



# DALLAS COUNTY 4-H NEWS



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*The Clothing Event Date is now confirmed for June 18. So mark your calendar and join the fun. There are three categories to choose from, you can participate in one or all three. You can sew or purchase your outfit. If you purchase you can also try the \$15 challenge. Rules will be posted to our website.*

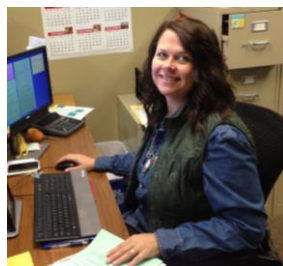
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## INTRODUCING NEW STAFF

### Welcome Aboard!

I would like to introduce you to our newest staff members.

Karmen Weddle is often the first person you will talk to or meet in our office. Karmen, her husband and 3 kids live in Dallas Center and you may recognize her from the Dallas Center Library.



The second person I would like you to meet is Alyssa Dick, our new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) coordinator. Alyssa is a recent grad of Iowa State University. She and her husband live in Madrid. Alyssa has a passion for Ag and STEM and is willing to share activities with your club.



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Extension and Outreach

**4-H**  
GROWING TOGETHER



## 4-H Youth Conference & Animal Science Roundup June 28 – June 30

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

Roundup is limited to 20 youth per species. If you would like to apply for one of the spots you must register by March 1.

Registration is available at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

Conference registration will be posted to

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>.

Payment will be handled through the Dallas County Extension and Outreach Office.

Save the Date

### Livestock Workshop

We are going to hold a livestock workshop Sunday, April 24 from 1- 4:30 pm. We will have presenters on Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits and Poultry.

We are planning to cover Nutrition, Fitting and Showing.

Watch your email for registration and details.

#### 4-H CAMP

Have you done a presentation at your club meeting

**Taste of Camp**

Region 13 will be hosting Taste of Camp at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid, Iowa on June 22-25, 2016. It is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers of all ages to experience everything that camp has to offer! If you would be interested in chaperoning please contact me at [aleta@iastate.edu](mailto:aleta@iastate.edu). More information coming soon.

### Communications Day

or at school? You can use the same presentation to participate in Communications Day, on Saturday, April 9, 9 am to noon at the Adel Library. Top presentations will go to the state fair.

You can choose to do either (or both) an Educational Presentation or a Working Exhibit which has a hands-on activity for the audience. Top presentations will go to the state fair.

### Equine Extravaganza

The 2016 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza will be held March 4-6 at Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls. This is open to ALL youth. Quiz bowl, hippology, horse judging, photography, public speaking,

posters, pair in one location, clinician for Rules and r  
<http://www.eavaganza>



## MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING  
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



## FSQA - Food Safety and Quality Assurance

All 4-H'ers who plan to exhibit swine, beef, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits or dairy animals at the Dallas County Fair or the Iowa State Fair are required to be FSQA certified.

4-H members in grades 4 – 6 must attend a 2-hour certification program every year to be FSQA certified.

4-H members in grades 7 – 9 can attend a workshop every year or take a test that certifies them until 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

4-H members in grades 10 – 12 can attend a workshop every year or take a test that certifies them until they graduate.

### or if I have tested out?

The 4-H online system will show when your FSQA certification expires. If you have any questions feel free to contact, Aleta at the extension office.

### Tuesday, March 29

Community Building on the fairgrounds

**Testing** – 4 - 6 p.m.

**Workshop** – 6 - 8 p.m.

*If you can't attend.* You will need to call the extension office to get the dates that other counties are offering the training.

### How do I know if I need to attend training



## AG AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPPORTUNITY

## AgDiscovery – Ames, Iowa July 17 – July 30

AgDiscovery is a two-week residential program for high school students ages 15-17.

Admission to the program is highly competitive and open to youths from across the USA. Students learn about the interconnections among wildlife biology and conservation, laboratory technology and diagnostics, animal science, and veterinary medicine. Every student has hands-on experiences on the farm, in wildlife environments and in the laboratory, conservation areas, zoological facilities, animal shelters, and research facilities

- Application Deadline: March 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Spaces are limited**
- Only 16 youth will be selected to participate.

Check out these links to for more information.  
[AgDiscovery Program 2016](#); Dates: July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Weblink: [www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery);  
ISU 2016: [agdiscovery.nrem.iastate.edu](http://agdiscovery.nrem.iastate.edu)

## OUR VISION

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

# Mark Your Calendar-- County Fair July 5-10, 2016



Static exhibit judging will be held Thursday, **June 30 between 1 and 6pm**. We will store any food items in the cooler to keep them in good shape for exhibiting during the fair.

Livestock will start to arrive at the fairgrounds on **Tuesday, July 5** with the shows following the usual schedule which will be posted and sent out as soon as it is finalized.

## PREPARE FOR COUNTY FAIR

### Swine

There will be no swine weigh in. Exhibitors will need to tag and vaccinate all pigs that they want eligible for showing at the county fair. Erysipelas vaccine and tags may be picked up at the extension office. Ear tags cost \$1.50 each.

Sheep and Market Goat weigh in will be held May 7 from 8 to 10 am on the

### Sheep & Goats

Dallas County Fairgrounds.

Ear tags cost \$1.50 each.

**ALL State Fair Sheep** must be weighed, tagged and retinal scanned. This includes breeding animals.



## JUDGED DURING COUNTY FAIR

### Communications Posters

Tell a story or idea about 4-H with a poster. Posters will be judged at the county fair under communications. All posters must be on standard poster board or foam core board—no smaller than 14" x 20" or larger than 15" x 22". Posters may be vertical or horizontal and done in watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or as a collage but not 3D.

The themes this year are: **"4-H IS, Join 4-H, Keep Soaring or Nothing Compares**. Top presentations and posters will go to the state fair. Posters done by members in 5-12 grade may be selected for state fair. Rules will be posted to our website [www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas/page/member-info](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas/page/member-info)

### Share the Fun

*Do you like to sing, dance or make people laugh?*

If so you might want to consider participating in **"Share The Fun"**.

Share the fun can be Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment appropriate to general audience. The acts may be done as an individual or as a group and may not be longer than 8 minutes.

We will hold Share The Fun during the county fair either Friday or Saturday afternoon. Watch for more information.

## 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.



## CLUB CORNER

### GRIMES GO GETTERS

The January meeting of Grimes Go-Getters was held on Jan. 13th at 2:15 at the Grimes Community Center.

During their pre-meeting activity members made Valentines for residents of a retirement center in Grimes.

Discussion was held on how to do a visual art project and bring an exhibit to the fair.

An officer from the Polk County Sheriff's Office spoke to the club on your responsibility in different situations.

### FLOWER WORKSHOP

The Dallas County Master Gardeners offered a hands on workshop to 4-H clubs. Several clubs participated in the workshops. The Master Gardeners taught the members how to force flower bulbs and then helped them plant bulbs in pots to take home and watch them bloom.



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with their participation in 4-H Clubs. Each project must be organized and supervised, designed to provide practical business and educational experience. The project must produce sufficient income to repay the loan.

The loan is available to youth between the ages 10 and 20 years. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. Loan funds may be used to: buy livestock, seed, equipment and supplies; buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment; pay operating expenses for the project

You are encouraged to contact your local USDA Service Center in Boone at (515) 432-4320 for more information.

### FAIR BOOK

The Youth Committee is in the process of updating the Dallas County Fair book.

The updated fair book will be posted on the Dallas County Extension website as soon as it is done.

### 4-H FOUNDATION

If your club would like to do a community service project but need a little help with funding you may apply for a Dallas County 4-H Foundation Grant. For more information contact Aleta at [aleta@iastate.edu](mailto:aleta@iastate.edu).

### NEW 4-H TEE SHIRTS

4-H t-shirts are now available. We have a new style still in green. Cost is \$8 per shirt.

### CHECK THESE OUT!!

**Iowa 4-H Project Hot Sheets** are a **GREAT** resource to help you get started with your 4-H project. Each sheet will have exhibit ideas and places to find more information.

Check out the website so you can get started.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/>. Choose your topic and take a look.

### 4-H Weekly News webpage

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news>

### 4-H Exhibit Judges Information webpage

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/iowa-4-h-judges>

# 4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH





# Calendar

MARK THESE DATES

## February:

- 5-6 State Leaders Retreat- Ames
- 16 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm – Ext. Office

## March:

- 5 Clover Kids Livestock Workshop - Fairgrounds
- 12 New Leader Training 9 am - Extension Office
- 15 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm – Ext. Office
- 29 FSQA – Community Building 4-8 pm

## April:

- 9 Communications Day – Adel Library 9 - Noon
- 21 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm - Ext. Office
- 24 Multi species livestock workshop – Dallas County Fairgrounds

## May:

- 7 Sheep and Market Goat Weigh-in, 8-11 am
- 15 Animal ID's due **(4H online will close)**
- 17 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm - Ext. Office

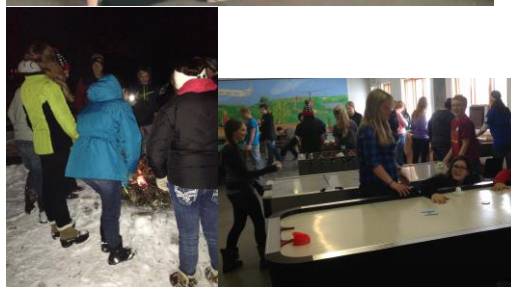
## June:

- 10-18 Citizens Washington Focus trip to D.C.
- 18 Clothing Event - Grace West Church
- 21 Youth Committee Meeting
- 22-25 Taste of Camp
- 27-30 State 4-H Conference - Ames
- 28 Fairground Setup - 6 pm
- 30 Static Exhibit Judging 1-6 pm Community Bldg.

## July:

- 5-10 Dallas County Fair
- 7 Clover Kids Day at the Fair
- 19 Post Fair Meeting – Ext. Office 7 pm

## Teen Retreat



## Beef Weigh In



## Bulb Planting Workshop



# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/DALLASCOUNTY](http://EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/DALLASCOUNTY)