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## The Polk County 4-H Newsletter - May 2011



POLK COUNTY EXTENSION



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## MAY 15 DEADLINE APPROACHING!

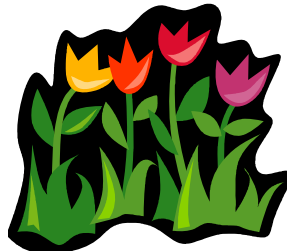
This is an exciting month for many students with school letting out soon and graduating seniors embarking on their future. As school is letting out that means summer is almost here, so it is time to make sure you have everything in line to exhibit at the Polk County Fair! It is a great way to display the 4-H work you have learned and accomplished this year.

Our big annual deadline, May 15, is fast approaching! Since May 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year we will accept anything that was due on the 15<sup>th</sup> if we physically receive it in our office by the end of the day on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We still have a lot of inactive members from last year, so we'll need to make sure that everyone who still wants to be involved gets those forms in ASAP! Also due May 15 are: Live-stock IDs, Queen and King Contest applications, and clubs to turn in 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign donations.

If you have any questions about this very important deadline, please contact me as soon as possible. I don't want you to miss the enrollment deadline and all the fun in store for summer!

Sincerely,

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# Recognition



Congratulations to all of our graduating 4-H members! It has been exciting to see all of you grow through the program and bittersweet that this is your last year. The Polk County Extension Staff is proud of your accomplishments! The 2011 graduates are: Alex Feldstein, Alexandria Cohee, Allyson Brugioni, Alyssa Pinkley, Aubrey Pasker, Brett Timmins, Brianna Ratashack, Caleb Foster, Catie Bach, Dana Anderson, Elizabeth Nebergall, Grant Warner, Haley Brown, Haley Smith, Hannah Shivers, Jacob Huxford, James Bultman, Jennifer Woolsoncroft, Jessica Gray, Julia Griffieon, Kamila Paulsen, Kinsey Lowe, Laura Christ, Laura Draheim, Lindsay Schaper, M'lyn Crawford, Madeline Fajen, Marie Morris, Mathias Skadow, Matthew Lewin, Megan Freel, Mikhala Stutzman, Mollie Kamm, Rebecca Strachan, Ryan Roepsch, Samuel Harris, Sarah Mayer, and Taylor Jacobs. Best of luck to you in your future!

## State Recognition

This year saw a huge upsurge in the number of kids from Polk County who applied for State Recognition opportunities. Nine Polk County 4-H'ers applied for recognition opportunities at and from that group I am proud to report that we had two 4-H'ers receive State Project Awards, Brett Timmins from Altoona Hustling Herdsmen for Swine, and Hannah Thayer from Johnston Forever-greens for Communication. Matthew Burkett from the Beaver Creek Club was selected to represent us on the State Tech Team, and Hannah Thayer was also selected as a member of the 2011-2012 State 4-H Council. We are extremely proud of all of our applicants, and extra proud of our winners!



### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- Sewing - Tips & Tricks, Saturday May 7th, 9-11 AM
- Bottle Bucket Calf, May 14th 10 - 12 PM
- Making A Mosaic, Creative Arts Workshop, Saturday May 14th 1-3p.m.
- Workshop Sampler, Saturday May 21 1-3p.m.
- Playing with Cricuts Part 2, June 4th 1-3 pm
- Leaf Castings, Monday June 6th 6-8:30 PM, Wednesday June 8th 6-8:30 PM, & Saturday June 11th 10-11 AM
- Wood Working, Saturday June 11 1-4 p.m.
- Basic Tie Dye, Saturday June 18 10:30-11:30 am
- How did you do that? Advanced Tie Dye, Saturday June 18 1-2 pm
- Poise & Grooming Tuesday, June 21 6:30-8:00 pm
- Playing with Cricuts Part 3, July 30th 1-3 pm

To RSVP for this workshop, please contact: Diana Sosalla 957-5772 [sosalla@iastate.edu](mailto:sosalla@iastate.edu)



## Rabbit Workshop

There will be rabbit workshops coming up at the Extension office. The first one will be May 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30 and will be on Carriers, Cages, and Nest Boxes. Pre-registration with Bill Wolfe is required so that all materials needed for construction of these items can be planned for. The second workshop will be on the Afternoon of Sunday June 12th from 2-4:30. Tattooing, grooming, and showmanship will be the topics for the second workshop. Please RSVP to Bill Wolfe at 556-5123 for details.

**MISSION STATEMENT**



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# 4-H New Family Workshops

Just a reminder that the next 4-H New Family Workshops is scheduled for **Thursday, May 12th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the Polk County Extension Office.

This workshop will be all about communications from presentations to posters.

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## 4-H Enrollments Due

Remember, all 4-H enrollments are physically due to the Extension Office by May 16<sup>th</sup> or postmarked by May 14<sup>th</sup>. All enrollments received without leader signatures are be subject to review and approval by those club leaders. If you are unsure about your enrollment status please feel free to contact Amy Marek at 957-5763 or [amarek@iastate.edu](mailto:amarek@iastate.edu).

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## Military Personnel Membership Fee Paid

The Operation: Military Kids grant at the State 4-H Office will pay any 4-H membership fees for youth whose parent is a member of the military. Please call Phil at 957-5771 if you think you qualify for this program. Deadline for 4-H enrollments is May 16. If enrollment and payment has already been made, reimbursement can be made to the family.

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## 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign 2011

We are on track with the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign and are only down about \$40 from where we were last year at this time. The 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign supports the State 4-H Council, State 4-H Conference, International Programs, Citizen Washington Focus, and numerous other activities. Clubs that give at least \$2.75 per member will receive a certificate at the November awards ceremony as well as contribute to Banner Club points. The top five counties overall will be recognized at the State 4-H Conference in June. The last day for 4-H Clubs to give to the Campaign is May 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact your club leader.

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## Summer 4-H Camp 2011

There are still openings in all of our day and overnight summer camps. The camp web-site has lots of details on camp descriptions, dates, and fees. Visit

[www.iowa4hcamp.com](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com) for more information about Everything Camps, Specialty Camps, X-Treme Camps, Leadership Camps, and Family Camps. You can even register for camp online! 4-H membership is **NOT** required to attend camp!

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# OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE



## Fair Updates



This year will see many changes to the fair rules, and to the entry process. I highly encourage all of our 4-H families to visit the new Polk County Fair-board website ([www.polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://www.polkcountyfairiowa.com)) and take some time familiarizing yourself with the fairbook there, and the entry forms. Neither the Book nor the forms will be provided in hard copies this year, so you will need to use the information and documents there to enter in the fair this year. Additionally, the state 4-H office has made some big changes to the 4-H exhibit classes in the building, so expect some changes to class numbers, and the location of where the judging is to take place on that first Wednesday of the fair. There is a link to a presentation of these changes available for you to view at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/members.htm> if you are interested in hearing what all of the leader's heard last week at the leader meeting, and as always feel free to give me a call (957-5771) or e-mail ([pheckman@iastate.edu](mailto:pheckman@iastate.edu)) if you have any questions.

## Communication Event Will Remain During the Fair

Communication Fun Day will be Thursday, July 21nd During the Polk County Fair from 1-5. Deadline to submit entry forms will be July 1st. Entry for the Communication event should be made on page 4 of the Polk County Fair Entry Packet, (Available at [www.polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://www.polkcountyfairiowa.com) .)

This is for everyone planning on giving an educational presentation, demonstrating a working exhibit, or a senior 4-H member doing extemporaneous speaking.

\*\* Consider adapting a presentation you have done for your club. This event is a great way to share your interests and knowledge with others. Judges can selected up to six educational presentations, 4 working exhibits and 2 extemporaneous speakers for State Fair, and one educational presentation and one working exhibit for Clay County Fair's District Competition.

Details about presentation lengths can be found in the fair book.



## Posters

Another communication event is creating a poster. They will be judged on Conference Judging Day (July 20) at the Polk County Fair, and the top two posters are eligible to go to the Iowa State Fair. This year's poster themes are:

- 4-H is... (open to 4-H'ers interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- Aiming for Adventure  
(the 2011 State 4-H Conference theme)
- 4-H, Nothing Compares (the 2011 Iowa State Fair theme is, "Nothing Compares")

For additional poster rules and regulations, refer to the Polk County Fair Book, Communication Department.

## Copyright Form

As fair approaches, youth bringing exhibits should be thinking about copyright/trademark issues. A sample letter is located at the fair website at: [www.polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://www.polkcountyfairiowa.com) for you to use to write to the copyright holder to get permission to use logos, trademarks, photographs, etc. The safest course of action is: do not copy anything unless you have permission!!



## 4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,  
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



## Queen and King Contest at the Polk County Fair



Applications for the Polk County Fair Queen and King Contests were made available at the Polk County Fair Website ([www.polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://www.polkcountyfairiowa.com)). Each club may have one male and one female representative. Applicants must be 16 years old by August 11th. **Applications are physically due May 16 or postmarked by May 14<sup>th</sup>**. No late entries will be accepted. Queen and King Contest Interviews will take place on Saturday, June 4 at the Extension Office. The crowning will take place the evening of July 20 at the fair. The Queen/King Superintendents are Tracey Casey, Kyle Smith, Tracey Vignovich, and Jolynn Fetters.

## 4-H Building & Night Watch for the Livestock Barns



As of the April 26<sup>th</sup> Leader meeting, most every slot for Barn Watch and Building hosts were spoken for, so I will be assigning the last few slots, expect that the final schedule for Barn Watch and Building host to be sent out to the leaders soon.

## Clothing Event

Judging for the Clothing Event is scheduled for the morning of July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office. The Clothing Event consists of three divisions, Fashion Review, Clothing Selection, and the \$15 Challenge. **Fashion Revue** is a competition for youth who are modeling clothing they have made themselves. **Clothing Selection** is a competition for youth who are modeling clothing they have purchased from a store. **The \$15 Challenge** is a competition for youth to choose an outfit from a garage sale, consignment store, etc. with a total cost of under \$15. Additional rules and regulations are in the fair book. Tips on filling out reporting forms and modeling are also available from the Polk County Fair Website ([www.polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://www.polkcountyfairiowa.com)) Entry forms will be in the Polk County Fair Entry Packet ([www.polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://www.polkcountyfairiowa.com)). Reporting Forms are separate documents that participants need to bring with them on the July 16<sup>th</sup> judging day.



## Stitch This! Now Accepting Applications

The second annual "Stitch This!" competition will be held Aug. 19-20 at the 2011 Iowa State Fair. 13 teams of high school students will be selected to unite old prom dresses and blue jeans in a 16-hour fashion design competition. All Iowa high school-age youth are eligible to compete in teams of four. One person on each team must be a 4-H'er. Youth can **apply online** with a written and video application. Applications are due **June 1**. Participants will be selected July 1. Volunteers to help with the event are also needed. Volunteers can register here: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/clothingvolunteerform.htm>.

Visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/stitchthis> for more information.

## 2011 Polk County Fair Dates

The 2011 Polk County Fair is scheduled for July 20-25 at the Iowa State Fair Grounds. Conference Judging Day will be held on Wednesday, July 20.



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## Weigh-In Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following weigh-in date.

**Sheep and Meat Goat** - Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Iowa State Fairgrounds – Sheep Barn

*Remember, the sheep department of the Polk County Fair Board **requires** that all female and intact male animals being weighed-in have scrapie tags at the time of the weigh-in.*

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## FSQA 2011

Many Polk County 4-H'ers completed FSQA training last month, but there are still a few that need to complete this requirement before they will be allowed to exhibit food animals at fairs this year. If an exhibitor was a 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grader this year, they **will be required** to attend a training session. The final make-up session in Polk County will be,

Wednesday, June 15th

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Polk County Extension

If you are in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or above you are eligible to test out. Exhibitors interested in certifying by exam, please make an appointment by calling 957-5771. Exams need to be completed by July 1.

If you have any questions please contact Phil at 957-5771.

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## National Scrapie Eradication Program for Sheep and Goats



The federal National Scrapie Eradication program to eliminate the disease scrapie from US sheep and goat flocks, began in November 2001. Because of the cost to the industry, the long time between exposure and symptoms, and the prevalence in the US, all sheep and goat producers, including 4-H'ers, must help to eradicate this disease.

To register your flock for the scrapie program and receive your free tags, call 1-866-USDA-TAG, or 1-866-873-2824. For more information about the nationwide program, go to the USDA's Scrapie information website at: [www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/)

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## Livestock ID's

All livestock ID's for breeding beef, horses, dairy, dairy goats, dogs, llamas, breeding sheep, and swine are due to the Polk Co. Extension Office no later than May 16, 2011. The ID's for market beef, market sheep and swine are brought to the office as soon as the weigh-ins are completed. Each 4-H member is responsible for turning in their ID's. Forms are available at the Extension Office or on-line. **\*\*\*NEW FOR THIS YEAR\*\*\*** all commercial ewes that are to be shown at the state fair will be required to be Identified with a 4-H Tag before May 16<sup>th</sup>. We can do this for you during the weigh-in on May 1<sup>st</sup>, or you can arrange to get a tag from the Extension Office before then.

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# Health Certificate Requirements for the Polk County Fair

## Cats & Dogs

A vet will be at check-in, but a current rabies certificate is required. A \$1.00 fee will be assessed per dog.

## Rabbits and Poultry

A vet will issue a barn certificate for the rabbits and poultry. A \$1.00 fee will be collected at check in for each exhibitor in each division.

## Beef, dairy goats, boer goats, llamas, horses, sheep, and swine

The fair board will accept 1 health certificate for the entire family with multiple species listed on the certificate. Each superintendent will need to see the health certificate at check in.

**Animals not having health certificates will be excused from the fair and must be taken home.**

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## Iowa State Fair

Iowa State Fair livestock and horticulture entries are due to the Extension office July 1. Any 4-H member that has completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade can enter. **There will not be paper copies of these entry forms from the state 4-H office this year.** The necessary forms will be found online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm>. Exhibitors will need to provide 2 copies of these forms to the County Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The ISF will be August 11-21, 2011.

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## Youth and Adult Iowa State Fair Applications



Youth and adult Iowa State Fair staff and volunteer applications are available on the web at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm). Applications for the 4-H exhibit building are due to the State 4-H Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and livestock volunteer applications are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## 2011 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Schedule

The new 2011 State Fair 4-H Livestock schedule is now online at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm>.

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## Iowa State Fair Market Broilers

Don't forget to order your Market Broilers! The Iowa State Fair Market Broiler entry form is available at the extension office or on-line at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHPoultryBroilerEntry.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHPoultryBroilerEntry.pdf). This form needs to be returned to the Polk County Extension Office

by May 16, 2011.

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# 2011 State 4-H Conference



“Aiming for Adventure” is the theme for the 2011 State 4-H Conference, held June 28 – June 30<sup>th</sup>. This annual conference is coordinated by the State 4-H Council – a group of high school youth from around the state. Nearly 1,000 youth in grades 8th – 12th are expected to attend. Registrations are due **May 25**. The first 15 registrations from Polk County 4-H’ers will receive a rebate of \$50, plus the conference t-shirt for free from the 4-H Program Advisory Board!

Registration materials for this year’s Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, June 28-30 have been put up on the website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateConference/>. Please note that the workshop options may be adjusted slightly as we continue to fine-tune and add options so make sure you go to the website to print off the latest copy.

State 4-H Conference is a great experience. 4-H’ers stay in dorms on the Iowa State Campus for two nights and participate in three days of fun, motivational speakers, community service, educational workshops, and entertainment. More information about this year’s Conference including registration information is available at the Extension Office.

*It is very important to our county for youth that sign up to be able to attend. In order to make this happen, we are in need of an adult male and adult female chaperone to attend conference with our delegates. Chaperone’s registrations are paid for in full by the 4-H Advisory Board. Please contact the Extension Office if interested in this opportunity.*

## Dates to Remember!

### May

- 3 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30
- 3 4-H Program Advisory board 7-8:30
- 4 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7 **Sheep Weigh-In**
- 12 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 16 **Livestock ID’s due**
- 16 **Last Day to Enroll in 4-H**
- 16 **Polk County Fair King and Queen Applications Due**
- 18 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

### June

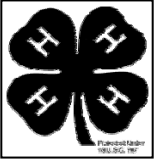
- 4 King/Queen Candidate Interviews
- 7 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30
- 8 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 15 FSQA 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- 15 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 28-30 State 4-H Conference

### July

- 1 **Polk County & Iowa State Fair Entry Packets Due to Extension Office**
- 5 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30
- 5 4-H Program Advisory board 7-8:30
- 6 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 16 Clothing Event (Tentative)
- 20-25 Polk County Fair

### August

- 11 New Families Celebration 6:30 pm
- 11-21 Iowa State Fair



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