

THE CLOVERLEAF EXPRESS



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Dear 4-H Families:

The new year brings lots of different and new programs!

- SESS is every third Sunday of the month at the Conservation Building located on Highway 71. Dates are January 19, February 19, March 18, April 15, June 10, and July 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- Babysitting Class at the Page County Extension office—January 17, 24, and 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Let's Cook Club—January 18, February 8, March 7, and March 28 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Wibholm Hall
- 4-H Project Fair—February 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Wibholm Hall
- Poultry Workshop—February 25 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Page County Extension office.
- Beef Weigh-in summary—123 head of market cattle weighed in by 53 exhibitors. There were 73 home raised, 50 purchased, 106 steers, 17 heifers, and 4 beginners.
- Double Oven Mitt Workshop—February 25, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Page County Extension office.

Look through the newsletter for details on programs.

Sincerely,

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
University Extension

4-H
GROWING TOGETHER

PAGE COUNTY EXTENSION 311 E. WASHINGTON ST., CLARINDA, IA | 712-542-5171 | M-F 8 A.M. TO 4:50 P.M.



Education Reform

The Department of Education is looking for students in Iowa to apply for and sit on a new State Advisory Council which will discuss how state policy decisions impact students in Iowa. The student representatives will serve as liaisons between the Department and Iowa students.

The council will be called the “Learning Council” and will be made up of 15 students from around the state who are enrolled in grades 8 through 12 in either public or non-public schools. This is another step in getting input from as many groups as possible.

To apply go to the Department’s website at <http://educateiowa.gov> and search for “learning council.” Applications are due by **January 31**.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

4-H Project Fair

The Page County 4-H Project Fair will be held **February 11** at Wibholm Hall on the Fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is for junior age 4-Hers and any other 4 through 6 grade youth that would like to attend. Youth may choose three workshops to attend. See the flyer included in this newsletter. The deadline to register is **February 6**.



ISU Veterinary 4-H Workshop

Iowa State University will once again be holding a Veterinary 4-H Workshop Saturday, **February 25**.

There will be a variety of veterinary stations including anatomy, pathology, radiology, and many more. The workshop is open to 7 through 12 grade youth and the cost is \$10 per attendee. Registration deadline is **February 11**. For more information and to register email kvaughn@iastate.edu.



MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



Double Oven Mitt Workshop

Need a project for the fair?! Want an easy to sew project and be ready for the fair?! Sign up for the double oven mitt workshop.

You will need to bring pins, needle, scissors, and a ruler. You will pick out the fabric when you come. The workshop will be held **February 25** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Page County Extension office.

The fee is \$10.00. All boys and girls 4 grade and

up are welcome. Please pre-register by **February 17**.



Poultry Workshop

There will be an informative 4-H Poultry Workshop at the Page County Extension office **February 25** from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Do you ever wonder what kind of chicks to buy? What to feed them? How to get them ready for the fair? If so, this is the workshop for you. Come ask questions, gather information, have fun! Please call 712-542-5171 to pre-register by **February 22**.



MARCH EVENTS

4-H Judges Training

4-H Parents, 4-H Project Leaders and others with a strong interest and talent to inspire young people through 4-H Project Exhibits, we would like to invite you to come to 4-H Judges Training to learn more about the process. On Saturday, **March 10** at the Iowa Western Community College, Cass County Campus in Atlantic, Iowa, 9:30-2:30, we will be holding workshops for new 4-H Judges and judges workshops for Photography, Ag and Natural Re-

sources, Science and Mechanical Engineering, Visual Arts and Food and Nutrition. We are really looking for new 4-H Judges to help out at our County Fairs, so please consider this learning opportunity and check out info on being a 4-H Judge at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/adults/judges/> Please check out the registration info at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2012SWIA4hJudgesTraining.htm>

Babysitting Class—Shenandoah

The Page County Extension office will offer a Babysitting Class **March 15, 22, and 29** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bricker Room. Participants will learn ages and stages of children, first

aid procedures, nutritious snacks and how to be a good sitter. See the flyer included with this newsletter. The deadline to pre-register is **March 12**.

4-H PLEDGE

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AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



"Snapshot Iowa"

A photography contest for Iowa Students. Open to Iowa students 7 to 12 grade including homeschooled students. Unmounted black and white photos of Historic Iowa Architecture. Photos should be 8 x 10 and printed on photo paper. One winner from each group 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 grade will win \$100 cash prize. The Deadline is **March 14**. For complete rules see: <http://>

www.iowaarchfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=39628&audienceID=1



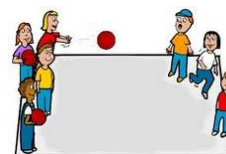
New 4-H Volunteer Training

Join new 4-H volunteers across Iowa to develop your volunteer skills. Positive Youth Development plus club and Cloverkid management training will be included in this training. Atlantic will host this training on **March 17** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register go to <http://>

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteers and click on the link under trainings in the bottom right box. Registration closes a week before the training.

4-H Dodgeball Tournament

County Council will host a Dodgeball Tournament on March 17 at the Clarinda Lied Center. Leaders will be receiving information. Get your teams ready to play!



Page County 4-H Swine Weigh-in

The Page County 4-H Swine Weigh-in will be **March 24** from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Page County Fairgrounds. Pigs cannot weigh more than 60 pounds. Tags will be \$1.25 each.



2012 Youth Horse Jamboree March 24-25

Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm> for entry information.



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APRIL EVENTS



4-H Scholarships Due April 17

The Page County Scholarship Fund awards scholarships for camps, conferences, and workshops. Each member is limited to two scholar-

ships. The deadline is **April 17**. If you have questions or need an application, please call the Page County Extension office at 712-542-5171.

MAY EVENTS

Page County Sheep Weigh-In

The Page county 4-H Sheep and Goat Weigh-in will be **May 5** from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Page County Fairgrounds. Everyone needs to bring COOL forms with them to weigh-in.

Market lambs cannot weigh more than 90 pounds at weigh-in. Lambs must weigh at least 85 pounds to be eligible for exhibit and 96 pounds to sell. Commercial Ewes must have 4-H tags

this year. If Commercial Ewes are going to State Fair, they need to have a retinal image also. If anyone is nominating for State Fair, please let me know because if we have no one, we will not have the retinal machine here.



4-H Rabbit Tattooing

4-H rabbit tattooing will be **May 5** from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Ron Sanson Pavilion at the Page County Fairgrounds. All rabbits must be tattooed by May 15.



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May 15 Due Date

All livestock that were not previously weighed-in need to be identified by **May 15**. ID forms need to be completed for breeding beef, bottle calf, bottle lamb, dairy, dog, dairy goat, horses, pets, poultry and rabbits.

May 15 is also the last day to add and drop projects. Remember you do this online.

OTHER INFORMATION

June 18 Deadline

Deadline for all communications, Queen entries, Hall of Fame, Decorator Showcase, Stitch This, Fashion Fair and Clothing Selection, and Cook This.



July 2 Deadline

All livestock fair entries due! Cherry Pie and Carcass deadline also.



Online Registration available for Summer Camps

4-H Camp offers the opportunity for supervised independence to gain self-confidence and leadership skills, a sense of belonging with a caring group while making life long friends. The Iowa 4-H Center follows the motto of “Learning by Doing” and offers a wide variety of opportunities to master new skills and discover nature. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/center/>



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Calendar

FEBRUARY

February 1—State Recognition Applications Due to State 4-H office

February 6—Deadline for 4-H Project Fair pre-registration

February 8—Let's Cook club, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Wibholm Hall

February 11—4-H Project Fair, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Wibholm Hall

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February 19—SESS, 2:00 p.m., Conservation Building

February 22—Deadline to register for Poultry Workshop

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March 24—State Recognition Interviews

March 24—4-H Swine Weigh-in, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Page County Fairgrounds

March 24-25—2012 Youth Horse Jamboree

March 28—Let's Cook club, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Wibholm Hall

March 29—Babysitting Class, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Bricker Room, Shenandoah

APRIL

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April 17—4-H Scholarship applications due

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/YOUR_COUNTY_NAME_HERE