**Important Dates to Remember**

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**2022 Fruit and Butter Braid Sales**

Pick up will be Saturday, March 5th.

Our county’s order has been placed! Please contact your club leader to identify the time and place to pick up your order on Saturday, March 5th.

**Save the Date!**

All Animals (including those in our new Small Pet Show) are due in 4H Online by May 15

(Rabbits are July 1)

Swine Weigh In: Sat, Mar 26, 9-11am @ Carroll FFA Bldg
Sheep/Goat Weigh In: Sat, May 7, 9-11am @ Fairgrounds
Rabbit Tattooing: Sat, June 18, 8-9am @ Graham Park

**Carroll County Fair July 12-17th, 2022**

**Rise Up! Wellness Retreat**

Please join us on Saturday, April 2nd at the Audubon Agrihall from 9:30am-2:30pm for a Wellness Retreat for grades 6, 7, or 8. This retreat will bring together youth from 7 different West Central Iowa counties to learn and play together. We will be making glitter bombs, participating in the grilled cheese challenge, and learning more about mindfulness and wellbeing at an age-appropriate level. No registration fee required! Please email Kelsey or call the office to register!
Livestock Judging

Our Livestock Judging Club began their practices January 9th at the Carroll area FFA Building. If you filled out the interest form, be on the lookout for an email with more information. Email Kelsey if you’d like to get added to the email reminders. Our club practices every other Sunday from 2-4pm from January to June. All ages and levels welcome!

County Council Updates

Minutes provided by Vice President Molly Freese

The County Council has been busy planning and attending events this past February. On February 9th, the county council attended the state legislative day at the Capitol. We got to meet with our State Representative and Senator, Brian Best and Craig Williams. We had fun making our voices heard and touring the Capitol and botanical gardens during our workshops. We plan to hold our next meeting March 9th where we will discuss future events and prep for the summer. Along with that, the county council, on behalf of the state council, is starting our Jacy McAlexander “Pop Tabs for Jacy” campaign again. You can bring your pop tabs to the Extension Office or there will be collection spots at the surrounding schools.

Animal Science Roundup

Applications for the 2022 Animal Science Roundup are due March 15. 4-Hers in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend this two day camp at the Hansen Learning Center in Ames June 28-30 to learn more about one animal species that the 4-Her selects. Species for this year are Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Poultry, Sheep and Swine. Please call the office or email Kelsey for the link to register! The Carroll County Cattlemen have generously offered to cover the enrollment fee for three Carroll County 4-Hers!

Camp Wild is Back!!

Camp Wild will be held June 5-7 for 4-Her’s that have completed grades 5 through 7. The camp will be held at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center just north of Guthrie Center, IA. This is a camp to explore the outdoors, learn more about 4-H in general, and make life long friends! Attendees from past years are so excited it’s back! Registration will open soon!

Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across the state through their Share-A-Kid program. This contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades who are a member of 4-H or FFA. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. If you are interested in this opportunity please email Kelsey.

YQCA Mandatory Training

ALL youth in 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 log in using your 4H Online credentials. We will also be hosting two in person trainings at the Extension Office, May 26 at 4pm and June 15 at 6pm. Please call the office to register. Please also provide a copy of your completed certificate to the Extension Office by July 1st.
**Bucket Bottle Workshop**

On **Tuesday, March 15th** from 6-7pm we will host our annual Bucket Bottle Workshop. Again this year, the workshop will take place at the home of Janet and Justin Freese, located at 24958 160th St North of Carroll. If your child is interested in showing a bucket bottle animal at the 2022 Carroll county fair, this workshop is for you! Volunteers will discuss nutrition, handling, and basic care as well as what to expect while at the fair. All 4-Hers are welcome to participate in the Bucket Bottle show. Please call the Extension Office to register by Friday, March 11th for the March 15th workshop.

**New Member Open House**

On **Thursday, March 24th**, we invite all new or 2nd year members to attend our New Member open house from 4-6pm at the Extension Office. Learn more about possible project ideas, record keeping, membership guidelines, and much more! This is a great time to get all of your 4-H questions answered. Call the Extension Office to register by March 23rd.

**Swine Weigh In**

On **Saturday, March 26th** from 9-11am at the Carroll FFA Building, we will host our annual swine weigh in for the 2022 Carroll County Fair. All swine entries wishing to participate in the Rate of Gain class must attend the weigh-in. All other swine entries are not required to attend weigh-in, but MUST be entered in 4H Online by May 15th. **State Fair Swine:** must be entered in FairEntry by July 1st. DNA punch tag and USDA/EID tag are required. DNA samples are due to the Extension Office May 15th to be mailed to the state office.

**4-H Online/Fair Entry Help Night**

On **Tuesday, March 29th** from 4:30-7pm we will host a come and go info meeting with an instructor lead Fair Entry class from 6-7pm to answer any and all 4H Online and Fair Entry questions. No need to preregister for this event.

**Dog Show Workshop**

Please join us on **Sunday, March 27th** from 1-3pm at the Extension Office for an information night and interactive session from our Dog Superintendents and Judge to ask all your questions about the dog program. If you are interested in participating in the dog show, please see the informational flyer from February’s newsletter, fill it out and return to the office by March 27th. Please also call and register by March 25th for the workshop.

**Small Engines Workshop**

On **Thursday, April 7th** from 4-6pm please join us for our second Small Engines workshop where we learn more about the basics and beyond of caring for small engines. This workshop will be at H & H Sports located at 704 W 3rd St in Carroll. Register by Friday April 1st. This workshop costs $10.

**Photography Workshop**

On **Tuesday, April 12th**, we will hold a Photography Workshop for 4-Hers grades 4-12 at the Extension Office. From 6-8:00pm, learn from local photographer Jeff Storjhan about taking care of your camera, its settings, and how to take great photos for fair! Bring your camera and cell phone as we will discuss ways to take photos on your cell phone as well! Register by April 11th by calling the Extension Office or emailing Kelsey.

**Advanced Sewing Workshop**

On **Tuesday, April 26th** from 4:30-7:30pm we will hold our Advanced Sewing workshop at the office. This workshop is for those who know how to operate sewing machines and have had practice working independently on sewing projects. Help will still be provided by staff. Please register by Friday, April 1st. The cost of this workshop is $10.

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