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Clovers to...

NORTHWEST AREA EXTENSION

April 2009 Issue

- The Ida County Youth Council for helping with Kids Fest 2009!
- Shiliah Spaulding for presenting a Bee Keeping Workshop
- Glenda Mathes for doing a Dog Informational meeting and setting up Dog Obedience Classes.
- Everyone that attended the Superintendents Meeting!

Congrats to:

- Kysa Bennett to be the only Ida County 4-H'er applying for Area and State Awards. Interviews on April 7, 2009

Calendar of Events

County Happenings

March 30	4-H Committee Meeting
April 1	Ida County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
April 4	Swine Derby Weigh-in, 9-10:30 am at Fairgrounds
April 5	Fair Board Meeting after campers are out of buildings (afternoon)
April 19	4-H Dog Obedience in Holstein Park 5pm
April 19	Ida County Youth Council meeting 6:30pm
April 20	4-H Committee Meeting 7:30pm
April 24-25	Jr. Lock-In @ BC-IG Middle School, Battle Creek
April 29	Dog Obedience in Holstein Park 5pm
May 2	Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In, 9-11 am at Fairgrounds
May 3	Dog Obedience Holstein Park 5pm
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	Fair Entries Due for Ida Co. Fair, Iowa State Fair
July 1	Clay County Fair Entries Due to Ida Co. Extension Office
July 1	Ak-Sar-Ben Entries Due to the Ida Co. Extension Office
July 11	Pre-Fair Clean up Day at the Fair grounds
July 18	Communication Judging for Ida County
July 28	Exhibit Hall judging for Ida County Fair
July 29-Aug.2:	2009 Ida County Fair
Aug 3	Sale Day

Out of County Happenings

May 1	NW Area Youth Council Intermediate/Senior Lock-in 7pm ~ Ida Grove
June 30	State Youth Conference
July 1	Clay County Fair Entries Due to Ida Co. Extension Office
July 1	Ak-Sar-Ben Entries Due to the Ida Co. Extension Office
Aug 13-23	IOWA STATE FAIR
Sept 12-20	CLAY COUNTY FAIR

4-H Youth Council

Victoria Andresen
Kysa Bennett
Courtney Bottjen
Adrienne Burk
Greg Davis
Michaela Else
Shelby Neubauer
Shiliah Spaulding

Extension Council

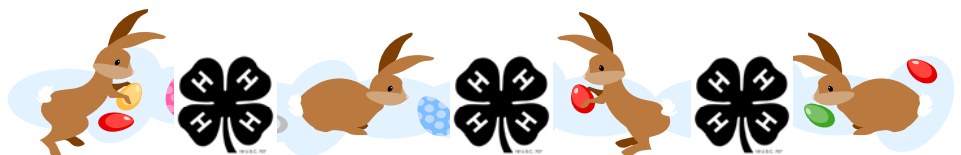
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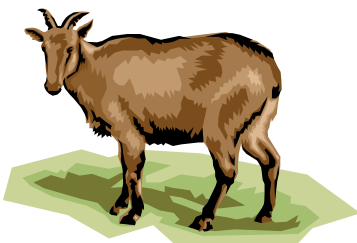
Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In

Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In will be Saturday, May 2nd at the Ida County Fairgrounds from 9-11am. Ear tags cost \$1.00 each and must be paid for at weigh-in.

Members that are signed up for the Sheep and/or Meat Goat project will receive a packet in the mail that includes an ID sheet. Please fill out the top portion of the form, including the parent and member signatures. If you are not signed up but plan on taking Sheep and/or Meat Goat to the fair please let the Extension Office know.

Verification for State Fair which includes a nose print and DNA sample will be \$5.00 per head. If you plan to take that animal to Ak-Sar-Ben it is an additional \$1.00. This must also be paid for at the time they are weighed.

Reminder: You will not be eligible to show your animals if you have not completed the required FSQA training or testing.



Goats

Any goat can be brought to the May 2nd Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In to be ID tagged and weighed. If you only need an ID tag and do not want to go to the Weigh-In, please notify the goat Superintendent, Lois Spaulding to be

Swine Weigh-In

All 4-H'ers that are signed up for the Swine project area should have received a packet in the mail in March for Swine Weigh-In. If you didn't receive one and you plan on participating in the swine project please contact the Extension Office.

Derby Weigh-In Details

- Saturday, April 4th, 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 by 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 & AK-SAR-BEN Information, as well as Regional Weigh-in sites were sent in the packet. This information is available at the Extension Office as well as on the web at:

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

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 2009. 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.

If you have not attended a training and Susan has not contacted you, you may not be enrolled in a project area that requires a training. You need to contact the Extension Office as soon as possible to assure you have time to attend an out of county training.



Iowa State Fair Livestock Schedule

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

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/lhgenlivestocksched.pdf

2009 Fairbooks

This year Ida County will be printing new Fair Books. These new Fair Books should be ready by the middle of April and out to your leaders. Please contact Susan at the Extension Office with any questions.

Fair books will be done and be available to your leaders after April 15, 2009. Thanks for your patience.

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 2007 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.

This will also be in the New 2009 Fair Book coming Soon!

Iowa State Fair Premium Books

NEW in 2009! 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.

Photo Camp

Plan NOW and be part of the 4th Iowa Photography Camp to be held June 18th – 20th, 2008 in Elm Village at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center. The cost of this camp will be \$150 which includes air conditioned lodging and all meals. (Registration forms available on the web site - fees paid to the Hamilton County 4-H Foundation) Photo equipment needed for camp includes: camera, a cable shutter release, film or digital card for your camera, lots of batteries and a tripod (if available).

Youth in 7th – 12th grades are invited to discover the thrills that lie in finding new ways to add interest in their photography. Participants will experience a smorgasbord of photography techniques from the use of digital technology to understanding the mystery of ghost photography. Activities will include sessions in Creativity, Still Life, Portraits and Landscapes.

With a critical eye, some imagination, a steady hand and a little technical know how anyone can capture exciting photographs. Check out the website-link found at

- <http://www.dodgenet.com/~fourphotocamp/index.html>

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>

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.



NW Area Lock-In for Intermediate & Senior Members



\$15 Challenge Information

Join the members of the Northwest Area 4-H Council for the third annual Northwest Area 4-H Lock-In. **The lock-in will be May 1 and 2 at the Ida Grove Community REC Center.** The schedule for this event will have the fun beginning at 7:00 pm on Friday night and conclude at 8:00 am Saturday morning.

Activities include basketball, dodge ball, mixer games, and even board games. Movies, workshops, exciting 4-H opportunities, and a community service project are included. Breakfast will be provided. Registration is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Bring a friend! Direct any questions to Carol Ehlers, NW Area 4-H Council Coordinator. . Attached you will find the registration form.

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.”

Ida County will be offering the \$15 Challenge for all age levels! However at this time only senior level 4-H’ers (grades 9-12) are eligible to compete at the State Fair.



NW AREA LOCK-IN CHALLENGE

Shiliah Spaulding and Kysa Bennett , NW Area Youth Council Members and Ida County 4-H’ers, are Challenging all Ida County Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers to attend the Lock-in. **“LET’S SHOW THEM WHAT IDA COUNTY HAS TO OFFER.”**

4-H Poster Communications Themes

The themes for the 2009 Poster Communications divisions for fair are:

- 4-H is...
- Join 4-H
- “Voyage To Greatness” (2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Theme)
- “State Fair Time” (2009 Iowa State Fair Theme)

2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

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 are available at the Extension Office!!



AK-SAR-BEN Feeder Calves

New this year: AK-SAR-BEN is requiring all Feeder Calves 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 by June 15th and submitted in an AK-SAR-BEN issued DNA collection envelope. Cost is \$5 per head. DNA envelopes will be available at the Extension Office.

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 at a later date, watch for guidelines and deadlines!

Livestock Enrollment

If you plan to exhibit livestock please make sure you put it on your enrollment/ re-enrollment forms. This is important because we want to be sure you receive all species specific mailings. If you would like to add a project area to your enrollment/ re-enrollment form please contact Kim at the Extension Office.

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

“Pulling It Together, Elements and Principles of Design in Home Improvement”

A new brochure is out and available at the Extension Office. Come in and ask for one. The brochures are a neat and easy way to help you with your Home Improvement project. These brochures are just off the presses this week.

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!

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



Iowa 4-H Camping Center Open Houses (FREE)

Sundays in April - 5th, 19th, and 26th. Camp tour from 4:00-4:30pm, zip line and climbing tower open from 5-6:00, followed by a hot dog & S' more roast with a camp fire program and introduction to camp staff & counselors at 6:00pm. All ages welcome, wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes for climbing, camp store will be open, bring lawn chairs.

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- [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summer camp/index.php](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summer%20camp/index.php)

The Ida County 4-H Foundation will be offering very generous camper-ships to those interested. They could cover 3/4 to 90% camper-ships based on an application process. Please contact Susan at the Extension Office for full details or to get on the list for an application.

IDA COUNTY JR. LOCK-IN

WHO

Ida County Junior 4-H'ers (grades 4-6)

Each 4-H'er may invite one non-4-H friend in grades 4-6!



WHAT

A night full of Project Workshops (Pennant and pencil case decorating, Gardening, Sewing, and 4-H Camp video), Activities, and Games



WHERE

BC-IG Middle School, Battle Creek



WHEN

Friday, April 24th, 7PM to Saturday, April 25th, 8:00AM

Registration will begin at 6:30PM on April 24th, please plan to be signed in by 7:00PM!

HOW

Register by submitting the Registration form and \$10.00 for 4-Hers, \$15.00 for non-4-Hers. Registration fee for each youth attending, to the Ida County Extension Office by April 15th at 4:30PM.



Ida County Jr. Lock-in Registration (grades 4-6)



Registration Forms and Payment Due
to Extension Office By 4:30, April 15, 2009
\$10 for 4-H Members/ \$15 for non-members

4-Her's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Grade: _____

4-H Club: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone # : _____

Guest Information

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

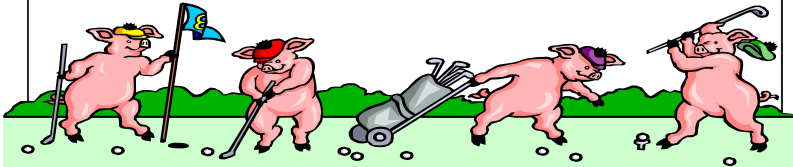
Emergency Phone # : _____

Please pick up a non 4-H member insurance waiver when you drop off your registration, and return it filled out and signed on April 24. Otherwise your guest may not be able to stay. This is for safety reason.

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APRIL MEETINGS.

Battle Badgers	April 5	6pm	<i>Heritage Bank</i>
Blaine Clovers	April 19	4pm	<i>Ext. Office</i>
Garfield All Stars	April 5	7:30pm	
Grant Champions	April 13	5:30pm	<i>IG Fire Station</i>
Grant 4-Hers	March 29	late afternoon	
Logan Hot Shots	April 12	5pm	<i>Ext. Office</i>
Maple Huskies	April 19	7:30	
Sharp Shooters	April 26	5-7pm	<i>Fairgrounds</i>



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WE ARE ON THE WEB!
Check out the Ida County Extension webpage at:
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2009 Ida County Fair
Theme:
Voyage to Greatness



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