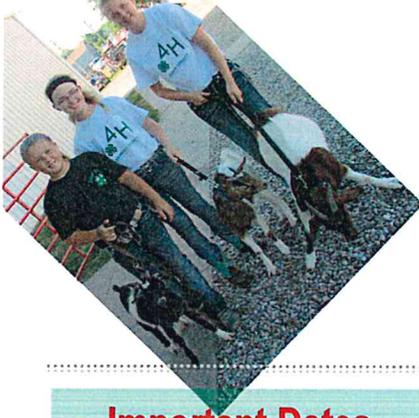




JASPER COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Important Dates

- JAN 19 4-H SKATING PARTY
- JAN 23 4-H LEADER'S MEETING
- FEB 29 REGION 14 LEADER'S CONNECT DAY RE-TREAT
- MARCH 7 – MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND
- APRIL 18 SWINE VERIFICATION
- APRIL 4 JUNIOR TRIP TO OMAHA
- MAY 3 SHEEP VERIFICATION
- MAY 15 – LIVESTOCK ID FORMS DUE IN 4H ONLINE & JASPER CO. FAIR ENTRY FROM DUE TO THE EXT OFFICE
- JUNE 16-18 INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO THE BLACK HILLS.
- JUNE 30 – JULY 2– STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE
- JULY 17-23 – JASPER COUNTY FAIR
- AUGUST 13-23 – IOWA STATE FAIR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 also 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, and be enrolled in at least one project area. If you need help with any of this, please contact your leader or Stacey at the Extension & Outreach Office.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

If you weighed in market cattle you will need to go into your 4hOnline account and verify that the info entered is correct. You will have until February 1st to do this. After February 1st the information will stand as entered. **This is not an actual fair entry.** You will need to enter the animal for county fair by May 15.

4-H ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS

Please listen to KCOB for cancellations of 4-H events due to inclement weather.

4-H
GROWING TOGETHER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
University Extension

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUND-UP

If you are interested in animal science, or a specific breed of livestock, look into becoming part of 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, and swine) will be limited to the first 20 applicants for each species. New this year is Poultry. Applications will be posted in January and are due March 1st. Youth not selected for round-up are still encouraged to attend the State Conference, as there are ag related workshops for that as well.

STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth Conference dates have been set for June 30th through July 2nd and this year's theme 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 half price for Jasper County 4-H'ers making the cost \$90. For more information please contact Stacey at wilsons1@iastate.edu or log into www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUND UP- Youth will be selected by application only this year and only 20 kids per species.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY- CARD SHOWER

This year during our Meals From the Heartland Event we will have a station set up to make St. Patrick's Day cards with notes written in them to take to nursing homes. You will be able to participate in this activity if you have to wait until your assigned time to package meals or feel free to join us early, or stay after your shift to help with this project.



MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Saturday, March 7th has been set for our Meals From the Heartland 4-H Packaging Event. If your club would like to help with this event please let me (Stacey) know, so that I can get a schedule together. This year we will try to set up & work as clubs. 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.

Not all the meals packaged go to overseas. I was told that last year 600,000 of them stayed in the US, and 300,000 stayed in Iowa. Unfortunately, this number keeps going up. 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!" 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!!

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.



CWF – CITIZENSHIP FOR WASHINGTON FOCUS

The registration deadline for the CWF trip to Washington DC is January 17th. There has been information regarding this trip in previous newsletters. For more info and to register go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf> cost of this trip is \$1,850 with a \$650 deposit due when registering. The Jasper County Extension Office will pay for approximately 1/3 of the cost (maybe a little more depending on the number of participants).

LEADER'S MEETING

Attention 4-H Leaders! Please plan to attend the annual spring 4-H Leader's meeting on January 23rd. As you know, one leader's training is required per year. We will discuss fostering independence in youth, 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 JUDGES TRAINING

Polk County Extension and Outreach is hosting a 4-H Exhibit Judges Training on Saturday, Feb 1, 2020 from 9 am to 3 pm at their office (1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona). Cost is \$15 for the full day and \$10 for half day, lunch is included in the cost.

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BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST FOR FAIR

Do you enjoy welding, or would like to learn how to weld? This year will be the fourth year for the Bucket of Junk Contest at the Jasper County Fair. The Bucket of Junk rules are listed below. If you are interested in participating, please call the Extension Office on ~~Tuesday~~, ^{wed}, February ~~5~~⁶th. 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 Wednesday, Feb 5th, letting us know you want to participate in this contest. Our office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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 of 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.

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.

SWINE VERIFICATION -

Swine Verification will be held on Sunday April 18th 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, and Spotted & Yorkshire.



JOIN THE NEW JASPER COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL TEAM

A red poster with a white scalloped border. On the left, there are black silhouettes of a rooster, a pig, a sheep, and a cow stacked on top of each other. On the right, the text reads: "JOIN THE FUN!" followed by a green 4-H clover logo. Below the logo, the title "Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Team" is written in a stylized font. Further down, it says "Parent Informational Meeting January 14th 6:00 pm" and "Jasper County Extension Office Must be 10 years old by January 1st to participate." At the bottom, it says "Contact us 641-792-6433 with any questions."/>

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4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Mark your calendars!

-The Equine Experience Club will begin arena practices starting in April.

-The Jasper County 4-H/FFA Horse Show is tentatively scheduled for June in Colfax.

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: Denise Fick fickdenise@aol.com



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 1st 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 4hOnline 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.



4-H SKATING PARTY



Join us for a 4-H Roller Skating Party on Sunday, January 19th from 2 to 4 pm at Baqara Skate in Newton. Admission is free but there is a \$3.00 skate rental fee. This event is open to all Jasper County 4-H members and friends (they do not need to be in 4-H to attend). See the attached flyer.

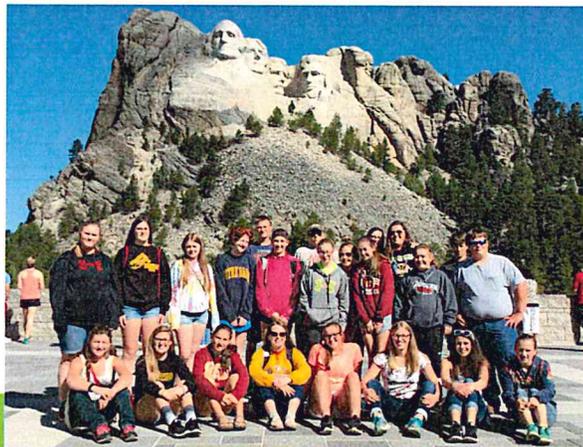
JUNIOR 4-H OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE OMAHA ZOO

The date has tentatively been set for the Junior 4-H Camp-Out at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. We will be leaving on Saturday, April 21st and returning Sunday, April 22nd. If you are in 4th through 6th grade save the date and be watching for further details. We had a blast on this trip last year and I'm sure we will again this year. It was a great experience! ☺



INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR TRIP TO the BLACK HILLS, SD

Save the date for the Intermediate/Senior Trip to South Dakota. June 16 – 18 have been set (pending reservation confirmation) as the date for the Intermediate/Senior Trip. Watch future newsletters for more details.



EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA

The Equine Extravaganza is March 20 – 22 at Ellsworth Community College, in Iowa Falls. We all know that having horses involves more than riding and jumping! Learn more about the science behind horses at the Equine Extravaganza. You can also enter a drawing or an essay about horses. Information & registration material will be available after Jan 1 at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/equine/equine-extravaganza-2020> If you have never participated before plan to attend and observe this year or just jump right in. 😊



Activities include a Quiz Bowl, Hippology Contest, Public Speaking & Demonstration, Riding Clinic, Horseless Horse Contests, Drawing and Essays, Model Horse Show, Horse Judging, and more.

QUIZ BOWL SKILLATHON TEAM

I'm so happy to announce that Jasper County is very close to getting a Quiz Bowl/Skillathon team set up for anyone interested in livestock education and participating in contests. Please see the attached flyer.

IOWA BEEF EXPO

The Iowa Beef Expo is February 9 through the 16th at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. There is a "cattle fitting" contest on the 15th and a judging contest on the 9th. You can find more info on their website at <https://iowabeefexpo.com/schedule/>

SWINE OPPORTUNITIES

The Iowa Pork Congress is January 22 – 23 at the Iowa Event Center in Des Moines. You can participate in a swine skillathon there and attend workshops and shows to learn about the swine industry. Check out their website at <http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/> for more info.

The World Pork Expo is scheduled for June 3rd through the 5th at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. <https://www.worldpork.org/>

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EQUINE HIPPOLOGY TEAM

Are you interested in learning about horses? Then join our Equine Hippology Team! Meetings will be at the Newton High School in the Ag room from 6 to 8 and be led by Neisha Horn. See the attached flyer for dates and more info.



IOWA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has announced applications are available for the 4-H scholarship program with over 90 scholarship opportunities to be awarded valued at over \$100,000. A complete list of scholarships, eligibility, helpful hints, instructions and applications are available on line at <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm> Online deadline is 11:50 PM, February 1st, 2020. For questions contact Mary Clancy at clancy@iastate.edu

FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are a high school senior or current college student and your parents are Farm Bureau Members, consider applying for one of fifty-four \$1,000 college scholarship to be awarded in 2020. First time applicants are asked to write an essay indicating the contributions they expect to make to agriculture in rural Iowa. Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, community and extracurricular involvement. Scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before Feb. 28, 2020. Applications are available online at www.iowafarmbureau.com/Member-Benefits

EXCITING 4-H LEADER NEWS

We are planning a Region 14 Leader's Networking Opportunity as well as a chance to fulfill your yearly mandatory training requirements. This event will take place on February 29th at the Marion County Extension Office in Knoxville, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will have a chance for networking and interacting with leaders from other counties as well as fun and educational workshops. You will learn what is available from ISU Extension & Outreach to help you with your club activities and meetings. Be watching your mail and email for your invitation.



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YOUR INVITED...

WHAT: 4-H SKATING PARTY

WHERE: BAQARA SKATE IN NEWTON

(1611 1st Ave W - formally Skate Castle)

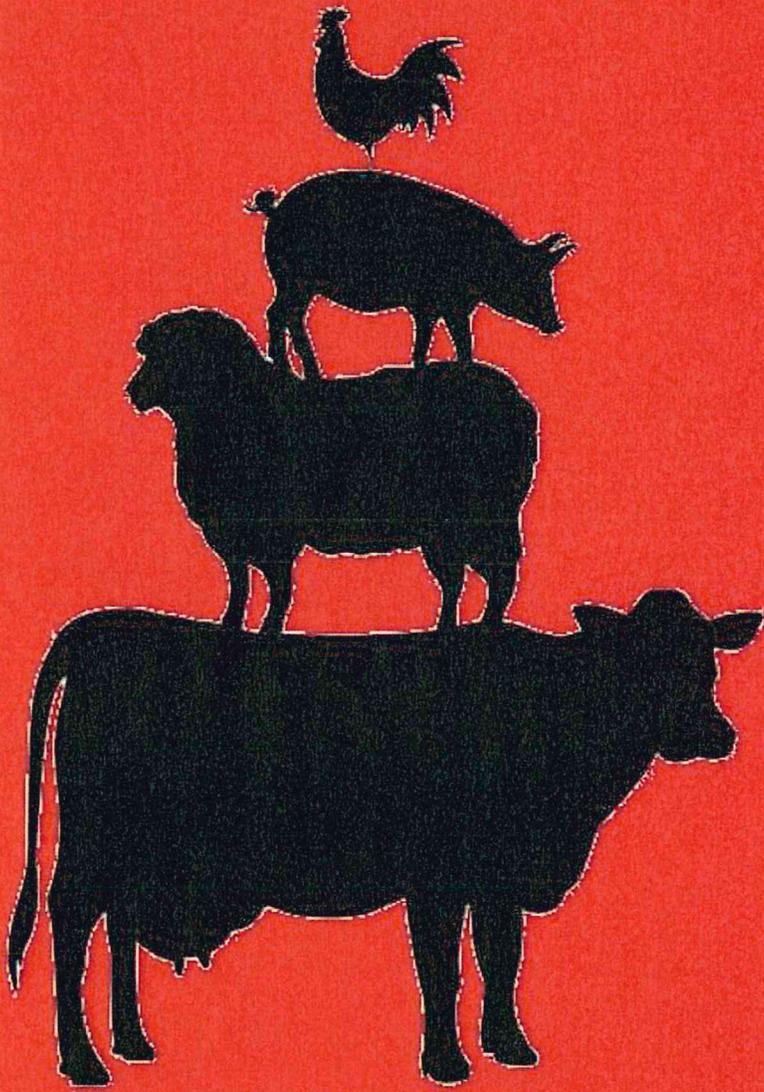
WHO: JASPER COUNTY 4-H'ERS & FRIENDS

WHEN: SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

TIME: 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

COST: Admission is free but there is a \$3.00 skate rental fee (if you don't have your own skates).





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HIPPOLOGY TEAM

Are you interested in learning more about horses— different breeds, all kinds of tack, anatomy, conformation, and more? You are welcome to come for 6 weeks to learn and study! There is a fun competition held in March called the Equine Extravaganza. We will study with the goal of competing in the hippology contest.

Tentative meeting dates will be the following Tuesdays : February 11, 18, and 25 and March 3, 10, and 17. The hippology contest is Saturday, March 21, in Iowa Falls.

Meetings will be held at the Newton High School Ag Room (south side of the school) from 6-8 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Neisha Horn at jnhacres@gmail.com