Thank You!

April 12-18 is National Volunteer Week. As our staff in the office are preparing for the 2015 Emmet County Fair and all of the other events for summer, I am reminded again that without our volunteers, these events simply wouldn’t take place! We are looking forward to the upcoming Sheep/Meat Goat and Derby Swine Weigh-ins. These are just two examples of events that could not happen without great groups of volunteers being there to make sure things run smoothly and get done correctly. Let us not forget our great 4-H club and project group leaders—without the endless hours they volunteer to organize the 4-H clubs and groups in our county, there would be no 4-H program. Then I think of the great High School and Junior High aged youth who volunteer with so many programs that Extension does! We couldn’t do it without you all!!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

Happy Birthday in April!
Brianna Birkland, Lee Christensen, Kelly Clabaugh, Coral Franklin, Mya Gjerde, Claudia Hall, Ella Helmich, Rachel Henriksen, Tiegan Huntley, Claudia Kinnander, Cecelia Madden, Scarlett Rose, Izaak Sander, Ashley Skrepak, Ariana Umscheid, Madison Valen, Kadin Walter

Happy Birthday in May!
Emily Chicoine, Kyla Hansen, Isabelle Heisler, Natalie Henriksen, Kory Hough, Brenton Huntley, Gavin Huntley, Zoey Huntley, Faith Lutat, Ethan Masters, Gabriella Paulson, Brooklyn Prochniak, Elizabeth Reardon, Isaac Reineke, David Solberg, Ava Thompson, Piper Thompson, Kendall Umscheid, Logan White, Tala Wilhelms
4-H NEWS

New 4-H Member Info and Ice Cream Parties

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4-H Animal ID Process—ONLINE only again this year

All 4-H livestock will be ID’d online through your account at: https://ia.4honline.com

Please log on to your account and enter in any animals that you might possibly bring to the Emmet County Fair, State Fair, or Clay County Fair.

Animals that need to be ID’d are:
- Breeding Beef
- Feeder Calves (Clay County Fair)
- Bucket/Bottle Calves
- Cow/Calf Pairs
- Dairy Cattle
- *Dogs
- *Dairy Goats
- *Meat Goats
- *Horses
- *Pets
- *Poultry
- *Rabbits
- *Sheep—Breeding & Clay County Fair
- *Swine—Breeding & SF or CCF

You can complete this process and make any changes by May 15th, so go ahead and work on that now!
Find help on how to do this at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

FSQA Certification

FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) is a statewide program that all livestock exhibitors (except dog, horse, cat, or pet) are required to be certified in. Trainings teach good production practices and ethics. Remember that FSQA is aligned with grades as we do in 4-H. All 4th, 5th, & 6th graders are required to come to the training. 7th-9th graders can test out at the intermediate level or train. 10th-12th graders can test out at the senior level or train. When members test out it certifies them until they reach the next level. If you have already tested out you are good now until you reach the next grade level. Those that can test out are encouraged to do so. You DO need to call ahead and reserve a seat so enough materials and refreshments can be on hand.

We will be offering the following training sessions and no make up sessions!

**Monday, April 6 —FSQA Training** Armstrong—Community Center, 1-3PM Pre-register by April 2nd

**Tuesday, June 2 —FSQA Training** 1st Presbyterian Church in Estherville, 7-9PM Pre-register by June 1st

**FSQA Testing Day** will be held on June 18th, 8:30AM-4:00PM, at the Extension Office. Please call and set up a time you would like to test on that day by June 17th—362-3434.

Dates for FSQA Trainings in other counties can be found at: http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/fsqa.html Some dates for surrounding counties are:

- **Dickinson:** April 10, 5:30-7:30PM, Dickinson County Comm Building, call 712-336-3488 to RSVP
- **Clay:** April 26, 4:00-6:00PM, Royal Community Building, call 712-262-2264 to RSVP
- **Palo Alto:** May 13, 7:00-8:30PM, Palo Alto County Extension Office, call 712-852-2865 to RSVP
- **Pocahontas:** June 4, 8:00-10:00AM, Pocahontas County Extension Office, call 712-335-3103 to RSVP
- **Clay:** June 8th, 6:00-8:00PM, 4-H Exhibit Building-Clay Cty Fairgrounds, call 712-262-2264 to RSVP

4-H NEWS

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
**4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK & ANIMAL NEWS**

**SWINE**

*Derby Swine Weigh-In will be Saturday, April 18th from 9:00-10:00am at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. Sign up to participate in the weigh-in by April 14th. Each exhibitor may weigh up to 20 pigs.*

*If you plan to show your swine at the State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN, you need to let the Extension Office know by March 1st. State Fair pigs need special DNA ear punch tags. Ak-Sar-Ben pigs need to have DNA samples taken.*

*All information for swine weighed-in at the weigh-in will need to be verified in each 4-H'ers ia.4honline.com account by May 15th.*

**Sheep & Goats**

*Weigh-In—Pens of three and individual market sheep & meat goats need to be weighed in at the Emmet County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 2nd. Expect to weigh between 9:00 and 10:00am. Ear tags must be in place prior to being weighed ($1.25 each at Extension Office). Each exhibitor may weigh up to 20 pigs.*

*State Fair pigs need special DNA耳 tags. Exhibitors may weigh a max of 20 sheep.*

*Scrapie Eradication Program—same requirements as in thepast—call us or check the website for more info: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/files/agriculture/LSHSheepScrapie.pdf*

*The Sheep/Goat show will begin at 3:00PM on Thursday, July 23rd for the 2015 fair.*

**POULTRY**

*FREE BROILERS PROJECT—Any 4-H members who have never participated in the poultry project area before are encouraged to be part of the Emmet County 4-H Foundation Broiler Project. You get 10 free chicks—all you have to do is bring at least 2 of them to the Emmet County Fair as an exhibit (also eligible for the Fair Premium Auction!)*

*Contract deadline is April 30th! Find it on our website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/FFA/BroilerContract1.pdf or pick one up at the Extension Office.*

**BROILER CLASS ORDER DEADLINE—All Emmet County 4-H'ers planning to participate in the broiler class this year at the fair need to order their chicks through the Extension Office again this year. The deadline to place your order is April 30th—call the office to order @ 362-3434. Pick up date for chicks and cost of chicks will be released as soon as it is available (probably 1st week in June).*

*Remember that ALL poultry need to be ID’d by May 15th in ia.4honline.com—even if they aren’t born yet.*

**RABBITS**

*Bunny Boot Camp*

This will be held at the Spencer Bomgaars Store on April 11 from 2:30-4:30 (also May-Dec dates TBA). Bring your rabbit to class as experienced Clay County rabbit committee members teach about proper rabbit grooming and general care. Work on improving showmanship skills and learn about showing rabbits. Rabbit hopping and agility will also be discussed. This is FREE for 4-H’ers—please RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264.

**Bunny Basic Training**

This will be held at The Stables on the Clay County Fairgrounds on June 23rd from 6-8PM and is FREE for 4-H’ers. Bring your Jr/Sr rabbits to learn about grooming, feeding, showing, & caring for your bunnies. Also rabbit hopping and agility demonstrations. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264.

*Remember to ID your rabbits by May 15th in your account at ia.4honline.com—even if they aren’t born yet.*

**PETS**

*Remember to ID your pets by May 15th in your account at ia.4honline.com*

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**REGIONAL LIVESTOCK CLINIC**

**Thursday, May 28th, 6:00-9:00PM, Lyon County Fairgrounds Rock Rapids, IA**

Open to all 4-H members in 4th-12th grades

Attend specie specific sessions (up to 3) to learn about grooming and general animal care for:

Beef, Bucket Calf, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Horse, or Poultry

There is NO cost to participate, but pre-registration is required!

There will be a light meal provided at 5:45PM.

Sign up here:

http://www.jotformpro.com/4Hregion1/livestock

Optional F3QA Training offered 4:00-6:00

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4-H is based on research

Livestock ID’s due online by May 15!
**HORSES**

*Horse practices will begin in May and will be held at the fairgrounds arena.*

*All 4-H'ers participating in the horse project must wear ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding/driving at all 4-H related events.*

*Everyone should have received their “Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa” book (4H 511C). If you are a new horse exhibitor and do not have this book, please contact the Extension Office. Please review this book before practices begin.*

*The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza will be during the Youth Horse Jamboree and the State Horse Judging Contest this year at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls.*

*If you’re at 5th-12th grader interested in being part of the Emmet/Palo Alto horse judging team, please contact Lisa Berkland at 712-330-5595.*

*The Northwest Iowa Equine Educators are planning an event for April—be looking for more details to be announced at a later date about this.*

*Remember to ID your horses by May 15th in your account at ia.4honline.com*

**HORSE PRACTICES**

The Emmet County horse practices will begin on Tuesday, May 12th at the Emmet County Fairgrounds arena. Practices will run from 7:00-9:00PM. Please make sure that you arrive at the arena in plenty of time to have your horse unloaded and ready to go before 7:00PM. It is highly encouraged that horse exhibitors attend as many of the practices as possible, so that they and their horse are prepared for the horse show at the fair. Special thanks to our horse committee members; Teresa Olson, Jessica Haukoos, and Cathy Ackroyd for leading these practices!

**HORSIN’ AROUND 4-H TACK SWAP**

All horse exhibitors are invited to attend this tack swap on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00AM-2:00PM. This will be held at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. Have any horse items you are wanting to sell? Reserve your table for $10. Setup starts at 8:00AM. Contact Cathy Ackroyd (712) 330-2313 for more info.

**2015 EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA**

The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza entry deadline is quickly approaching! The event is scheduled for May 1 – 3 at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. All of the entry and rule information is on the Equine Extravaganza website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza There are a couple of blocks set up at the AmericInn and Super 8 in Iowa Falls. Be sure to ask for the Ellsworth College 4-H Horse Event block to reserve.

**DOGS**

*If you would like to attend 4-H dog obedience classes this year, so you can participate in the dog show at the fair, you must sign up by April 1st (362-3434).*

*Our great leaders of the dog project group; Chelsey Smith and Derek Smith are excited to get the group started for this new year!*

*The first meeting to discuss logistics, hand out info, etc will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at the First Presbyterian Church from 6:30-7:30PM. Parents are encouraged to come with their child to this meeting. Please do NOT bring your dog with to this meeting.*

*Please bring with you to this first meeting a copy of your dog’s rabies vaccination number and date given, date of temporary or permanent distemper immunization (recommended), date of vaccination for parvo virus and birth date of dog.*

*Dates for dog obedience classes are:*

- April 7, 6:30-7:30, Presbyterian Church
- April 13, 6:30-7:30, Fairgrounds
- April 20, 6:30-7:30, Fairgrounds
- April 27, 6:30-7:30, Fairgrounds
- May 4, 6:30-7:30, Fairgrounds
- May 11, 6:30-7:30, Fairgrounds
- May 18, 6:30-7:30, Fairgrounds

*There will also be two practices in June and two practices in July—dates will be announced later.*

*Remember, you must attend at least 5 of the offered dog obedience classes to qualify to participate in the dog show at the fair.*

*If this is your first year, or you have a new puppy, plan to come, even if don’t plan to participate in the dog show at the fair.*

*Remember to ID your dog by May 15th in your account at ia.4honline.com*

**C.O.O.L.**

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING REQUIRED IN 2015—The USDA is again requiring COOL for all livestock. What 4-H’ers Need to Do:

*The Iowa COOL Coalition has a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/4h/Example4HAffidavit.pdf*

Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail.

Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

*4-H’ers who raise their own livestock for projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years.*

*4-H’ers who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H’er, and the 4-H’er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years.*

**BEEF**

*Don’t forget to identify any of the following animals that you might possibly be exhibiting by May 15th at ia.4honline.com*

- Breeding beef (County Fair, State Fair, Clay County Fair)
- Feeder Calf (Clay County Fair)
- Cow/Calf Pairs (County Fair)
- Bucket/Bottle Calf (County Fair)

- Breeding Heifers for State Fair, Clay County Fair, State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben need a tattoo and 4-H tag.
- If you have a bucket-bottle calf that you plan to bring back as a breeding heifer in 2015, you should have the calf vaccinated for brucellosis before 10 months of age.

**BEEF WORKSHOP**

There will be a ‘BEEF before the BBQ’ Workshop offered at the US Bank Basement in Rock Rapids on April 25th from 9:30AM to 12:15PM. Beth Doran, ISU Extension and Outreach Beef Specialist, will be presenting. Learn about carcass evaluation at the local locker, meat evaluation of retail cuts, and breed identification. RSVP to the Lyon County Extension Office to secure your spot, space is limited – 712-472-2576 or email postma@iastate.edu.

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**4-H PLEDGE**

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Save the Date...Regional 4-H Events

EXPLORATIONS IN VET SCIENCE
This is for first year vet science participants. Have fun while exploring animal behavior, learning the basics of animal anatomy and physiology, vet science career discussion with a local veterinarian, and much more! This workshop will be held July 27th, from 9:00am-3:30pm at the 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds and is FREE for 4-H members, $20 for non 4-Hers (food is provided). RSVP to Clay County Extension (712) 262-2264 (class limited to 20).

ADVANCED VET SCIENCE
This class builds off prior knowledge & experience in vet science. Explore animal body systems & animal health through hands-on learning. Also tour of vet clinic included. This workshop will be held July 28th & 29th from 9:00am-3:30pm at the 4H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds and is FREE for 4-H members, $35 for non 4-H ers (food is provided). RSVP to Clay County Extension (712) 262-2264 (class limited to 15).

ARTSY TARTSY: PAPER PETUNIAS
Are you looking to create an unusual and fun gift to give Mom for Mother's Day? You're invited to learn from Katie Hughes at Arto n Grand how to create origami petunias as that special gift! This workshop will be held on May 7th from 4:00-6:00pm at Arts on Grand and is FREE for all 4-Hers. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 10.

ARTSY TARTSY: DESIGN SCULPTURES
Join the Design Squad and STEM-ulate your creative side. This exciting event combines creativity with practices of STEM design engineering. Build a sculpture that challenges the viewer's perception of modern day mechanical objects. This workshop will be held on June 30th from 1:00-3:00pm at Arts on Grand and is FREE for all 4-Hers. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 10.

BOGENRIEF GLASS SCULPTURES
Express yourself with molted glass under the tutelage of Jesse Bogenrief. This is an amazing opportunity to try a truly unusual art medium. This workshop will be held at the Bogenrief Gallery Studio and is $25 (must be paid in advance to Clay County Extension). These are the date/time options you can choose from:
- April 6 1:00-3:00pm
- April 13 4:00-6:00pm
- April 20 1:00-3:00pm
RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Each date/time option is limited to 6.

“CHOP IT”
Begin your journey to becoming accomplished in the culinary arts with this opportunity to work with Executive Chef Adam Hunt from the Clay County Regional Events Center. You’re invited to help prepare for one of the amazing parties held at the Events Center and to learn the art of preparation, cooking, and the presentation of food. This workshop will be held on June 28th from 10:00am-12:30pm at the Clay County Regional Events Center in Spencer and is FREE for all 4-Hers. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 12.

OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SERIES
Join Clay County Naturalist, Stacie Young and try your hand at this fun outdoor activity! RSVP to Clay County Extension (712) 262-2264 prior to the event.
- CANOEING/DIP NETTING >> July 9th, 9:00AM-Noon, Trumbull Lake. FREE for all youth. Class limit of 12.
- OUTDOOR DETECTIVE INVASION
Are you ready to be a plant detective and to learn all about insects? Join Clay County Naturalist, Stacie Young and have some fun! All events are for youth in grades K-4th. RSVP to Clay County Extension for all 3 activities (712) 262-2264 prior to the events.
- DIP NETTING >> June 11th, 10:00AM-Noon, Moose Pond. FREE for all youth. Class limit of 15.  
- FISHING >> June 25th, 10:00AM-Noon, Schmerse Pond. FREE for all youth. Class limit of 15.  
- HIKING & WAGON RIDE >> July 2nd, 10:00AM-Noon, Oneota Park. FREE for all youth. Class limit of 15.

PICTURE THIS!
Have you ever wondered if there was a better way to express yourself besides a selfie? Learn how to operate your camera, to take amazing photos, and to receive a lot of feedback and editing suggestions from professional photographers (Chris Baker, F8 Creative & Lisa Bailey, Bailey Web Design). This workshop will be held June 22-24 from 1:00-3:00pm at Clay County 4-H Auditorium on the Fairgrounds and is FREE for all 4-Hers. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 10.

SEW AND TELL, LEVEL 2
If you attended Sew and Tell Level 1, then you are ready for the Sew and Tell Level 2, where you will have the opportunity to create a tech tote/wallet. Make this mentoring opportunity by bringing a guardian/friend to the event. This workshop will be held on April 14th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Spencer Sewing Machine Company and is FREE for all 4-Hers. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 10.

GEAR TECH I—ROBOTICS CAMP
Gear Tech-1 teaches robotics, GPS, and GIS technologies through building and programming a robot, navigation, and mapping activities. This workshop will be held on July 6th-9th from 9:00am-3:30pm at the Clay County 4-H Auditorium on the Clay County Fairgrounds and is FREE for 4-Hers in 4th-8th grades, $50 for non 4-H members in 4th-8th grades. Bring a sack lunch. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 15.

GEAR TECH II—ADVANCED ROBOTICS
The next step in building and programming robots by following your learning from Gear Tech I, this camp gives youth an opportunity to set their own pace and continue exploring with Mindstorm EV3 kits. This workshop will be held on July 13th-July 16th from 9:00am-3:30pm at the Clay County 4-H Auditorium on the Clay County Fairgrounds and is FREE for 4-Hers in 5th-9th grades, $50 for non 4-H members in 5th-9th grades. Bring a sack lunch. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 15.

GEAR TECH III—NASA STEM CAMP
Blast off on this 2-day NASA themed STEM camp exploring space, testing, and building rockets that could land on the Martian surface. Chat online with real life NASA employees and much more! This workshop will be held on June 29th-June 30th from 9:00am-3:30pm at the Clay County 4-H Auditorium on the Clay County Fairgrounds and is FREE for 4-Hers in 4th-9th grades, $50 for non 4-H members in 4th-9th grades. Bring a sack lunch. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 15.

LET WIND ENERGY BLOW YOU AWAY!
Have you wondered where your electricity comes from? Join us for this KidWind Event where there are hands-on opportunities to develop, experiment, and test windmills and generators. One day of this event will be a field trip to ILCC Campus, to tour the wind turbine facility. We will need parent volunteers for this trip. This workshop will be held on June 15th-June 17th from 9:00am-3:30pm at the Clay County 4-H Auditorium on the Clay County Fairgrounds and is FREE for 4-Hers in 4th-9th grades, $50 for non 4-H members in 4th-9th grades. Bring a sack lunch. RSVP to Clay County Extension at (712) 262-2264. Class limit of 12.

GARDENING IN A BOX, PART 1
Get ready to explore Horticulture and Woodworking Projects with a container gardening workshop. In this first of a 2-part workshop, you will be building a container for your garden. Bring gloves, a drill with a Philips head bit, and a measuring tape. They'll provide the wood, screws, and soil. This workshop will be held on April 18th from 2:00-4:00pm at the Dickinson County Community Building and is $45 for 4-Hers. RSVP to Dickinson County Extension at (712)336-3488 by April 6th.

GARDENING IN A BOX, PART 2
Complete your container gardening project. In this 2nd part of the workshop, we will learn about soil composition, mix, propagation, planting, and plant care. Bring gardening gloves, a garden spade, and up to 4 plant types. Suggested container plants are listed below: 
- Vegetables — Beans (bush or pole), Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Cucumbers, Egg Plant, Lettuce, Onion, Peas, Pumpkins, Potatoes, Radish, Spinach, Squash, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes
- Herbs — Basil, Chives, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Savory, Tarragon, Thyme
This workshop will be held on May 2nd from 2:00-4:00pm at the Dickinson County Community Building and is included with the fee for Part 1. RSVP to Dickinson County Extension at (712)336-3488 by April 6th (with Part 1).
Save the Date...4-H Events Around the State

AGDISCOVERY PROGRAM 2015
Iowa’s AgDiscovery program helps teenagers learn about careers in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Laboratory Technology and Wildlife Ecology. This 2 week outreach program (July 19-August 1) allows students the chance to live on the Iowa State University campus and learn from university professors, scientists who work for the U.S. government, and local agricultural producers and animal welfare and management organizations. There are other opportunities for learning at other land grant universities around the nation as well. The brochure about AgDiscovery 2015 can be found here: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan14ag_discovery_2015.pdf and the application form can be found here: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan14ag_discovery2015Application.pdf The application deadline is March 6th.

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. AgDiscovery is made possible by a collaborative agreement between USDA, Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) and Iowa State University.

LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM
If your club would be interested in helping with a “Little Hands on the Farm” event for children ages 2 to 10 at the Iowa State Fair, now is the time to reserve your date/time slot. Volunteers help kids as they work their way through the mock farm, planting, harvesting, doing chores, earning money and buying a treat at the grocery store. The program helps kids connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way. The contact person is Emily Wynn, Agriculture Education Coordinator, (515) 401-1544, ebrewer@iowastatefair.org

JOHNSON COUNTY BEEF SHOW
The Johnson County Classic, sponsored by Johnson County 4-H (IUBBA Sanctioned) is an Open Beef Show that will be held on Sunday, April 26th. Check in is from 8:00-9:30AM. Show time is 11:00AM. The judge is Mark Hoge. $35 Entry Fee per head, $30 Pre-Entry Fee per head—Pre-entry is due before April 10th. Awards will be given to: Supreme Breeding Champion, Reserve Breeding Champion, Supreme Market Champion, Reserve Market Champion. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Health papers are required for all animals—registration papers required for all breeds. Bedding not provided—no straw allowed. Generators recommended. Food will be available. For more information contact: Camie Marshak: (319) 337-2145 or cmarshek@iastate.edu

RED ROCK CLASSIC BEEF SHOW
This show will be held at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, IA on Sunday, May 10th. Check-in is from 8:00-10:00AM. Showmanship will begin at 11:00AM. The show begins at noon. Troy Goretzka will be the judge. Breed and health papers are required at check-in. Pre-entries must be accompanied with money. The pre-entry fee is $25 per head and are due by April 30th. Show day entry fees is $35. All entry fees are due by April 1st. Prizes and 1-shirts will be awarded for all exhibitors. Awards will be given for breed winners and a $200 prize for Grand Champion. For more information, contact Justine Stevenson at (563) 542-4325 or justinehstevenson@gmail.com or Kim Stevenson at (641) 218-6130.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEEF SHOW
The 2015 UJBA Sanctioned Washington County Spring Preview Show, sponsored by the Washington County 4-H County Council, will be held on Saturday, April 18th. Check in will take place from 8:00-9:30AM. The show will begin at 11:00AM. There will also be a pancake breakfast from 7:00-10:30AM and a lunch booth available. The show will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Washington, IA. There will be cash prizes fro 1st-3rd place in each class, plus overall cash prizes for supreme and reserve champion in both market and breeding divisions. The entry fee of $30 is due before April 1st. After that the entry fee is $35. Pre-registration guarantees a t-shirt for exhibitor. Contact Amy Green for more information, 319/653-4811 or amygreen@iastate.edu. Health papers are needed for all animals. Registration papers are needed for all purebreds. Generators are recommended.

4-STATE SHEEP/GOAT SHOW
The 4-State Lookout Preview Show & Clinic will be held at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Troy, KS on Saturday, April 5th. Weigh-In will be from 7:30-9:30AM, check in before 9:30AM, showmanship clinic 9:00AM, sheep show 10:30AM, and goat show 30 mins following sheep show. There will be $10 entry fee by head by April 20th. There is a $5 late fee per contestant. Sheep classes include: market lamb, breeding ewe lamb, jr sr showmanship, and pee-wee showmanship. Goat classes include: market goat, breeding goat, jr sr showmanship, and pee-wee showmanship. Prizes will be awarded to grand champions, reserve champions, class winners, and pee-wee showmen. For more information contact: Mandy Young 913-370-1070 or Trina Earl 913-370-3297.

4-STATE 4-H PHOTOCAMP
Youth in grades 7th-12th will be held June 15th-17th at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid. Space is limited, so register before May 1st for a fee of $180. After May 1st the fee will be $200. At 4-H PHOTOCAMP, you’ll explore and receive hands-on experience with: basic camera settings, portraits, close-ups, landscapes, special effects, composition, computer photo enhancement, and much more! Contact the Extension Office for a registration form and information.

EASTERN IOWA 4-H PROJECT WORKSHOP
4-H members, parents, and volunteers are invited to join in for a day of inspiration and exploration at this 4-H workshop day! Choose to participate in 3 of the following areas: Communications, Food Science, FSQA, Horticulture, Leadership, Livestock, Photography, Visual Arts, or Woodworking. There are adults tracks available as well. This will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the North Scott High School in Etridge, IA from 9:00-2:30. The cost is $15 for 4-H members, $20 for non-4-H members, and $5 for adults. Contact the Extension Office for a registration form. Register by April 3rd.

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS MATCH
The 2015 4-H Shooting Sports State Match will be held at Big Springs Range on September 26, 2015. More information will be available in the coming months. To be eligible to participate, youth must be enrolled for the current 4-H 2014-2015 year in 4-H Online

AMERICAN LAMB JAM
All chefs are invited to participate in the American Lamb Jam at the 11th Annual Iowa Sheep and Wool Festival, June 13-14 at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, IA. Iowa’s first Lamb Jam will be held on June 14th. This year’s category will be ground lamb because of the great versatility of dishes that can be created. Reserve your spot by submitting an entry form and a $5 entry fee by June 8th. Contact the Extension Office for more information, rules, or an entry form or contact Kim Hochstetler kimhochstetter@hotmail.com or 515/249-7222.

STATE 4-H CAMPS
Young people grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames. The dates and themes of the three camps are: June 21-25—State 4-H “...And My World” Camp: Campers will choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills. July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I: Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture. July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II: Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture. Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs. Financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps at the Iowa 4-H Center is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation https://www.iowah4foundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/summer_4h_camp_assistance/. Deadline to apply for financial assistance is April 25. The Emmet County 4-H Foundation will also reimburse 4-H’ers for up to $100 for one camp per year when they return home from the camp.

Preliminary information on State 4-H camps has been posted to the 4-H Camping website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h4camping with more to come as program details are finalized.

SPRING CAMP VOLUNTEER DAY
The Iowa 4-H Center is gearing up for the 2015 summer camping season and they will need help with several projects to be ready in time for summer! These projects will take numerous helping hands—both big and small—so they are looking for youth and adults! The clean up day will be held Saturday, April 25th from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Come as an individual, family, 4-H club, or volunteer group for some awesome bonding time in the great outdoors. Volunteer projects will range from simple to complex and include: splitting and stacking wood, trimming bushes, painting, staining, raking leaves, cleaning cabins and trailers, trail and fence work, picking up trash, and other “spring cleaning” activities. Pack a picnic lunch, load up the crew and come join us as we ready the 4-H Center. Call the camp office at 515-795-3338 or email 4hcinternmail@iastate.edu to sign up. Leave a message with your name, contact information, and if you have any special skills or training (i.e. carpentry, plumbing, electrical,) or a preferred activity that you would like to be involved in.

ISU JUDGING JLEC & SUMMER CAMP
There are two great livestock judging events coming up! The Spring ISU contest is scheduled for April 18 in Ames, and the annual ISU Livestock Judging Camp is scheduled for June 8 – 10 in Ames. See the 4-H Livestock Judging website for more details: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-judging

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### 4-H Volunteer and 4-H Youth Clothing Order Form

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**County:** Emmet

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

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In order to be in compliance with ISU apparel policies, staff (campus, county, field, regional), State 4-H Council members, and volunteers (judges, superintendents, etc.) acting in an official capacity at events representing 4-H, ISU, or ISU Extension and Outreach must wear red or white polo shirts featuring the ISU Extension and Outreach wordmark and 4-H clover.

### Youth T-shirts:

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**Send completed form to:** Emmet County Extension Office, 26 S. 17 St., Estherville, IA 51334 (or leave in the drop box)

**Please include a check for payment made out to “Emmet County Extension” with your order.**

**ALL shirt orders are due by Thursday, April 16th.** These will be the only 4-H shirts we order before the 2015 Emmet County Fair.
**4-H'ERS FOR 4-H CONTRIBUTIONS**
A reminder to get your club’s donation of $3.00 or more per member turned in for the State 4-H Council’s challenge.
Money collected goes toward the 4-H program in Iowa, through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.
Clubs who would like to contribute, please have donations to our office by May 15th.
Make checks payable to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

**2015 THEME ANNOUNCED**
Start planning now for a great fair booth with the newly announced theme of “DARE TO DISCOVER!” This will also be the theme for the National 4-H Week window decorating contest!

**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. Contact your local office or USDA Service Center to learn more about our programs and the information you will need for a complete application.

**CLAY COUNTY FAIR**
*Clay County Fair information and fair book is up and ready to go. Click on the following link [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/page/clay-county-fair-information](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/page/clay-county-fair-information) for specific animal information and deadlines. (Also camping info)*
*Please make sure all animals are identified on 4-H online website and appropriate supporting materials (rabies/photos) are uploaded as well by the correct date (see website)*
*Clay County Fair animal entries are due with fees by July 30th.*
*If you have any questions please contact the Clay County Extension Office at 712-262-2264.

**ACCESS THE FAIRBOOK ONLINE!**
The 2015 Emmet County Fair 4-H and FFA Premium and Rules book is online at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmel/info/fair.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmel/info/fair.htm)

**FAIR EXHIBIT IDEAS**
Need some ideas of things to make for the fair?
*Check out the “tip sheets” on the website: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/exhibit-tip-sheets)*
*Check out the National 4-H Pinterest Board at [http://pinterest.com/national4h/](http://pinterest.com/national4h/)*

**WELDING PROJECT HELP**
Gary Myers (an Emmet County 4-H Leader) will again be offering his assistance to any 4-H'ers interested in creating a welding project for the fair. His work schedule is very busy, so he wants to start scheduling people in for times now. Don’t wait until July to contact him! Be looking for ideas of welding projects you would like to make and Gary can give you advice on which one would be best for you to create. Please call his cell phone at 712/209-0608 to discuss additional details or to set a time to get started!

**MAIZE: LATINO LEADERSHIP**
Iowa 4-H will be hosting their first annual bilingual/multi-cultural retreat for Latino youth in grades 9-12. The retreat will be held May 15-17, at the 4-H Center in Madrid; with the beginning and ending at ISU campus. Registration is open from April 3rd through May 1st. 4-H members can attend for free! Contact the Extension Office if you know of anyone interested in attending.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/EMMET
4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines

APRIL

3 Extension Office closed for holiday
6 FSQA Training at the Armstrong Community Center, 1:00-3:00PM
6 Bogenrief Glass Sculptures Workshop, Bogenrief Gallery Studio, 1:00-3:00PM
7 Wallingford Clover Kids at the Wallingford Community Center, 4:00-6:00PM
7 4-H Dog Obedience Intro Meeting (members & parents, no dogs), First Presbyterian Church in Estherville, 6:00-7:30PM
11 New 4-H Volunteer Training, Palo Alto County Extension Office, 9:00AM-3:00PM
11 Bunny Boot Camp at Spencer Bomgaars, 2:30-4:30PM
12 County Council & Intermediate Council play Bingo with residents at Valley View, 1:30PM, Armstrong
13 Bogenrief Glass Sculptures Workshop, Bogenrief Gallery Studio, 4:00-6:00PM
13 4-H Dog Obedience Class at Emmet County Fairgrounds, 6:30-7:30PM
14 Sew and Tell, Level 2 Workshop at the Spencer Sewing Machine Company, 4:00-6:00PM
18 Emmet County 4-H/FFA Derby Swine Weigh-In at the Emmet County Fairgrounds, 9:00-10:00AM
18 Horsin' Around Tack Swap, Fairgrounds, 9:00AM-2:00PM
18 Get Your Goat On Clinic at the Ag-Citing Center on the Clay County Fairgrounds, 1:00-3:00PM
18 Gardening in a Box, Part I at the Dickinson County Community Building, 2:00-4:00PM
19 Estherville K-1st Grade Clover Kids, First Presbyterian Church in Estherville, 1:00-3:00PM
19 Estherville 2nd-3rd Grade Clover Kids, First Presbyterian Church in Estherville, 3:30-5:30PM
20 4-H Dog Obedience Class at Emmet County Fairgrounds, 6:30-7:30PM
25 Photography for the Seasons: Spring Workshop at the Dickinson County Nature Center, 2:00-4:00PM
26 4-H Cooking Group Meeting, Ringsted Community Center, 1:00-3:00PM
26 Armstrong K-1st Grade Clover Kids, Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong, 1:00-3:00PM
26 4-H Shooting Sports Group Meeting, Izaak Walton League, 3:00-5:00PM
26 Armstrong 2nd-3rd Grade Clover Kids, Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong, 3:30-5:30PM
27 4-H Dog Obedience Class at Emmet County Fairgrounds, 6:30-7:30PM
29 Bogenrief Glass Sculptures Workshop, Bogenrief Gallery Studio, 1:00-3:00PM
30 Poultry Broiler Contracts and Orders due to the Emmet County Extension Office
30 Garage Sale Pickers/Repurposing Workshop at the Clay County Extension Office, 4:00-5:00 (also May 2, 12-2PM)

MAP

2 4-H State Horse Judging Contest
2 Emmet County 4-H/FFA Market Sheep/Goat Weigh-In at the Emmet County Fairgrounds, 9:00-10:00AM
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4-10 Screen Free Week Challenge
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5 Wallingford Clover Kids at the Wallingford Community Center, 3:30-5:30PM
7 Artsy Tartsy: Paper Petunias Workshop at Arts on Grand, 4:00-6:00PM
11 4-H Dog Obedience Class at Emmet County Fairgrounds, 6:30-7:30PM
12 Emmet County Horse Practice, Emmet County Fairgrounds, 7:00-9:00PM
15 Animal Identification Deadline—must be entered in ja.4honline.com
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28 Regional Livestock Clinic at the Lyon County Fairgrounds, FSQA 4:00-6:00, Meal 5:45, Clinic 6:00-9:00
31 4-H Cooking Group Meeting, Ringsted Community Center, 1:00-3:00PM
31 4-H Shooting Sports Group Meeting, Izaak Walton League, 3:00-5:00PM

Looking Ahead >>>>>
July 11 Emmet County Fair Livestock/Animals & Clothing Event Entry Deadline
July 17 Emmet County Fair Non-Animal "static" Entry Deadline
July 23-27 Emmet County Fair
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