MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Market Beef Verification Due

If you weighed and identified market beef at the December Weigh-In, please log onto [https://4honline.com](https://4honline.com) 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](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.

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

Each recognition area has it’s 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

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/](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 and Eric Bilney will be bringing birds for youth to purchase. Rian Byers will also have adult Cubalaya’s for sale. 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 336-3488.

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**IACEC Legislative Day**

IACEC Invites 4-H’ers to join in their Legislative Day! The Iowa Association of County Extension Councils has set its legislative day for **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**. Youth staff members planning 4-H excursions to the Capitol are invited to join in this event. IACEC will reimburse drivers with three or more participants in their vehicle $50 to help cover mileage expenses (a voucher will be available at the event).

The day will start at the Wallace Building (just north of the Capitol) with registration and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Participants will be briefed on the issues important to ISU Extension & Outreach and will be coached on how to talk with their legislators about the issues. Following the brief training, the group will proceed to the Capitol to visit with their legislators. Attendees are typically done by noon, allowing time for county and regional staff to plan tours of the Capitol, meals with their legislators, and/or visits to the nearby Historical Building and Iowa Judicial Branch (Supreme Court) building for their groups. You will find links to information about these additional opportunities on the IACEC website: [http://www.iacec.info/inside-iacec-government-relations#Additional Activities](http://www.iacec.info/inside-iacec-government-relations#Additional Activities).

All attendees are encouraged to wear red to make a bigger impact for ISUEO around the Capitol rotunda.

There is NO COST to participate in this IACEC activity.

If you would like to register for this all day event, please contact Jessica at 336-3488 or [jasander@iastate.edu](mailto:jasander@iastate.edu).

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**Dog Practices & Clinics**

Dog practices will be Monday nights twice a month starting **February 9 from 5:30 p.m. — 6:15 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Expo Center. You and your dog will work on aspects of Obedience, Handling, and Agility. Bring your dog, choke collar, 6 foot leash, bowl for water, and a copy of your dog’s vaccination record. (If you attended the clinic on January 17 we have yours.) To be eligible to exhibit your dog at the fair, you must attend at least 5 dog practices/clinics. We will be scheduling summer practices as the time gets closer.

**The Current Dog Practice Schedule Is:**

- Monday, February 9 & 23
- Monday, March 9 & 23
- Monday, April 13 & 27
- Monday, May 4 & 18

We also have two Regional “Top Dog” Clinics to share with you that can count towards practice attendance. Katelyn Launderville, an ISU Veterinary Medicine Student, is holding the clinics in the Clay County Extension Office in Spencer on **Saturday, February 21 and 28 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.** Topics covered will be Basic Care, Nutrition, Training, and Behavior. These are dogless clinics and there is no charge to attend, simply call the Clay County Extension Office at (712) 262-2264. Bring a sack lunch and any friends that might be interested in learning more about dogs.
Studio Shots Photography Workshop

Tour 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 its instruction booklet. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Please pre-register with the Extension Office at 336-3488 by February 18 to ensure a spot. We will meet at the Ken Olson Studio located at 408 Lake Street, Spirit Lake for the workshop.

Regional STEM Fest

Plan to attend 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. The cost for the day is $10 and lunch is included for all participants. Sign up using jotform at [http://www.jotformpro.com/4Hregion1/DordtSTEMFest](http://www.jotformpro.com/4Hregion1/DordtSTEMFest)

Youth Council Meetings

The February youth council meeting is **Sunday, February 22 at 4 p.m.** at the Boji Bay Ice Arena located next to the YMCA in Spirit Lake. We will be ice skating from 4—5 with the meeting to follow. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jessica at 336-3488. Also, mark your March calendars for Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

PJ Party: Stitch These Sewing Workshop

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, straight 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. Register with the Extension Office at 336-3488 by **February 25** to ensure a spot.

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Sheep/Goat Committee Meeting

The Sheep & Goat committee meeting is **Saturday, February 28 at 4 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Extension Office. We will be planning a project workshop for March 7th and discussing details for the April weigh-in. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Committee members that are unable to attend are asked to please contact Jessica at 336-3488.

Sheep & Goat Workshop

The Sheep & Goat committee is sponsoring a workshop **Saturday, March 7 from 1—3 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Indoor Show Arena. Participants will learn about basic anatomy, breeds & characteristics, care & handling, animal identification, animal behavior & health, nutrition, housing & equipment, and much more. There will be lots of hands-on activities for youth to learn more about sheep and goat projects. This workshop will count as FSQA training. There is no charge for the workshop, but please pre-register with the Extension Office at 336-3488 by Friday, February 27 to ensure a spot. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

Swine Workshop

Oink! Oink! Oink! Come to the Swine Workshop on **Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m.—12 noon** at the Dickinson County Indoor Show Arena. Participants will learn about basic anatomy, breeds & characteristics, care & handling, animal identification, animal behavior, health & nutrition, housing & equipment, and much more. There will be lots of hands-on activities for youth to learn more about the swine project area. There is no charge for the workshop, but please pre-register with the Extension Office at 336-3488 by Friday, March 6 to ensure a spot. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

Bunny Bonanza

Start the rabbit project year by hopping into a Regional Bunny Bonanza on **Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.—12 noon** at the Dickinson County Community Building. Participants will learn about selection, grooming, care, important deadlines, upcoming events and educational opportunities. There is no charge for the workshop, but please pre-register with the Extension Office at 336-3488 by **Monday March 23** to ensure materials. Friends and family are welcome. Remember, if you are enrolled in the Rabbit Project you must attend at least 1 workshop to be eligible to exhibit at fair.

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Tractor & Farm Machinery Certification Course

Pocahontas, Palo Alto and Calhoun County Extension Offices in cooperation with area business and farmers are sponsoring a Tractor and Farm Machinery Operation Certification Course at Pocahontas Area Community High School, Pocahontas Iowa. All youth 14 and 15 years old may attend. The fee is $40 and needs to be paid at time of registration. **You must attend all sessions for certification.** The course will be completed with a written and practical test of ability to operate a tractor and farm machinery.

- Session 1: March 6; 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Session 2: March 7; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Session 3: March 20; 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Session 4: March 21; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For registration form and details contact Holly Frerk, Pocahontas Co. hfrerk@iastate.edu or 712-335-3103.

AgDiscovery Program 2015

**Application Deadline is March 6.**

Iowa’s AgDiscovery program, which takes place from **July 19—August 1**, helps teenagers ages 15—17 learn about careers in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Laboratory Technology, and Wildlife Ecology. Students live on the Iowa State University campus and learn from university professors, scientists who work for the U.S. government, local agricultural producers, and animal welfare and management organizations.

Students who participate gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. Team-building activities and diversity workshops build important life skills in participants.

There is no cost for Iowa’s AgDiscovery. It is made possible by a collaborative agreement between USDA, Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS), and Iowa State University. For more information and application instructions, please go to [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan8ag_discovery_2015.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan8ag_discovery_2015.pdf)

CEA Coop Feed Promotion

CEA Coop Elevators and Purina Livestock Feeds are partnering to provide a feed promotion for 4-H members. **Purchase 10 bags of any Purina Brand, non—custom Feed and receive 1 bag free.** Cattle feeds included are Fitter Edge, Finishing Touch, Full Control, Grand 4—T—Fyer, Impact Show Calf. Goat feeds included are Noble Goat TM 16, Noble Goat Dairy Parlor 16, Goat Chow. Current bagged, non—custom Purina feed will qualify for the following species only: Rabbit, Flock Animals, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, & Horse. All 10 bags must be of the same variety. Supplements **DO NOT** qualify for this promotion. Participating locations are Ocheyedan, Sibley, Hartley, Harris, and Lake Park. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Amanda Altman, Calf & Heifer Specialist, at 712-209-7119 or ajaltman@landolakes.com.

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

Rylan Siemers, Shay Olthoff, Carter Anderson, Trista Tanner, Jac Radcliffe, Kayla Kollasch, Emily Resch, Soraya Hanson, Brett Salzwedel, Addison Boughey, Ashlyn Nitzschke, Mikayla Watson, Abdulla Elbuytari

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Training

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
April 3, 9—11 a.m. Osceola Community Hospital Education Room, 600 9th Ave. N, Sibley

O’Brien County Extension Office  712-957-5045
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
April 26, 4 –6 p.m. Royal Community Building, 302 Main Street, Royal
May 28, 4—9 p.m. Clay County Extension Office, 110 West 4th St., Suite 100, Spencer
June 8, 6—8 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fair Grounds, Spencer
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