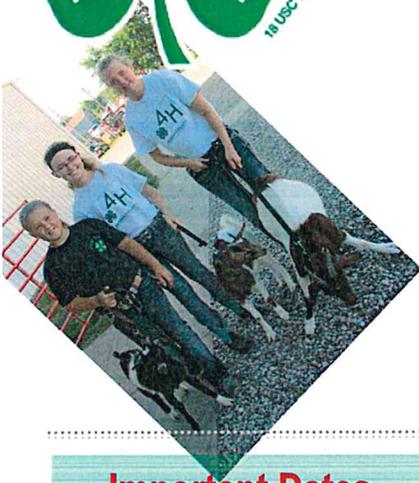




# JASPER COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## Important Dates

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**February 2020**

## 2020 Jasper County Fair Theme

The Jasper County Fairboard has selected "Seeing is Believing" for the theme of this year's county fair.



- MARCH 7 - MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND
- APRIL 4 JR 4-H OMAHA ZOO CAMP OUT
- APRIL 19 SWINE VERIFICATION
- MAY 3 SHEEP VERIFICATION
- MAY 15 LIVESTOCK ID FORMS DUE IN 4-H ONLINE AND JASPER COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES DUE
- JUNE 16 – 18 INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA
- JUNE 30 – JULY 2 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE @ ISU
- JULY 17 - 23 JASPER COUNTY FAIR
- AUGUST 13 - 23 IOWA STATE FAIR

## 4-H BUCKET OF JUNK

To receive one of the eight buckets of scrap metal for our "Bucket of Junk" 4-H welding/design contest, be one of the first eight callers on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. We will take calls from 7:30 to 4:30. 😊

## ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUND-UP

If you are interested in animal science, check out the Round-Up track at the State 4-H Youth Conference! We'll also have a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI Crops. Each Round-Up Species (beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, poultry, meat goat and swine) will be limited to the first 20 applicants for each species. New this year is Poultry & Meat Goat. Applications will be posted in January and are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth not selected for round-up are still encouraged to attend the State Conference, as there are agriculture related workshops for that as well. To register click on the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/90305676416963>

## STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth Conference dates have been set for June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme this year is "Go for the Gold." 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 who register at the early bird fee before June 1 and registration opens March 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Stacey at [wilsonsl@iastate.edu](mailto:wilsonsl@iastate.edu) or log into [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

## RABBIT & CAVY WORKSHOP

The annual 4-H & FFA rabbit and cavy workshop will be held at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Be watching for more details as we receive them.

Speakers will discuss breeds, health, equipment, grooming, showing, and fair information. Youth will receive free tickets for a huge drawing.

Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbits or cavies and consult with speakers. Purebred rabbits and cavies will be for sale with cash as the preferred payment method. A "make your own carrier" session will be held. Please contact Bill Wolfe at 515-285-6929 or [Wolferabbit3@mediacombb.net](mailto:Wolferabbit3@mediacombb.net) for more information.

This is a great opportunity to get your rabbits tattooed for fair. Youth may show your rabbit and/or cavy in a free "practice" show. This practice is for youth who have shown in less than 3 ARBA shows in 2018. For questions contact Hannah Dunlap 319-775-2357, Lynn Rechterman 563-260-5295, or Bill Wolfe 515-285-6929.



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

## IOWA STATE FAIR LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM

The Iowa State Fair would like to invite 4-H Clubs to help staff their Little Hands on the Farm Display during the 2020 Iowa State Fair. You would need to staff one of the three shifts during an assigned day. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm T-Shirt. They are ready to start scheduling shifts so if you are interested in this opportunity, contact Emily Wynn at 515-401-1544 or [ewynn@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ewynn@iowastatefair.org).



## 4-H ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS

Please check our 4-H Facebook page and listen to KCOB for cancellations of 4-H event due to inclement weather.

## FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are a high school senior or college student, and your parents are Farm Bureau Members, consider applying for one of fifty-four \$1,000 scholarships. Applications are due February 28, 2020 and are available online at [www.iowafarmbureau.com/Member-Benefits](http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/Member-Benefits).

## 4-H LEADER'S MEETING

Thank you to all the 4-H Leaders who attended the Leader's Meeting in January. There was a lot to discuss and it was great to see so many of you there. I can't thank you enough for the time you invest into our 4-H'ers and 4-H Program.

## POULTRY BREED VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Videos about different breeds of poultry were recently added to the Iowa 4-H Poultry webpage at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/project/poultry>. Videos were provided by Ohio State University. Link to videos is located near the bottom of the 4-H poultry webpage under "Other Resources."



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## OUR VISION

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

## 4-H MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

I have talked with Mike Frandson, with Meals from the Heartland. We have set, SATURDAY, March 7 for our 4-H Packaging Event. If your club would like to help with this event, please let me (Stacey) know. We would like to ask for a club donation of \$100 from each club participating. However, if this is a problem, let me know and we will figure something out. Everyone who wants to do this should have the opportunity to help. It's just that someone has to pay for the food. Our goal is to raise \$3,260 or more this year, including the youth grant from MFTH.

Not all the meals packaged go to overseas. Joel told me that last year 600,000 of them stayed in the US, and 300,000 stayed in Iowa. They packaged 7.8 million meals all together with approximately two million of them going to Haiti, two million going to South Africa, & 285,000 to Mexico. This project seems like such a good fit for 4-H kids, because in most cases it turns out to be "kids helping kids with Hands for Larger Service!" There are some schools that receive these meals in some of these countries and the only reason kids show up to school is not to learn, but rather to have something to eat!!

This will be our sixth consecutive year for this event and to date we have packaged 123,120 meals! How AWESOME is that?! Let's keep the momentum going and package even more this year. With the donations from your clubs, money the Extension Council grants us, and I'm checking in to withdrawing money from our Geisler Penquite Endowment fund for this year, I know we can do it!

## GO FURTHER CONFERENCES FOR GIRLS

Go Further Conferences for Girls- This is a one-day conference on the Iowa State campus for middle school and high school girls to learn about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields and how to infuse their passions within a career. The program is put on by the Program for Women in Science and Engineering at Iowa State University. Registration fee is \$15, to learn more and register visit <https://www.wise.iastate.edu/outreach/gofurther->. See the attached flyer for info and dates.

## VALUABLE WATER CHALLENGE

The Valuable Water Challenge is a part of the 4-H Ag Innovators Experience. Iowa 4-H is looking for teen leaders to bring the 4-H Valuable Water Challenge program to youth across the state. If you are in grades 9 – 12 join us for a great learning experience perfect for youth interested in agriculture, conservation, environmental sciences, and biology. See the attached flyer and contact [carli@iastate.edu](mailto:carli@iastate.edu) for more info.



## JASPER COUNTY MARKET SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

The Jasper County Sheep & Meat Goat Verification will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & WETHERS)-** Will need to have a 4-H tag and be weighed in at verification.

**STATEFAIR 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 or tattoo at verification.

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

## SWINE VERIFICATION -

Swine Verification will be held on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. at the Jasper County Fair Grounds in Colfax.

All pigs must be farrowed after January 1<sup>st</sup> 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, and Spotted & Yorkshire.

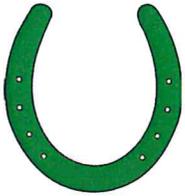
## 4-H PLEDGE

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.

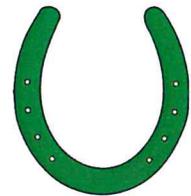
## EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Equine Experience practices will be starting in April. The Equine Experience Horse Show is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, or would like more information about the Jasper County 4-H Equine Experience Special Interest Club, you can visit their Facebook page, or contact the leader: Kaylee Lang @ [Kaylee.m.lang@gmail.com](mailto:Kaylee.m.lang@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**4-H & FFA HORSE SHOW**  
**COLFAX ARENA**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**



## WHAT IS DUE WHEN FOR THE JASPER COUNTY 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 1<sup>st</sup> to our office and entered into Fair Entry.

**July 1-** STATE FAIR ENTRY FORM DUE

**July 15-** 4-H Building Exhibits Entries Due. This was done in Fair Entry last year and worked out very well.

**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 4-H building.**



## YQCA (FORMALLY FSQA) IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

YQCA is an online livestock quality assurance education program for youth and has replaced the yearly FSQA training or testing that we have had in the past.

All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and state fair exhibition. This will be replacing FSQA. Youth can log-in to complete YQCA training through 4hOnline.

Exhibitors for the following species are required to have YQCA certification by July 1, 2020...

- Beef
- Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

YQCA certification costs \$12 per test, with test-out options for first year intermediates and seniors. You will not be charged the fee until you pass your test. Financial assistance is available- please contact out office if you are in need.

## EQUINE HIPPOLOGY TEAM

Are you interested in learning about horses? Then join our equine Hippology Team! Meetings will be at the Newton High School Ag Room from 6 to 8 and are being led by Neisha Horn. For more info contact Neisha at [jnhacres@gmail.com](mailto:jnhacres@gmail.com)

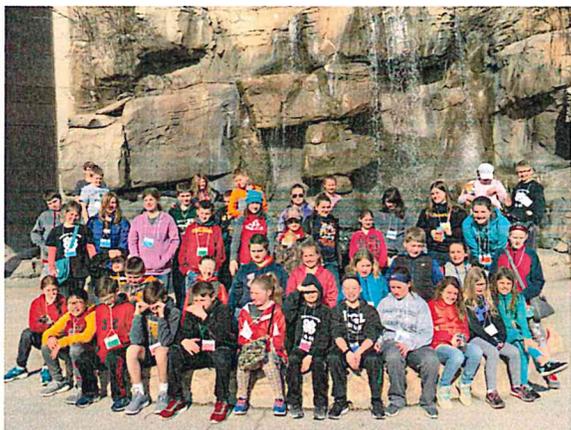
## 4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2020, please read the 4H 202 document very thoroughly. The 4H 202 can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>. It includes important information for each species, including identification requirements. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to read these requirements and abide by the rules set by the county and state 4-H program.



## JUNIOR 4-H OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE OMAHA ZOO

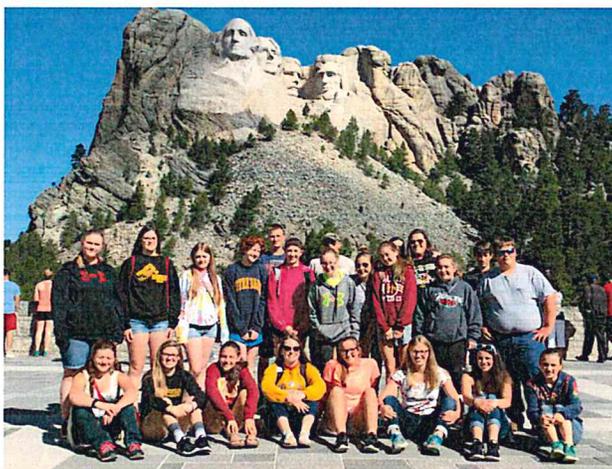
Lions, Tigers, and Polar Bears? Get ready for an adventure of a lifetime, as we travel to Omaha and spend the night near the animals at the Henry Dooley Zoo. We will go on a guided night hike and see an IMAX movie. This trip is for 4-H'ers in 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and who are in Region 14 (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek, & Mahaska Counties). The date of the trip is April 4 - 5. You should have received registration information in the mail, send it back early to secure your seat on the bus. **Payment is due in full, with 50% being reimbursed following the trip. (If this is a problem, please let us know, we will work with you.)** 😊



## INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

**REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!** ☺

Save the date for the Intermediate/Senior Trip to South Dakota. June 16 – 18 have been set as the date for the Intermediate/Senior Trip. Watch further newsletters and your mail for more details.



## DAIRY GOAT SHARE-A-KID OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of good quality? Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways they encourage young people in this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

Winning applicants are selected from the essays they send in. This statewide contest is open to youth in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades and who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

An essay of 100 words or more, should tell why the applicant would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), if they have ever raised a goat before and if not, who will help them, why they love goats, and what they love about goats. Spelling, content, and effort count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or any other creative touches.

If you are interested visit <https://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 14,2020**.

## DAIRY GOAT SHOWING AND FITTING CLINIC

Are you interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a FREE dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic. Fitting procedures and goat care will be covered. So... if you have a goat, or hope to own a goat someday this is an excellent opportunity to see what it's all about. Please RSVP for this FREE event to Judy Nayeri at 515-250-4836. A lunch main course and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring a side dish or desert to share. 😊 Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA's Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600.





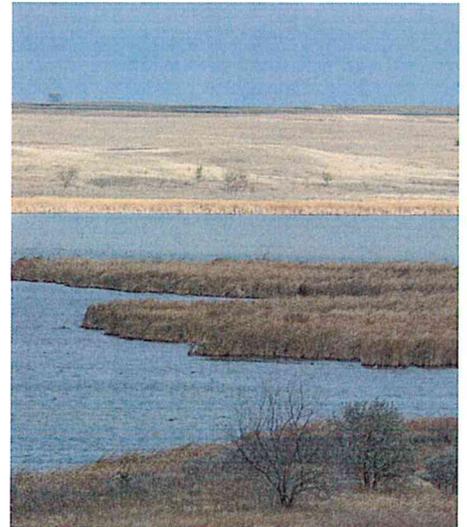
## Valuable Water Challenge

The Valuable Water Challenge is a part of the 4-H Ag Innovators Experience, an annual program that challenges young people to apply critical thinking and STEM skills to a real-world agriculture challenge. In Iowa, the collaborative, hands-on challenge will help youth:

- Learn about the importance of water and how it connects us.
- Understand how wetlands provide important ecosystem services.
- Explore ways conservation practices work to improve water quality.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Iowa 4-H is looking for teen leaders to bring the 4-H Valuable Water Challenge program to youth across the state! Join us for a great learning and leadership experience perfect for youth interested in agriculture, conservation, environmental sciences, and biological sciences. Participants will also develop leadership skills as teen leaders deliver educational programs to younger youth audiences. Youth in grades 8-12 are welcome to apply by December 15, 2019 here: [shorturl.at/inHKU](https://shorturl.at/inHKU).



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GIRLS STEM CONFERENCE

FALL 2019

October 31 (8th grade)

November 7 (9-10th grade)

SPRING 2020

March 26 (8th grade)

April 9 (8th grade)

April 16 (9-10th grade)



**Go Further** is a one-day conference for 8-10th grade girls to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields through hands on activities and presentations. Students will spend the day on the beautiful Iowa State University campus learning more about infusing their passion into potential STEM careers.

- \$15 per student/chaperone
- Scholarships available
- For more information and to register, visit [www.wise.iastate.edu](http://www.wise.iastate.edu)