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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 1 - Horse Jamboree entries **DUE**
- 7 - ISU Girls Basketball game 4-H Day
- 8 - Block & Bridle Dog show - registration @ noon, show @ 2pm, ISU Farm Bureau Pavillion
- 12 - New Member Meeting, Extension Office @ 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Horse Safety Meeting (1 is REQUIRED), Extension Office @ 5:30 p.m.
- 14 - Showmaster Boot Camp @ Johnson County Fairgrounds
- 23 - FSQA Training - 7pm @ Wayne High School - We encourage 12 yr + to come in and take test**
- 27 - Camp Counselor applications **DUE**
- 27-28 - SESS Certification - Madrid
- 28-29 - Horse Jamboree @ ISU

April

- 1 - Wayne County 4-H Scholarship due into Extension Office**
- 4-5 - Iowa Horse Fair
- 11 - Derby Swine Weigh in 9:30 am location will be announced**

May

- 9 - Wayne County Sheep Weigh in @ Wayne County Fairground 9 a.m. - noon**
- 13 - 4-H'ers for 4-H money DUE into Extension Office**
- 15 - Registration for Cyclone Horse Judging Camp DUE**
- 29 - Junior camp registrations **DUE**
- 30 - 4-H Night with the Iowa Barnstormers, Wellmark Blue- Cross Blueshield Field, 7:05 p.m.

June

- 11-13 - Cyclone Horse Judging Camp - Ames
- 14-17 - Junior 4-H Camp - Madrid
- 30 - July 2 State 4-H Conference/Animal Science Roundup - Ames

July




- 22-27 Wayne County Fair

August

- 13-23 Iowa State Fair


Did You know?

Iowa 4-H'ers report that they gained strong skills through 4-H in

-  Citizenship
-  Leadership
-  Communication

Lerner, R. et al. (2008). The positive development of youth: Report of the findings from the first four years of the 4-H study of positive youth development. Tufts University, Institute of Applied Research in Youth Development.

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LIVESTOCK

4-H FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (FSQA)

(Everything you need to know!)

*We will be having the FSQA training on **March 23**, 7pm @ Wayne H.S*

Do you wonder why you have to go through this training?

←*To keep you and your 4-H project on the right road...* learn ethics, safe care of your animals and how to responsibly produce safe food. Read on...

Iowa 4-H'ers produce over 13 million pounds of meat each year, which all goes into the American food supply. Ignorance of the processes to produce safe food is unacceptable.

- Pork processors now require producers to complete the National Pork Board Pork Quality Assurance Plus™ program in order to market their hogs. Other commodity groups such as beef may soon follow this model. Iowa's FSQA Program for youth meets the requirements for all commodity groups.
- 4-H producers are expected to follow the same rules and regulations as all other food producers.
- The FSQA Program will provide for a quality educational component for food animal members in every county and it will provide an education opportunity for members to be informed of their responsibilities as care takers and food producers.

FSQA Questions

- **Who needs to certify?** Beginning in 2006: any 4-H'ers exhibiting beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Iowa State Fair must be certified. All other food animal exhibitors are encouraged to attend to learn more about their responsibility to produce safe food.
- **Will 4-H'ers still be able to sell pigs if they attend the FSQA program?** Youth who attend the FSQA training will be certified in both the Iowa FSQA program (making them eligible for participation in the Iowa State Fair and other county fairs), and the national PQA or Iowa BQA programs (thereby meeting the demands of the meat packing industry). The Iowa FSQA has been recognized by the National Pork Board as meeting their quality assurance training requirements.
- **Can 4-H'ers just go to the vet to get their PQA card signed?** No, National Pork Board guidelines now require all youth to attend an approved YOUTH training program to become certified. No youth between the ages of 9 and 18 will be included in the adult PQA database, or certification process.
- **What is the certification/recertification process?** 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.
- **If a youth is 19 before January 1st and a senior, how are they certified?** They will need to certify through the adult program.
- **Where do we get the tests?** Tests are given by Extension Office personnel at the Extension Office. Call and schedule a time to take the test. Youth must accurately answer 70% of the questions to pass.
- **What questions will be on the exam?** All exam questions will come directly from the FSQA curriculum.
- **Is there a limit to how many youth can be testing at one time?** No.
- **How many times can a youth take a test?** Three times in one sitting and no maximum number of times to take the test.
- **Does a child who is only involved in breeding beef at the state fair need to be certified?** Yes.
- **Do we know for sure that the packers are going to honor, for harvesting purposes, the FSQA?** The Iowa FSQA youth program has been recognized by the National Pork Board, therefore meet all requirements of packers.
- **Is the training for all market animals or just beef and swine?** The training is designed to cover all food animals.
- **Is there a date by which they need to be certified?** For state fair exhibition, the process must be completed by

July 1.

STATE FAIR SWINE WEIGH-IN AND IDENTIFICATION

The dates for the 2009 Iowa State Fair weigh-ins are Saturday, April 25th – Saturday, May 2nd. Every 4-H'er is required to fill out an Intent to Participate form and submit that to the State 4-H Office by **March 20th**. The 2009 sites and locations are still being finalized, so we will alert county offices once the final Intent forms are up on the website. Each past State Fair exhibitor will receive a swine information letter in February, but counties are encouraged to make sure new swine exhibitors receive this as well. It, too, will be posted on the website shortly.
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookswine.htm>.

HORSE SAFETY MEETING

One safety meeting is REQUIRED if you are going to show a horse at fair. The meeting will be **March 14th**, 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Extension Office. Just a reminder: everyone that will show also needs to attend to practice sessions. The group meets every Sunday at the Trail End Arena. There will be work outs as it gets warmer and closer to fair.

****WAYNE COUNTY FAIR CHANGES****

The Fair Board has decided to raise the stall fees (please keep in mind that these have not changed for YEARS...)

Stall Fees per head:

Beef & Dairy Cattle (market, breeding and cow/calf) - \$7

Horse - \$5

Sheep, Goats, Swine, Bucket / Bottle calves - \$3

Rabbits, Poultry, Pets, and Dogs - \$1

These fees will be due the end of June during Livestock Entry Days.

Win \$50!!!

Cindy Enright is graciously donating \$50 to someone that takes a constructed garment to the fair. Those that do so will have their name put into a hat to win the \$50.

OTHER 4-H INFORMATION

ENROLLMENTS

If you have not turned in your enrollments PLEASE do so ASAP. You are welcome to mail them in if that is easier. Let me know if you have lost your sheets and we will get you new ones. Thanks!!

NEW MEMBER MEETING

There will be a New Member Meeting on March 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse for parents and members. We will go over expectations, requirements, important dates and forms. If you are not new and would like to attend please come! Please bring any questions or concerns you may have also. Questions will be welcome through out the evening.

GRADUATING SENIORS

You should have all received an application in the mail for the Wayne County 4-H Scholarship. Those are due into the office on **April 1** (no foolin'!).

SUMMER CAMPS

There are **12** new camps this year! There really is something for everyone! For information and dates on these camps you can contact the Extension Office, your 4-H leader or go to:

www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp

STATE FAIR COMPETITION DATES

Communication Events: August 15, 16 (pm only), 20, 21

Extemporaneous (open to all): August 20, 23 (one session at 9:30 am on Aug 23)

Clothing Event: August 13

\$15 CHALLENGE RULES

All participants (male or female) to qualify for participation in the state event should:

1. Purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'er's goal or intended use for the selected outfit. (Must be from a consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, garage sales, etc)
2. Have had individual planned or county experience(s) in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price and cost comparison.
- *3. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (ie. Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type.) Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts that were selected by the 4-H'er belong in Clothing Selection.
4. Cost of outfit must be \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.
5. Receipt(s) MUST be turned in with the Clothing Event Report Form.

4-H'ERS FOR 4-H CAMPAIGN

Every year the State 4-H Council sponsors the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign. This campaign raises money to be used throughout the state to help with things like financial assistance, intermediate 4-H programs, and improvements at the 4-H camping center.

This year's campaign theme is *Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams*. In order to raise money for all these things, they need your help! They are asking each club in Iowa to donate a minimum of \$2.50 per member to the campaign. The top contributing counties and area will be recognized at the 2009 State 4-H Youth Conference and all clubs that meet the \$2.50 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate.

Please consider donating in order to help 4-H'ers from all over the state of Iowa. All donations can be brought into the Extension Office on or before **May 15th**. Wayne County has not had a 100% club involvement in this for several years – let's show them how great we are by giving back!

Statewide Youth Leadership Opportunity

Des Moines, IA—The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year from Iowa students who will be enrolled in high school next year. **Deadline for applications is March 13th, 2009.** Consideration for selection includes; age and grade level (09-10'), geographical location, leadership experience, community and school involvement, and a letter of recommendation from an adult who can attest to your abilities and potential. Next year marks the 9th year of SIYAC representing Iowa's youth as a statewide advisory council.

Over the past year, SIYAC has transitioned from the State of Iowa Youth Action Committee to the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council. SIYAC members have worked hard this year to set the foundation and build strong relationships for the upcoming years. Being a SIYAC member will give you numerous opportunities for trainings and youth engagement opportunities, connections with other statewide organizations and youth, connecting with state legislators as a voice for Iowa's youth and will require you attend quarterly meetings in Des Moines.

This past year SIYAC has formed a strong partnership with the Iowa Department of Education's Team Nutrition program to host *Youth in Action for a Healthy Iowa* workshops in Ames this past fall and in Creston, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, and Alta this spring. The workshops aim to address real problems and implement realistic solutions facing wellness, nutrition, and physical activity concerns in Iowa's schools and communities. Mini-grants of \$500 are offered to participating schools to implement a project in their community.

Background Information

SIYAC is a non-partisan youth advisory council created in 2001 by former Governor Tom Vilsack. SIYAC consists of no more than 21 youth from across Iowa, representing a diversity of thoughts and ideas. The purpose of SIYAC is to:

1. Create open dialogue between policy makers and youth to shape and refine policies and practices to improve youth directed services.
2. Engage youth in their state and community to improve personal investment and likelihood of remaining in Iowa.
3. Increase the demand of local and statewide voice for youth by highlighting important issues facing young Iowans.

If you would like to apply for a position on the 2009-2010 SIYAC, please submit a completed application **no later than **March 13th**** to the SIYAC Coordinator. For additional information on SIYAC, including application forms, and *Youth in Action for a Healthy Iowa* Spring Workshop information, visit www.siyac.webs.com or contact *SIYAC State Coordinator* Bryan King at Bryan.King@iowa.gov

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know the Fair Boards pays for the judges, ribbons, and the premium money you receive for your fair projects?? Please show your support when there are Wayne County Fair Board fundraisers. Also, please take the time to thank them – without them there wouldn't be a fair!

4-H DISCOUNT EVENT TICKETS

Iowa State Center and Wells Fargo Offer 4-H Discounted Ticket Prices

Stephens Auditorium in Ames is celebrating 40 years of performing arts by offering discounted tickets for 4-H members and families to see any of their [2008-2009 shows](#). No ticket minimum required. Just use the [4-H Order Form](#)

Mar. 27 Blue Note Jazz Tour
Apr. 9 The Drowsy Chaperone
Apr. 14-15 STOMP
May 1 – Australian Chamber Orchestra

Wells Fargo Arena:

March 18 - Nickelback Pre-show Party
March 27 - Harlem Globetrotters
May 8 & 9 - PBR Des Moines Classic
May 23 – 25 Iowa Renaissance Festival & Gathering O'Cepts
May 24 – Andre Rieu
May 29 – Gill Gaither and the Homecoming Friends
June 22 - Mormon Tabernacle Choir

For more ticket information contact Event Discounts: www.Iowa4hfoundation.org

ALSO:

4-H Night with the Iowa Barnstormers

Saturday, May 30, 2009, Wellmark BlueCross BlueShield Field @ 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (200 level endzone) - \$21 (100 level sidelines). Order forms can be gotten at the Extension Office. Leaders will also get a copy.

LEADERS SECTION

LEADERS TRAINING – The next Leaders Training will be held on March 26th, 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Extension Office. Please remember that these are required. If you cannot attend you can get a DVD from our office or take the training on line.

PROGRAM FEES

Program Fees are DUE! The fee is \$5/member. If you have new members join later their fee will be due May 1.

CLUB FOLDERS – Leader's please be sure and stop in, or call in, to pick up information for your clubs. I also have project publications ready to be handed out to members who requested information.

SESS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Spring 2009 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports instructor training is scheduled for March 27-29, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The registration information has been posted on the 4-H SESS website under "Trainings Events and Activities". The direct link to the material is:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf> The program continues to see a growth in the 4-H SESS program. The spring training is always our largest training of the year. Please complete registrations early.

Wayne County property tax dollars support the Wayne County Extension Office. These tax dollars come to us through the Agricultural Extension District tax levy. The elected nine-member Extension Council is responsible for these funds.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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