

❖ 4-H & YOUTH* (cont.)

March 14 NE Area Recognition Interviews
9:00 am-3:00 pm This is an opportunity for 4-Hers in grades 9-12 to compete for awards at a regional level. Contact Alison or check it out online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm

April 18 SpringFest
Communications, Share the Fun, and individual performances event.

April 4 County Swine Weigh-In
9:00 am. N. IA Fairgrounds, swine barn.

April FSQA Training & Testing.

May 1 County Lamb Weigh-In
4:00 pm, N. IA Fairgrounds.



June 13-20 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

June 30-July 2 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

July 22-26 North Iowa Fair



August 13-23 Iowa State Fair

❖ ON-LINE AG PROGRAMS

Farm Economics: Current Issues
www.extension.iastate.edu/feci

❖ COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF

- Gary Hall, Education Director
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❖ EXTENSION NUMBERS

Family Answer Line 800-262-3804
Questions related to home and family.
TTD: 800-854-1658

Hortline 515-294-3108
Lawn, garden, and landscape questions.

Iowa Concern Hotline 800-447-1985
24-hour financial, legal, and family questions.

Porkline 800-808-7675
Swine production and marketing management.

Healthy Families 800-369-2229
24-hour prenatal health care information.

CIRAS 319-266-3260
Business and Industry questions and solutions.

ISU Continuing Ed 800-262-0015
Off-campus credit courses non-credit conferences.

Teen Line 800-443-8336

ISU Extension Web Page
www.extension.iastate.edu/

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Winter 2008 Programs and Services

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❖ AGRICULTURE*

*Questions? Call the Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 423-0844.



Dec. 12 Cerro Gordo Crop Clinic

9:30 am-3:30 pm, Methodist Church, 508 2nd Ave. N., Clear Lake. Pre-registration requested, 423-0844.

Private Pesticide Applicator Testing (PPAT)

Area testing dates:

- 2/2 2-7 pm, NIACC, Mason City
- 2/4 10-2, Municipal Bldg, Osage
- 2/6 10-2, First Natl. Bank, Hampton
- 2/13 10-2, Hancock Co. Ext., Garner

Also, first Friday of each month starting in April, Hancock Co. Extension, 10-2.

PPAT Continuing Instruction dates for 2009:

- 1-9 9:30 pm Freisen Farm Mgt., Osage
- 12-12 1:30 pm Method. Church, Clear Lake
- 12-12 9:30 pm Lutheran Church, Northwood
- 1-22 1:30 am City Hall, Lake Mills
- 2-19 1:30 pm Windsor Theatre, Hampton
- 2-12 9:30 am Municipal Bldg., Britt
- 2-26 7:00 pm Bethel UMC, Manly
- 3-10 7:00 pm NIACC Center, Charles City

Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo/news/pesticide.htm



Jan. 6 Crop Advantage Conference

8:30 am-3:00 pm, NIACC, Mason City. Recertification training to follow. Pre-registration requested. www.cropadvantage.org

Jan. 7 Commercial Manure Applicator Training

9:00 am-noon, CGC Extension Office.

Jan. 15 Women, Land & Legacy Discussion Meeting

(for all women involved in farming) 5:00 pm meal, 5:30-7:30 program, 4-H Learning Center, N. Iowa Fairgrounds. Discussion on Estate Planning. Pre-registration requested by 1/14, 423-0844.

Jan. 24 North Central Iowa Beef Conf.

9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Ellsworth Comm. College, 1100 College Ave., Iowa Falls.

Feb. 10 Confinement Site Manure Applicator Recertification

1:30-4:00 pm, CGC Extension Office.

Feb. 28-March 1 North Iowa Farm Expo

9:30 am-5:00 pm Wed., 9:00 am-3:00 pm Thursday, N IA Fairgrounds, Mason City.

March 27-28 Women Around Ag Conf.

Get away and join other women for speakers, workshops, and networking. Best Western Conf. Center, Clear Lake.

❖ COMMUNITIES*

Jan. 5 & 27 Extension Council Meetings

7:00 pm, 5th-4-H Learning Center, 27th-CGC Extension Office.

❖ FAMILIES*

Jan. 5-Feb. 2 Sign in Daycare

6:00-8:00 pm, CGC Extension Office. By teaching sign, infants and toddlers learn purposeful, intentional communication.

Jan. 14-April 23 Lighten Up Iowa

Form a team for this program designed to promote physical activity and good nutrition. www.lightenupiowa.org



Feb. 3-Apr. 14 Free Tax Preparation

Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm, CGC Extension Office. Will prepare basic taxes for low-income people.

Feb. 3-Mar. 17 Strengthening Families Prog.

5:00-8:00 pm., Tuesdays, YMCA. For parents & youth ages 10-14. Free supper, prizes included. Call YMCA, 422-5999.

Feb.-March Money Talk: A Financial Guide for Women Course

Web-based or by-mail course to educate and empower women to take control of their financial lives. \$75 includes 190 page workbook. 515-294-6568 or online: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/finances/>

Feb. 22-March 1 America Saves Week

Make a commitment to saving money. Call Brenda, 423-0844, to participate. www.AmericaSaves.org

March 26 Better Kid Care Satellite Art Appreciation 101 for Young Children

6:00 - 8:00 pm, CGC Extension Office. Contact Gary at 423-0844.

❖ HORTICULTURE*

Feb. 17 New Gardening Items-Ventura Garden Club

2 pm, Ventura Community Center.

Feb. 25-27 INLA Convention/Shade Tree Short Course

www.ucs.iastate.edu

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Jan. 2 Club Officer Training

10:00 am, CGC Extension Office.



Jan. 2 Scholarship Workshop

12:00 pm, CGC Extension Office.



Jan. 2 Jr. Master Gardener Day Camp

1:00-4:00 pm, 4-H Learning Center, Fairgrounds. Photography, cooking pizza, making bird feeders, fun stuff!

Jan. 4 Intermediate 4-H Council Meeting

1:00-4:00 pm, 4-H Learning Center, Fairgrounds.

Jan. 24 North Central Iowa Beef Conference

9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Youth Program, Ellsworth Comm. College, Iowa Falls.

Jan. 24 4-H Night at the Outlaws!

7:30 pm, Fairgrounds

Jan. 29 4-H New Family Open House

6:00-8:00 pm, CGC Extension Office. For new families & families interested in joining 4-H. Learn more about 4-H!

Jan. 28-29 Iowa Pork Congress



Feb. 8-15 Iowa Beef Expo

Des Moines. Call 515-966-0075 or visit <http://www.iowabeefexpo.com>

Feb. 6-7 4-H State-Wide Volunteer Retreat

DMACC campus, Ankeny, IA. Open to all 4-H volunteers and intermediate and senior 4-H members, and it's free! www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volretreat.htm

ISU Autographed Basketball Giveaway!!!

Sign up by Dec. 15 at the Cerro Gordo County Extension office or web page.

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