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DATES TO REMEMBER

April

- 1 - Wayne County 4-H Scholarship DUE into Extension Office
- 4-5 - Iowa Horse Fair
- 11 - Derby Swine Weigh in 9:30 - 11 a.m. @ Tracy Goretska farm
- 18 - Fair Board Luncheon & Style Show @ Allerton

May

- 1 - Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute applications DUE
- 4 - Horse Committee mtg 7pm
- 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 - Livestock ID Forms DUE
- 15 - Intermediate Trip applications DUE
- 15 - Registration for Cyclone Horse Judging Camp DUE
- 29 - Junior camp registrations DUE (applications @ Extension Office)
- 30 - 4-H Night with the Iowa Barnstormers, Wellmark Blue- Cross Blueshield Field, 7:05 p.m.

June

- 1 - Iowa State Fair Vet Camp Registration DUE
- 8-11 Iowa Agricultural Youth Intestate - ISU Campus
- 10-11 Intermediate Trip to Omaha
- 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

- 8 - Communications, Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$15 Challenge Judging Day -Corydon Methodist Church, 9 am
- 22-27 Wayne County Fair

August

- 13-23 Iowa State Fair






SESS Coordinator is needed!!!

Do you know of anyone that would be interested in attending a training (paid for by 4-H Committee) this fall to be the SESS coordinator. IF we cannot find anyone this program will not be able to be offered. This program currently has 32 members.

Did You know?

Iowa State University research shows Iowa youth credit their 4-H clubs with making them better citizens, leaders, and communicators. In terms of citizenship, 4-H'ers said 4-H clubs helped them connect to their community and understand their community's needs and strengths.

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LIVESTOCK

DERBY SWINE WEIGH IN

Derby Swine – Barrows ONLY. Each exhibitor can show one pig in the derby division. Only pigs with an official beginning weight are eligible of this competition. Weigh in will be April 11, 9:30 – 11 a.m. at Tracy Goretska’s farm. All entries must be farrowed after January 1 of this year. Pigs must be ***under 75 pounds***.

MARKET SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

Animals must be born on or before February 1st of the current year. Sheep – a maximum of 15 head can be weighed in, meat goats (males only) – a maximum of 10 head.

RABBIT WORKSHOPS

4-H/FFA at **Tipton April 4, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.** @ Cedar County Fairgrounds. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbits to consult with speakers. Purebred rabbit breeders will have animals for sale. A “Make your own rabbit carrier” session will be held by Wolfe Animal Supply. A huge drawing will be held. For more detailed info please contact the Extension Office.

The eight annual 4H/FFA rabbit workshop on raising rabbits will be held **April 5, 12:30-4:30 p.m.** at the Jasper County Fairgrounds at **Colfax**. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbits. Purebred rabbit breeders will have animals for sale. “Make your own rabbit carrier” session will be held by Coats Equipment. A huge drawing will be held. For more detailed info please contact the Extension Office.

CYCLONE HORSE JUDGING CAMP

June 11 – 13 @ ISU campus. Ages 12 -18 years. Register by May 15th!

This a 3 day camp for youth interested in horses and horse judging. Youth will receive instruction in judging both conformation and performance classes. In addition, each individual will have the opportunity to have both group and individual instruction and feedback on oral reasons. For registration and forms: <http://www.ans.iastate.edu/events/horsejudging/> For questions contact Nikki, nikkif@iastate.edu or 515-294-3996.

MAY 15 – LIVESTOCK ID’S DUE

What animals: Breeding beef, breeding sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats (females), swine, dogs, and horses. Market beef, sheep, and male meat goats were identified when they weighed in.

What you need: Identification numbers (ear tags, ear notches for pigs), registration numbers if required, birthdates, tattoo numbers, breed info, vaccination info (dogs).

The forms are available at the Extension Office. If the animal is NOT ID’ed they will not be eligible to show. The forms must be completed and IN the Extension Office no later than **May 15th @ 4:30 p.m.**

Limits:

Purebred & Commercial Breeding Beef: 6 head maximum

Dairy cows and goats: 10 head maximum

Dog: 3 head maximum

Horse: 4 head maximum

Purebred & Commercial Breeding Sheep: 10 head maximum

Purebred & Commercial Breeding Swine : 10 head maximum

Market Swine: 20 purebred market, 20 crossbred market, 20 purebred derby, 20 crossbred derby

Meat Goats: 10 head maximum

2009 IOWA STATE FAIR VET CAMP

One of the most popular programs during the 2008 Iowa State Fair, Vet Camp is an educational, exciting, hands-on learning program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-18 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp is a two hour program focusing on both large and small animal veterinary medicine. Vet Camp is FREE with paid Fair admission. Only 30 spots are available per session and sessions will be assigned according to the date received.

Registration forms can be found online at: www.iowastatefair.org or at the Extension Office. Forms are DUE June 1. Session are: Thur, Aug 13; Sat, Aug 15; Tue, Aug 18; Wed, Aug 19; Thur, Aug 20; Sun, Aug 23.

IOWA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

Where is Agriculture Taking You? IAYI ... the Journey Begins, June 8-11, 2009

One hundred high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are selected through an application process to attend the Institute, which is held on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames. Speakers, tours, workshops, and small group discussions are used to present information on public policy development, research and education, product promotion, market development, social issues, career opportunities, leadership and communication. Delegates will also have the opportunity to research hot topics in agriculture and debate in the house chambers of the state capitol.

Applications are available at www.iada.state.ia.us or for questions contact Amber.hill@iowa.gov.

OTHER 4-H INFORMATION

****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'!).

Southern Iowa Loving Others

Wayne County is raising money to send to Tanzania to feed the hungry. Several clubs are working to contribute to this great program. The Older Youth Council held a bake sale and earned \$70 to donate towards the cause. Warren Willpower just collect change from around the house and will be donating \$86. Clay Diggers are donating \$50. That comes to **824** meals! Way to go 4-Her's!!!!

VOYAGE TO GREATNESS

The dates are set and the registration materials are now READY for State 4-H Conference and Animal Science Roundup. To find out the basic details and see all of the registration forms and frequently asked questions. Please check out:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/stateconference/index.htm>

INTERMEDIATE CAMP

Hey 7th and 8th Graders!! Head to Omaha this summer as a part of "O" What a Big Adventure. Join other intermediate 4-H'ers from southwest Iowa on a two day trip to Omaha on **June 10th and 11th**. You will meet other 4-H members; tour the Qwest Center and Kountze Planetarium. Evening activities include a night hike at the Henry Doorly Zoo, and additional activities and sleeping with the fist at the Scott aquarium. Thursday morning will include a morning hike, time to explore the Zoo and conclude with a movie at the IMAX Theater.

Applications are now being accepted and need to be received at the Wayne County Extension office NO LATER than Friday, **May 15**. Applications for chaperones are also available. Stop by the office for applications or go to the website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/wayne/>

New Techniques in Home Improvement—Eco Friendly Home Decor

Furniture from repurposed wood, rugs from recycled tires, bed linens from corn—all are part of the “green” movement sweeping the nation towards eco-friendly home décor. It also opens the door to creative 4-H project work. Lois Warne, Iowa State University Design Specialist, will be presenting a hands on workshop Saturday, **May 9 at 1:00 pm** to help 4-H members “think green” when choosing 4-H exhibits. Whether it is learning the latest techniques for refinishing furniture, painting walls, or initiating community service projects to protect the environment you will learn how to make your family’s home environmentally friendly and safely designed. Potential judges should be encouraged to attend in addition to leaders, parents and volunteers.

Please register to attend by contacting **Union County Extension** (641-782-8426 or jpurdy@iastate.edu) before **May 5, 2009**. There is no charge.

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

IOWA 4-H PHOTO CAMP

4-H photo camp is designed to give kids, 7th through 12th grades, the opportunity to learn the basics and techniques of photography, while having a great time! Held June 17-19th at the beautiful Iowa 4-H Camp near Madrid, Iowa, campers will learn from qualified professional photographers, and then get the chance to try out their new skills themselves.

The three-day event places emphasis on landscapes, close-ups, composition, and people photography, as well as painting with light, and other special effects. Both point-&-shoot and adjustable SLR camera operations are covered, as well as a complete section on computerized digital photographic enhancement. Field trips in the past have included the ISU campus, hands-on experience at the ISU Extension 4-H Computer Lab, Ledges State Park, the Iowa Arboretum, Reiman Gardens, The Bonebright memorial Armory, and much more!

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](#)

Iowa State Center:

Apr. 9 The Drowsy Chaperone

Apr. 14-15 STOMP

May 1 – Australian Chamber Orchestra

Wells Fargo Arena:

April 6 – New Kids on the Block

May 8 & 9 - PBR Des Moines Classic

May 23 – 25 Iowa Renaissance Festival & Gathering O’Celts

May 24 – Andre Rieu

May 29 – Bill Gaither and the Homecoming Friends

June 22 - Mormon Tabernacle Choir

June 27 – Keith Urban & Taylor Swift

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

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.



GREAT NEWS!!!

Iowa 4-H'ers shared their citizenship, leadership, and communication skills have improved and their behaviors are strengthened as a direct result of their participation in 4-H clubs.

In 2008, Iowa State University Extension surveyed 508 randomly selected 4-H selected 4-H club members (representing five counties in each of the five Extension areas.)

4-H members reported statistically significantly higher "After" participating in 4-H scores compared to "Before" participating in 4-H scores for each individual question within citizenship, leadership, and communication knowledge/skills and behavior/practices.

- 80.1% of 4-H club members indicated an increase in their **citizenship** skills.
- 71.5% of club members indicated an increase in their **leadership** behavior/practices.
- 73.1 % of 4-H club members indicated an increase in their **communication** skills.

Iowa 4-H'ers responses provide evidence that Iowa 4-H club membership provides opportunities for Iowa's youth to:

- Practice citizenship, leadership, and communication skills needed to be successful adults.
- Positively influence and work with others through multiple leadership roles and responsibilities.
- Take ownership of, make a difference in, and be an active citizen within one's community.
- Learn critical work place and team work skills.
- Get things done through entrepreneurial out reach.
- Meet their four basic development needs of belonging, mastery, generosity, and independence.
- Develop the characteristics of competent, caring, contributing, confident, connected, and capable individuals.

LEADERS SECTION

CLUB FOLDERS – Leader's please be sure and stop in, or call in, to pick up information for your clubs.

LEADERS TRAININGS - Two of these (spring and fall) are REQUIRED. If you have missed the training session you can come to the Extension Office and pick up a DVD to watch.

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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