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Time is flying by!

My apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out. Things have been super busy around the office with the upcoming May 15th deadline, sheep & goat ID's, swine ID's, and getting the 2016 Fair Book ready. But here it is, better late than never! As the fair approaches and you are looking for information I would first direct you to our website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/4h>. Here you should be able to find most anything you are looking for. If not, please call the office or stop in and we'll be happy to help you out!

Congratulations to our April newsletter quiz winner, Kyley Kordick. She has received a 4-H picture frame. Check out the May quiz on the back page and get your answers to me by May 20th for your chance to win a 4-H pen & notebook or a 4-H basketball.

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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 have been 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.

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.

If you still need to complete this call the office immediately!

STATE AND AREA 4-H NEWS

Summer Camps

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

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



Check out the 2016 Iowa 4-H Summer STEM Camps. There are four different options for a variety of grades and they will take place at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid, Iowa. Visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping> for more information and registration.

Cedar County Junior 4-H members are also invited to attend 4-H Camp at Pictured Rocks Camp in Monticello, Iowa. The camp is June 3-5 and the fee is \$185 for 4th and 5th graders and \$200 for 6th graders (they get a canoe trip). Please contact the office for more details and registration information which is due May 15th.

STATE 4-H NEWS

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference



Registration is now open! 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.

You can register between now and June 1 for the regular registration cost of \$175. Between June 2 and June 10 the rate goes up to \$200. All registration closes on June 10. Check out financial aid applications, due April 25 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. You could also apply for funds through the Cedar County Endowment Fund for this.

Get ready for the most incredible three days of your summer!

If you are an adult interested in chaperoning or helping out, please contact the office for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT

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



CEDAR COUNTY INFORMATION

FairEntry for Cedar County Fair

We will again be using the FairEntry system (just like the Iowa State Fair uses) to make entries into the Cedar County Fair. This is an online system where you'll register and enter all of your fair exhibits in classes prior to the fair. This program syncs with 4hOnline and will help to streamline the check in and results processes for the fair. All entries will be due by

June 30th, which is also the deadline for stall fees.

More information and a help sheet will be coming soon. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact the office. I will be holding extended office hours on Wednesday, June 22 until 5:30pm for anyone who needs help with this after our regular office hours.

CEDAR COUNTY INFORMATION

Silent Auction Baskets

The Cedar County Youth Council will again be organizing a Gift Basket Silent Auction during the fair. This year the Silent Auction will be held in the 4-H Food Stand Building. The proceeds from the auction will provide funds towards continued improvements in the 4-H Exhibit and Food Stand buildings.

Council members are encouraging each club to sponsor one or two baskets. Other groups, local business places or individuals who support the youth program are also encouraged to participate.

We ask that each basket be wrapped with clear cellophane so everything stays contained in the basket. Each basket should have a clearly written "sponsored by" tag and a list of

the items in the basket. On the bottom of the baskets, please tape a small tag showing the approximate value of the contents.

Silent Auction baskets should be brought to the Mathews Building during the hours of 9am-3pm on Monday, July 11 during conference judging.

Bidding on the baskets will close at 7pm on Saturday, July 16. Highest bidders will be notified and the baskets will be available on Sunday during the fair or following the close of the fair at the Extension Office. Please contact Joyce at the Extension Office if you have questions.

CEDAR COUNTY INFORMATION

Cedar County Youth Council Applications

All Cedar County 4-H members who will be in 10, 11, and 12th grade for the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to apply to become County Youth Council members. Cedar County Youth Council meets each month and the group provides an excellent opportunity to gain leadership, teamwork, and service skills while making new friends.

You can find details of the council requirements and the application link online: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/4h>. Applications are due by June 30, 2016. In addition

to the application you will go through an interview process. All eligible youth are encouraged to apply! Call the office with any questions.

This year's County Youth Council members are: Maggie Bormann, Lindsay Crock, Brian Driscoll, Kalyn Howe, McKenna O'Leary, Delaney Rife, Tiffany Schott, and Maddie Timmerman. The advisors are: Teri Baird and Joyce Coppess.

OUR VISION

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



COUNTY INFORMATION

Cedar County Fair Books

The fair book for the 2016 Cedar County Fair has been updated and will be available in print at the end of the month. Your leaders should have the books and fair tickets available at your June meeting. The book will also be posted online on our website soon.

It will contain all of the information that you need to know about rules, regulations, classes, dates, and everything else. There are several changes for 2016 so make sure you check things out.

During the Cedar County Fair, NO open containers will be allowed on the fairgrounds outside of the designated beer garden area. Exceptions to this will be fair sponsored beer & wine judging contest in Floral Hall & paid camper spots. Please respect this decision.

COUNTY INFORMATION

4hOnline Animal ID's Due May 15th

Reminder: Livestock ID's are due in 4hOnline no later than 11:59 pm on Sunday, May 15. **Please note that this is a Sunday and the office will not be open that day!** To do this, log in 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!

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? "To Make the Best Better" 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 Clinics & General Information

SHEEP, MEAT GOAT, AND SWINE ID'S

All of the information for your sheep, meat goat, and swine ID's should now be in 4hOnline. Please log in to verify that this information is correct prior to May 15th. If there are errors please call the office to assist you with making the changes—do not approve an ID if it is incorrect. After May 15 we will not be able to make changes.



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>

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:

Tuesday, May 24th, 31st

Monday, June 6th

Tuesday, June 14th, 21st, 28th

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

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Thanks to Lindsey Sears of the Iowa Photo Company for leading the first of our two Photography Workshops. Session one was held May 4th and she introduced some tips, techniques and tricks for taking amazing photographs. Then the group headed out to test out their skills.

Session two will be May 18th at 6pm at the Extension Office. Youth are encouraged to bring some photos that they have taken for comments, suggestions and critique by Lindsey.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about photography!



LIVESTOCK JUDGING GROUP

We have had great interest in our Livestock Judging Meetings! Thanks to those who have been attending. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm at the Extension Office. If you are interested in learning more about Livestock Judging—it is not too late to join in!

The 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging contest at the fair will be held on Wednesday, July 13th at 10am.



BUCKET BOTTLE CALF INFORMATION

Calves should be born between January 1 and April 30, 2016 and 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.

Youth ages 5 years - third grade are eligible to participate in the Open Show which is sponsored by the Cedar County Fair Board. These calves need to be born between January 1 and April 30, 2016. ID forms and photos for these calves need to be turned in to the office by May 15th. Forms for this can be found on our website or picked up in the office.

HORSE CLINICS

Horse clinics are starting this week. All those planning to exhibit at the fair are strongly encouraged to attend. The clinics will be on Wednesday evenings at the fairgrounds.

May 11, 18, 25

June 1, 15, 22, 29 (no clinic on 6/8)

July 6

Try to be at the clinic by 6 pm, so you can brush and exercise your horse prior to the 6:30 pm start time. We'll start with classes that require you to show your horse at halter.

"Dive to New Depths" will be the theme for the club booths this year. Start putting your thoughts together for a creative design!

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.



CEDAR COUNTY INFORMATION

Cedar County 4-H Endowment Fund

The Cedar County Extension Council is accepting requests by 4-H members, clubs, and county groups for grants from the Cedar County 4-H Endowment Fund. The funding request form can be found on our website and they are due by the 3rd Wednesday of February, May, August and November to the Extension Office. Examples of requests could be (but are not limited to): funding for a club project for the community

or funds to assist attending local, regional, or state events. There is a maximum of \$200 per request. A committee will review all requests and the council will select and approve requests for grants. Also, if you or someone you know would like to donate to the 4-H Endowment Fund please contact the office.

STATE OPPORTUNITIES

Livestock Opportunities Around the State

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

Goat & Sheep Fitting Workshop, May 22nd at the Show Pavilion on the Marion County Fairgrounds. RSVP by May 18th to the Marion County Extension Office (641-842-2014).

The Red Rock Classic, May 8th at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, Iowa. Show day entry fee is \$35/head. For more information contact Justine at justinehstevenson@gmail.com

Help support the Iowa Chapter of the American Junior Simmental Association and the local Junior Simmental Breeders at they host the National Classic in Des Moines in July. Save your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. There is a contest to see which state can bring the most. Turn them in to the Extension Office by July 1st and Deb Wenndt will collect them from us.

THEISEN'S 4-H DISCOUNT

Notice: Our local Theisen's store does offer a 4-H discount to members for products to be used on or for a 4-H project. The 4-H member does need to be present and request the discount personally (not mom, dad, sibling, grandparent, etc.). The 4-H member should also be able to describe his or her 4-H project and how the product is being used.



POULTRY ENTRY INFORMATION

A mailing has gone out to all poultry project members with details on ID and entry procedure for the county fair. Leg bands are not required this year. ID in 4hOnline is strongly encouraged. Testing for pullorum is required.

Please turn in the hand written entry form to the office by June 15th, Lisa Jensen is available to assist with this if there are any questions. We are also requiring that you make FairEntry in the online system by June 30. Details will be coming soon on this process.

NOTICE FOR LEADERS

All of the forms for workers at the fair have been posted to the website. Please complete these forms for Food Stand workers and Exhibit Hall Host/Hostess by July 1, 2016. Also, the date for 4-H Pre-Fair Cleaning has been set for Saturday, June 25. If you have questions please contact the office.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Attention graduating seniors! This year we will be recognizing each of you with a poster displayed in the exhibit building. This is a reminder that we need a phot and information from you as soon as possible.

CEDAR COUNTY FAIR, JULY 13-17, 2016



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May

- 11 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 15 4hOnline livestock ID's due, last day to enroll in 4-H and projects, last day to complete FSQA
- 18 Photography Workshop, 6pm, Ext. Office
- 18 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 24 Dog Clinic, 5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 24 Livestock Judging Group, 7pm, Ext. Office
- 25 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 30 Clothing & Communication Entries Due
- 31 Dog Clinic, 5:30pm, Fairgrounds

June

- 1 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 6 Communication Event, 1pm, Ext. Office
- 6 Dog Clinic, 5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 10-11 Junior Adventure Camp, Camp Shalom
- 13 Clothing Event, 12:30pm, Ext. Office
- 14 Dog Clinic, 5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 15 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 21 Dog Clinic, 5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 22 FairEntry Office Hours, until 5:30pm, Ext. Office
- 22 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 25 Pre-fair preparation—grounds and livestock buildings

- 27 Bucket Bottle Calf Interviews
- 28 Dog Clinic, 5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 29 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 30 Last day for Fair Entry and stall fees without a late fee

July

- 6 Horse Clinic, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 9 Fun Dog Show
- 11 Conference Judging
- 12 Livestock Check-In
- 13-17 Cedar County Fair

August

- 11-21 Iowa State Fair

Extension Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:00 am—Noon

and

12:30 pm—4:00 pm

Phone 563-886-6157

Newsletter Quiz—May (due May 20th)

1. What is the deadline to pay fair stall fees?
2. Who can apply for Cedar County Youth Council and when is the deadline to apply?
3. The 4-H motto has been randomly inserted into an article, which article is it in?

Name & Club:

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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