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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**January 1**
Office Closed for the New Year Holiday

**January 2**
Wooden Wall Art Workshop, 1—3 p.m.

**January 10**
Waverunners Showcase, 1—2:30 p.m.

**January 17**
Pottery Painting Workshop, 9:30—11:30

**January 17**
Dog Clinic, 1—3 p.m.

**January 24**
Beef Bonanza, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

**January 25**
Youth Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**February 1**
Market Beef Verification due in 4honline

**February 1**
4-H State Recognition Applications due

**February 1**
Poultry Picker

**February 14**
STEMFest at Dordt College, 9—3 p.m.

**February 21**
Top Dog Clinic, 10—2 p.m.

**February 21**
Studio Shots Photography Workshop, 1—3 p.m.

**February 22**
Youth Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**February 28**
Top Dog Clinic, 10—2 p.m.

**February 28**
PJ Party Stitch These Sewing Workshop, 1—3 p.m.

**February 28**
Sheep/Goat Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.
NEW 2015 State Fair Livestock Rule Changes

In a webcast last month from the State 4-H Office, we learned of the following rule changes for the 2015 livestock identification and exhibition for the Iowa State Fair.

**Market Beef:**

- New USDA type tags are encouraged for use in calves participating at the 2015 Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Shows. (We have ordered these tags and plan to use them at the December 20 weigh-in.) You will notice 3 letters and 4 numbers in this sequence. The “old style” tags and numbering system will be used in calves identified for show at the county and district (Clay County) level. Ear tag cost remains $1.50 per tag and an additional $5 for any verifications for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

**Breeding Beef:**

- Breeding beef animals exhibiting at Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must have a birthdate, registration number (if registered) and tattoo number in the 4honline identification system by May 15th.

**Market Meat Goats:**

- Iowa State Fair Market Meat Goat classes will now consist of both market wethers and market does. All market meat goats must have a retinal image. (We will do these at our April weigh-in.)
- The Iowa State Fair entry limit for 2015 increased from 4 total goats to 6 total with a max. of 4 market or 4 breeding goats entered.

**Breeding Meat Goats:**

- Breeding Does must have a 4-H ear tag OR tattoo for the Iowa State Fair. (If tattoo, the right ear = Herd Prefix ie. RFB and left ear = individual animal identifier, ie. 534.) Birthdates are required for breeding does to determine class. Additionally, for 2015, any breeding does identified for the Iowa State Fair must have a retinal image. We will be doing these at the April weigh-in.
- The Iowa State Fair entry limit for 2015 increased from 4 total goats to 6 total with a max. of 4 market or 4 breeding goats entered.

**Horse:**

- There is an increase from 2 to 3 horses that can be entered per exhibitor at the 2015 Iowa State Fair.
- Youth can now identify up to 5 horses with a max. of 2 leased. (Still no leasing of halter horses.)
Wooden Wall Art Workshop

Try an innovative new workshop Friday, January 2 from 1—3 p.m. in the Dickinson County Community Building. We’re combining Visual Arts, Woodworking, and STEM! Use wood lath, to create a unique piece of artwork for your wall. Choose from 1 of 4 designs or create your own! We will supply the wood lath, sand paper, paint, brushes, and glue. Please bring gloves, tape measure, hand saw, and a dust mask. Cost of the workshop is $5 and due with your registration to the ISU Extension Office by December 29. Contact the office at 336-3488 with questions.

Waverunners Showcase

Join the Waverunners Robotics Club for a Showcase on Saturday, January 10 from 1—2:30 p.m. in the Dickinson County Extension Office. The Waverunners had 3 teams compete in the regional competition on December 6, where the theme was “World Class”. Teams had to come up with creative ideas for the future of learning. Come see what the teams learned as they demonstrate for you and receive some individual awards.

Pottery Painting Workshop

Get your creativity going and join us on Saturday, January 17 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. at Kurio Kastle (709 16th St., Spirit Lake) for a pottery painting party! Pick your project within the $20 range and then put some design elements and art principles to work to paint it! The pottery will be fired in a kiln and ready for pickup about a week later! Cost of the workshop is $20 and due with your registration to the ISU Extension Office by January 14. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 336-3488.

Dog Project Clinic

Join Melissa Fahr in the Dickinson County Community Building on Saturday, January 17 from 1—3 p.m. as she introduces you and your dog to the aspects of dog obedience, handling, and agility events. We’ll use this as a kick off to our 2015 dog practices and discover what you and your dog would like to learn and do this year in the dog project area. Please bring your dog, a choke chain, and a 6 foot leash. (Please no flexi leads) Dogs must be up-to-date on vaccinations with a paper copy brought the day of the clinic. Parents are encouraged to attend! Cost of the clinic is $5 and due to the ISU Extension Office by January 7. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 336-3488.

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Regional Beef Bonanza 2015

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Regional Beef Bonanza on Saturday, January 24 at the Iowa Lakes Community College Emmetsburg Campus! Sessions include, “Meat” the Data with Beth Doran; Would You Eat That? With Nancy Clark; Winning with Feeds with Jason Joyce and Joel Thomson; Moo-ving Ahead with Jessica Sander and Katie Holmes; Sire Buyers: Breeding & Selection Game, and an ILCC Ag program tour. Cost for the day is $5 per person and due with your registration form to the Emmet County Extension Office, 26 S. 17th St., Estherville, IA 51334.

Market Beef Verification Due

If you weighed and identified market beef at the December Weigh-In, please log onto 4honline to verify your animals information before February 1. The data base will close after February 1 and what is entered will stay that way. Please double check the tag number, left ear/right ear, steer/heifer, weight, heifer birth date, etc... Also, if you are showing a purebred, please enter the breed information and registration number. Help sheets can be found at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-id under the Livestock ID category. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jessica at 336-3488.

County Youth Council Meeting

The monthly Youth Council meeting is on Sunday, January 25 at 7 p.m. at the Dickinson County Extension Office. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jessica at 336-3488.

State 4-H Recognition Day

The 2015 State 4-H Recognition materials and applications have been updated and are available on the Recognition Opportunities webpage. All applications are to be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. February 1, 2015. For more information please go to:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities

Each recognition area has its own application that must be filled out. Be prepared to travel to ISU in Ames on Saturday, March 28 for interviews. If you have a true conflict, other arrangements can be made by contacting Cayla Taylor at cayla@iastate.edu, or 515-294-1877

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4-H Scholarships

4-H Scholarships are now available through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The Iowa 4-H Foundation offers 80 Scholarships worth more than $73,000. Only 1 application is required for ALL scholarships. More information can be found at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/scholarships/. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1.

Poultry Picker

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Poultry Picker on Saturday, February 14, 10 a.m.—12 noon at the Dickinson County Show Arena. Youth will have a chance to learn about bird selection, care and handling of birds, important deadlines, and other educational opportunities. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend! Zach Westoff will be bringing birds for youth to purchase. Remember, if you are enrolled in the Poultry Project Area, you must attend at least 1 Poultry workshop to be eligible to exhibit at Fair! For more information contact the Extension Office at (712) 336-3488.

Studio Shots Photography Workshop

Join us on a tour of the Ken Olson Photography Studio in Spirit Lake on Saturday, February 21 from 1—3 p.m. and learn about taking photographs in a studio setting! Then take advantage of shooting some studio shots yourself! Be sure to bring your camera and it’s instruction booklet. Friends and family are welcome to register too. Please pre-register by February 18 to ensure a spot.

Ken Olson Photography Studio is located at 408 Lake Street, Spirit Lake.

Regional STEM Fest

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Fest at Dordt College in Sioux Center on Saturday, February 21 from 9—3 p.m. Participants will be able to choose 4 sessions of hands-on activities and experiments exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There is no cost for the day and lunch is included for all participants. Youth will be able to sign up using jotform soon! Watch the February newsletter for more information!
Join us on **Saturday, February 28 from 1—3 p.m.** in the Dickinson County Community Building for a sewing workshop! Volunteer, Marilyn Miller will help participants to create their own fleece/flannel pajama pants. Bring your material, elastic (see amounts below), thread, pins, post it notes, sharp scissors, and a sewing machine if you have one. Mom, Grandma, or someone with sewing experience is encouraged to come along and lend a hand. Please register by February 25 to ensure a spot. If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office at 336-3488.

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### Regional “Top Dog” Clinics

Calling all Dog Project Members! Join Katelyn Launderville, an ISU Veterinary Medicine Student, on **February 21 & 28 from 10—2 p.m.** at the Clay County Extension Office as she leads you into the world of Dogs! Topics covered will be Basic Care, Nutrition, Training, and Behavior. These are dogless clinics. Please bring a sack lunch. There is no charge for this workshop, but pre-register with the Clay County Extension Office at (712) 262-2264. Watch for more information in the February newsletter!

### Sheep/Goat Committee Meeting

The Sheep & Goat committee meeting is on **Saturday, February 28 at 4 p.m.** to plan the Sheep & Goat workshop and weigh—in. The meeting will be held in the Dickinson County Extension Office. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jessica at 336-3488.
If you are enrolled in Beef, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine and you do not plan to attend Regional Beef Bonanza, Dickinson County Sheep & Goat, or Dickinson County Swine workshops, you must attend a training if you are in 4th—6th grades. If you are in 7th grade and above you may have the option to test out. If you are unable to attend the training in Dickinson County on April 10 from 5:30—7:30 p.m., you may attend in a neighboring county. If you plan to attend one of these dates, please contact the Extension Office at that location to ensure materials.

**Dates of other FSQA Trainings:**

**Osceola County Extension Office**  712-754-3648  
January 2, 9—11 a.m. Osceola Community Hospital Education Room, 600 9th Ave. N, Sibley  
April 3, 9—11 a.m. Osceola Community Hospital Education Room, 600 9th Ave. N, Sibley

**O’Brien County Extension Office**  712-957-5045  
January 17, 9—11 a.m. O’Brien County Extension Office 340 2nd St. SE, Primghar  
April 18, 9—11 a.m. O’Brien County Extension Office, 340 2nd St. SE, Primghar

**Sioux County Extension Office**  712-737-4230  
February 26, 7—9 p.m. Dordt College Science Building, 498 4th Ave. NE, Sioux Center  
March 2, 7—9 p.m. Dordt College Science Building, 498 4th Ave. NE, Sioux Center

**Palo Alto County Extension Office**  712-852-2865  
March 11, 7—8:30 p.m. Palo Alto County Extension Office, 2008 10th St., Emmetsburg

**Lyon County Extension Office**  712-472-2576  
March 23, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Forester Community Center, 404 Main St., Rock Rapids  
May 28, 4—9 p.m. Forester Community Center, 404 Main St., Rock Rapids

**Clay County Extension Office**  712-262-2264  
May 28, 4—9 p.m. Clay County Extension Office, 110 West 4th St., Suite 100, Spencer

**January Birthdays**

**Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,**

**Happy Birthday Dear 4-H Member, Happy Birthday to you!**


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FSA Youth Loans

FSA makes loans to individual youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar organizations. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work designed to provide practical business and educational experience. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization adviser and produce sufficient income to repay the loan.

A **Youth** loan is available to young persons 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

We encourage you to contact your local office or USDA Service Center to learn more about our programs and the information you will need for a complete application. FSA offices will be happy to provide you with further information and a loan application. If you have any questions, contact the FSA Office at 336-3782.

FSA Kids Page
Youth Loan Application Form

New Extension Council Members

We would like to welcome and recognize 3 new Extension Council members. Tim Chapman, Yvonne Taylor, and Ann Warburton will begin their terms in January.

Tim Chapman is the Market President of Liberty National Bank in Okoboji. Tim and his wife Jennifer live in Okoboji.

Yvonne Taylor is a stay at home mother. Yvonne comes to the Extension Council with many years of volunteer experience in local and community organizations. Yvonne and her husband, Dr. Tim Taylor, live in Spirit Lake with their 3 children, Alden, Gabriel, and Callie.

Ann Warburton works in Purchasing/Operations for Communications Innovators, INC. Ann comes to the Extension Council with many years as a 4-H Horse Committee member and volunteer. Ann and her husband, Jim, live outside of Milford.
Members, Leaders & Volunteers — Re-Enroll Now!

Attention 4-H Members, Leaders, and Volunteers! There is still time to re-enroll in 4-H and update your information in 4honline. This will keep you on the mailing list and more! There is a link and instructions provided below for your assistance, however, please feel free to call or stop by the office if you have questions. 4-H Member Fees are now $35 and payable to your club. The office will bill clubs in January.

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

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