Important Dates to Remember

Apr 1  Registration for Youth Conf. begins
Apr 11–17  Extension Week-check out our Carroll County Extension Facebook page to win the trivia contest
Apr 24  Livestock Workshop 9-12pm or 1-4pm @ Audubon Co Fairgrounds
Apr 29  Elements and Principles of Design Workshop @ 6:30pm
Apr 30  Dog Registration Due
May 1  Sheep & Goat Weigh in 9-11am @ Carroll Co Fairgrounds
May 6-8  Barred Cochin Delivery
May 15  Breeding Beef (breeding heifers, cow/calf pair and feeder calves)
       Dog, Poultry, and Swine IDs Due in 4H Online
May 20-22  White Pekin Duck Delivery
May 25-27  Market Broiler Delivery
June 1  Bucket Bottle ID and Pre-Entry Due to Extension Office
June 1  Clothing, Communication, and Table Setting Pre-Entry Due to Extension Office
June 14  Clothing Judging Day
June 18  All Livestock Pre-Entry forms due to Extension Office (excluding Rabbit due July 1)
June 19  Rabbit Tattooing 8-9am, Graham Park
June 22  Communication/Table Setting Day
June 29-30  4H Youth Conference
July 1  Rabbit ID and Pre Entry Due to Office
July 13-18  Carroll County Fair

Thank You Endowment Committee!

Thank you to the Carroll County Endowment Committee for sponsoring all volunteer and leader wristbands for the 2021 Carroll County Fair.

Fruit and Butter Braid Sales

THANK YOU to everyone for another successful year of selling Fruit and Butter Braids! A special thank you to all of you who helped at the Pepsi Warehouse. Your hard work is so appreciated!

Congratulations to our top 5 sellers for 2021:

1st- Brileigh Bock (Richland Hotshots)
2nd- Madilyn Trost (Richland Hotshots)
3rd- Kendra Schuette (Arcadia Energetics)
4th- Makenzie Blum (Manning Win or Grin)
5th- Hayden Fay (Richland Hotshots)
2021 Livestock Deadlines
Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, and Goats are due in 4H online May 15.
Rabbits due July 1.

Weigh in Dates:
Sheep/Goat: Sat, May 1, 9-11 @ Fairgrounds
Rabbit: Sat, June 19, 8-9 am @ Graham Park

When is my Pre-Entry form due?
- Pre-Entry forms for Clothing, Communication and Table Setting events are included in this newsletter and can be found on our website, to be completed and returned to the Ext. office by June 1st.
- Pre-Entry forms for Bucket Bottle Animals can be found on our website and are available at the office to be completed and returned to the Ext. office by June 1st.
- Pre-Entry forms for livestock will be sent out mid-May to every exhibitor that identified animals (excluding rabbits) in 4-H Online by May 15. Pre-Entry forms Must be completed and returned to the office by June 18th by 4:30 pm. No late entries will be accepted.
- Pre-Entry forms for Rabbits will be available on our website, at the office, and at our Rabbit tattooing event, and must be completed and returned to the office by July 1.

Swine Exhibitor Information
If you plan on exhibiting Swine at the county or State Fair this year, ear notches and ear tags are required. Tags and taggers are available at the Ext. Office to borrow. All swine need an official USDA tag (county) and a DNA punch tag if you want to show at the Iowa State Fair. Both the Carroll County Fair and Iowa State Fair swine shows will be non-terminal. All swine must be entered in 4-H on-line by May 15th.

Bucket Bottle Calf, Lamb, and Goat IDs and Pre-Entry Forms
Bucket Bottle Animal Identification and Pre-Entry forms are due to the Extension office by June 1st. The forms are also available on our website.

YQCA Mandatory Training
ALL youth grades 4-12 exhibiting any animals (beef, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit or swine) at the Carroll County Fair MUST be certified in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. You can access the training by visiting www.yqca.org and login using your 4-H Online credentials. The cost of the training is $12 and will be good for one year. PLEASE SUPPLY THE EXTENSION OFFICE WITH A COPY OF THE COMPLETED CERTIFICATE BY JULY 1ST. This can be a photo or screen shot of the confirmation page, or a hard copy.

Tall Corn Contest
If you are interested in participating in our Tall Corn Contest, stop by the Extension Office anytime to pick up your seeds to start planting your corn. Grow your corn and bring your tallest stalk to the fair on Saturday, July 17, at 1pm. Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants. Open to participants K-12, but prizes will only be awarded to grades 5-12. All participants will receive a participation ribbon.

Sheep and Goat Exhibitor Information
Any 4-Her wanting to exhibit sheep or meat goats at the Carroll County Fair or the Iowa State Fair must attend sheep and goat weigh-ins on Saturday, May 1st from 9-11am at the fairgrounds in Coon Rapids. County Fair: There is no limit to the number of sheep or goats you can weigh in or exhibit. Ear tags are $1. Iowa State Fair: Your animals must be tagged and verified for the State Fair. You may nominate up to 30 lambs or 20 meat goats at weigh ins. Ear tags are $1. Retinal Imaging is $5 per head.

If you are interested in completing a poster for the fair, they must be a minimum of 14”x20” or a maximum of 15”x22”.

Carroll County Fair Queen Contest
Applications for the 2021 Carroll County Fair Queen Contest are available at the Extension Office. Anyone age 16-21 by the first day of the Iowa State Fair is eligible to apply. Applications are due by May 31, 2021, to Michelle Hoffman. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.
**Fair Theme**

The theme for the 2021 Fair is: 

**Quest To Be Your Best**

**Poster Themes**

The themes for “Communication Through 4-H Posters” are:

- 4-H is… (open to 4-Her’s interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- 4-H Grows…(4-H.org national marketing theme)
- Quest To Be Your Best (2021 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Theme)
- Nothing Compares to 4-H Favorites (variation of the Iowa State Fair Theme).

If you are interested in completing a poster for the fair, they must be a minimum of 14”x20” or a maximum of 15”x22”.

**County Council Updates**

On Wednesday, February 17, the County Council participated in our Iowa Legislative Insider Event. At this event, we visited with Iowa’s Lt Governor, Adam Gregg, as well as several other public servants. We learned about our Governor’s efforts to sustain rural communities and participated in an activity to gain knowledge regarding Iowa’s growing food insecurities. We then conducted our monthly meeting and discussed the big plans we have for the rest of the year including our efforts for the “Pop Tabs for Jacy” fundraiser. Pop tab collection sites have been placed in each of our county’s schools as well as a few local grocery stores and hospitals from March 1 until April 30.

**Pop Tabs for Jacy**

The 2020-2021 State 4-H Council is planning to carry on Jacy McAlexander’s legacy of service through its annual pop tab collection initiative. Jacy was a 2017-18 State Council member from Rockwell City, IA, who passed away in 2018 following his courageous battle with Ewing’s Sarcoma. The goal is 2,021 pounds of pop tabs, as Jacy would turn 21 in September 2021. The Carroll County office is, as always, a collection/drop off location for this. Jacy’s dad, Earl McAlexander works in our Carroll office and is our Region’s Youth Program Specialist. Please keep this campaign in mind when recycling pop cans and tabs.

**State 4-H Conference**

Iowa’s Annual 4-H Youth Conference will take place for Iowa’s Western regions on Tuesday, June 29, at Iowa State University. Registration will open April 1st, and is limited to 130 participants per day. This conference is open to all 8th-12th graders. Fee is $50. If you are interested in the Annual Animal Science Roundup, this event will still take place, however the date is still to be determined. There is no application process this year, and will be awarded on a first come first serve bases. Transportation will be provided and due to generous donors, all Carroll County attendee’s registration fees will be paid for.

**Elements and Principles of Design Workshop**

**Thursday, April 29 @ 6:30pm**

All 4-H members are invited to attend our Elements and Principles of Design workshop. This is a great opportunity to practice your write-ups for static projects. Learn more about rule of thirds, design, texture, and so much more. Call the Extension Office by April 23, to register.

**Future Workshops**

Be on the look out for information regarding an upcoming woodworking and small engines workshop!

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