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Think spring!

The warmer spring days will be upon us soon. Now is the time to start making plans for your 4-H projects. Before long we'll be able to be outside working and enjoying whatever it is that interests you. Maybe that is working in the garden or maybe on some landscaping. Perhaps you have livestock or pets that you'll be spending time with. Or possibly you are going to snap some new photographs. Whatever it is—start planning now. The Cedar County Fair will be here before we know it!

Congratulations to our February newsletter quiz winner, Lacy Rouse. Lacy will receive a 4-H lawn chair. Check out the March quiz on the back page and get your answers to me by March 15th for your chance to win a 4-H Tervis Tumbler or picture frame.

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

Food Safety Quality Assurance

All youth who will be exhibiting beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, or poultry at the Cedar County or State Fair must either attend a training session or test out of FSQA. All sessions will be held at the Cedar County Extension Office and all testing and training must be completed prior to May 15th for youth to participate in the 2016 fair.

Testing Session: March 10, 3-6pm

Training Sessions: April 14, 6-7:30pm, April 25 6-7:30pm

If you are in grades 4-6, you must attend FSQA training.

If you are in grades 7-9, you may either attend training yearly or take the intermediate test. Testing out will make you FSQA

certified until you are in the 10th grade. The intermediate test consists of 20 multiple choice and true/false questions. You must have 70% correct to pass.

If you are in grades 10-12, you may either attend training yearly or take the senior test. Testing out will make you FSQA certified until you are 20 years of age. The senior test consists of 30 multiple choice and true/false questions. You must have 70% correct to pass.

Note: You can check out your FSQA status in 4hOnline. It will show under your individual record as to when your training or test expires. If you have questions, please contact me at the Extension Office.

STATE 4-H NEWS

Eastern Iowa 4-H Project Workshop—Dare to Explore

Join us for the second Eastern Iowa 4-H Project Workshop on Saturday, April 16th at North Scott High School. All 4-H members, their friends, parents, and volunteers are invited to spend a day of inspiration and exploration. For youth there will be sessions on: Visual Arts, Photography, Food Science, Horticulture, Dog, and Woodworking. The workshop will start at 9am, include lunch and wrap up at 2:30pm following a fun

show by “Guys in Ties”. Come spend an exciting day learning and making some new friends from around the state. For more information and a registration brochure check out this site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cedar/Reg%2016%20BrochureWkshp%20-%20Revised%202-2-15.pdf>

STATE 4-H NEWS

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to attend Iowa 4-H Youth Conference “Dive to New Depths” on June 28-30, on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames. Conference is three days of speakers, workshops, community service, dances, making friends, and much more! There is even a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI: Crops.

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track, which includes the animal species of horse, beef, sheep, and swine, but space is limited to 20 applicants per specie to par-

ticipate! An online application for ROUND-UP is at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup> and is due March 4. Apply now!

Registration for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will open in mid-March so be ready for the most incredible three days of your summer!

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.



EASTERN IOWA EVENTS

Intermediate Trip & Junior Adventure Camp

All area Intermediate 4-H members (grades 7-9) are invited to attend a trip to Madison, WI on April 2-3, 2016. The trip will include fun at Cave of the Mounds, Henry Vilas Zoo, and a stay at Deer Valley Lodge (with an indoor waterpark). The trip will cost \$75 and registration is due March 15th. Find more details and the registration form here: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cedar/Intermediate%20Trip%20Flyer%202016.pdf>

All area Junior 4-H members (grades 4-6) are invited to 4-H Junior Adventure Camp at Camp Shalom in Maquoketa on June 10-11. Camp activities will include canoeing, archery,

swimming, woodworking, and fun activities. Camp will cost \$75 and registration is due May 16th. Find more details and the registration form here:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cedar/Jr%20Summer%20Camp%20Registration16.pdf>

We are also looking for Junior Camp Counselors. You must be 16 years of age by June 1, 2016. You can find the application form here: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cedar/Jr%20Camp%20Counselor%20App%202016.pdf>

NEW CEDAR COUNTY CLUB

Clever Canines

I am pleased to introduce to you Cedar County 4-H's newest club, the Clever Canines. Leader, Marie Appel, and the club members will begin meeting in March. This club is open to everyone and will focus primarily on the Dog project area. Existing 4-H members are welcome to check out this new club and have the options to dual enroll (stay in their current club and join Clever Canines as well) or switch their membership to a new club altogether. The first club meeting will be

March 19th, 10:30-11:30am at the Extension Office. The following meetings will be at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds: April 30th, May 28th, and June 25th, 10:30-11:30am.

Members will explore dog care, nutrition, training, careers and have leadership, communication, and service opportunities. If you are interested in dogs—this is the club for you!



CEDAR COUNTY AND STATE INFORMATION

Livestock ID's due in 4hOnline by May 15th

Reminder: Livestock ID's are due in 4hOnline no later than 11:59 pm on Sunday, May 15. To do this, login to 4hOnline at <https://iowa.4honline.com>. After you click on the Edit button next to the 4-H member's name, look for the Animals/Livestock link towards the top of the page. Clicking on that link will take you to the animal ID page. Select a species from the drop down menu and fill in the requested information. DON'T FORGET TO HIT SAVE! Animals that must be identified in 4hOnline are beef, dairy, bucket calf, dogs, goats (meat &

dairy), horse, pets, sheep, and swine. Rabbits that will be entered in the 4-H show at the Iowa State Fair and Cedar County Fair must have a tattoo in their ear and be identified in 4hOnline by July 1.

If in doubt, call and check. If you do not complete your 4hOnline animal ID by the due date, you will not be able to exhibit your animal!

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

COUNTY INFORMATION



Swine Project Information

The Cedar County Swine Show will remain a terminal show at the 2016 county fair. As we work to increase interest and numbers in this project area we will have several changes for the fair. This year each exhibitor can bring up to 3 market barrows and 3 market gilts to the fair. We will also be adding

a new class, a pen of three mixed market pigs.

The swine identification process for County and State Fair will remain the same as last year. Details of this process will be mailed out to all swine project area members.

COUNTY INFORMATION

Bucket / Bottle Calf Information

4-H Member Info: We are now into calving season for many folks and those enrolled in the Bucket/Bottle Calf project should start looking for a calf to raise and enter in the fair. Calves should be born between January 1 and April 30, 2016. Calves need to be in the possession of the youth within two weeks of birth. Your bucket/bottle calves should be identified in 4hOnline by May 15 (which includes uploading a photo of your calf). Bucket/bottle calf information is posted on our website.

Open Class Info: Youth who are 5 years old through third grade are eligible to participate in the Open Bucket/Bottle Calf Show which is sponsored by the Cedar County Fair Board. These calves also need to be born between January 1 and April 30, 2016. Identification forms and photos for these calves need to be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. Forms for this can also be found on our website or picked up in the office.

COUNTY INFORMATION

Cedar County Communications & Clothing Events

One of the most valuable life skills that you can learn and work on through 4-H is communication. All Cedar County 4-H members are required to give a presentation at the club level throughout the year. I would like to encourage you to take it a step further and share your presentation at the county level. You have already done the work so with a little extra polish and practice you'll be all set! Or consider doing a Working Exhibit—for this you lead others in a “make it, take it” activity or craft. You provide the instructions and supplies for the activity. Another communication option to consider is doing a Share the Fun act. This is a group skit or performance aimed to entertain. A final communication option is Extemporaneous Speaking. In this event you are given the opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech and respond to questions given a limited amount of preparation time. It really helps you to learn to think on

your feet! Our Cedar County Communication Event will be held Monday, June 6th starting at 1pm. This event is for our Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speakers. Our Share the Fun acts and Working Exhibits happen during the fair.

Do you enjoy fashion, shopping, finding a good deal, or sewing? If so, then our Clothing Event may just be for you. Our Cedar County Clothing Event will be held Monday, June 13th starting at 12:30pm. Classes featured at this event are: Clothing Selection (you purchase an outfit for yourself considering things like cost, style, fit, purpose, etc.); \$15 Challenge (you purchase an outfit for yourself for \$15 or less); Fashion Revue (you sew an outfit for yourself). On event day you interview with a judge and model your outfit. You also get to model at the Style Show during the Cedar County Fair on Friday, July 15th.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Upcoming County Workshops & Clinics

POULTRY WORKSHOP

Poultry lovers—mark your calendar for March 12, 1-3pm here at the Extension Office. Lisa Jensen will be hosting a Poultry Workshop. She will have information that will help you with your poultry projects and help you prepare for the fair.



LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to find and like our Cedar County 4-H Facebook page. It is a great way to stay up to date and share pictures and stories!

<http://www.facebook.com/CedarCounty4H>

VISUAL ARTS PAINTING WORKSHOP

Join us for some fun and try your hand at painting! Creative Spirits Tipton is hosting a private 4-H event on March 26th, 2pm. We'll be painting "Just Keep Swimming". Registration fee is \$20 and is due by March 21—space is limited so sign up today! Here is the link to the registration flyer:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cedar/Painting%20Visual%20Art%20Workshop.pdf>

DOG CLINICS

Marie Appel will be leading our Dog Clinics this year. There will be some changes to the clinics and the show to make things run more smoothly and to challenge our youth. The clinics will be held at the fairgrounds, run 5:30-7pm, and the schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 28th (NO DOGS!, Bring Rabies Certificate).

Tuesday, May 3rd

Monday, May 9th

Tuesday, May 17th, 24th, 31st

Monday, June 6th

Tuesday, June 14th, 21st, 28th

Sat, July 9th (instead of 5th or 12th)--- fun show time TBA

Livestock Opportunities Around the State

Tipton FFA March Madness Cattle Show, March 12-13, Cedar County Fairgrounds, contact Amy Lutz for more details amy.lutz@tipton.k12.ia.us

Eastern Iowa Horse and Pony Camp, June 19-25, Dubuque County, <https://goo.gl/Rvu7Tr>

4H/FFA Rabbit and Cavy Workshop- The annual multicounty 4H/FFA rabbit and cavy workshop will be held at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center, 3200 Lucas St., in Muscatine on Sunday, April 24, from 12:30 – 4:00 pm. This workshop is sponsored by Mississippi Valley Rabbit Breeders, River Bend Rabbit Breeders, Mike Avesing, Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders, Fred's Feed from West Liberty, and the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center. There is no need to preregister and no cost to attend. Youth are to bring their rabbits and cavies and consult with speakers. Examples of rabbits and cavy breeds will be presented and discussed. Purebred rab-

bits and cavies will be for sale. A "make your rabbit or cavy carrier" session will be held by Wolfe's Animal Supply. Youth need to contact Bill Wolfe at Wolferabbit3@mediacommb.net or 1-800-205-6929 to order a carrier. Youth will receive free tickets for a huge drawing. Rabbits can be tattooed. Cavies can be tagged. Youth need to decide on a short name or numbers for the tattoo or tag. Youth may show their rabbits or cavies in a free "practice" rabbit and cavy show. This show is for youth who have shown in less than three ARBA shows in 2015. All rabbits and cavies showing in the "practice show" are required to be earmarked with a tattoo for a rabbit or an ear tag for a 4 cavy. Rabbit hopping information will be available. More rabbit information may be found on the Iowa 4H livestock rabbit website. Questions can be directed to: Kevin or Amy Broadfoot - 563-271-7583, Karen Dunlap - 319-389-0536, Mike Avesing - 563-263-5959, Lynne Rechterman - 563-260-5295, Jeff Englert - 319-390-0142, Lindsey Gaunitz - 563-886-2635, Wolfe's Animal Supply - 515-556-5123

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.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 10 FSQA Test Session for walk-ins, 3-6pm Ext. Office
- 12 Poultry Workshop, 1-3pm, Ext. Office
- 26 Visual Arts Painting Workshop, 2pm
- 30 Extension Open House

April

- 2-3 Intermediate Trip to Madison, WI
- 14 FSQA Training Session, 6-7:30pm, Ext. Office
- 16 Eastern Iowa 4-H Project Workshop, DeWitt
- 25 FSQA Training Session, 6-7:30pm, Ext. Office
- 30 Market Lamb & Goat weigh-in, 8:30-10am

May

- 15 4hOnline livestock ID's due, last day to enroll in 4-H and projects, last day to complete FSQA
- 30 Clothing & Communication Entries Due

June

- 6 Communication Event, 1pm, Ext. Office
- 10-11 Junior Adventure Camp, Camp Shalom
- 13 Clothing Event, 12:30pm, Ext. Office

July

- 13-17 Cedar County Fair

August

- 11-21 Iowa State Fair

Cedar County 4-H Youth Committee (CCYC)

The purpose of the CCYC is to develop and implement a balanced 4-H youth program for Cedar County that supports the mission of the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program. The CCYC works to meet the developmental and educational needs of youth and is responsible for program integrity. Program quality includes assurance that the 4 Basic Needs of youth are met through 4-H programming incorporating the Essential Elements.

2015-2016 Committee Members:

Kari Barker	Brad Chapman
Jurgen Ehler	Amy Glick
Scot Harold	Ann Mentel
Lisa Rock	Deb Storjohann
Deb Wenndt	Amy Wilkins

Extension Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:00 am—Noon
and

12:30 pm—4:00 pm
Phone 563-886-6157

Newsletter Quiz—March

1. What is the due date for a horse, dog, or beef animal ID in 4hOnline?
2. What is the name of Cedar County's newest 4-H club?
3. What is one Communication or Clothing Event class you could participate in?

Name & Club:

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [HTTP://WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CEDAR/4H](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/4h)