Tune In Today

**Friday, April 3rd**- The Iowa County Extension Office will be closed. Regular Office hours will resume on Monday, April 6th opening at 8 a.m.

**2015 Iowa County Fair Dates**
Theme: Dare to Discover
Static Judging Day (Non-Livestock Projects) **Saturday, July 11th**
Iowa County Fair- July 15-19th

**Save-the-Dates**
April 12th: Rabbit Workshop, Iowa County Fair Grounds- Marengo
April 12th: Buddy Project Workshop, Iowa County Extension- Williamsburg
April 25th: Regional FSQA, Washington County Fair Grounds
May 5th: Swine Workshop, Iowa County Fair Grounds- Marengo
May 6th: Sheep and Goat Weigh-in, Fair grounds
May 5th: Swine Workshop, Iowa County Fair Grounds- Marengo
May 15th: 4-H Livestock ID’s due in 4-H Online. All FFA ID’s are due to the Extension Office by 3 pm.
June 16-18th: Junior 4-H Camp- State Camping Center, Madrid, Iowa State University Extension
**More information will be coming**

**4-H Buddy Project- Sunday, April 12th**
Youth Council will be holding a Buddy Meeting on April 12th at 4pm at the extension office in Williamsburg. The Buddy Project is open to any young first or second year member who are seeking extra help in 4H. The group will focus on becoming stronger in all areas of 4H, specifically related to project write ups and the judging process. At the meeting on April 12th, young members and Youth Council students will participate in fun and educational activities to further advance their knowledge of 4H. If interested, please contact Jenn Walz jmwalz81@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!

**IMPORTANT: 4hOnline information for ALL Livestock Exhibitors!!**

- **May 15:** ALL ANIMAL identifications must be done through 4hOnline by **MAY 15TH BY 4-H Members** and **ALL FFA Members who are participating at the Iowa County Fair**, MUST have turned in ALL 4-H Livestock ID’s for animals that did not attend a weigh-in. Please contact Mary at the Extension Office, if you are an FFA member and need Livestock ID’s. **ALL FFA Livestock ID’s must be turned into the Extension Office by 3 pm on May 15th. NO LATE ID’S.** Failure to meet this deadline, you will not participate in livestock shows at the Iowa County Fair or Iowa State Fair.
- If you are showing, purebred breeding beef **YOU MUST** have the tattoo and registration numbers by May 15, OR they will be in the commercial class. All breeding beef need tattoos.
- **You will not be able to show at the county or state fair if you miss this deadline.** This is a state rule, so be sure to enter livestock by May 15th at 11:59 pm. FFA participants must have ID Sheets turned into Extension Office by 3 pm on May 15th.
- Help sheets are available. They can be found:
In this newsletter
At Extension Office
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Enrollment/help.htm

Any family is welcome to enter livestock into 4hOnline at the Extension Office using our computers, internet and assistance if needed. Call to make an appointment.

4-H Project Materials
First and second year 4-H members are encouraged to look at Project Hot Sheets and Exhibit Tip Sheets for the project areas you are enrolled in. Both of these materials can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/project-helpers
These are an excellent tool for new ideas regardless of years in 4-H.

4-H Bucket Bottle Calves
1. Must be calved between Jan. 1- April 30, 2015
2. Must be purchased and in possession of member within 2 weeks of birth
3. Open to any newborn or orphan calf, steer or heifer; dairy, beef or crossbred. Calf must be identified by ear tag and in the possession of the member by May 15.
4. Calves must be castrated or banded by May 15
5. Must be dehorned
6. 4-H and FFA Members may identify up to three animals but it limited to a maximum of 2 calves exhibited at fair.
7. Exhibitors must be certified through the Food Safety Quality Insurance Program to exhibit their animal at the fair.

Rabbit Workshop
Iowa County Fair Grounds, Marengo Iowa State University Extension
Sunday, April 12th from 12:30 – 3:00 PM
$5.00 registration fee and form is attached. (We need 10 person minimum)

Speakers will discuss rabbit breeds and health. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbit to be evaluated and to show them in a “practice” show. Rabbit tattooing will be available. Youth can build a carrier for their rabbit by reserving supplies for a cost on their registration form. This event is sponsored by the Hilton Willing Workers 4-H Club and the Iowa County 4-H Foundation. Registration form is attached.

Swine Workshop/ Food Safety Quality Assurance
Hilton Happy Hustlers is sponsoring a Swine Workshop on Tuesday, May 5th, 6 pm held at the Iowa County Fair Grounds in Marengo. Guest Speakers will be: Adam Brecht- Showing/Selection, Veterinary Medical Center- Biosecurity, Rob Veatch- Handling/Transportation, Mary Veatch- FSQA. Please RSVP by calling the Extension Office and a $5 fee will be paid at the door. Members who need to complete their FSQA certification for the year are highly encouraged to come, even if you are not showing swine.

PEE-WEE Bottle Calf and Lamb
Open to Iowa County Youth in grades K-3rd Grade. Registration forms and rules are attached.
2014 Horse Clinics
The Iowa County Fair is quickly approaching. Now is the time to discuss our weekly Horse Clinic schedule, one has been included with this e-mail. Again, this year members will be required to attend 3 clinics. It is required that your horse comes with you so you both get practice and preparation before the Iowa County Fair. Horse Clinics will be held weekly starting April 23rd with a guest speaker, starting 6 pm. Clinics will be held at Outlaw Ranch - Gwendy and Larry Ehret, 2831 P Ave, Parnell, IA 52325! All 4-H/FFA Members who plan on showing horses at the 2015 Iowa County, MUST attend Horse Clinic on Thursday, April 23rd, and an additional 2 more classes. A complete Horse clinic schedule will be coming out soon. SAVE-THE-DATE: Thursday, April 23rd!

Dog Classes
Classes will begin on Tuesday, April 7th at Iowa County Fair Grounds in Marengo. **Weekly Obedience classes will be rain or shine, since we will be using the show arena! Please dress for the weather since we will be outside. First year project members will meet at 6:00 p.m. and all other members will meet at 6:45 p.m. Before your dog may attend class or show at the Iowa County Fair, you must provide proof of rabies and DHPPC. You may bring this to the meeting or to the first class. If you have any questions, please Maggie Moore at 319-330-9869.

2015 Washington County Spring Preview Show
Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington Iowa
Saturday, April 18th
Check-In from 8-9:30 am
Show Time- 11:00 am
Cost is $30 before April 1st, $35 after April 1st
Pre-entry is not required but is appreciated
Please contact Amy Green, 319-653-4811 or amygreen@iastate.edu for more information.

IS YOUR FSQA CERTIFICATION CURRENT?
You can check your FSQA certification expiration date by logging into your 4-H Online account and view the member list.

If you intend to show at the Iowa County Fair 4-H & FFA Fair with Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Swine or Rabbit- FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) is REQUIRED.

SAVE THE DATE- April 25th in Washington County will hold one of the two Regional FSQA Trainings. The other will be on May 11th in Johnson County. More information is coming.
CAN YOU HELP? Iowa County Youth and adults volunteers are needed to help with sessions. Please call the office, if you can help on May 11th. Thank You!
Send me your club news
I know you are out there having fun, doing activities and performing community service projects. Share that 4-H spirit with the rest of us!

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