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NORTHWEST AREA EXTENSION

March 2009 Issue

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- Clint Conover for helping find another program Development fee sponsor.
- Kysa Bennett for applying for Area and State 4-H Awards
- Battle Badgers for the “COOL” sledding party coverage in the Holstein Advance
- All the clubs who participated in the Retinal Scanner Challenge
- Grant 4-Hers for your idea for the Challenge
- Ida County 4-H; Our membership increased by 8% so far this year. Keep recruiting your friends: it is never too late to join 4-H
- All the Ida County Families signed up for 4-H night at the ISU game over 50 Ida county 4-Hers, family, and friends will be there.



Calendar of Events

County Happenings

Mar. 2	FSQA Training 7-9 pm
Mar. 12	Kids Fest, 3:30-6:30 Skate Palace, Ida Grove, IA
April 4	Swine Weigh-in 9-10:30 am
May 2	Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in
May 15	Livestock ID's Due to Extension Office
May 15	4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign Money due to Extension Office
July 1	All entries for County and out of county shows due to our office
July 29-Aug.2:	2009 Ida County Fair

Out of County Happenings

Mar. 2	Area Award Applications & Support Material Due to County Office
April 7	Area Awards Live Interviews, Storm Lake, IA
May 15	All county and out of county animal ID's due to our office
June 30-July 1	2009 State 4-H Conference
July 1	All entries for County and out of county shows due to our office
Aug. 13-23	2009 Iowa State Fair
Sept. 12-20	2009 Clay County Fair

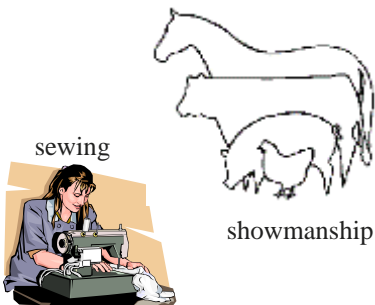
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FSQA (Food Safety & Quality Assurance) is a statewide program that all livestock exhibitors except dog, horse, cat, or pet are required to take. Participants will learn good production practices and proper ethics.

- 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.
- At the time youth turn 19, they will need to certify in the adult Quality Assurance programs according to the adult rules

- **FSQA Training : Monday, March 2, from 7-9 pm @ the Extension Office**

We will not be offering any FSQA Testing on FSQA Training days.



photography



fashion

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.

2009 Ida County Fair Dates

The dates have been set for the 2009 Ida County Fair. They are: July 28th - August 2nd! Other important dates are:

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

ATTENTION: Dog Project Members

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in Dog Obedience on Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 7pm @ the Extension Office. Glenda Mathes will be giving all the details of her upcoming Dog Obedience course for 4-Hers. Please plan to attend if you are interested. Do not bring your dogs, just you.

Bee Keeping with 4-H Workshop

Ida County Extension will be holding a Bee Keeping with 4-H Workshop, March 20 at 7 pm. The workshop presenter will be the 2009 Iowa Honey Queen, and Ida County 4-H'er Shiliah Spaulding. She will tell you about bee keeping as a 4-H project and what opportunities you could have with this. Scholarships for starting out are available and Shiliah will have all the information. Please be sure to pre-register by calling Susan at the Ida County Extension Office. Others welcome, but seating may be limited so call early, 364-3003.



WE WILL BEE HIVING A GREAT TIME !!!!!!!

2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

4-H Camera Corps

Nationwide Agribusiness, with assistance from photographer Tim Florer, will again sponsor the 4-H Camera Corps project for 2009. Camera Corps provides youth an opportunity to expand their photography skills by working with a professional photographer, and an opportunity to learn more about Iowa history. The 2009 Camera Corps project will focus on photographing Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration projects that were built in Iowa. New for this year – Camera Corps will be open to 4-H photography project members of all ages! Look for the application, information and other resources online on the State 4-H website, www.extension.iastate.edu,

Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend.

You don't even have to be in 4-H! You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in either animal science or crop production, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP or CSI: Crops tracks!

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! Look for more information to come! To get information as it is updated visit:

- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>

Brochures and registration materials will be available at the Extension Office in March!!
Foundation Camperships available for this conference!



AK-SAR-BEN AND CLAY COUNTY FAIR Due Dates

All Market Swine, Meat Goat, Market Lamb and Feeder Calf **DNA must be to the Ida County Extension Office on or before May 15.** Samples must be pulled and submitted in an AK-SAR-BEN issued DNA collection envelope. Cost is \$5 per head. DNA envelopes will be available at the Ida County Extension Office.

Remember just because you submitted a nomination does not mean you are entered into the show. **You must complete and return an AK-SAR-BEN Entry form to Susan at the Ida County Extension Office by July 1** to ensure enough time to get them into the AK-SAR-BEN office.

CLAY COUNTY ENTRIES DUE July 1 to the Ida County Extension Office

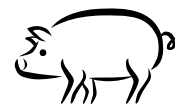
Regional Swine Verification Sites—Close to Ida

Harlan: Sat. April 25 4:30-5:30
Shelby County Fairgrounds
Boyden: Mon. April 27 3:30-5:30
Boyden Siouxland Co-op
Cherokee: Tues. April 28 3:30-5:30
Cherokee County Fairgrounds
Sac City: Sat. May 2 11-12:30
Site TBA

All other information can be found on the Web at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/hswineweighinsites.pdf>

Derby Weigh-In Details



- Saturday, April 2nd, 9-10:30am
- Ida County Fairgrounds
- **Maximum weight will be 45 lbs.**
- Ear tags cost \$1.00 each
- Ear notching service will be available
- Derby pigs which come to fair will be ultrasounded at the fair. This fee must be paid with the entry forms by July 1st.
- Bring the Yellow ID form, with the top portion completed, and signed by the 4-H'er and a parent.
- Each 4-H'er is allowed to weigh-in **6** animals. Remember **only** derby pigs need to be weighed but **all other** pigs need to be identified on the white ID form. At weigh-in the first 6 pigs that weigh under **45 lb limit** will be tagged, and notched.

Other Swine Details

- White Swine ID Form must be turned in on May 15th. No late ID's will be accepted.
- Derby animals can be shown with your other market hogs but will already be identified on the Yellow ID Form.
- It is very important that you fill in ALL of the Information for your hogs. Make sure ALL columns that are marked required are filled in.
- Iowa State Fair & Regional Weigh-in sites are available at the Extension Office as well as on the web at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookswine.htm>



\$15 Challenge Information

Ida County Clover Kids Coming Soon

If anyone is interested or knows someone that would be interested in joining a Clover Kids Club contact the Extension Office. Clover Kids is offered for kids ages Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. I will be sending home information about the Ida County Clover Kids very soon. Watch your kids' school Friday Folders.

Shooting Sports Leaders Training

Safety and education in Shooting Sports (SESS) is holding a Leader Certification Workshop March 27-29, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid, Iowa. All volunteers and staff who would like to work with youth in the following shooting sports areas must be trained at the statewide SESS Leader Training, you must specify an area when you register:

- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Muzzle Loading
- Archery
- Wildlife Skills

To be a certified leader you must be 21 years of age, may not have any game and fish law violations within the past two years. **All attendees must have completed the Iowa 4-H Child Protection Screen Process through the local Extension Office. Information and forms are also available at the Extension Office.**

For more information check out the training flyer at:

- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf>

I have been hearing lots of excitement about the new \$15 Challenge. Here is an update that will add to the excitement.

Modification to the \$15 Challenge garment is acceptable. The "spirit and intent" of the \$15 Challenge is to encourage 4-H'ers to think about shopping venues other than retail, to recycle, and to express their creativity by seeing "something else" in the clothing at these venues. A question has been added to the 4-H State Clothing Event Report Form in the \$15 Challenge asking: "Did you alter/enhance or embellish the garment? If yes, explain what you did, why you did it, and list any additional costs for embellishment."

2009 4-H Photography Exhibition: 4-H'ers In Action – Holidays and Seasons

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 the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials.

- To encourage 4-H'ers to submit photos, we are asking you to add a "4-H'ers in Action!" class for your fair. The class should be open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12 regardless of their project enrollment areas. Each participating county will select one entry that best represents "4-H in Action!" in their county to be included in the state fair exhibition.

Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Three Adobe Connect Sessions

The Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee invites you to tune in to the first of three Adobe Connect sessions with information on various 4-H equine opportunities and information.

These webcasts are for anyone wanting to watch; parents, 4-H'ers, volunteers, Extension Staff, etc. ALL sessions will be recorded and archived for later viewing by those who cannot watch live. **Please make sure your 4-H'ers, parents, and volunteers are aware of this!**

Session #1

Monday, Feb. 2nd 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Topic of Interest – ***Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree*** - Learn about the Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree to be held April 4, 5 at the State Fairgrounds. Information will be given on all of the various contests kids can participate in including quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking, team grooming and the horseless horse events. What are they about? How do I enter? How do I prepare? <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/horsejamboree/>

Session #2

Monday, March 2nd 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics of Interest – ***Horse Judging, Current topics in horse care*** – Learn about how to start a judging team in your county, the ins and outs of putting on a contest, participating in State and National contests, and current and future web resources for staff and volunteers wanting to learn more.

Session #3

Monday, May 4th 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics of Interest – ***Correctly Identifying your horse, 4-H State Fair Show, Special topic(s) on skill development.***

IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarships Information

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement is again asking your help in getting information out to eligible high school students in Iowa about IFAA's twenty-five (25) scholarships totaling \$39,000. These scholarships are available to incoming freshman in the Fall of 2009 at any four- or two-year post-secondary institution in Iowa. The application deadline is June 1, 2009.

You will find the following information at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/Public09IFAAInfo.pdf>:

- Scholarship Information Letter
- List of 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarships available to Incoming Freshman
- 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarship Application for all Incoming Freshman Scholarships

Youth Horse Jamboree – IMPORTANT CHANGES

Due to conflicts in facilities available, it was decided to cancel the Team Grooming competition for this year. Also, there is a slight schedule change in time for Hippology and Public Speaking/Demonstration on Saturday. New for 2009: The 1st Annual Tack Swap. For the current schedule and information, visit, Information and entry forms are available at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookHorse.htm>. **Entries are due March 1st.**

Record Keeping

It is not too early to start record keeping. If you weighed-in beef it would be a good idea to start record keeping. It is easier to do it as you go rather than trying to remember everything four months from now.

An idea for livestock project members is to place a calendar in your barn and keep track of how much you feed your animals, how often you feed them, what you feed them, and record any activity you might have with them such as if the vet came and why they came, when did you lead your beef for the first time, any important events you will want to remember!

Make sure you have the correct record keeping forms for each of your projects. The Extension Office has record keeping forms on file, or you can visit the Ida County 4-H Webpage at:

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

Setting Goals

It is very important to set goals for your project areas, as well as the exhibits you are working on.

There are three main parts to each goal:

1. Action: What you want to do in your project area or with your exhibit? "Learn how to work with modeling clay." "Create a sculpture out of modeling clay."
2. Result: What are you going to do to achieve your goals? "Read publications from our club library, attend workshops, and practice with modeling clay."

Time Table: When are you going to work towards and complete your goals? "During the year and at the fair

Project Areas & Exhibits

It's not too early to be thinking about the 2009 Ida County Fair! You can start by picking project areas you might like to exhibit at the fair.

For a few ideas check out:

- www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/ProjectLinks.htm or
- www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects.php or check out the 4-H Pick a Project paper.

Northwest Area Recognition

Don't forget to apply for NW Area and State Recognition Opportunities. Applications for Area Project Awards, State 4-H Council, Iowa Youth Tech Team, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference are available at the County Extension Office or check out this website:

- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/info/awards.htm>

For more detailed information on each opportunity check out this website:

- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>

Applications and support materials are due to the County Extension Office by March 2, 2008. Live interviews will take place in Storm Lake on April 7, 2009. Please make sure to read the directions carefully and make sure you have the correct support materials, as well as the correct amount of each.

State Project Awards

All 4-H'ers in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply for State Project Awards. For more information and for applications visit:

- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>

4-H Camp

4-H Camp brochures will soon be 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>

The Ida County 4-H Foundation will be offering very generous camperships to those interested. They could cover 3/4 to full camperships based on an application process. Please contact Susan at the Extension Office for full details or to get on the list for an application.

Iowa 4-H Photography Camp

(Grades 7-12)

The 4-H Photography Camp is dedicated to exploring the creative art of photography. No matter whether you use film or digital, you'll learn new and exciting techniques to improve your photos and get the chance to try them first hand! To register, contact David Entriken at dfc1943@yahoo.com or (515) 832-2647 by May 15. 11:00 a.m. June 17 to 3:30 p.m. June 19: \$160 if paid by April 1 or \$180 if paid May 15



Iowa 4-H Center 2009 Update

2009 Summer Camp Information Is Now On-line at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp

- Twelve new camps for 2009!
 - Discounts available for 4-H members, siblings, and early-registrations.
 - Camp registrations must be postmarked by April 1 to receive the early registration discount.
- Financial aid forms for Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarships are due to county extension offices by May 1.

New Camps for 2009!

- Secret Agents (Ages 7-9) solve mysteries, explore, find clues, hidden treasures, & surprises
 - Inside Out Camp (Ages 7-9) sleep inside a lodge one night and sleep under the stars or in tents another night
 - Rail Camp (Ages 9-12) explore the Kate Shelly historical site and ride the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad
 - Short Creativity Camp (Ages 9-12) combination art & drama – art show & short play performance
 - First Iowans Camp (Ages 10-12) Native American sites, flint knapping, archery, pottery, and local museums
 - High Adventure (Ages 10-12) Three hours daily on our climbing tower, zip line, and high ropes course
 - Military Heritage Camp (Ages 10-13) historic uniforms, weapons, artifacts, and tactics from Iowa's past wars
 - Splash Camp (Ages 10-14) swimming, creek walks, pool slide, slip 'n slide, snorkeling, and kayaking
 - Sports Zone (Ages 11-13) basketball, sand volleyball, soccer, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, international sports, tips on healthy living, good nutrition, and sportsmanship. Also tour the ISU athletic department
 - Archeology Camp (Ages 11-14) explore areas of cultural activity to find new sites, get basic museum cataloguing skills, learn about artifacts types found in the area, talk about American Indian burial grounds
 - Express Yourself (Ages 12-14) paint, draw, act, sing, and have lots of fun with other creative camp friends. Plus visit the Des Moines Art Center, ISU College of Design, and the ISU theater department
- Dad & Me Camp for dads (or grandpas or uncles, etc.) and their sons/daughters ages 6-11





Iowa State University Extension Sponsored Tractor and Farm Safety Training Course 2009 in Monona County

This training is required by law for anyone who is 14 and 15 years old so that they can safely operate a tractor over 20 hp and other farm machinery and who want to hire out for neighbors or relatives.

Open To: All interested 14 or 15 year olds. Older youth or adults can take this course also.

Instructors: Wayne Roush, Don Hummel, Brad Hanson, Larry Kreger, Ron & Nate Hausman, and Barry & Aaron Erickson.

2009 Program Schedule:

(6:30 – 9:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 12
Monday, March 16
Tuesday, March 17
Thursday, March 19

Tractor Driving Days:

(weather permitting)
(9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
* Bring a sack lunch

Saturday, March 14
Saturday, March 21

Location: ISU Western Research and Demonstration Farm near Castana.

Cost: \$30.00 per person
This course is offered every other year in Monona County.

Registration: Due March 6. Minimum of 10 required to conduct course. Contact the Monona County Extension Office (712-423-2175) in Onawa with questions or to request a registration form.

1. **Course Content:**
1. Safe tractor operation
 2. Safety on the road
 3. Tractor controls and maintenance
 4. Safe operation of other farm machinery
 5. Tractor driving instruction

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Ida County Club Meetings for March

Battle Badgers	March 1 @ 1:30 pm Galva-Holstein High School Gym
Blaine Clovers	March 8 @ 4pm
Garfield All Stars	March 1 @ 7:30 pm
Grant 4-Hers	March 7
Grant Champions	March 8 @ 5:30
Logan Hotshots	March 8 @ 5pm
Maple Huskies	Kings Point
Sharp Shooters	March 22 3-5pm

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