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Clovers to...

- Everyone that turned in Livestock ID's!
- Everyone that made Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In a success!
- Tasha Neubauer for helping keep 4-H on task when Susan was out sick!
- Everyone who has at least one project ready for the Fair!
- Anyone currently working on completing a project for the Fair!
- Brent Rohlk and Don Friedrichsen for their extra work, input, and concerns with the H1N1 Fair recommendations.



4H

Calendar of Events

County Happenings

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| June 7 | Ida County Fairboard Mtg., Fairgrounds, 5pm |
| June 14 | Garfield All Stars host a Beef Showmanship Workshop at the Fair grounds, 5pm |
| June 22 | 4-H Committee 7pm |
| July 1 | Fair Entries Due for Ida Co. Fair, Iowa State Fair, and all out of county shows |
| July 3 | Office Closed |
| July 11 | Pre-Fair Clean up |
| July 12 | Ida Co. 4-H Foundation Mtg., at Extension Office, 7pm |
| July 14 | Horse Show workshop and Potluck at the Fair grounds 5:30pm |
| July 18 | Communications Day, St. Paul Lutheran Church |

July 28-Aug.2: 2008 Ida County Fair

Out of County Happenings

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| June 1 | AK-SAR-BEN Feeder Calves & Market Hog Hair DNA Due County Extension Office |
| June 30-July 2 | 2009 State 4-H & Youth Conference |
| July 1 | Livestock Entries Due to all out of County shows including Iowa State Fair |
| Aug. 13-23 | 2009 Iowa State Fair |
| Sept. 12-20 | 2009 Clay County Fair |

Mark Your Calendars

The dates have been set for the 2009 Ida County Fair. They are: July 29th - August 3rd!
Other important dates are:

- Fair entries due: July 1st
- Pre-Fair Clean-up: July 11th
- Communications Day: July 18th
- Livestock Auction: August 3rd
- Post-Fair Clean-up: August 4th



Pre/Post Fair Clean-Up

If you are unable to attend either fair clean-up days please contact the Extension Office as soon as you know, so we will be able to find jobs for you to do!

2009 Fairbooks

The NEW Fairbooks for the Ida County Fair are now available! The NEW 2009 Ida County Fairbooks have been given to the club leaders to distribute to their members. If you do not have a Fairbook please contact the Extension Office or your leader..

Lose Your Newsletter?

You can find forms and more on our website at:

- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ida/kidsteens.htm>



2009 Fair Schedule

SATURDAY, July 11TH

Pre-Fair Clean-Up Day at 8:30 AM until finished.

Exhibitor Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

By Schedule

Communications Day: Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, Educational Presentations, Extemporaneous Speaking, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH

8:00 A.M.

8A.M.-3P.M.

6-8:00P.M.

8:00 P.M.

Exhibit Hall Judging
Consumer Judging
Livestock may arrive
Queen Contest and Announcement of Communications Winners

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH

TBA

6-10 A.M.

7-7:30 A.M.

7:30-8:00

8-10 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

10-12:00

5:00 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 30th

8:00 A.M.

1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

1:30 P.M.

4:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, July 31ST

8:00 A.M.

8-10 A.M.

Noon Break

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1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st

7:30 A.M.

1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

2:30 P.M.

3-5 P.M.

3:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd

10:00 A.M.

NOON

2:00 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd

9:30 A.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

9:00 A.M.

Ultra sounding Cattle, Sheep & Swine
Swine Weigh- In
Poultry Check-in and Pullorum Testing
Goat Weigh-In at the Sheep Barn and Check-In at the Goat Barn
Sheep and Beef Weigh-In
Horse Show
Rabbit Check-In
Registrations for Livestock Judging Contest
Livestock Judging Contest

Sheep Show
4-H Bottle Bucket Calf Show
Dairy, Goat Show
Rabbit Show
State Fair Exhibitors' Picture
Share the Fun - Grandstand

Beef Show
Pen of Three Weigh-In
Future Calf Showman - Grades 1-3
Bottle Baby Calf Show - Youth Kdg. and Under
Pen of 3 Judging
Poultry Show
Style Show-Grandstand

Swine Show
Working Exhibits
Pride of Iowa
4-H Dog and Pet Show
Release Horses (Optional)
Open Dog and Pet Show

Worship Service
Overall Showmanship
Ag Olympics
Release Exhibits in 4-H Building and Clean Exhibit Hall
Release Livestock

Livestock Sale

Post-Fair Clean-Up (All 4-Hers)

FSQA Training/Testing

Thank you to all members that attended an FSQA Training or the Testing Day. If you are planning on exhibiting any animal except Dog, Horse, Cat, or Pet you **must** take a training or test out of your level.

All youth ages 9-11 on Jan. 1 will need to attend an approved training each year. Youth ages 12-14 on Jan. 1 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 on Jan. 1 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 19.

Ida County will **not** be offering any more training sessions for 2008. If you need the training you will have to attend in another county. We will be able to accommodate anyone wanting to take the test, please call the Extension Office to set up a time. Please take care of this as soon as possible.

Upcoming FSQA Trainings

Listed below are the upcoming FSQA Trainings for surrounding counties. If you plan to attend training in a surrounding county please call Susan at the Ida County Extension Office so she can check with that county for an open space. 4-H'ers from these counties will have priority.

| Date | Time | County | |
|--------|-------------|------------|--|
| June 4 | 1:00-3:00pm | Pocahontas | |
| June 8 | 7:00-9:00pm | Cherokee | |



AK-SAR-BEN Feeder Calves & Market Hogs

New this year: AK-SAR-BEN is requiring all **Feeder Calves and Market Hogs** have a DNA hair sample on file as well as being tagged with a numerical ear tag, to be eligible to exhibit at the 2009 show. **Samples must be pulled and returned to the Ida County Extension Office by June 1** and submitted in an AK-SAR-BEN issued DNA collection envelope. Cost is \$5 per head. DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. Each family is responsible for collecting their own samples and returning it back to the Extension Office by **June 1st! NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE EXCEPTED!**

Animal Identification Reminder

Remember that weighing and identifying projects at weigh-ins does not enter that project for fair. That is for identification purposes only. Fair entries will come through your club leaders. All Ida County Fair entries will be due July 1st.

Livestock Alternate Housing

Please be aware of the Livestock Alternate Housing rule in the Ida County Fair Handbook. According to Section 14, rule 18 in the 2009 handbook:

18. Livestock projects will be kept at the home of the exhibitor unless **superintendents** of that species, by majority vote, grant permission to house livestock elsewhere. Requests to keep livestock at a different location must be in writing, and permission must be granted **in writing prior** to placement at alternate location. This does not relieve the 4-H'er of responsibility to care for her/his livestock

Important H1N1 Flu Information – Swine Exhibitors

The following is being recommended for all swine exhibitors showing at county and/or state fairs

Vaccinate all swine with the swine flu – H1N1 strain. It probably will not protect from the human variant, but it could keep the fair from experiencing a flu-like episode that would surely be investigated

Vaccine takes 2 doses, 2 weeks apart

Vaccinate all exhibit swine with erysipelas vaccines

All injectable vaccines have a 21 day withdrawal so timing is crucial for June fairs

Swine show organizers are encouraged to have short, terminal shows, 2-3 days at a max. to limit clinical signs if a disease organism is introduced

Please Note: This is not a state animal health requirement, however fairs may require the H1N1 vaccination at their discretion

For More Information: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm> or contact Susan at the Extension Office.

This will not be a requirement for the Ida County Fair. But it is recommended.

If you use your good herdsmanship practices and decide to give the shots, the final day to give the last shot would be July 8th so plan accordingly and start now. There is a 21 day withdrawal time and that needs to be followed. We are basing our day from the Fair weigh-in date not the sale date. This gives each animal extra time to assure a full withdrawal occurs.

4-H Camp

4-H Camp brochures are available at the Extension Office. Please consider attending a camp this summer, there are so many activities to do, and so many new people to meet! For more information pick up a brochure at the Extension Office or go to:

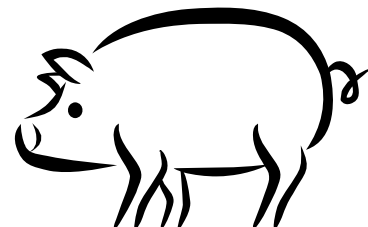
- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summercamp/index.php>

4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium in KC

4-H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City Cheer on the Chiefs & the Cyclones. It's an outing where Iowa 4-H'ers can connect with other 4-H'ers from the Midwest including Kansas and Missouri. We're offering discount tickets to a Kansas City Chiefs football game on October 4th as well as the Iowa State vs. Kansas State game at Arrowhead on October 3rd. You won't want to miss this fun opportunity for your club, county or family. At this time, there is not a coordinated travel option, but if there is enough interest from an area it could be arranged. To order tickets, find the order form on the left hand side of the Iowa 4-H Foundation website: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org>.

63rd National Barrow Show/ Swine Judging Contest

Mark your calendars and plan to participate, in Austin, Minnesota on Monday, September 14, 2009. More information will be available in August. Please direct inquires to A.J. Shute at (507) 437-5306 or ajshute@hormel.com.



Horsemanship and Gaming Workshop

Carman Grove and Jenni Sohm our Horse Superintendents are hosting a Horsemanship and Gaming night at the Ida County Fair grounds, Tuesday, July 14. The starting time will be 5:30 with gaming events, then moving onto Horsemanship and how to prepare for the horse show. This is for all 4-H 'ers and families that are interested in a horse project this year. It is for all ages and a wonderful opportunity for the older 4-H'ers to use their leadership skills and help the kids who have less experience. A Potluck will end the nights activities. Call the Extension Office with any questions.



Project Workshops

We would like to host project workshops for all members in Ida County. We are open to suggestions from leaders, members, parents, and volunteers for ideas about workshops that will meet the needs of our members. A few ideas are: Quilting, Scrapbooking, Sewing, Gardening, Photography, Livestock, pets, etc... Give us a call with your ideas to help us meet your needs.

Booth Judging at the Fair

The 4-H and Fair Committee has decided to change the date the exhibit hall booths will be judged at the 2009 Ida County Fair. Instead of Thursday as stated in the Fairbooks, it will not be Wednesday. This will be done by 4-H Committee members and volunteers. Be thinking of a creative way to decorate your booth, the theme this year is: "Voyage to Greatness".



Beef Showmanship Workshop

A Beef Showmanship Workshop will be hosted by the Garfield All Stars on Sunday, June 14th, 2009 1 6 pm, at the Ida County Fairgrounds in the Show ring. Bob and Jordan Paulsrud will be bringing in cattle and showing some techniques and giving ideas on how to prepare your animal for the upcoming Ida County Fair. This will be a hands on learning workshop and pre-registration is encouraged. We want Thank Bob and Jordan for providing us with the wonderful opportunity.

Gardening Opportunities

Ida County currently has a group of adult Master Gardener interns. Each Master Gardener has to complete volunteer hours after they complete their classroom work. It would be a great opportunity for 4-H members to pair up with a Master Gardner to learn about gardening and get some good project ideas. Also they would be there to help with any questions you might have about your yard, garden, landscaping, or other horticultural projects. Master Gardeners are experts at what they do and would be good resources for members. Another idea would be to invite a Master Gardener to a club meeting to talk about gardening. Call the Ida County Extension Office for more details and Master Gardener contact information.



4-H Group Discount Rates at Adventureland!

If your club is looking for a fun outing this summer check out the group discount packages to Adventureland. Brochures are available at the Extension Office. During the month of June will be special rates just for 4-Hers, and the rest of the season also offers regular group discounts.

Concession Stand Volunteers

The Ida County Fair board is looking for volunteers to work in the nightly concession stand from approximately 6pm to 10pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. For more information or to volunteer to help contact Becky Miller at 364-4315!



FAIR ENTRIES DUE!!!

All Ida County Fair Entries are due on **July 1, 2009**. Please be sure to have your information into your leader when requested and into the Extension Office by 4:30pm on July 1. This includes **ALL OUT OF COUNTY ENTRIES as well.**



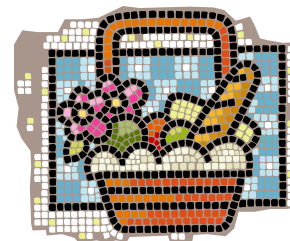
Ida County 4-H Foundation Corner

Historical Information

Are you looking for a place to take your old 4-H items that have been stored in boxes, drawers, or other unknown places? I am in the process of putting together a historical display at the fairgrounds. Items such as club historian books, uniforms, pictures or any other old club memorabilia will be appreciated for the display. Contact Linda Burk at 364-2917.

4-H Club Basket Contest & Auction

The Ida County 4-H Foundation will be holding the basket contest again this year. Each club is asked to design and create a "basket" filled with goodies. The theme and contents are limited only by your club's imagination. Any container may be used, and will be judged along with the contents. The baskets will be judged on Tuesday, July 28th after exhibit hall judging. Baskets should be delivered to the exhibit hall by 4pm. Prizes will be awarded for different categories. Each basket should have a minimum value of \$25.00. An approximate value helps the auctioneer during the auction. **The baskets must have a club and basket name displayed, and a list of the items included.** Remember that the basket will be on display at the fairgrounds, so no perishable items. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.** Please call the Extension Office with your themes!



4-H Member use of the 4-H Name and Emblem

As a member of the 4-H organization, 4-H'ers are encouraged to use the 4-H emblem. The 4-H emblem means a four leaf clover, with an H on each leaf. The 4-H name and emblem are protected under the United States Code. 4-H members may use the 4-H emblem by following these guidelines:

- No printing or design can cover or be superimposed over any part of the emblem.
- Traditional color for the 4-H clover is green with H's in white or gold.
- The stem of the 4-H clover curves to the right when viewed.
- The proportions of the 4-H clover may not be altered
- Items including or containing the 4-H emblem can not be sold for personal profit.
- When using the 4-H emblem include 18 U.S.C. 707 to the right of the base of the stem or below the lower right leaf of the clover.



Copyright Issues

Copyright rules and guidelines must be followed when creating a fair exhibit. Exhibits will be disqualified if they do not follow copyright guidelines. If you are not sure about what constitutes correct copyright material, contact the Extension Office.



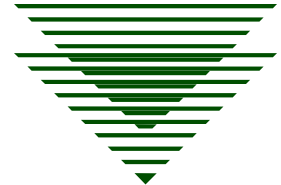
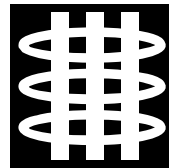
4-H Poster Communications Themes

The themes for the 2008 Poster Communications divisions for fair are:

- 4-H is...
- Join 4-H
- "Voyage to Greatness" (2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Theme)
- "4-H Time" (2009 Iowa State Fair Theme is "State Fair Time")

According to rule #5 on page 31 in the Fair book:

- All posters must be designed on , or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22". Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, posters cannot be 3– dimensional. Materials use to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8" above the poster or foam core board.



Design Elements and Principles of Design

The following fair classes require you to include information on the design elements and principles of design: Visual Arts, Clothing, and Home Improvement.

Design elements are line, shape, color, texture, and space. Principles of design are rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity.

For more information or literature contact the Extension Office.

State Fair Websites

4-H: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/statefair/StateFairInfo.htm

Official State Fair Website: www.iowastatefair.org

Iowa State Fair Premium Books

The Iowa State Fair Premium Book will be **available exclusively online in 2009**. The premium book can be accessed at, www.iowastatefair.org. No hard copies will be mailed to 4-H families or County Extension Offices. The Ida County Extension Office will make copies of the 4-H Iowa State Fair Premium Book for \$5 each.

Iowa State Fair Livestock Schedule

The 2009 Iowa State Fair Livestock Judging schedule is available at:

- www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/lhgenlivestocksch.pdf

Little Hands on the Farm

Get your club together and take a trip to the Iowa State Fair to volunteer at the Little Hands on the Farm display. This display provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on a mock farm. They will get to plant and harvest products, earn money at the market for their work, and then buy food at the grocery store. This would be a great team building activity for your entire club! You could do an entire day or just one shift. Volunteers will receive one admission ticket, one parking pass, and a Little Hands on the Farm shirt. For more information contact the Extension Office!



Seeking IFYE Host Families!

Iowa will be hosting a 19-year-old German man from September 19-December 17. He is interested in agricultural production, particularly the swine industry and crop production. The goal of his stay in Iowa is a cultural experience—living with and learning about Iowa families. He will not be a student during this time, rather he will live with and participate in the daily family life of his hosts. We are looking for families to host for periods of 3-4 weeks during this time. If you are interested or have suggestions of possibly host families, please contact the Extension Office.

Looking for a FREE Family Vacation? The Iowa 4-H Center has what you're looking for!

This summer we are offering families an opportunity for a free family vacation at camp. We are calling it the Great Camp Getaway Giveaway. Families will sign up for a week (Sunday thru Saturday) or a half-week (Sunday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Saturday) session during our summer camp season. While they are here family members will be asked to volunteer daily hours to help with camp projects such as: wash dishes in the camp kitchen, mop the dining hall floor, clean cabins, deliver firewood, paint, stain, clear trails, etc. In exchange for volunteer hours the families will stay in our air-conditioned family cabin, eat meals in the dining hall, and get to do camp activities such as swimming, climbing, and archery - all for FREE! This getaway giveaway is only good during the 9 weeks of summer camp between June 7th and August 8th. If you are interested, or would like more details, please call the camp manager, John Roosa, at 515-795-3338

ENTRIES SOUGHT IN NON-TRADITIONAL QUILT BLOCK COMPETITION

Quilt block designs are being sought to represent IDA County in an outdoor mural at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The winning designs from each of Iowa's 99 counties will be constructed in tile on the exterior of the new Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, a multi-use facility scheduled to open in 2010.

The contest is coordinated by the County Extension office, which will submit the final design to the State Fair. All entries must follow the guidelines below.

Guidelines:

Designs must consist of a patchwork pattern using geometric shapes (no animals, words, symbols, or logos are allowed).

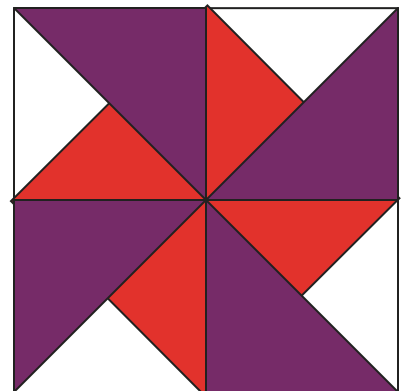
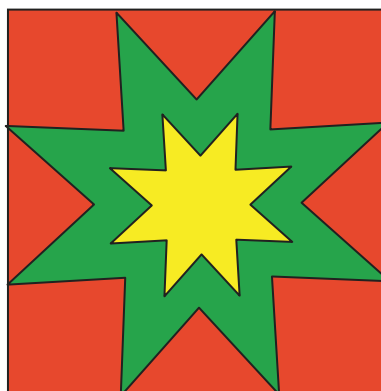
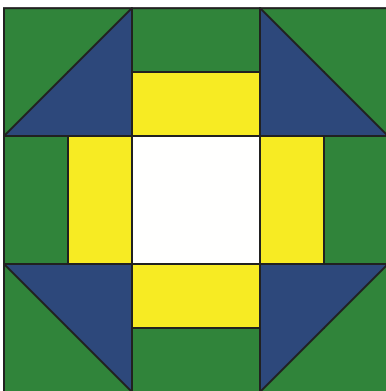
Designs must use 2-5 colors chosen out of the specific color palette (blue, red, orange, green, teal, yellow, purple, brown, black and white).

Submissions must be drawn to scale on white paper using appropriate colors. Final design will consist of 4-8"x8" tiles to form a 16"x16" block, with a 1" border on the outside.

The quilt block project will incorporate Iowa's heritage and tradition of barn quilts into the Fairground's newest facility. The 110,000 square foot Jacobson Exhibition Center will feature an indoor arena, practice arena and seating for 3,500.

Iowa State Fair Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center Tile Design Contest Examples of acceptable designs

(Designs must consist of a patchwork pattern using geometric shapes. No animals, words, symbols, or logos are allowed.)



IDA COUNTY

4-H Club Meetings

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| Battle Badgers | June 7 |
| Blaine Clovers | June 14 |
| Garfield All Stars | June 7 |
| Grant 4-Hers | June 7 |
| Grant Champions | June 14 |
| Logan Hotshots | June 14 |
| Maple Huskies | June 28 |
| SESS | June 28 |



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