New Faces at the Extension Office

The Guthrie County ISU Extension Office is excited to announce that we have TWO new faces around the office.

Emily Seidl will be our Spring Program Assistant starting March 17th. She is currently enrolled at DMACC in the Agricultural-Business program. Emily is a 2013 graduate of Coon Rapids Bayard High School and was nine year member of the Highland Hustlers 4-H Club. She also may be recognized as last year's Guthrie County Fair Queen!

Mary Ebert, Guthrie County Program Coordinator, gave birth to a baby girl, Heidi Jo, on February 5th at 7:07 pm. She weighed 7 lbs 6 oz, and was 19.5 inches long.

Be sure to Like Guthrie County 4-H to keep up to date on all upcoming programs!

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**4-H Calendar**

**March**
- 2  Project Party Workshop, 2-4 pm, Extension Office
- 8  FSQA Testing, 8-9 am Community Building, Fairgrounds
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- 24 Leader Training, 7 pm, Extension Office—Required Training
- 29  Beef Workshop, Time: TBD, Fairgrounds

**April**
- 6  Goat Workshop, 1 pm, Christensen Farm, Stuart
- 26  Goat and Sheep Weigh-In, Time: 8:30—9:30 am, Fairgrounds
  Tags cost $2 each. If you plan to show sheep or goats at the Iowa State Fair, the cost is $5 per animal for the retinal scanning.

**May**
- 15  LIVESTOCK ID’S DUE for all breeding animals, including bucket calves, dogs, goats, horses, rabbits, poultry, and pets.

**June**
- 15  Ak-Sar-Ben DNA Deadline for market lamb, hog, goat, and feeder calf
- 24-26 State 4-H Conference, Ticket to Success, Ames

**July**
- 1  State Fair Livestock Entries Due in 4hOnline
- 8  Are you ready for Judging Day?, 6 pm, Extension Office
- 14  Static (SAMS) Judging Day, Community Building

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**Swine Weigh-in:** The Swine Weigh In has been cancelled due to the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDV). This virus has caused significant challenges to the swine industry. The virus has not been previously identified in the United States prior to May of 2013. For more information regarding PEDV refer to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine.

We are still working on the details of how to proceed. When something becomes official, Mollie will mail a letter out to all swine exhibitors.
Looking for a Fundraiser?

A Jackpot Show will be held on Sunday, June 1 beginning at 10:30 p.m. and lasting until around 3 p.m. The show will include swine, sheep and goat exhibitors, some of whom will be camping at the fairgrounds.

Show sponsors are looking for a club who would be willing to run the food stand with a simple menu such as beverages, hot dogs, burgers and chips. Call Jim Calvert for details, 641-757-2938.

Citizenship Opportunities

The Guthrie County Arts Council will be putting on their 3rd Annual Art in the Village event on June 14th from 9 am to 5 pm at the Panora Historical Village. The council is looking for a 4-H club to man the “Creative Arts Tent” for youth. They have all of the supplies to make various crafts, but need youth to help with the projects and guiding youth who are participating. Contact Gina Lloyd at 641-757-2116 for more information.

The Extension Office will be taking donations of non-perishable & canned food the entire month of March, to be donated to the food pantry. So please help us give back to the community and bring your food donations to the office. Donations will be delivered to the food pantry on Monday, March 31st. We hope to see all of you at our open house on March 28th, and remember to bring a canned item.

5th and 6th Grade 4-H Camp

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp for Regions 12, 17 & 18, June 8-11 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa. Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, creek stomping, wall climbing, canoeing, camp songs, swimming, outdoor camping basics, and campfires! Learn to create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits. Bring a friend with you or make new ones! Camp will run from Sunday, June 8 at 3 p.m. until our closing ceremony starting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11.

4-H camps are open to ALL YOUTH – membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement – so bring a friend to share the experience! Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all Region 12, 17 & 18 youth who have completed grades 5 and 6 and will be held in Hickory Village. The camp will be filled at 80 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up. Registration, Parental Permission and Request for Providing Medication at a 4-H Event form (if your camper will be bringing any medications with them) are available from the county extension office or downloaded from http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2014-5th-6th-grade-4-h-junior-camp in Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF format. We will be using your medical form filled out at the beginning of the 4-H year during your online 4-H member registration process and provided to us by your county extension office. Please make sure you have it updated if needed. If you are not a current 4-H’er, you will need to fill out a Medical Info form found also at the Jr. Camp website above or from your ISU County Extension Office. Registration Deadline is May 23. Cost for the four day camp will be $185.00. Check with your County Extension office as most counties have camp scholarships for 4-H’ers or financial help if needed. Please contact David Selstad, phone: 712/644-2105 or email: selstad@iastate.edu if you have any questions on this camp or others offered at the Iowa 4-H Camping center: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summercamp/index.php

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 and Member Information

FSQA

If you are in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and you missed FSQA training, you can still show livestock at the fair by attending a training in one of the following counties. You should call them for details.

- Adair—March 18
- Greene—March 18 or 26
- Dallas—April 16
- Audubon—April 16

If you are in 7th grade or higher you can attend the training or contact the office to test. We expect all members to certify by July 1.

LEADER TRAINING

All leaders are expected to attend the leader training on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will practice and utilize the experiential learning model, so volunteers are able to help youth look back at the experience critically, determine what was useful or important and then apply the new information to real life situations. We will have a sharing time, as well as cover changes in online ID information and fair changes.

Club ID/fair packets will be available at this meeting.

4-H'ERS FOR 4-H CAMPAIGN

The 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is sponsored by the State 4-H Council. They are asking each 4-H Club in Iowa to donate a minimum of $2.50 per member to the campaign. The money raised is put toward financial assistance, helping families pay their annual fee toward State 4-H Conference and to improve the Iowa 4-H Center. Your club leader has the information available, so be sure to let them know that you would like to donate!

HOT SHEETS

Don’t forget to use the Hot Sheets to get ideas for project communication, citizenship or leadership. The Hot Sheets also have many resources to help you learn more about your project. Exhibit ideas can be found on the Hot Sheets as well. Hot sheets can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects

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IOWA YOUTH HORSE JAMBOREE

The Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree will be held in Ames on Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14. If you aren’t participating in the fair this year, make a visit and plan to enter next year. An informational flyer is posted at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm

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