Calendar of Events

April
6th  Derby Swine Weigh-ins  9:00-10:30AM
6th  Rabbit Carrier Workshop  1:00PM
7th  4-H Foundation Pancake Feed  9:30AM-1:00PM
7th  Battle Badgers Meeting
7th  Blaine Closers Meeting - Noon
9th  Ridgeview Clover Kids 3:30PM
10th  Afterschool Program - Ida Grove Library 2:00PM
14th  Grant 4-H’ers Meeting 1:00PM
14th  Maple Huskies Meeting 1:00PM
14th  Ida County Clover Kids Meeting 3:00PM
14th  Ida High Meeting 5:00PM
14th  Logan Hotshots Meeting 5:00PM
15th  Animal Science Round-up Application Deadline
19th  Office Closed - Holiday Observation
27th  Sheep and Goat Weigh-ins  9:00-11:00AM

May
15th  Livestock ID Deadline
15th  State Fair Swine DNA due to Extension Office

June
1st  YQCA Training Deadline

Don’t forget to like the Facebook page—Ida County 4-H! Information, reminders and pictures are posted to this page!
Derby Swine Weigh-in - April 6th
Derby Swine Weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00AM-10:30AM at the Ida County Fairgrounds. You are allowed to weigh in SIX animals. The maximum weight is 60 pounds. Remember, only Derby Pigs need to be weighed in, but all other pigs need to be identified in 4-HOnline by May 15th. Ear tags will be available that day or you can stop in at the Extension Office to purchase tags. County tags are $1.50 each and State Fair swine tags are $8 each. Derby pigs that come to the fair will be ultra-sounded after weigh-in at the fair.

Swine Information

County Fair Swine: Families must come to the Extension Office and purchase the tags for $1.50 each and pick up a tagger. 4-H’er returns home and tags each pig by May 15th. 4-H’er returns the tagger to the Extension Office and then enters all the data for each pig in 4-HOnline under “Swine (not weighed in)” by May 15th.

State Fair Swine: Families must come to the Extension Office and pick up $8 DNA tags, a tagger and a DNA Envelope. Both Market & Breeding have to have DNA tags for State Fair. 4-H’er returns home, tags each pig, places DNA sample into envelope for all pigs, writes down tag numbers on the DNA envelopes, signs/seals the DNA envelope and returns the tagger and DNA envelopes to the Extension Office by May 15th. 4-H’er then enters all the data for each pig into 4-HOnline under “Swine (not weighed-in)” by May 15th.

4-H Foundation Pancake Feed - April 7th
Once again this year, the 4-H Foundation is hosting a Pancake Feed and Silent Auction. It will be on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 9:30AM-1:00PM at Boulders in Holstein. Proceeds from the 4-H Pancake Feed directly benefit Ida County. The money raised goes to the Ida County 4-H Foundation, a fund to defray the cost of camps and workshops, support scholarships, grant applications for clubs and start up dollars for youth programs including Clover Kids and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Each Clubs is being asked to work an hour shift and provide 12-15 club members to help out. The cost is $7.00 per person to enjoy pancakes. Children 4-8 is $4.00 and children 3 and under eat for free. Please encourage friends, family and neighbors to come out on April 7th and support Ida County 4-H!

Club Challenge: The Ida County 4-H Foundation is asking that each club once again create a placemat design that will be used on April 7th. Those that attend will vote on their favorite placemat design and clubs will be awarded prize money. Please have your club’s design to Laura by Wednesday, April 3rd. Placemats will be printed on 11x17 paper.

1st - $150  
2nd - $100  
3rd - $50

Club Work Schedule
9:00-10:00: Blaine Clovers
10:00-11:00: Battle Badgers
11:00-Noon: Logan Hotshots
Noon-1:00: Maple Huskies
1:00-2:00: Ida High Achievers

*Smaller Clubs can join in and help out during any time slot.
YOCA

ALL beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors are REQUIRED to be YQCA certified to exhibit at the County Fair and State Fair. This certification shows our youth are working and learning to produce healthy, safe and quality food for market. For those of you that have taken the FSQA test in the past, I encourage you to check in 4-HOnline or with me if you are unsure of your certification status for this year. Previous FSQA testing will be honored through the expiration date. If you completed the YQCA training last year, you will have to complete it again this year.

Youth will complete their YQCA certification online at www.yqca.org using your 4HOnline account. Youth will select their training based on their age as of January 1, 2019. The program includes three components for each topic and are designed specifically for age groups. To fulfill their year of training, youth will complete three of these online modules.

1) Knowledge Builder - allows students to read content, watch videos, analyze pictures, and practice skills while progressing through a series of interactive content components.

2) Skills Lab - offers realistic situational opportunities for youth to apply the new knowledge gained in the knowledge builder. These labs take students through a comprehensive journey of the content, requiring them to apply skills and make decisions resembling those they will face in real life.

3) Quiz - The quiz is the final piece of the online learning experience, testing student’s overall knowledge of the content. A pass rate of 80% has been established with students being able to repeat the module if needed.

There is a $12.00 fee associated with YQCA, but this program will be free to 4-H’ers thanks to generous sponsorships from the Ida County 4-H Foundation and Platinum Ethanol. You will need to contact Laura to get your coupon code when you are ready to take the training. This code will cover the $12.00 fee. YQCA Training must be completed by June 1st. I encourage you to get the code from me now and take the training before the weather warms up and we want to be outside all the time!

I will need a copy of your completion certificate that you can download as a PDF and email it to ljohnk@iastate.edu. If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office to set up a time to come use one of our laptops to complete your training.

Livestock Identification Deadline - May 15th

May is not too far away, please remember, all livestock must be identified in 4-HOnline by 11:59PM on May 15th to exhibit at County Fair, Clay County Fair, State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN. I encourage you to enter your animals before the evening of May 15th in case you have any questions or problems with entering them. You will log in to your 4-HOnline account and select which 4-H’er to enter for and then click on the Animals/Livestock tab in the upper left corner. You will then select the type of animal you want to enter, add the information and save. After the information is entered it will appear under the “Animal List.” I will enter the information from swine and sheep weigh-ins and then send out an email for you to verify the information. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with ID’ing your animals or verifying your animals in 4-HOnline.

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Identifying Animals in 4-HOnline

Again this year all livestock needs to be identified in 4-HOnline by May 15th! Remember to ID as many livestock as you would like just in case something happens to one you were planning on taking to fair. If the animal is not identified, you CANNOT take it to fair. Contact Laura at the office if you have any questions! A great resource to complete this process is the Animal ID 4hOnline Helpsheet. It can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

SPECIES ID REQUIREMENTS

* Dairy, Feeder Calves, Bottle Bucket Calf entries must be identified in 4-HOnline ID by May 15—this includes Feeder Calves you plan to show at Clay County
* Breeding Heifers must have a tattoo and second form of identification entered in 4-HOnline. If no registration number is entered by May 15th, the heifer will only be allowed to show as a crossbred
* Swine 4-HOnline ID required by May 15th
* All swine must be tagged with official 4-H ear tags. Office has State Fair tags available
* Market swine must be weighed in at county weigh-in at the fairgrounds (July 17th)
* Sheep 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 (Extension Office enters information from weigh-in)
  * Market lambs & “Pen of 3” lambs must be weighed-in and tagged at county weigh-in
  * State Fair lambs will need to have Retinal Images taken
* 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 for Meat Goats and Dairy Goats
* All meat goats must be weighed-in and tagged at county weigh-in
* Breeding goats need to be tagged and entered into 4-HOnline by May 15th
* 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 for Horses
  * Make sure you re-activate your horse in 4-HOnline for the 2019 year
  * You need to upload 4 photos of each horse (front view, back view, left side and right side)
  * A horse lease agreement must be uploaded each year into 4-HOnline by May 15 if not owned by exhibitor
* 4-HOnline ID required by May 15 for Dogs
  * Dogs must have rabies certificate uploaded into 4-HOnline by May 15th
* Rabbits must have ID in 4-HOnline by June 1st and permanent tattoo in the left ear
* Poultry must have ID in 4HOnline by June 1st
* Pets must have ID in 4HOnline by May 15th

All animals must be submitted no later than May 15th at 11:59PM unless stated otherwise above. At midnight the program will shut down and the only animals you will be able to add after that are rabbits and poultry. County rabbits can be added until June 1st after that, they will only be eligible for State Fair. Make sure that any animal you plan to exhibit is on the list before you close out of 4-HOnline!
Sheep & Goat Weigh-In Information

Sheep and Goat weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00-11:00AM at the Ida County Fairgrounds. Ear tags will be $1.50 each and must be paid for at weigh-ins. All animals (meat goats, market ewes and market lambs) that will be exhibited at the State Fair will need to have a retinal image taken. Retinal images will be $5/animal. All Commercial lambs will need to come to weigh-in and be tagged and weighed. Birthdates are required so make sure you have those that day! After weigh-in, I will enter all of the information from weigh-ins into 4-HOnline and you must verify by May 15th if the information is correct.

Dog Obedience Training

If you are interested in dog obedience training this year, please send me an email letting me know (ljohnk@iastate.edu) and I will put you on the list. Dog obedience classes will start in May and will be out at the fairgrounds. You dogs MUST be signed up in 4-HOnline by the May 15th deadline in order to show them in the 4-H Show at the fair. Your dogs shots will need to be up-to-date and a copy of their current rabies certificate must be uploaded into 4-HOnline by the May 15th deadline.

Bucket Bottle Calf

If you have a Bottle Bucket Calf project for this year’s fair, please let me know. I will need to send you a workbook for this project to keep track of expenses and your project summary for the year. You will also need to stop by the office to purchase an ear tag and make sure your calf is ID’d in 4-HOnline by the May 15th deadline.

4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign

4-H’ers investing in 4-H’ers. This is the essence of the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign, sponsored each year by the State 4-H Council. The campaign raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year, we have set our goal at $29,000 with a suggested $3.00 per member donation. They want every county in Iowa to participate! Help us Count Your Clovers! Last year Ida County had three clubs participate! Club Donation Forms and contributions should be submitted to the Ida County Extension Office by May 15th. This year we want 100% club participation so let’s make it happen!

2019 Ida County Fair

It will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars for the Ida County Fair, July 17-24. Keep watching the upcoming newsletters for exhibit information, schedules, tips and important messages. I am working on updating the fairbook and final schedule and will hopefully have those available to families in May. We hope you are excited to make the 2019 Ida County Fair the best one yet! This year, the fair theme is “A Universe of Possibilities.”

2019 Fair Challenges

Here are the updated challenges for 2019:

Bucket of Flowers: Magnificent Marigolds
Cookie: Sugar
Recipe: Baking Powder Biscuits (Recipe Coming)
Photography: Game Night
Save the Date: Camp Wild

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend Camp Wild, June 8-10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2019.

Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs, crafts, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too! Camp will run from Saturday, June 8 at 11:00AM until the closing ceremony, starting at 3:15PM on Monday, June 10.

Registration is currently open. Registration Deadline will be May 15, 2019. Register before May 1, 2019 to secure your spot and receive our $200 registration early bird price, $230 for non-4-H youth. Registration costs $220 after May 1 and before May 15, $250 for non-4-H youth. Ida County 4-H Foundation offers financial assistance to those 4-H members that wish to attend camps, State 4-H conference, etc. 4-H'ers just need to complete the grant application form and turn it into the Extension Office.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Registration is now open for youth in grades 8-12 to attend the Iowa 4-H State Conference. The dates for this summers 4-H Youth Conference in Ames have been set for June 25-27, 2019. Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. During the three day conference, experience dorm life and make new friends from across the state. This event is open to all Iowa youth who have completed the 8th grade so invite your friends! More details can be found at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

Clothing and Communications Judging

It’s not too early to mark your calendars! This year, the dates for Clothing and Communications Judging will be Wednesday, July 10th. Entry forms will be available at a later date.

Relay for Life - Talent Show

The Relay for Life Planning committee is looking for youth interested in performing at their annual event. This year they will have a Talent Show that will begin around 7:30PM on Monday, July 8th. This is a great way to get in practice for the Share-The-Fun event at the County Fair! If you or your club are interested, please contact the Extension Office.

Financial Assistance for 4-H Activities

Summer will be here before we know it and during the summer there are lots of 4-H opportunities for camps and 4-H related activities. Just a reminder that the Ida County 4-H Foundation will provide financial assistance to those 4-H members that wish to attend camps, State 4-H conference, etc. 4-H'ers just need to complete the grant application form and turn it into the Extension Office.

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Animal Science Round-Up
All youth in 8-12th grade are invited to apply to attend a three-day conference all about animal science. Species that you may choose from are beef, dairy, horse, meat goat, poultry, sheep and swine. Hands-on learning from the top scientists in the county. Activities included: dissection, ration formulations, meats, reproduction, selection, careers, competitions and more.
For more information or to apply visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup. All applications are due April 15th and participants will be notified by May 1st.

Ida County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
The Ida County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ida/4h. The final record book will be due by the deadline provided by the Extension Office. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the 4-H Scholarship Committee to determine which applications are eligible and how much each will receive. The eligibility requirements are listed below. If you have questions, please contact Laura.
Foundation Requirements Include:
- To have been in 4-H for 5 years, including junior and senior years in high school
- To have exhibited at the Ida County Fair, including at least one Communications Exhibit
- To have completed a record book for 5 years, including junior and senior years in high school
- To have served in a leadership role, such as a club officer or council member
- To have participated in a community service project
- To have participated in spring fundraising efforts during junior and senior years of 4-H
- To have participated in the 4-H Foundation Auction during junior and senior years of 4-H
- Must submit a 4-H Educational Scholarship application form.
Independent members must contact the Ida County 4-H Foundation.

General Livestock Update
4-H 202 - UPDATED The official document on identification, ownership and eligibility for livestock shows. You are responsible for following these guidelines when exhibiting 4-H Livestock. You can get this document from the office or online at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194

The State 4-H Website - this is located at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock. This website has many resources for exhibitors and their families.

AKSARBEN Stock Show Update
The AKSARBEN Stock Show will transition to a junior livestock format in 2019; therefore, all AKSARBEN animals will be both identified and entered for the show through AKSARBEN. County offices will no longer be able to process any AKSARBEN information. https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/