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# Lyon Lingo

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**B** **eef Weigh-Ins** - Beef weigh-ins for showing at the *Lyon County Fair* will be held on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Jansma Cattle Company near Rock Rapids from 8-11 am. This is for any market, 2<sup>nd</sup> year bucket/feeder calf (not breeding), or pen of three cattle. Ear tags will cost \$2.00 per tag & must be paid for that day.

## **S** **wine Information coming**

4-Hers & FFA members: If you are enrolled in swine this year, keep an eye on your mail for new information, you will receive a letter towards the end of February with derby swine weigh-in dates & procedure, swine affidavit information, rules, etc.

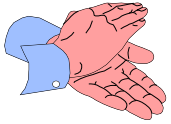
## **S** **ewing Workshop to be Offered**

There will be a sewing workshop on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> for any beginner sewers who don't have any experience sewing. We will make aprons & drawstring backpacks. This workshop is being offered to all kids in the county, but we have a limit of 15 that we will take. The workshop will go from 9:00-3:30 pm & lunch will be included. See the attached registration form.

## **F** **SQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) -**

**This program is required of all fair exhibitors of food production animals. This includes swine, beef, dairy, poultry, all rabbits, all goats, and sheep.** Guidelines established by the State 4-H office & the National Pork Producers are as follows. All youth ages 9-11 will need to attend a FSQA workshop annually in order to show food production animals at the Lyon County Fair. Youth ages 12-14 have the option of attending the workshop annually or taking a test that will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 have the option of attending the workshop annually or taking a test that will certify them until they turn 19. All ages will be as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year.

The FSQA workshop training & testing date is **Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 pm** at the Rock Rapids library basement in Rock Rapids. **If this date doesn't not work for testing, please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.\*** If your child must attend training and can not make to our training, **they must watch the 2 hr training video at the extension office or go to another counties training.**



## **A**rea Recognition – You

deserve to be recognized for your efforts and have some fun too! If you are in the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards or to represent Iowa on the state and national level. These include:

- National 4-H Conference
- National 4-H Congress
- State 4-H Council
- State Project Awards
- Iowa Youth Technology Team

Apply by March 1<sup>st</sup> by contacting the Extension Office or visiting the website [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm) Interviews will be in Storm Lake on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Buena Vista County Extension Office between 6-9 pm.

## **C**ounty Council Meeting

There will be a county council meeting Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Lyon County Extension office.

## **S**trengthening Families Program

There will be a 6 evening parent & youth educational program for 10-14 year olds offered by ISU Extension call Strengthening Families. Parents will discuss ways to show love & set limits, how to solve problems with youth, & understand how youth act at this age. Youth will learn how to handle & resist peer pressure, handle frustrations, appreciate parents/caregivers, & get along with others. The families will have fun in activities and games, discuss what makes their family strong, & solve problems together. The program is offered Feb 19, 26 March 5, 19, 26, & 31 from 7-9 pm at the US Bank Basement in Rock Rapids. A free meal will be provided at each session starting at 6:30 pm & a family gift incentive will be given if you have full attendance at all sessions. To register, call our office or email Jill Postma at [jpostma@iastate.edu](mailto:jpostma@iastate.edu)

## **FYI**

- ◆ Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Lyon County Beef Weigh Ins
- ◆ Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Area Recognition Apps due
- ◆ March 21<sup>st</sup>-Sewing Workshop
- ◆ March 30<sup>th</sup> -FSQA training/testing
- ◆ May 15<sup>th</sup>-All Livestock Identifications Due
- ◆ June 25<sup>th</sup>-All Lyon County Fair Entries are due to Extension office
- ◆ July 13-16 – Lyon County Fair
- ◆ Aug 13-23 - Iowa State Fair