



JASPER COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Important Dates

- **APRIL 11 SPRING LEADER'S MEETING**
- **APRIL 23 (SUN.)- SWINE VERIFICATION**
- **MAY 7 (SUN.) - SHEEP WEIGH-IN**
- **MAY 15 – LIVESTOCK ID FORMS DUE IN 4H ONLINE & JASPER CO. FAIR ENTRY FROM DUE IN FAIR ENTRY**
- **JUNE 10 – EQUINE EXPERIENCE HORSE SHOW**
- **JUNE 17TH JASPER CO FAIR ROUND-UP**
- **JUNE 12-14 – INTERMEDIATE 4H TRIP TO SD**
- **JUNE 27- JUNE 29 – STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE**
- **JULY 1 – JASPER COUNTY ENTRIES DUE FOR COMMUNICATION AND CLOTHING EVENT & STATE FAIR ENTRIES DUE FOR 4-H**
- **JULY 14-20 – JASPER COUNTY FAIR**
- **AUGUST 10-20 – IOWA STATE FAIR**

THANK YOU

Each year National Volunteer Week is held in April. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make this program the success that it is! Without volunteers not only would we not be successful, but rather, we would be nonexistent. So to all of the 4-H Leaders, Co-Leaders, Project and Special Interest Club Leaders, to everyone who has helped with FSQA, Livestock Verifications, Workshops, Fairboard Members and Superintendents, your commitment to the youth of Jasper County is phenomenal and we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

LEADER'S MEETING

The Spring Leader's Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 at DMACC. Our new Youth Program Specialist from ISU, Kim Kuester will be there to talk about Youth Development and how "Youth Engagement Strengthens 4-H." This is a hands on interactive training that will help volunteers create a fun, safe, inclusive environment for all youth. In honor of National Volunteer Week we will provide pizza and an appreciation gift to all 4H leaders.



COUNTY COUNCIL

The next County Council meeting will be Sunday April 30th at the Extension Office at 4:00 pm. Our main agenda item will be Share the Fun, for the county fair. Bring any ideas you may have for this. 😊

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

In case you haven't heard, we are getting a new arena fence at the fairgrounds. Practices will not begin until after the fence is installed. They will be on Thursday evenings once they start. If you are new to 4-H and plan to exhibit horses at the fair and would like to be included in updates regarding the club and practices, send Denise Fick your email address to be added to her mailings. fickdenise@aol.com you can also check out the Equine Experience Facebook page "Jasper County Equine Experience Club." "Save the Date" of June 10th for the Equine Experience Pre Fair Show. If you are planning to compete in the Equine Queen Contest during the June show, be sure to read the Iowa State Fair rules and understand the expectations we have of you as a representative of Equine Experience.



CANINE CONNECTION

The Canine Connection will start meeting on Wednesday, beginning April 12th at 6:00, at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax. If you are interested in exhibiting dogs at the Jasper County Fair please plan to attend these meetings as time allows.



FAIR QUEEN

Fair Queen- Applications are available in the Extension Office and online. Applications are due to the Extension & Outreach Office June 1st. A mandatory parent/candidate meeting will be held that evening at 6:30 pm at the Extension & Outreach Office. At least one parent must attend with their daughter. An award of \$250 will be presented to the 2017 JCF Queen.



FSQA

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's FSQA training. If you missed the training and are in 4th through 6th grade you will need to attend a training in another county. If you are in 7th through 12th grade you will need to take the test. The Intermediate test is for 7th – 9th graders and is good through 9th grade. The senior test will certify you until you are 20 years of age. This training is not required for dog, cat, llama, or horse exhibitors. Call Stacey at the Extension & Outreach Office to arrange a testing time.

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN- ***NEW DAY & TIME***

Sunday May 7th @ the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax
2:00 to 4:00

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 only at the county fair, the cost will be \$2.00 per tag.

****All State & County Fair Animals MUST be ID'ed in 4hOnline by May 15th****

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

Commercial Ewes 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 Tag & registration papers at Fair.

Wether/Sire- (not purebred) Scrapie Tag.

All ewes (purebred and market) need scrapie tags.

MEAT GOATS-

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

STATE FAIR MARKET MEAT GOATS (DOES & WETHERS) – 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 at verification.

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

STATE FAIR MARKET BROILERS

The 2017 State Fair 4-H Market Broiler entry form will be live and ready for entry in 4hOnline after Monday, April 10th. This is a separate entry process than for the rest of the State Fair Livestock State Fair Entries. **THE DEADLINE FOR 2017 MARKET BROILERS IS MAY 1.**



OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE

4-H HALL OF FAME

Do you know of a long time 4-H Volunteer to nominate for the 4-H Hall Of Fame? If so contact Stacey at the Extension Office 641 792 6433 with the name and details of their 4-H work. The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program and the Iowa 4-H Foundation are sponsoring the 14th annual 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair to recognize volunteers and staff who have exhibited outstanding service to the 4-H program. The 4-H Hall of Fame is an opportunity for counties to have their outstanding volunteers or staff recognized at the state level. The individual or couple that your county selects automatically becomes a member of the State 4-H Hall of Fame. There is no additional selection process at the state level. Information about the 2017 Hall of Fame and the 2017 selection form are available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/restrict/halloffame.htm>. The **deadline** for names, accompanying biographies, contact information, and photos is **May 30**.

4-H CENTER CAMP SCHEDULE

Shooting Sports Camp June 9 – 11 for Youth in 4th through 8th grade
Drone Discovery Camp June 19 – 20 for Youth in 5th through 8th grade
Young Women in Business Leadership Camp July 9 – 14 for Girls in 9th – 12th grade
Design Dimensions Camp July 9 – 14 for Youth in 9th – 12th grade
Spanish Immersion Camp June 25 – 29 Youth in 5th – 8th grade

For more info, costs and registration go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping>

There is a \$75 Military Family Discount and all Jasper County 4-H members will be reimbursed 50% of the camp cost after attending any of the 4-H Camps. ☺

STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE – “DARE TO DISCOVER”

Youth Conference dates have been set for June 27th through June 29th. This year's theme is “Your Future Starts Here”. This is a great opportunity to experience college life, attend fun events including dances and a formal banquet, as well as informative workshops. This event is free for Jasper County 4-H'ers. For more information please contact Stacey at wilsonsl@iastate.edu or log into www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference



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.

Canine Connection Informational Meeting

Tami Mixdorf had a great turnout for the Canine Connection Meeting. We had fun playing "Plinko" for door prizes. ☺



JUNIOR 4-H OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE OMAHA ZOO

Lions, Tigers, and Polar Bears? Save the date and Join us for an adventure of a lifetime as we travel to Omaha and spend the night in the Shark Reef of the Henry Dooley Zoo. We will go on a guided night hike and see an IMAX movie. This trip is for 4-H'ers in 4th through 6th grade and who are in Region 14 (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek, & Mahaska Counties). The date of the trip is May 19th to the 20th. You should have received a registration form in the mail. Return it ASAP to assure your spot on the bus if interested in this trip. **THERE IS STILL ROOM AVAILABLE** ☺



INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Intermediates (7th – 8th grade 4-H'ers). Save the dates of June 12 – 14 for the annual Intermediate Trip. This year we will be travelling to South Dakota for a trip through the Black Hills. Be watching for registration information and a detailed schedule of the trip.



SEE ENCLOSED FLYER AND BE WATCHING YOUR MAIL FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

Hominy Ridge Held a Junior and Intermediate "Presentation Fair" (The Seniors did their presentations last month.) 😊😊😊



