**TUNE IN TODAY!**

**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**
March 21: Derby Swine Weigh-in, Williamsburg- 9:00-10:00 am
March 27-29th: McCullough Fitting Clinic, Benton County Fair Grounds- Vinton
April 12th: Rabbit Workshop, Iowa County Fair Grounds- Marengo
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 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](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/project-helpers)
These are an excellent tool for new ideas regardless of years in 4-H.

**County Fair 4-H Derby Swine Weigh-In- Saturday, March 21st,**
9-10 AM, Monsanto “Old FS Facility” (parking lot by the fuel barrels)
1. Iowa County 4-H and FFA Members may nominate a maximum of (4) pigs
2. These pigs must be barrows
3. No Barrow should weigh more than 75 lbs. at spring weigh-in
4. Pigs must be ear-notched and castrated prior to weigh-in.

**For Biosecurity purposes, I need to know whose attending.  Please e-mail or call the office, with your name and how many pigs you’re planning on bringing by March 20th.  If you have any questions please contact Mary.**

**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.

**PEE-WEE Bottle Calf and Lamb**
Open to Iowa County Youth in grades K-3rd Grade. Registration forms and rules are attached.

**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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