



DICKINSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Hannah's Note:

Welcome 4-H families to our new Newsletter format. The Newsletter will still arrive in the mail for those who request it and will continue to be sent out via 4-H Online email and posted on our County Webpage. If you haven't downloaded the New County 4-H App look for it in your play store on any smart phone, ipad, or tablet by searching Dickinson County 4-H (IA) the app is free to download and a great way to get reminders, dates, contact info, and links for identifying animals and registering exhibits straight to your phone! With our new app has come a new Facebook page specific to youth and 4-H happenings. Feel free to check it out and follow at <https://www.facebook.com/ISUExtDickinsonCountyYouth/>.

We are counting down and are already less than 4 months from Fair!

Have you...

- Attended 5 club meetings
- Given a presentation (for returning 4-H members)
- Participated in at least 1 Community Service activity

If so than you are on your way to being ready for the County Fair!

As always, if you have any questions please give us a call!



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Swine Verification & Weigh-In - Saturday, April 7

Youth planning to exhibit swine, please call the office at 336-3488 by Wednesday, April 4th to register for weigh-in and share your time preference, phone number to be reached on April 7th, and location of hogs. Swine ear tags should be purchased at the Extension Office and animals should be tagged prior to scheduled ID time slot. Ear tags are \$1.00 each. **Members of the Swine Committee will visit project farms to verify animals on Saturday, April 7th.**



Those of you participating in the swine project, **be sure to review project rules!**

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In - Saturday, April 14



Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-In is Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 am - noon at the Fairgrounds. No late verifications or weights will be accepted for the Dickinson County Fair. Please plan ahead and keep in mind that male goats are to be altered prior to Weigh-In. Tags may be purchased in advance at the Extension Office and attached prior to Weigh-In.

Exhibitors and families be sure to **read the 2018 Sheep & Goat project rules.**

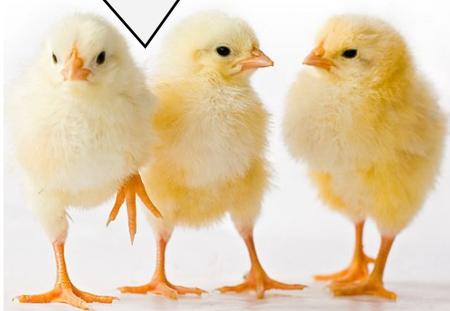
Extension Week Celebration - Monday, April 16

We are celebrating Extension Week and **YOU'RE INVITED** to join us for an **Open House and Cookout Monday, April 16 from 4:30-6:30 pm.** Enjoy a meal and bring along a canned or boxed good for our County Wide Food Drive! Register to win some sweet items in our prize drawing! Register for our Summer Events and enjoy time among our 4-H family.



Broiler Project Registration - Friday, April 20

Broiler Project Participants receive FREE chicks!! Who will the lucky 4-Her's be???



Hey peeps! Looking for a fun project this Spring and Summer? Register for the Broiler Project! Participants will receive 8-10 fuzzy chicks for FREE to raise for 6-8 weeks until they are ready to be processed. Participants will receive a booklet to fill out and track the feed costs and experiences with their chicks. These booklets will be judged as a Static Project on Wednesday, July 18.

Project broilers will be processed for FREE on June 21 as two Broiler Pens of Three. First the broilers will be judged as live birds based on overall appearance and uniformity, then as processed carcass results and uniformity. Placings for the Broiler Project will be announced during the Poultry Show at Fair!!

To register call 712-336-3488 by April 20!

4-H Horse Project Palooza - Sunday, April 22



4-Her's in the Horse Project, mark your calendars for the 1st ever **Horse Project Palooza** on **Sunday, April 22 from 3-5 pm at Camp Foster**. This event is open to area 4-H members. Dickinson County Practice schedules will be given out at this event along with registration forms for the 4-H Horse Fun Show. To register for this awesome season kick-off, call the Extension Office at 336-3488 by Thursday, April 19, cost is \$5.00. Stall signs can be used to decorate at Fair or entered as a Static Project.

Activities will include:

Horse First Aid taught by Dr. Loretta Berkland

Make your own Equine First Aid Kit and get hands-on experience.

Equine Anatomy with Iowa State University

Get an up-close look at horse anatomy and see how it applies to form and function!

Stall Sign Design

Make stall signs to enter as static exhibits at your county fair and/or to decorate your horse's stall. Also test your equine knowledge during Horse Jeopardy.

Volunteers will also be available to check your riding helmet.



All participants
will be entered
to win prizes!

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Assurance of Animals) - Tuesday, April 24

Do you plan to exhibit cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, or rabbits? If so then you are required to be YQCA or FSQA certified! Why? Because these animals have the ability to enter the food chain and just like some packers require producers to be PQA or BQA certified the industries want to know that you as 4-H and FFA members are knowledgeable about the livestock you are raising and that you are doing a quality job!

Need YQCA or FSQA?

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 24 from 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: County Extension Office

Not sure if you need YQCA/FSQA, call us & ask ☺



2018 Dickinson County 4-H & FFA Fairbook - Read Me!

Are you curious about what you can bring to Fair, wondering what's new in 2018, or pondering project ideas? Even if you answered no to all those questions, the 2018 4-H & FFA Fairbook is a **MUST READ!**

Congratulations to 4-H member Mady Brevik who's design was selected for the 2018 Fairbook cover and Fair Logo!! Thank you to all who entered our contest, your awesome entries decorate the back of our Fairbook.

For highlights on what's new in 2018 check out the stars in the Static portion and next month's Newsletter for important notes on what's new for you!

Where can I find the 2018 Fairbook?

On the Extension Webpage: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/>

On the Extension Youth Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ISUExtDickinsonCountyYouth/>

On your Smartphone, ipad, or tablet in the County 4-H App: [Dickinson County 4-H \(IA\)](#)



PLUNGE! Into 4-H Camp - Friday & Saturday April 27-28



April 27-28, 2018

Camp Foster—YMCA Spirit Lake, IA

Open to All Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th grade) 4-H Youth!

\$60 per Youth (Cost includes Lodging, Food & All Activities)

Things to Note:

- Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 27.
- Eat supper BEFORE you arrive on Friday.
- Breakfast & Lunch will be provided Saturday.
- Pick up by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

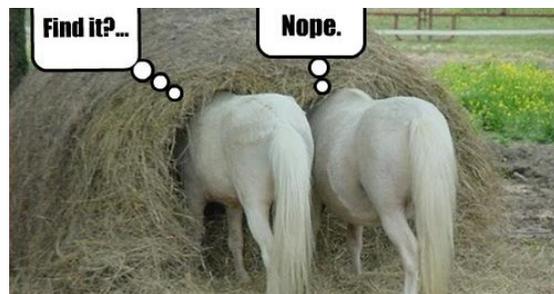
REGISTER ONLINE by April 24:

<https://form.jotform.com/4Hregion1/4hplunge2018>

Join us for Wall Climbing, Horseback Riding, Archery, Team Building Challenges, Nature Hikes, Campfires, Service Projects & More!

1st Horse Practice - Sunday, May 6

Mark your calendars for the 1st practice of the season at 2:00 pm May 6th! Complete 2018 Practice Schedules will be given out at the Horse Project Palooza on April 22nd. Come find out what is in store for 2018!



Animal Identification Deadline - Tuesday, May 15

REMINDER! Animal Identifications (ID's) are due by midnight **Tuesday, May 15** (with the exception of Poultry & Rabbits) in 4H Online! This is the last day they will be accepted! The statewide database shuts down at midnight and we cannot add or change animal information. **NO PAPER COPIES ACCEPTED!** Make sure to ID **ALL** animals that you are working with and think you might want to bring to fair.

If you know you are bringing an animal such as: pet, dog, horse, breeding goat, breeding sheep, or breeding beef to fair, identify it now. All MARKET animals are entered by staff after the weigh-in and you simply go into 4H Online and double-check/verify the information.



This is not a fair entry, just an identification of which animals you are working with and may bring to fair. Specific Fair Entry Forms will be due July 1st in FairEntry (our new online system).

If you have any questions or need help walking through the online system please do not hesitate to call or stop in the office, no appointment necessary.

Multi Species Animal Science Clinic - Thursday, May 24

Spend an evening learning about your favorite livestock! You will be able to attend specie specific sessions (up to 3) to learn about grooming and general animal care. Session options will include: beef, horse, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine. Each session will last 30 minutes. A Face to Face YQCA training will be offered from 4-5:30 pm on this day. Don't miss out on this livestock event.

Location: Clay County Fairgrounds

4-5:30 pm - YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Training

5:30-6 pm - Supper grilled by Clay County Cattlemen \$5

6-8:00 pm - Species Clinic Sessions

To register call 712-336-3488 by Tuesday, May 22

Not sure if you need YQCA/FSQA? Give us a call to see if you are currently certified.

*****Youth enrolled in Poultry or Rabbit projects, attending those species sections of this event will meet your project workshop requirement to exhibit at the Dickinson County Fair**



4-H Horse Fun Show - Sunday, June 3

4-H members in the Horse Project get ready for our 4-H Horse Fun show Sunday, June 3 at 1:30 pm.

Cost to register is \$5.00 and registration is now open!



Fun Classes Include: Showmanship - 13 & under, Showmanship - 14 & over, Walk/Trot - 13 & under, Walk/Trot - 14 & over, Western Pleasure - 13 & under, Western Pleasure - 14 & over, Egg & Spoon - 13 & under, Egg & Spoon - 14 & over, Barrels - 13 & under, Barrels - 14 & over, Poles - 13 & under, Poles - 14 & over, Panty Hose Race - 13 & under, Panty Hose Race - 14 & over, Two-In-Line, Speed Dash - 13 & under, Speed Dash - 14 & over

SUMMER EVENTS - ALL SUMMER LONG!

Are you stoked for summer and counting down the days? We are! Be sure to check out our 2018 Summer Booklet so you can register for fun events such as:

**Vet Science
Camp**

**Creative
Chefs**

**Constellation
Overnight Camp**

**Amusement Park
Science**

**Fish
Frenzy**



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