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Sheep Weigh-In

The sheep weigh-in will be on April 14 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds.

FSQA Training

Food Safety and Quality Assurance certification is required for all 4H exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, swine, sheep, dairy cows, dairy goats, poultry, meat goats, and rabbits at the 2007 county and state fairs. Certification must be obtained by attending a yearly class or testing (if age 12 and older). Class dates will be April 26th at 7pm at the Hancock County Extension Office. For further information contact Jamie at the Extension Office.



4-H Shooting Sports

Welcome to our new Certified Archery Instructor, **Julie Sherwood**!! She will be a wonderful asset to our program. I also went to the weekend training in Madrid, IA for Coordinator, and am excited for all the new information and possibilities of this club. Next meeting is April 21st, 1pm at the fairgrounds. A parent, or an adult who will assume responsibility must accompany each member. We'll see you then!!



'Taking the Road Less Traveled' - A Career Conference for Girls

The Spring 2007 Career Conference, "Taking the Road Less Traveled" is sponsored by Iowa State University's Program for Women in Science and Engineering. The conference's goal is to expose girls, 6th-12th grades, to career paths within science, technology, engineering and math. More than 2,500 individuals participate in this program each year. In the morning participants hear from professional women; in the afternoon they participate in hands-on activities or tours.

Iowa 4-H Photography Camp

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! Come join the FUN! Cost \$150 per camper, due May 15. Arrival time 11:00 a.m. on June 18. Departure: 3:30 p.m. – June 20. (Open to all youth 7th through 12th grades) For more information go to www.dodgenet.com/~fourhphotocamp/index.html



The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have.”

Norman Vincent Peale

4-H Jr. Camp

Mark your calendars for this years 4-H Jr. Camp June 6th-7th!! This year's theme will be 4-H Around the World and will be at Camp Tanglefoot again. Look for registration forms and more information coming out the end of April!

4-H Exhibit New Judges Training in New Hampton

You can join the ranks of being a 4-H judge by attending a 4-H Exhibit New Judges Training on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 9:30-3:15 in New Hampton at the United Methodist Church.

You will learn from Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development staff, experienced 4-H Judges and 4-H Members how to evaluate, educate and encourage 4-Her's exhibiting at county fairs.

After attending the training your name will be entered into the statewide 4-H Judges database. Registration information will be available soon. Contact the Extension Office if you're interested in training.

4-H County Council

Bowling and pizza began last months meeting and was followed with a meeting. Newly elected officers are: **President, Annette Egesdal; Vice President, Kristen Cavett; Secretary, Halie Matson; Fairboard Representative, Holden Nyhus.** *Congratulations!!* Other business included State 4-H Youth Conference, need for camp counselors at Jr. Camp, and events for the upcoming fair. This months meeting will be April 22nd at 4pm.

State 4-H Conference “License to Succeed-007”

Senior 4-H members: Want to get away from home this summer? Looking to experience the college atmosphere? Like having fun and meeting new friends? You can experience all this and more at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and Animal Science Roundup, to be held June 26-28 at the Iowa State University campus in Ames. This statewide conference is open to ALL youth who have completed 8th through 12th grades. Activities include workshops, dances, and community service. The Extension Office will pay half of the registration fee. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

ID Forms and Enrollment Changes due May 15

As an early reminder animal identification forms and enrollment changes/additions need to be in to the Extension Office on May 15 by 4:30 pm. This includes all mailed and faxed forms. Project enrollment changes/additions will be accepted if called into the Extension Office on or before the 15th. Animal ID forms would be for all breeding sheep and beef, dog, bucket/bottle calves, horses, dairy and dairy/meat goats. These forms are available at the Extension Office.



Youth Horse Show & Clinic

Show off and show safe! All day youth show with clinics in showmanship, halter, western pleasure & horsemanship, and English pleasure & equitation. Learn how to put your horse's best hoof forward in a fun and informal environment. Iowa industry professionals onsite to offer feedback and information. A great way to prepare horse and rider for show season! It will be Saturday, April 28 at Wesley Woods in Indianola, IA. The entry table opens at 8:00am, with classes starting at 9:30am. The cost is \$5/class or \$20/day. For more information, contact Susan Rider, Equestrian Coordinator at 515.480.7935 or call the Extension Office.



Meat Goat Opportunity

The first annual Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Jackpot Association Wether Sale will be held at the Kalona Sales Barn, Inc., Kalona, Iowa, on April 28, 2007, and will feature some of the best club wethers available today. These kids will be disbudded, wethered and ready for 4-H and FFA members or anyone wanting to show wethers in 2007. Only kids purchased at this sale will be eligible to be shown at the Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Jackpot Association Show, September 9, 2007, at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, Iowa. This show will have an expected \$2500 premium for the wether jackpot. **Need to know more** about meat goats? There will be a clinic on health, selection and care preceding the sale on the morning of April 28. Following the club wether sale there will be a breeding stock goat sale. For more information contact Vern Thorp, president Tall Corn Meat Goat Jackpot Wether Assn. at 641-672-2049 or by email at Neverthrop@aol.com.

ISU Livestock Judging Camp

This year's camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members interested in enhancing their knowledge of evaluating livestock. The camp will focus on market and breeding animals, including cattle, sheep, and swine. Any students 12-18 years of age are welcome to attend. This camp will concentrate on selection guidelines, oral reasons, live market animal evaluation, and breeding animal performance data. This year's instructors will include members of the Iowa State University faculty and staff, along with one-on-one instruction from the 2007 ISU Livestock Judging Team.

An application and additional information can be found by following the judging camp link on the web at www.ans.iastate.edu. For additional information please contact: Jeff Thayne 515.294.5910, or at jthayne@iastate.edu.



Market Broiler Special Division

If you're interested in participating in the market broiler special division you must fill out an intent to participate form by April 17th. This form will be sent out in the spring livestock letter. Chicks will be shipped directly from Welps, Inc. around the third week of May. Cost is \$24.25 for 25 birds. Intent to participate and check, payable to Welps, Inc. are due to the Extension Office by April 17th.

Dates to Remember

April

- 14 Sheep Weigh-in
- 21 Shooting Sports
- 21 VEISHEA at ISU
- 22 County Council Meeting
- 26 FSQA Training

May

- 1 Last day to add or drop projects
- 15 Large animal ID's due to Extension Office
- 19 Shooting Sports

June

- 6-7 Jr Camp
- 15 Small animal ID's due to Extension Office
- 26-28 State 4-H Youth Conference
- 27 County Fair Entry Deadline

July

- 1 State Fair livestock entries due
- 9 Fair Clean up Day
- 12-15 Winnebago County Fair



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