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Mark your calendars! Fair Clean-up day will be June 4th only. There is a FairEntry/Fair Prep Workshop on May 24th from 5pm to 7pm.

Calendar of Events

**May**

- 3: Omaha Zoo Trip
- 4: Fair Clean up @ Central Iowa Fair Grounds
- 6: Intermediate Trip
- 9: Pollorum Testing @ Extension Office, 5:30pm
- 10: Entry Deadline
- 28-30: Youth Conference
- 30: Matting Workshop

**June**

**July**

**August**

- 5: Static Judging
- 6-10: Central Iowa Fair
- 12-4: Leadership/citizenship Camp

Livestock Judging Meeting Dates will be forthcoming
Central Iowa Fair News!

We are PROUD to announce that this year’s Saturday night entertainment at the fair is American Idol finalist BUCKY COVINGTON! On Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. on the CIF/KIX 101.1/Western Edge Stage will be opening act Hawk McIntyre. Hawk is a native of Boone and will be playing for approximately 20 minutes. Bucky Covington will take the stage right after Hawk’s performance to conclude the fair. We hope to see you all out there having a great evening at the fair. Remember to share this information with others and also remember this is a FREE event.

4-H County Council Spotlight

Megan Pansegrau
Megan is from the Laurel Livewires and is in the 11th grade.

What is one skill you have learned in 4-H?
Leadership and Communication

What has been your best experience?
Showing Goats and Hogs

Mackenzie Moyer
Mackenzie is from the Wolfe Ranch Rough Riders and is in the 9th grade.

What is one skill you have learned?
Leadership

What was your best 4-H experience?
Winning purple in Rabbits at county fair for the first time.

County Council Info...

The Marshall County County Council group had their last meeting on April 3, 2016 at the extension office. County Council scholarship applicants gave their presentations and Gabrielle Gerke received the scholarship. On the fair clean-up day we will be painting the exhibit building. Also, be looking for more information on a Taco Johns tip night in the next newsletter! Our next meeting will be May 1 at 6:00 pm. Note the time change!!

Fair Prep Workshop

Who: All 4-H’ers

What: This workshop will assist 4-H’ers on how to plan on bringing an exhibit to the Central Iowa Fair

Where: Marshall County Extension office

When: Tuesday, May 24 from 5 to 7 pm

Meeting Chelsea...

Chelsea Martens is our new Office Assistant! She joined us on April 11th. Chelsea is a former 4-H-er from Tama County. During college Chelsea interned in Grundy County’s Office. She also continued to work there last year as their summer assistant and temporary office assistant after graduating! If you have not yet met her, feel free to come in and introduce yourself! She excited to meet everyone!

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.
Youth Conference June 28th-30th

Every June, almost 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

Registration forms can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

Registration fees are $175 and are due on June 1st. Applications are accepted up until the 10th with a late fee of $25.

Petting Zoo

Once again, Liscomb Lively Laborers 4-H Club will be hosting a petting zoo during the Central Iowa Fair on July 8th in the afternoon. Anyone interested in helping out or having their animal present please contact LeRoy Stewart at 641-750-5124. We are looking at having more animals this year and need your help!

2016 Leadership/Citizenship Camp

Save the Date: The annual Leadership/Citizenship camp is Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14. This camp is open to 4-H’ers and friends in the state of Iowa. Have a cousin who lives on the other side of the

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
Best of the Best Show in Iowa County

Iowa County Extension and Outreach is hosting a Best of the Best Show on July 30th, 2016. The champion breeding and market animals from Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats will be eligible to apply. Any questions can be directed to Joe Baker 641-751-4293 or Mary Veatch at 319-668-1052.

AK-SAR-BEN Dates to Remember

June 13, 2016  Market Hog, Lamb, Goat, & Feeder Calf DNA due to County Extension Office
June 13, 2016  Horses, Market Beef, Dairy & Dairy Steer ID forms due to Ak-Sar-Ben Office
July 1, 2016  Market Broiler order/entry forms due to Ak-Sar-Ben Office
August 8, 2016  All Stock Show Entry forms due to County Extension Office

Livestock Weigh-in’s

Central Iowa Fair tags are $5; Iowa State Fair tags are $5, and AK-SAR-BEN DNA samples are $5. All are per animal. Goat weigh-in’s are May 1st at Jerry Blink’s House. Starting at Noon. Contact Brad Weir at 641-751-6818

NEW 2016 Swine Classes

Thanks to a great Swine Superintendent and a great swine committee there are some new classes and encourage 4-H members to look into purchasing some new exhibits. Try something new. See the list of competition classes for 2016.

Breeding Gilts

CLASS
26111 Berkshire
26112 Chester White
26113 Duroc
26114 Hampshire
26115 Landrace
26116 Poland China
26117 Spotted
26118 Yorkshire
26119 Other Breeds

Market Pigs

CLASS
26251 Crossbred Market Gilts
26252 Crossbred Market Barrows
4-H Honor Cords for Graduating Seniors

NEW this year! 4-H honor cords for graduating seniors are available at the Extension on loan or for purchase, $15. We are very proud the graduating seniors their involvement in the many programs offered through 4-H. If you are interested in the honor cords please, let Caleb know!

FSQA Certification

FSQA Certification for 2016 Needed

Training is required for 4th through 6th graders planning to exhibit Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry, Goats, and Dairy Cattle. 7th through 12th graders may attend the training or test out at the Extension Office by Appointment Only. Testing must be done before May 15th.

The following 4-Hers are indicated in 4HOnline, but not limited to, as needing FSQA training. Please call the office to set up a time to take the test or to do the training. If you feel this information is incorrect, please call the office.

Sam West
Brooke Snider
Evan Espencheid
Dawson Sawyer
Amber Martenson
Ashlee Johnston
Sophie Blubaugh
Bennett Hageman
Mkenzy Scales
Emily Pansegraup

Jacob Stalzer
Dreah Eldridge
Adisyn Young
Seth Larsen
Ethan Espenscheid
Cael Kline
Cody Kline
Christian Deam
Chase Deam
Mackenzie Fuller
Lincoln Pieters
Reese Hageman

Moriah Groth
Dresden Eldridge
Shelby Larsen
Brodie Blubaugh
Luke Hageman
Aleczander Scales

NEW this year! 4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
New Cupcake Contest

Open Cupcake Decorating Contest

New in 2016, instead of the Challenge Class, we will be having a Cupcake Decorating Contest available for all youth at the fair.

Decoration Theme is “Red, White, and Blue this fair is for you”

Everything in and on the cupcake must be edible.

Each contestant must bring at least 3 cupcakes which they have personally decorated to the contest on July 9th.

Cupcakes will be judged: 4 pts on Display, 4 pts on Flavor of Cupcake, 4 pts on Flavor of icing, and 4 pts on Presentation

Rubrics are available at the Marshall County Extension and Outreach Office

Contest categories:
1st, 2nd & 3rd place for age group “13 and under”

Look at the Marshall County Extension Member Info Page for all forms and information in regards to livestock and static projects! We are continuing to update the member info page with all of the forms you will need for fair, and any other important information in regards to fair. The fair Schedule and Fair Book will soon be uploaded as well.

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/marshall/page/member-info

Share The Fun Information

Division 113: Share The Fun

Exhibitors must comply with the General Exhibit Rules

11301 Share The Fun

not to exceed 8 minutes

This class provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. The presentation may be a skit, song, stunt, short one-act play, dance or other entertainment. Skits/acts must be in good taste, sensitive to diversity and culture/ethnic traditions of all citizens. Clover Kids may participate at county fair, but not the Iowa State Fair, unless the total club participates and at least 80% of members meet the eligibility requirements for state fair. [5th grade and older] Judging of Share the Fun will take place on the outdoor stage at the Central Iowa Fair on Wednesday, July 6 at 3:00 PM.

11302 Open Class Share The Fun

not to exceed 8 minutes

This class provides an opportunity for any youth or youth adult combination to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. The presentation may be a skit, song, stunt, short one-act play, dance or other entertainment. Skits/acts must be in good taste, sensitive to diversity and culture/ethnic traditions of all citizens. Judging of Share the Fun will take place on the outdoor stage at the Central Iowa Fair on Wednesday, July 6 at 3:00 PM.
4-H Carnival

We will once again be having our FUN 4-H Carnival on the evening of Saturday, July 9th at the fair. We ask that each club provide at least one game. If you want more than one, that is great. We will be giving each club $25 to help with prizes/supplies to have their game. The more games the better! Please email Jodi Breniman, jbcattle@mchsi.com, when you have your club game picked. We will keep an updated list to send out to leaders so we don’t have the same game from two or more clubs. First come, first serve on picking your games. So pick your game choice soon. Thank you.

Fair Parking

We will once again be following the same parking rules on the grounds as we did last year. We are asking for your help and hope that everyone follows the guidelines set so that everyone can have a safe and great fair. You may park anywhere on the grounds UNTIL Wednesday, July 6th at 8:00 a.m. From Wednesday, July 6th thru Saturday July 9th parking will ONLY be allowed in the west parking lot, north of the swine/sheep/horse barn or on the east side of the east road. There will be NO PARKING around the Show Pavilion, Exhibit Building, Covered and Outdoor Arena, or the center courtyard. We have so many activities this year with commercial exhibits coming and going that we will not be allowing any parking around these buildings. If one is parked around any of these buildings or driving over roped off areas they will be towed at the expense of the owner.

Required Animal Care and Disclosure Statement

We cannot stress how IMPORTANT this form is. YOU MUST keep an accurate account of your market animals treatment and care during this 4-H year. You will be responsible to keep an up to date record of any treatments or drug(s) that you give this animal (beef, meat goat, sheep and swine). You will be required to bring this form with you to county fair at check in time and also if you are going to the IOWA STATE FAIR you MUST take this from along as well during check in time. You have any questions, please let Caleb know. Remember this is important so please put this in a place that you know is safe and where you can record any activity on during the year. Various forms can be found at

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock
Deadlines for ID’ing & Verifying State Fair/County Fair Nominated Animals in 4HOnline

**ALL state fair and county fair animals must be ID’d in 4hOnline with deadlines as follows:**

**May 15:** Deadline for families to enter ID information in 4hOnline for breed animals (not including sheep. All sheep will be ID’d at weigh in), horses, dogs, dairy cattle and dairy goats.

**May 15:** Deadline for breeding beef heifers to be ID’d in 4hOnline. Breeding heifers MUST have a tattoo and breed, and, if showing in a breed class, a registration number in 4hOnline by May 15th. No exceptions. This is because we do not have a retinal image to verify breeding beef at this time.

**May 15:** Deadline for families to verify information for their lambs (market, commercial and breeding) and meat goats (wethers & does) ID’d at weigh-in Sunday, May 3.

**May 15:** Deadline for families to ID all rabbits in 4hOnline.

***Staff will enter ID information into 4HOnline for all market beef; all market, commercial/breeding lambs; meat goat wethers/does; and swine nominated for state fair at weigh-ins. If you have problems getting into 4HOnline or problems verifying/entering your livestock, please contact Caleb at (641) 752-1551.

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9th Street Gallery is having a 4-H Matting Work Shop

Tuesday June 30th 8:00-10:00am or 5:00-7:00pm

Please Call to reserve your place.

More information on Marshall County Extension Facebook Page and Webpage’s Calendar of events

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/marshall/

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4-H Recruitment Activity Report Form

Are you helping to promote 4-H in Marshall County? Have you gone and put up posters or handed out flyers to help recruit new 4-H members?

Check out the new incentive program to promote 4-H and recruit new members in Marshall County! If you participate in any promotional activities throughout Marshall County, either as an individual or a club, you could win a gift card!

Want to find out more? Check out the full article and report form here:

Dog Obedience Workshops

Tentative Agenda:

May 3, 2016   Heal with Automatic Sit
May 10, 2016  Degrees of turns
May 17, 2016  Figure 8, Change of Pace
May 24, 2016  Sit Stay
May 31, 2016  Down and down stay
June 7, 2016  Stand for Examination; Sit for Examination
June 14, 2016 Return to Finish
June 21, 2016 Recall
June 28, 2016 Put it all together!

Each class is 6pm-7:30pm at the concrete area of the livestock building at the fair grounds. For more information, contact Erin Calkins. eacalkins@msn.com or 641-485-8548

You need to bring a 4-6 foot long leash and a proper training collar. You must bring your copy of your dog’s vaccination record to attend.

Rabbit Agility

It's almost agility time again! This year we will be meeting Sundays again staring in May through the state fair in August. We will not be having practice on Mother's Day or Father's Day. Practice will be from 3:30 to 4:30 in the exhibit building. In order to show agility or hopping at the fair you must attend at least 3 practices with the rabbit you intend to show. No bunnies under 4 months of age will be allowed to practice agility for safety reasons.

We will also be doing tattooing for free for 4H fair rabbits only during the practices in May. Tattooing is available for non 4H fair rabbits at $1 a piece. After May, only touch ups will be allowed for fair rabbits with the expectation of meat pen/fryer animals.

Lastly, don't forget possession date is May 15th!

Horse Drill Team

Drill Team will meet with Keith Lambertson on Tuesdays, beginning May 3. You are welcome to saddle up at 6pm to warm up. Keith will be available at 6:30pm. For questions, please call Erin Calkins 641-485-8548 or Keith Lambertson 641-751-8480.
Thank You to all our volunteers!

One of the great aspects about the Marshall County 4-H Program is the many volunteers it takes to provide a quality experience to youth. We are so blessed to have so many volunteers, long and short term, that assist with various projects. There would not be a Marshall County 4-H Program without the many caring adults willing to help out in times of need. If you are interested in volunteering please, contact Caleb at the Extension Office for more information.

Thanks you,
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