Important Dates

Feb 28 – Buck of Junk Call In
March 5 – 4-H Meals from the Heartland
March 25 – 27 Equine Extravaganza
April 24 Swine Verification
May 1 Sheep Verification
May 15 Animal ID’s and Fair Entries Due Online
July 15 – 22 Jasper County Fair

It’s already 2022, and it’s hard to believe the county fair will be here in a little over six months. This would be a good time to set some 4-H goals, and to check with your 4-H leader to make sure you are a 4-H member in good standing. To be eligible to exhibit at the Jasper County Fair, you must have attended at least 50% of your club meetings or activities & have paid your membership fee. If you need help with this, please contact your leader or Stacey at the Extension & Outreach Office.

4-H Meals from the Heartland

Our 4-H Meals from the Heartland Packaging Event is Saturday, March 5th. Shift times are 1 – 2, and 2 – 3. If you don’t know if your club is participating, or which shift they are participating in, check with your leader for your club time.

Leaders, if your club plans to participate, and you have not yet told me which shift you would like, and how many packaging lines/tables you will have please do so ASAP. Can’t wait to see everyone working together on March 5th!
IOWA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS-

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. You may apply November 20th through March 1 at midnight.

For a complete list of scholarships and qualifications go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org click on the “Funding for 4-H’ers” tab and scroll down to the scholarship paragraph which will have a link to take you to the application and more info.

Jasper County 4-H Scholarships will be available in the spring.

SUMMER INTERNS

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Jasper County is seeking qualified applicants for the position of 4-H Summer Intern. If you have been out of high school for one year and enjoy helping youth to reach their full potential, consider applying today. Applications can be found on our 4-H Jasper County Iowa FB Page and ISU Extension & Outreach/ Jasper County website. Responsibilities include working with 4-H staff to facilitate programming at our summer day camps to youth throughout Jasper County and assist with fair activities during the county fair. The 4-H Summer Intern's will develop lesson plans utilizing research-based curriculum provided by Extension. We are looking for a reliable and detail-oriented self-starter.

BUCKET OF JUNK WELDING CONTEST FOR FAIR

Do you enjoy welding, or would like to learn how to weld? Consider participating in our 4-H Bucket of Junk Contest. If you are interested in participating, be one of the first 8 callers to call the Extension Office on Monday, Feb. 28. If you are a youth that would like to participate but do not know an adult that can help you weld, please call the Extension Office to sign-up and we will find an adult to work with you. There are only 8 buckets available, so if you sign-up please be sure that you want to participate in the project. To sign up simply be one of the first eight callers to the Extension Office on Monday, Feb 28 letting us know you want to participate in this contest. Our office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm and 8 am to noon on Fridays.

Rules:

- Each team will be made up of one 4-H member and one adult.
- If you are a youth that would like to participate but do not know an adult who can help you, please contact the Extension Office and we will find an adult who knows how to weld to help you.
- Each team will get one bucket. Each bucket will have the similar “junk.”
- There will be only 8 buckets available. The first 8 members to contact the Extension Office will be given a bucket of junk.
- The goal is to use the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece.
- You will be asked to name your creation when you turn in the final exhibit.
- You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that you are provided, but no pieces may be added.
- Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member’s exhibit write-up.
- All entries will be judged in the 4-H Building on the day of regular 4-H/FFA judging.
- All entries must be completed and returned to the Jasper County Extension Office by June 1st.
- All 4-H Exhibit Building rules apply to this project.
- These projects will not be eligible to advance to the State Fair.
- The finished products will be auctioned during the livestock auction at the Jasper County Fair. Proceeds will go to the Jasper County 4-H Program.
- When designing your sculpture pay close attention to Copyright/Trademark designs. You may need to send a request for permission letter/email.

Please contact the Extension at 641-792 6433 or wilsonsl@iastate.edu for more information.
SWINE VERIFICATION -

Swine Verification will be held on Sunday April 24th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. at the Jasper County Fair Grounds in Colfax.

All pigs must be farrowed after January 1st of the current year and be ear notched at birth according the swine registry system.

TAGGING- All pigs will be tagged for the Jasper County & State Fairs.

WEIGHING- Only pigs being nominated for the DERBY CLASS will be weighed in. If you plan to exhibit in the Derby Class you must know which pigs you are going to nominate for this at the time of the verification. The maximum weight to qualify as a derby pig is 125 lbs.

Again This Year- Purebred Breeding Gilts and purebred Market Hog Classes. Exhibitors must bring the original purebred registration papers to the county fair. Breeds include: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Hereford, and Spotted & Yorkshire.

CANINE CONNECTION

Do you want to learn how to show dogs at the fair? Plan to attend an information meeting at the Extension & Outreach Office in DMACC on April 4th at 5:30. This first meeting is information only, so no need to bring your dog. We will be discussing meeting days and times and have some door prizes. 😊

JASPER COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

Applications for the Jasper County fair queen contest are available for pick up at the Jasper County Extension & Outreach Office in Newton. The applications is due on May 18th and a mandatory parents meeting will be held at the Extension & Outreach Office on May 20th at 6:00. An award of $250 will be presented to the 2022 JCF Queen.
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Stacy Grams of Newton continues to collect hygiene items for the homeless of Jasper County. She puts together kits to hand out, which include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, chap stick, shampoo, etc... Travel sizes work the best. I will have a box at the Meals from the Heartland Packaging Event for anyone who would like to donate to this cause. Anything is appreciated.

The State Council continues to collect “Pop Tabs for Jacy.” I will have a container at Meals from the Heartland for that as well. We also have one at the Extension Office and I will be sending you more info on this in a separate email. Please consider saving your can tabs for this amazing tribute in memory of an amazing young man.

SHEEP & GOAT VERIFICATION -

The Jasper County Sheep & Meat Goat Verification will be Sunday, May 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

State fair sheep verification – ALL market ewes, wethers, commercial breeding, and purebred breeding sheep that you might want to show at the Iowa State Fair must be tagged with a 4-H tag and have retinal images taken. The cost for this is $5.00.

If you plan to exhibit at the county fair only, the cost will be $2.00 per tag.

If you plan to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben the cost will be $5.00 for a retinal scan, unless the same lamb is being nominated for state fair and then the state fair process will apply to Ak-Sar-Ben entries as well. Ak-Sar-Ben is now accepting Retinal Images as identification.

**Market Lambs**- need weighed in, 4-H tags, and retinal scans for State Fair. For County Fair they just need 4-H tags.

**Commercial and Purebred Ewes**- need weighed in, 4-H tags, and retinal scans for State Fair. Commercial Ewes will need a tag if showing County Fair only, Purebred Ewes will not need a 4-H tag if showing County Fair only and do not need to attend verification.

**Purebred Rams**- Scrapie tags & registration papers at fair.

**Wether/Sire**- (not purebred) need a Scrapie Tag. All ewes (purebred and market) need scrapie tags.

**MEAT GOATS**- ALL COUNTY FAIR ONLY MARKET MEAT GOATS (DOES & WETERS)-
Will need to have a 4-H tag and be weighed in at verification.

**NO COLORING AGENTS ALLOWED, ONLY FAMILY OR 4-H/FFA MEMBER CAN FIT.**

**STATEFAIR MARKET MEAT GOATS (DOES & WETERS)**- Need to be tagged, weighed in, and have a retinal image taken at verification.

**ALL COUNTY FAIR ONLY BREEDING DOES**- Need a 4-H tag or tattoo at verification.

**STATE FAIR BREEDING DOES**- Need a 4-H tag and retinal image taken at verification.
RE-ENROLLMENTS

RE-ENROLLMENT Due December 1. The new 4-H 2.0 system is up and running, so you should now be able to enroll. **Thank you to everyone who has re-enrolled for 4-H so far.** IMPORTANT- There is an online payment option. The payment screen will default to pay using a non-electronic method (check), or you can click on the “Add New Credit Card” button to pay electronically. We cannot make your account active until we have received payment, so after you have enrolled on-line if you did not pay electronically please get your enrollment fee paid to your leader or to the office. If you need help with any of this you can call the Extension Office at 641-792-6433. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RE-ENROLLED PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** If paying by check please MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JASPER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE WITH YOUR CLUB’S NAME AND ENROLLMENT IN THE MEMO.

4-H LEADERS MEETING

Attention 4-H Leaders! Please plan to attend the annual spring 4-H Leader’s meeting on March 31st from 6 to 8 pm. As you know, one leader’s training is required per year. We will discuss, positive youth development, and upcoming events including county fair. We will provide a volunteer appreciation gift and a meal. It will be fun! ☺

4-H’ERS FOR 4-H

The 4-H’ers for 4-H campaign is open and will run through June 15th. This is a state ran campaign where 4-H clubs across Iowa are asked to donate $3.00 per member. Your investment helps with scholarships for workshops, & more, statewide leadership opportunities, and covers enrollment fees for families who need support. If your club would like to participate, fill out the enclosed campaign form and return it to the Extension & Outreach Office.

JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

The Jasper County Council will be meeting on February 27th, at the Extension & Outreach Office at 4:00. We will continue with our Ricochet leadership activities, discuss a County Council Retreat that the state council is holding, and be discussing share the fun ideas, so come with some good ones to share. 😊

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
WHAT IS DUE AND WHEN FOR FAIR

As a reminder to 4-H’ers and to inform new families the following guideline will be in every newsletter from here on out (providing there is room). If entries are late they are brought before a committee and the decision is made as if the 4-H’er will be allowed to exhibit. We hate to keep anyone from showing at the fair however; it’s not fair to those who get their entries in correctly and on time. Hopefully, this will help, and remember... If in doubt ASK!

May 15 – Identify all animals in 4hOnline this includes Breeding Beef, Bottle Calves, Dairy Cattle, Dairy & Meat Goats, Dogs, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, & Swine, Rabbits, Cats, & Poultry (Market Beef are done in Dec/Jan following weigh in.)

May 15- County Fair Entry Process –be watching future newsletters and email for more information and help sheets for county fair entry.

July 1- Entries for Communications- Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, & Educational Presentations. Clothing Selection and Fashion Review Entries are also due July 1st to our office and entered into Fair Entry.

July 1- STATE FAIR ENTRY FORM DUE

July 6- 4-H Building Exhibits Entries Due IN 4-H Online 2.0.

July 10 – 4-H & FFA Conference Judging for all static exhibits (visual arts, nutrition, woodworking etc…)

Again this year, ALL paper work needs to be complete when you bring your projects to the fair. We will no longer have forms, goal sheets, and tags available in the Youth building.

CHANGE of DATE FOR YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS (4-H & FFA Exhibits)

Last year was the first year for Youth Building Exhibits to be judged before the fair. The feedback we received was good, except for the day being the Saturday before the fair. We realize we can’t find a date that will work for everyone; however, this date affects an entire community. This year our conference judging for 4-H and FFA exhibits will be on the Sunday before the fair, which is July 10th, from 11:30 to 5:00. We will have in-person conference judging as we have had in the past. If you will not be there in person, you may send your exhibits with another 4-H’er or family member. Please let us know if you have any questions.
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION FLOATING WETLANDS PROJECT

We have been asked to partner with the Jasper County Conservation Board to build DIY Floating Wetlands this spring. If anyone would be interested in this Environmental and Sustainability Project please contact me (Stacey) at the Extension & Outreach Office and I will send you information as I receive it, and give your contact info to Greg with the Conservation Board. Work for this project will begin in the spring.

IOWA 4-H LEGISLATIVE INSIDER – DAY AT THE CAPITAL

We recently spent the day at the Iowa 4-H Legislative Insider Day at the State Capital. 4-H’ers, Extension Council Members, and staff from across the state listened to Legislative Pages, Lieutenant Governor Gregg, visited with Legislators, toured the State Capital, and ended the day at the Botanical Gardens in Des Moines. A big THANK YOU to Representative Dunwell for taking the time to visit with us and answer our questions. Thank you to Mrs. Dunwell for giving us a tour of the building. We had a very fun and educational day.
JUNIOR SLEEPING BAG SAFARI & THE HENRY DOORLY ZOO

The date has been set for the Junior 4-H Camp-Out at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. We will be leaving on Saturday, April 9th and returning Sunday, April 10th. If you are in 4th through 7th grade you should have received registration materials, if not let me (Stacey) know, and send it in ASAP. We had a blast on this trip in the past and I'm sure we will again this year. We learned about nocturnal and diurnal animal behavior, careers in the zoology field, time and money management, and more. It was a great experience! 😊

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TRIP

The Intermediate and Senior Trip has been set for June 8 – 10. We will be traveling to Kansas City, where we will take in a Royals Game, Union Station Museum, possibly the Moon Marble Factory, Worlds of Fun, and more. This trip is for Region 18 (Marion, Mahaska, Poweshiek, & Jasper Counties) Junior & Senior 4-H members. Be watching for more info & registration materials.
March 25 – 27, 2022  
Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls

Equine Extravaganza provides opportunities for all youth in grades 4 through 12 to share their knowledge of the equine industry through a variety of competitions and participatory events. You do not need to be a member of 4-H to register. See the flyer for details.

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**EQUINE EXPERIENCE HORSE SHOW & MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Equine Experience 4-H & FFA pre-fair horse show is scheduled for June 4, 2022, at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax.

Scheduled meetings/practices are scheduled as follows...

- **April 4, 7, 11, & 14**: Halter & Showmanship Then Ride Time 6:30
- **April 18, & 21**: Western Pleasure & Ranch Pleasure 6:30
- **April 25, & 28**: Trail Obstacle & Horsemanship Practice 6:30
- **NO Practice May 5**
- **May 9 & 12**: Whatever members would like to work on (possibly fair entry)
- **May 16 & 19**: Games (barrels, poles, possibly flags) 6:30
- **May 23 & 26**: Halter & Showmanship Ride Time 6:30
- **June 2**: Whatever members want to work on 6:30
- **June 6 & 9**: Trail & Horsemanship 6:30
- **June 13 & 16**: Western Pleasure, Ranch, & Games 6:30
- **June 20 & 23**: Whatever members want to work on 6:30
- **June 27 & 30**: English (or whatever you want) 6:30
- **July 7**: Halter & Showmanship 6:30
- **July 11 & 14**: Fair Rules & Expectations Free Ride 6:30

And then every Monday and Thursday following fair to practice for the Iowa State Fair or whatever exhibitors want to practice.
SAVE THE DATE

4-H EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA

MARCH 25-27, 2022
ELLSWORTH EQUESTRIAN CENTER
IOWA FALLS, IA

Quiz Bowl - Friday, March 25 at 4:30 PM

Hippology, Presentation, Public Speaking, Horseless Horse, and Educational Clinic - Saturday, March 26 at 8:00 AM

Horse Judging and Model Horse Show - Sunday, March 27 at 8:00 AM

MORE INFORMATION:
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza
4-H Equine Extravaganza

In 4-H Extravaganza, there are endless contests to explore. Each area challenges 4-Her's knowledge and skills in the horse industry. Senior winners of Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging and Presentations are able to represent Iowa at the Eastern National 4-H Round-up.

Equine Knowledge Contests

**Hippology (Junior and Senior Divisions)**
- Team of 3 or 4, or individuals
- Written Examination – Multiple-choice questions and a series of slides where participants identify what is on the slide
- Stations - Contestants identify ten items by matching them to an answer. There is a 2-minute time limit at each station.
- Senior Team Problem
- Subject matter: anatomy, appointments, behavior, breeds, colors, conformation, activities, feed samples, genetics, health, history of the horse, nutrition, etc.

**Horse Quiz Bowl (Junior and Senior Divisions)**
- Teams of 4 or 5
- Pairs of four-person teams compete against each other responding to questions asked by a contest moderator.
- Regular and bonus questions
- Team participation points

**Horse Judging (Junior and Senior Divisions)**
- Teams of 3 or 4, or individuals
- Youth make a careful evaluation of horses in a class, judging and placing them against an accepted ideal for the breed or discipline shown.
- Contests usually include halter and performance classes.
- Junior individuals answer a set of questions but if they are part of a team they will give 2 sets of oral reasons.
- Seniors will give 2 sets of oral reasons
Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council member with a big heart who was passionate about helping others through the Ronald McDonald House. He lost his courageous battle with cancer during his 2017-18 term on council. The 2021-22 State Council wants to help collect pop tabs and continue to donate them in his honor.

Drop off pop tabs at your local county extension office.

Tab goal is 1,000 lbs by the 2022 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, June 28-30