors that have a common hue are harmonious. Textures that have a similar feel add unity.

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Livestock notes . . .

Important dates for your calendar

**Remember--
-an ID
sheet does
not
enter your
project in
the fair.
There is a
separate
form for
that due
June 15.**

Beef: Market beef had to be ID'd and weighed at the county-wide weigh-in on Dec. 20.

Cows for the cow-calf project and feeder calf project must be ID'd by May 15.

Feeder calves and bucket/bottle calves must be ID'd by May 15.

Breeding Heifers:

Breeding heifers must be ear-tagged or if registered, tattooed and ID sheets returned by May 15.

Swine: If you are farrowing your own pigs, you should plan to pick pigs from a litter born in the first part of February. If you are purchasing feeder pigs, you should plan to purchase 40-50 lbs. pigs in April.

Pigs must be identified by May 15th using 4-H ear tags. To be eligible for the Iowa State Fair, pigs must have ear notches, weighed and have a DNA sample taken and ear-tagged at an official site (to be announced) by May 15. Hogs can be ID'd by June 15 for shows after September 1st (i.e. Ak-Sar-Ben). Ak-Sar-Ben hogs will also require ear notches and DNA. Be watching for more details.

All swine that go to the

fair are encouraged to go to market. However, swine can go back home as long as certain criteria is met (i.e. 30-day quarantine and Pseudo rabies retesting). If interested in taking your swine home, notify the Extension office at the fair.

Sheep: Sheep are also ear-tagged and ID sheets are to be filled in and returned to the Extension office by May 15. To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair, sheep must be ear-tagged, have a retinal image taken, and be weighed at a designated site by May 15. Ak-Sar-Ben will also have special DNA requirements. Be watching for more details.

Please call the Extension Office if you plan on showing sheep at the Iowa State Fair or Aksarben.

Horses, Dogs, Goats, and Dairy Cattle: All need to be ID'd by May 15th. Goats and dairy projects need to be ear tagged.

OTHER ANIMAL PROJECTS:

Rabbits: They must be ID'd by a tattoo number (preferred) or a permanent marker number in the left

ear. They also need an ID sheet filled out and returned by June 15th.

Cats, Poultry: These projects must be ID'd by June 15th.

ID sheets (except rabbits, cats and poultry) will be mailed to your club leaders. Remember that these forms are cost items. Some extras will be available from the Extension office. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to make sure they have the correct ID form. If in doubt, contact your leader or call the Extension office.

The sheets for rabbits, cats and poultry will be mailed directly to members from the Extension office later in the spring.

Identifying your livestock means you insert 4-H ear tags (available from the Extension office) and fill out the correct Livestock Identification Sheet for that project. DO NOT WAIT TO INSERT EAR TAGS!!! DO IT NOW!!!

****Remember--an ID sheet does not enter your project in the fair. There will be a separate form for that later in the year.****

Hog Show Changes for 2009

We are making some changes to the Harrison County Fair hog show.

First of all, we will not be conducting the Derby Barrow show (and Derby weigh-in) as in year's past. However, in order to keep this educational component as part of the hog show, we are going to still have a carcass show at the fair—only with a few changes. The 2009 Fairbook will have the correct class information listed as soon as it is published.

Secondly, we are going to add a new hog class designed around attracting people and “new” exhibitors to the hog show. We are going to host a **celebrity hog show** sometime after the open hog show has ended. We are asking 4-H'ers to loan a celebrity the use of one or more of your hogs (for just a few minutes) for the good of the cause. 4-H'ers will give a five minute lesson on hog showing to each one of the celebrities and then we will turn them loose.

The celebrity will be evaluated on showmanship with 4-H'ers judging the

competition. It should be great fun. If you would like to nominate someone to be a celebrity hog show person, please call the office at 44-2105.

In the spirit of educating our non-farm friends on the value of the pork industry to Iowa, we will also do a little public information campaign ourselves. The fairboard has purchased a pork industry banner that will be displayed in the hog barn for educational purposes.

In addition, the fairboard is going to have a live sow and litter on display for the public to view as they walk through the barn during the fair. It should increase the traffic in the hog barn and give us a chance to impress them on our animal husbandry skills. We are going to ask 4-H'ers and their families to take turns watching the sow and litter in peak times. More information to follow.

Hormel, the company that buys our fair hogs, is now requiring that everyone selling hogs must have a USDA Premise ID number. This number is designed to track health

problems back to the source in case an issue arises. The Premise ID can be easily obtained by completing and mailing a simple one-page form into the USDA. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or downloaded from www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/premiseIdentificationProgram.asp

If you plan on showing hogs at this year's fair, please obtain your Premise ID number by June 1 and call us to let us know your number once you receive it. We will record the number for all the hog exhibitors and pass it on to Hormel when needed.

Lastly, **Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) compliance on all livestock is needed as well.** To learn more about COOL and how it affects 4-H'ers go to www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc. At first glance, COOL might seem complicated, but it is only complicated if you make it out to be that way. We will have COOL Affidavits at the fair for 4-H'ers and parents to sign and give to Hormel.

4-H Swine Project Update

If you have the facilities, hogs make a great fair project. Compared to some livestock projects, hogs are relatively inexpensive to buy and raise, and you don't have to take care of them very long. In fact, you can still buy your show pigs right up until the May 15 Livestock ID date.

The other positive aspect of showing hogs at the Harrison County Fair is the fact that when the fair is over, your project is also over. Unlike some livestock projects, the hogs are all taken to market directly from the fair and you receive your check within a week or so. You do not have to

line-up transportation to get your hogs home and then figure out how to market them.

To make this even a little easier, we have several hog producers in the county who have volunteered to sell pigs to 4-H'ers. Call the Extension office for the names and telephone numbers for the producers with pigs for sale.

Additional Swine Notes:

- If you are interested in verifying swine for AKSARBEN please contact the Extension Office and let us know your intent to show. The cut-off date for verifying pigs for AKSARBEN is **June 15**

- Like last year, all 4-H'ers are encouraged to bring two "Individual Market Hogs" to show. In the past, exhibitors were limited to one individual. That rule has been changed to allow two individuals, and premiums are paid on your individual entries.
- Remember, the Harrison County Fair also has an Open Class hog show right after the 4-H hog show. So parents and siblings of 4-H'ers brush off your hog showing skills and have some fun showing hogs at the fair.

Animal ID Forms Info

ID forms for breeding beef, feeder calves, bucket/bottle calves, dairy, goats, horses, dogs, sheep and swine will be sent to your leaders. Rabbit, poultry and cat ID forms will be sent directly to 4-H'ers in May. A limited number of extras are available at the Extension office. If you aren't sure if you have the correct form or have

questions, call the office at 712/644-2105.

Remember - *you also are required to enter animal projects for the fair on the **fair livestock entry form (which is different from the ID form)** by June 15th*

Animal ID Deadlines

May 15th:
Breeding Heifers
Bucket/Bottle Calves
Cow/Calf Pairs

Dairy Cattle
Dogs
Feeder Calves
Goats
Horses
Sheep
Swine

June 15th:

Cats
Poultry
Rabbits

****Remember--an ID sheet does not enter your animal in the fair. There will be a separate entry form for that due in June.****

FSQA Questions and Answers

Who Needs FSQA?

All youth exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, dairy, goats (dairy or meat), poultry, or rabbits at the Harrison County Fair and the Iowa State Fair

How do I Certify for FSQA?

4-H'ers ages 9-11 (on January 1) must attend a certification program every year to

be FSQA certified

4-H'ers ages 12-14 (on January 1) can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 15.

4-H'ers ages 15-18 (on January 1) can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 19.

4-H'ers age 19 on

January 1 will need to certify through the adult program.

What if I want to test out?

You may set up your own time to test at the Extension Office by calling Carole at 712/644-2105

If you missed the previous meetings you will need to contact the Extension Office.

State Fair Market Broilers

The 4-H Market Broiler project is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers interested in the poultry project.

Applications can be found in the 4-H Ag and Livestock Handbook at this web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHPoultryBroilerEntry.pdf>

Entries are due to the State 4-H Office by June 1.

IA State Fair Presents Vet Camp

There are six sessions:
August 13
August 15
August 18
August 19
August 20
August 23

Sessions run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cattle barn along with the various live-

stock barns on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

This is a two-hour program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-18 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet camp will be instructed by Iowa State University veterinary medicine stu-

dents along with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association.

Only 30 students will be allowed per session. Registration deadline is June 1. Contact the Extension Office for a registration form or get it online at www.iowastatefair.org.

Attention Animal Exhibitors

Any animal showing signs of infectious disease—this includes warts and club lamb fungus in-

fection—will not be allowed to show at Harrison County Fair.

If you have specific treatment questions about your animals, contact your vet.

4-H Horse Camp Registration Open

Horse Show Dates Scheduled

June 13

Shelby County 4-H
Horse Show

June 21

Audubon County
Bunkhouse Gang
4-H and FFA Horse
Show

June 20

Montgomery County
4-H Horse Show

June 27

Good Handy Helpers
4-H / FFA Horse
Show— Denison

June 28

Harrison Hoofbeats
4-H Horse Show—
Missouri Valley

The 2009 Wau-bonsie 4-H Horse Camp registration is open! In its twenty-second year and scheduled for June 5-7, we are making plans for the best camp yet. Our horse camp is open to any 4-H youth and their horse in the 4-State region near Southwest Iowa.

The camp utilizes the superb riding facilities of the Sidney, Iowa RCA Rodeo. Instructors use three separate round pens that allow specialized group work-

outs to meet the skill level of the rider and the horse.

The riding clinics will involve reining, horsemanship, and riding skill development to challenge each camper from the beginner to the advanced senior. Camp includes a T-shirt, expert advice and guidance with riding, awesome friendships, plenty of fun goofing off, a swimming pool party, a trail ride, and great food.

Clinicians and educational presenters include

past members of the University of Nebraska Equestrian Team and Northwest Missouri State Rodeo Team with special guest and professional trainer Mark Lyon.

The camp registration fee is \$40 for the entire weekend and is due by May 22. Complete details are available on the Fremont County Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu/fremont/info/horsecamp.htm or by calling 712-374-2351.

4-H Horse Practice Starts May 27

4-H horse project practice at the Missouri

Valley fairgrounds arena will start Wednesday,

May 27 at 6 p.m.

Horse Helmet Rule: Every Ride, Every Time

Don't forget that all 4-H related horse events across the state of Iowa require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap

and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving - every time, every ride.

This includes 4-H horse practice

sessions.

If you need help finding a source for helmets, contact the office.

FDA/USDA Residue Avoidance Rules Apply to 4-H'ers too

4-H'ers are among the people who produce food. Doing so in a safe way gives consumers confidence that the food they buy is wholesome and safe to eat.

It's more than Safe Food – it's the law. So exhibitors must follow label instructions on all animal drugs, including those given to livestock that are brought to the fair.

People expect food to be pure and free of harmful residues. A residue is a substance that remains in an animal's body tissues after the animal has been exposed to that substance. The substance can enter the animal's body as a feed or water additive, as an injection or external treatment, or simply by accident. Some substances leave an animal's body tissues a few hours after exposure, but other may remain several months, some may never entirely leave certain tissues.

To protect our food supply, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) establishes and enforces rules about acceptable

levels of particular residues.

For some substances, no amount of residue is acceptable. The FDA also establishes withdrawal times for products to ensure that unacceptable residues are not in a product when it is marketed. It is illegal to sell animals or animal products that contain residues exceeding FDA limits.

Producers must consider each product separately because each product, route of administration, or dosage may have a different withdrawal time to meet the FDA requirement. You will always find the withdrawal times printed prominently on the label.

FDA considers the presence of an illegal drug residue in an animal that is presented for slaughter

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This is the key to residue avoidance: use approved animal drugs according to their label instructions. By law, every animal drug must be approved by the FDA for all uses before it is available for producers to buy. Part of this scientific approval process involves determining how long it takes for illegal drug residues to leave the treated animal.

Producers must con-

to be *prima facie* (absolute, compelling) evidence that a drug was used in an illegal manner. **So exhibitors must follow label instructions on all animal drugs, including those given to livestock that are brought to the fair.**

For more information about the drug withdrawal times for specific species or laws pertaining to enforcement, contact your veterinarian.

New Info on Sheep, Goats

Due to the fact that the Iowa State Fair and Aksarben require different processes to verify your animals to show we are going to conduct our verification process differently this year.

We are going to conduct our verification processes for sheep and goats on an individual

basis. Due to the fact that the Retinal Image device is quite portable and that we have access to a portable scale we have decided to bring the process to you instead of you to the process.

So it is very important that you notify the Harrison County Extension

Office at 644-2105 before May 5 if you have plans on showing Sheep or Goats at the Iowa State Fair or Aksarben.

If you missed the previous meetings you will need to contact the Extension Office.

Meat Goats for the County Fair

We have had a request to add additional classes for meat goats at the Harrison County Fair. So new this year

you will find several new opportunities to show meat goats.

The new classes are listed in the 2009 Harri-

son County Fairbook. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Iowa State Fair Entry Reminder

State Fair entries are due to the Extension office by July 1. We will notify you when we receive the entry forms and class information.

The Iowa State Fair book will only be avail-

able on-line this year. There will be no hard copies.

Please remember that just because you had animals verified at a state fair verification site, this does not automatically enter them for

state fair. You must complete the state fair entry forms and pay the required fees by July 1st in order to be entered. You will also need a signed "Youth Code of Ethics" form to accompany the entry forms.

Plan to Volunteer at the State Fair

The Iowa State Fair is August 13-23. Preparation and entry days in the 4-H Exhibits Building are August 10, 11, and 12.

Youth and adult vol-

unteers are needed to help throughout the Iowa State Fair in many ways in the exhibit building as well as in the livestock departments.

Check at the Extension office for volunteer

opportunities.

Applications for paid staff (youth and adults) are due June 1. Applications for volunteer positions are due July 1.

Iowa 4-H and Youth Conference Info

Mark your calendars! June 30– July 2, 2009, will be Iowa's premiere 4-H & Youth Conference to be held at the ISU campus in Ames. The theme is "Voyage to Greatness."

Youth who have completed 8th grade through

12th grade will take part in three days of activities including special interest workshops, community service, dances and other fun activities.

The Animal Science ROUND-UP is held in conjunction with Conference

and provides hands-on experience with livestock and agriculture technology.

CSI: Crops investigates a real live "crime scene" of crop pests and problems.

Registration and fees are due May 23.

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Dog Project Classes May 12

4-H dog project training classes will begin at 7 p.m., May 12, at the home of Kellie Barry (3043 Easton Trail, Woodbine, Iowa). Classes should last 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Classes will continue on Tuesday's until fair week, when the class will be on Monday evening.

Most classes will be held at Kellie Barry's home and then later will switch to the fairgrounds

in Missouri Valley. A packet with more information and a complete schedule has been mailed to 4-H'ers enrolled in the dog project.

First Ever Doggy Fun Day June 6

Come and join us for the first ever Doggy Fun Day at Westfair, Sat., June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is open to any 4-H member and family in SW Iowa who want to have a fun day with their dogs.

What kind of events do we have planned? Lots of fun classes to compete in and win great prizes for you and your dog including: costume class, look-a-like, hot dog bobbing, smart pet tricks, musical sits, and much more!

We are also planning a doggy pampering sta-

tion, agility and rally try-its, and great demonstrations. Maybe come and try your creativity at making your own dog tug, dog treats, or doggy crafts.

Guest speakers and mini sessions will also be at the event: everything from a session presented by the Pott. County Human Society on dog safety to a session on shaping success, fly ball demos, and more.

A concession stand will be available on the grounds for hungry humans as well. There will also be a raffle to benefit the International Service

Learning 4-H Club.

Bring a donation for the Pott. County Human Society (food, toys, etc.) and receive a \$1.00 coupon to use at the event.

Admission to the event is free. The classes, agility try-its, pampering, and craft stations have a nominal fee (\$1 to \$5). The guest speakers, demonstrations, and mini-sessions are free to the public.

If you have any questions, contact Jenny Vincent at the West Pott. Extension Office at 712-366-7070 or e-mail her at jenvin@iastate.edu.

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4-H Shooting Sports Update

This spring we are launching a new approach to 4-H Shooting Sports for Harrison County 4-H. In the past we offered a once a month three-hour event where we worked with every discipline (rifle, shotgun and archery).

Our new approach is more specialized and shorter term. We now are going to specialize by having more events closer together that are dedicated to one discipline at a time. Our plans are to offer air-rifles/22g rifles in the spring, shotgun in the fall and archery in the winter (inside the 4-H building at the fairgrounds).

Scott Thompson, our state certified 4-H SESS instructor, will start our rifle program later in

April. There will be weekly hour and a half shooting events from April through late June conducted near Woodbine. Some of these events will be offered on weekends and others will be offered after school.

Those interested will be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Shooting competition later in June in the rifle or air rifle divisions (more details to follow). However, competing at the state level is completely voluntary.

The rifle program is open to 4-H members who are in 7th grade or higher. This spring's rifle program will be open to the first fifteen 4-H members that call the office at 644-2105 and ask to be signed up.

If we do not receive 15 interested 4-H'ers by

April 30th we will open the program up to kids who are not currently 4-H'ers; however, these youth will need to become 4-H members in order to participate.

The cost will be \$15 for the spring's activities. You do not need a rifle or ammunition, but you will need to bring your own eye and ear protection.

If you have any questions please call Clint at 644-2105. Once you sign up we will contact you with additional information. Parents are encouraged to attend the first shooting event, after the first event car-pooling is encouraged.

The purpose of 4-H Shooting Sports is to teach youth the proper safe handling of firearms, skill development and of course to have some fun.

Milk Made Magic

Milk Made Magic is coming June 4. Entries will be due May 27.

Photography Contest: “4-H in Action!”

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in the third annual statewide photo exhibition titled, “4-H’ers in Action!”

The theme this year will be holidays and seasons. The exhibition will again feature best photo from each participating county and will be dis-

played at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials.

A “4-H’ers in Action!” class will be added to the fair. The class will be open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12, regardless of their project enrollment areas.

Each participating county will select one en-

try that best represents “4-H in Action!” in their county to be included in the state fair exhibition.

For a flyer that includes more information about the competition, go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org or email Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu.

Photo Contest for Harrison County

The Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a photo contest this year.

All photos must be taken by amateur photographers who are residents of Harrison County or attend a school in Harrison County. All photos must

be taken in Harrison County.

Photos will be judged at the Harrison County on July 22. There will be classes for FFA, 4-H and an Open Class division.

There will be categories for Harrison County Conservation Practices,

Harrison County Close Up Conservation and Harrison County Landscapes.

For more information, contact the Extension Office or the NRCS office in Logan. Entries will be due by July 20th to the NRCS office in Logan.

Studies confirm that:

- Youth involved in 4-H are leaders in their communities and are more civically engaged, which strengthens communities.
- Youth involved in 4-H have stronger leadership, communication, and citizenship skills.



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Calendar of Events and Opportunities

May 1	Last day to turn in 4-H enrollments and re-enrollments
May 1	Last day to make 4-H project changes (additions/deletions) State Financial Aid Applications Due at Extension Office
May 12	4-H Dog Project Class Orientation Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Kellie Barry's, Woodbine
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swine, Sheep, Breeding Beef, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Horse, Dairy, Goat, and Dog project ID's due at the Extension Office • 4-H'ers for 4-H due at the Extension Office
May 20	State 4-H Conference/ Animal Science Roundup/ CSI Crops registration due
May 25	Holiday — Extension Office Closed
May 27	Milk Made Magic Entries are due at the Extension Office First horse practice at Missouri Valley Fairgrounds
June 4	Milk Made Magic Contest at the Extension Office
June 9	Fishing Day Camp
June 10-11	Intermediate Overnight—"O" What a Big Adventure!
June 14	Jr. Council 4:00 p.m. / County Council at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
June 14-17	SW Iowa Junior 4-H Camp "Camp Wild " at Madrid, IA
June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cat, poultry, and rabbit ID's due at Extension Office • Harrison County Fair Entries Due at Extension Office • Club of Excellence forms due • King/Queen Nominations Due
June 18	Intermediate Fun Day at Willow Lake
June 20	Shooting Sports State Competition
June 23	Design Elements and Art Principles Workshop at Extension Office
June 25	Farm Safety Day Camp
June 28	Harrison Hoofbeats Horse Show at Missouri Valley Fairgrounds

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June 30—July 2	State 4-H Conference/ Animal Science Roundup / CSI Crops
July 1	Iowa State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline Ak-sar-ben Market Broiler Entry Due
July 3	Holiday—Extension Office Closed
July 12	County Council meets at Fairgrounds
July 15	4-H Leaders must have their 2 required trainings complete
July 16	Fashion Revue/ Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge Contest
July 20	Harrison County Fair Set-up Day
July 21-26	Harrison County Fair
July 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4-H Horse Show at Harrison County Fair Grounds• Talent Show at Logan-Magnolia H.S with crowing of King and Queen following show
July 27	Harrison County Fair Clean-Up Day
August 13-23	Iowa State Fair— “State Fair Time”
September 7	Holiday—Extension Office Closed
September 24-27	Ak-sar-ben Livestock Expo