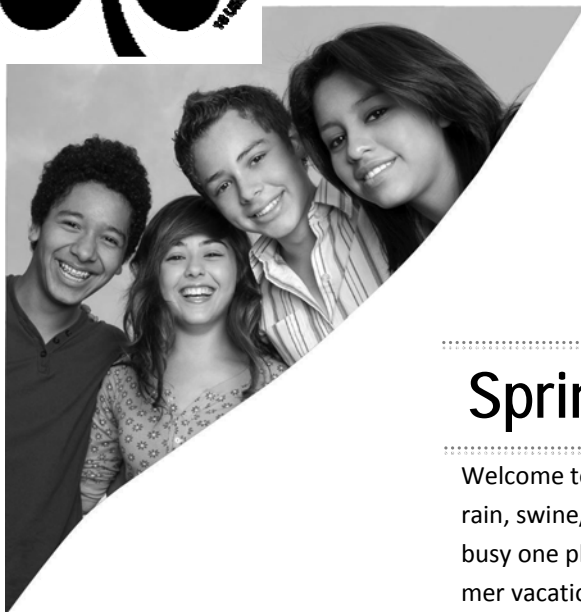




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Spring Has Sprung...we hope

Welcome to April and Spring, we all know what that means...outdoor sports, rain, prom, rain, swine/sheep/goat weigh-in, and of course more rain. If it sounds like it could be a busy one please keep in mind that there is only one more month of school before summer vacation begins! Fair will be just around the corner then!!

How are those fair projects coming along? We hope you are making plans for projects that you can exhibit at the fair. By taking the time to work on projects now you will find more time to enjoy your summer vacation and the county fair.

Yours in 4-H,

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National Volunteer Week is April 10-16

National Volunteer Week is fast approaching. Let's not forget to THANK our leaders, fair board members, 4-H & Youth Committee, fair superintendents and Extension Council for all that they do to support our local 4-H program. A HUGE Thanks from us for all you do!!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. -Elizabeth Andrew

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WHAT'S NEW

Mock Judging Event

The Decatur County 4-H & Youth Committee is planning a Mock Judging Event to be held April 30th at the fair-grounds. This event is intended to give kids the fair time experience so that they have a better idea of what is expected of them on judging day.

There will be a run through for Junior members that morning from 10 am - Noon. The Intermediate/Senior members time will be in the afternoon from 1 pm - 3 pm.

Show Camp

Union County Extension and Showmaster will be offering a show camp. This will be held on April 16th at Southwest Community College in Creston, IA with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.

This is a FREE educational opportunity for kids showing cattle and hogs. The experts will be covering daily care and management, clipping, fitting, feeding and showmanship. To make your reservation please go to <http://www.showmasterfeedinfo.com/SMBC11> or call Kim Lewis at (319) 665-8912.

Exhibit Class Changes

The State 4-H has adapted and changed exhibit classes for the 2011 Iowa State Fair to better match project areas. Explanation of these changes can be found listed at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair> under the Exhibitor Info heading. Individual exhibit classes have been simplified so that there is now one exhibit class for each project area.

The state asked that each county consider adopting the new rules for their county fairs. The Decatur County 4-H

& Youth Committee voted to adopt the new rules for use in Decatur County. These changes will be made in the fairbook prior to this years fair. By doing this classes will be more consistent between county and state level.

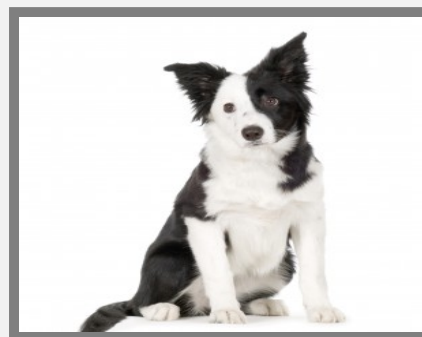
Border Collie Project

Lorren & Becky Helton of Davis City, IA are once again offering a Registered Border Collie for a 4-H or FFA Member to have the opportunity to win. If you receive the Border Collie the only requirement is that you must show it at the Decatur County Fair.

Rosa said that to date there hasn't been a 4-H Member win so we have the opportunity to make this year a first.

To be considered for this Border Collie you need to complete an application this is included in this newsletter.

Applications are due to Rosa Sondag by Wednesday, April 13.



MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



WHAT'S NEW

Weakland Youth Classic Rabbit Show

The Weakland Youth Classic formerly known as The Clarke County Classic Youth Rabbit Show will be held at the fairgrounds west of Osceola on Saturday, May 7th.

The Clarke County Classic was first organized by Elbert Weakland 24 years ago. He believed youth with rabbit projects deserved a place to heighten their goals and show their projects on a broader base. The primary goal is to allow youth to compete at a higher level and in a show patterned after official ARBA shows to become better prepared for upcoming County & State Fairs.

The Indian Hills Rabbit Club will once again be sponsoring this annual rabbit show. The entry fee will be \$2.50/ rabbit with day of show entries only, no pre-registration required. For more information contact Show Superintendents: Vance Vestweber, 641-443-2311; Frank Gale, 641-782-2998 or Terry Baumfalk, 641-414-2184.

4-H Youth Conference

Every June over 1,000 teenagers, 8th grade and up converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. This exciting event, held June 28th-30th, offers a wide variety of new experiences and opportunities to today's youth.

This year's theme is "Aiming for Adventure," with hopes that teens will discover opportunities in their local communities with the ideas they bring home from this year's conference. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend so

you can invite a friend!!



Crop Scouting Competition

Iowa 4-H is partnering with Integrated Pest Management to offer a crop scouting competition supported by the scouting field guides and scouting curriculum.

The competition will involve a written test and field scouting and presentations of the scouting findings. In addition teams will present a prepared presentation based upon a crop scouting field experience completed prior to the competition. And finally each team will prepare some visual exhibit that demonstrates community service based

upon their use of their new crop scouting and pest management knowledge.

Teams will consist of 3-4 youth with an adult advisor. The competition is aimed at 4-H clubs and FFA programs. Registration is open and is \$5.00/team prior to April 15 and \$10.00/team on the 15th or after. Contact Adam Sisson with questions or to register at (515)294-5899 or email ajsisson@iastate.edu.

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

FSQA Sessions

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) is required for exhibitors of all species of meat animal and dairy livestock, including rabbits and poultry to show at the Decatur County or Iowa State Fair in 2011.

Juniors members (Grades 4-6) **MUST** attend training each year. There are

only two sessions remaining at this time. Those are April 6 & 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Please call and register for one of these sessions.

For Intermediates (Grades 7-9) and Seniors (Grades 10-12), "test out" sessions were held in March. If you were unable to make either of those

sessions and still need to take the test you will need to call the office soon. We are looking at the possibility of scheduling another session in the near future.

REMEMBER, IF YOU AREN'T FSQA CERTIFIED YOU CAN'T SHOW!!

SIOSA Nature Club



A new 4-H nature club is starting in Decatur County. If you are in 4th - 12th grade this nature club can give you an opportunity to explore nature and learn new outdoor skills.

The club will meet for the spring and summer months with some fun activities planned. They plan to learn how

to make kites, hike to see wildflowers, investigate butterflies and more.

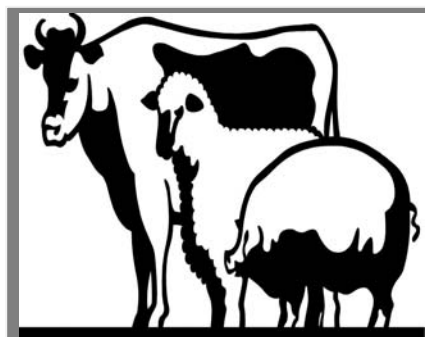
If you have an interest in the outdoors we hope you will join this club! For more information you can contact the Extension Office or email siosa@me.com.

Market Swine/Sheep/Goat Weigh-in

Swine, Sheep and Goat members are reminded that weigh-in will be held Saturday, April 23 from 9 am-Noon at the Decatur County Fairgrounds. **ALL Market** animals must be weighed in to be shown at the fair.

We will also retinal image any State

Fair candidate lambs and pull hair for DNA samples of AKSARBEN nominee lambs. Cost will be \$5/head for each. **Those with State Fair or AKSARBEN lambs please do not arrive until after 11:00 am.**



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STATE 4-H NEWS

Announcement:

2011 Iowa 4-H Center Summer
Camp brochures are now in.



Area 5th & 6th Grade Camp

Area 4-H Junior camp will be held June 12-15 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa. It is open to all Region 12, 17 & 18 youth who have completed grades 5 and 6 and membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement – so bring a friend to share the experience!

Take a ride on the "WILD" side - Experience the adventure and excitement 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, and campfires! Learn to create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits.

Please contact David Seilstad, 712/644-2105 or email: seilstad@iastate.edu if you have any questions on camps offered at the Iowa 4-H Camping center. Registration Deadline is May 27. The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up.

FREE AgDiscovery Program

AgDiscovery is an outreach program to help students (ages 14-17) learn about careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness and plant pathology. This 2-3 week program allows participants to live on a college campus and learn about agricultural science from Iowa State University professors, practicing veterinary and professionals working for the U.S. Government. Students chosen to participate in AgDiscovery will gain experience through hands on labs, workshops, field trips and other

group and team building activities.

Students are required to complete an application, prepare a two page essay and provide 3 references. All required information should be submitted to the address listed on the application. **Applications must be postmarked by April 15th.**

Hunting/Conservation Camp For Boys

This camp is for young men ages 12-15 to experience many activities available in Iowa's great outdoors. The camps will be located at Springbrook State Park. There are two camp dates: June 22-24 and July 27-29, 2011. Registration is on a first-come, first served basis and each camp is limited to 83 participants. Contact Jack at the Extension Office for more information, registration form and possible cost-share through the local Pheasants Forever Chapter.

Outdoor Journey For Girls

Three camps are available for girls ages 12-15 to try hands-on skills outdoor recreation, survival and several other related activities. Two camps will be offered at Springbrook State Park June 15-17 and again August 3-5, 2011 for western Iowa and one July 12-14 for eastern Iowa at Hickory Hills Park near Dysart. Contact Jack at the Extension Office for more information, registration form and possible cost-share through the local Pheasants Forever Chapter.

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.



Quick Reference

APRIL

April 1: 4-H Center Camp early registration discount deadline

April 6: Jr. FSQA Training
7-9 pm @ 4-H Building

April 11: Jr. FSQA Training
7-9 pm @ 4-H Building

April 13: Border Collie Applications Due to Rosa

April 16: Show Camp
@ SWCC, Creston

April 18: Fair Board Meeting
7 pm @ 4-H Building

April 23: Mkt Swine/Sheep/
Goat weigh-in
9 am—Noon @ Fairgrounds

April 23—30: State Fair Swine Identification and Weigh-in
@ various Regional Sites

April 25: 4-H & Youth Comm
6:45 pm @ 4-H Building

April 30: Mock Judging Event
10 am—Noon Junior Members
1:00—3:00 Int/Sr Members

April 31: State Camp Staff applications due

MAY

May 1: ALL enrollments and non-market livestock I.D. forms due to Extension Office

NOTICE RESCHEDULED DATE

May 2: Spring Leader Training
7 pm @ 4-H Building

May 6: 4th & 5th Grade Ag Day
@ Decatur Co. Fairgrounds

May 6 & 7: 4-H PBR Discount

May 7: Weakland Youth Classic Rabbit Show @ Osceola

May 14: FFA Swine Show
@ Decatur Co. Fairgrounds

May 16: 4-Hers for 4-H Club contributions due

May 16: Fair Board Meeting
7 pm @ 4-H Building

May 23: 4-H & Youth Comm
6:45 pm @ 4-H Building

May 25: 4H Youth Conf Registrations Due

May 27: Area 5th & 6th Camp Registrations Due

JUNE - JULY

June 1: State Fair Mkt Broiler Request Forms Due

June 5: FFA Calf Show
@ Decatur Co. Fairgrounds

June 12-15: Area 5th & 6th Grade 4-H Camp @ Madrid

June 15-17: Outdoor Journey Camp for Girls

June 20: Fair Board Meeting
7 pm @ 4-H Building

June 20-22: 4-H Photo Camp Iowa 4-H Center, Madrid

June 22-24: Hunting/Conserv. Camp for Boys

June 28-30: 4-H Youth Conf held @ ISU Campus, Ames

July 1: State Fair entries due

July 12-14: Outdoor Journey Camp for Girls

July 13-18: Decatur County Fair

July 17-30: AgDiscovery Prog held @ ISU Campus, Ames

July 27-29: Hunting/Conserv. Camp for Boys

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Application for Registered Border Collie

In order to receive this Registered Border Collie you must have permission from your parents. Please complete the bottom section.

Applicant #:

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

Please return to:

Rosa Sondag - Central Decatur School or Mormon Trail School – 641-446-4816 or 641-443-3425



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