



JASPER COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

- FEB 24 – MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND
- APRIL 12–FSQA TRAINING
- APRIL 21 – JUNIOR TRIP TO OMAHA
- APRIL 29 SWINE VERIFICATION
- MAY 6 SHEEP VERIFICATION
- MAY 15 – LIVESTOCK ID FORMS DUE IN 4H ONLINE & JASPER CO. FAIR ENTRY FROM DUE TO THE EXT OFFICE
- JUNE 11-13 INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SD.
- JUNE 26-28– STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE
- JULY 20-26 – JASPER COUNTY FAIR
- AUGUST 9-19 – IOWA STATE FAIR

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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, 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 26th through June 28th. This year's theme is "Your Passport to Adventure." 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

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, February, 24th 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. 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 2018 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.



WATER WELLNESS WORKSHOP-

The Polk County Extension & Outreach Office has invited us to a Workshop about Iowa's private drinking water wells. You will learn about private wells and drinking water contamination, play a trivia game, create an edible aquifer, test your household water, & learn how to help your community. The date for this workshop is February 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Polk County Extension Office in Altoona. Registration is open now. See the enclosed flyer for more information and to register.

WANTED: 4-H WORKSHOPS

We are looking for adults or youth who would be interested in hosting a workshop for 4-H'ers. Do you have a specific craft, skill, or art you would be interested in sharing? If so Contact Stacey at the Extension & Outreach Office.

LEADER'S MEETING

Attention 4-H Leaders! Please plan to attend the annual spring 4-H Leader's meeting on Feb. 19th. As you know, one leader's training is required per year. We will discuss building resiliency 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! ☺

JASPER COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

Applications for the Jasper County fair queen contest are available for pick up now, at the Jasper County Extension & Outreach Office in Newton. The applications will be due on May 17th at a parents meeting, which will be held at the Extension & Outreach Office at 6:30. An award of \$250 will be presented to the 2017 JCF Queen.



OUR VISION

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

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 Monday, February 12th. 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 12th, 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 29th 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.

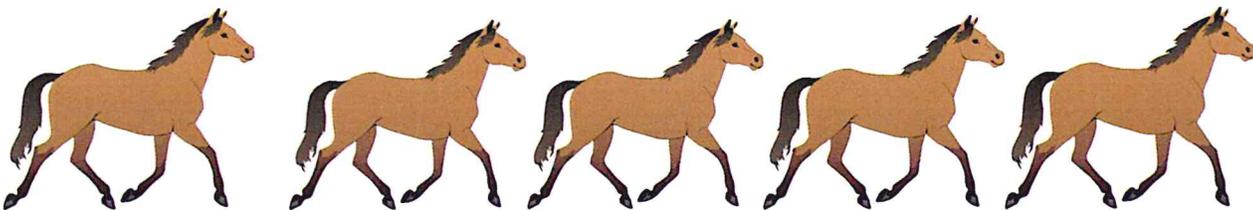


EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA-

Registration is now open for the Equine Extravaganza – March 23, 24, & 25 at Ellsworth College in Iowa Falls. Registration is due March 1, 2017. There are a lot of opportunities for 4-H'ers to participate including Quiz Bowl (team), Hippology (team or individual), Model Horse, Photography, Digital Storytelling, Creative Writing, Drawing, Painting, Poster, Scrapbook, Clothing, Woodworking, Crafts and more.

Grab a camera and take some fun horse photos or write a short story about an adventure you have had with your horse, sign up to show model horses, prepare a team demonstration with a friend or make a saddle rack. These are just a few ways you can participate in the event.

Rules and entry forms can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza



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 18- 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.



LIVESTOCK CHANGES FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR

Cattle

- Dairy Cattle - Required Registration Numbers
- Will split Hereford cattle into polled and horned

Horse

- Registration Paper for Halter Classes-Must be uploaded into 4H online and/or Fair Entry.
- Split Pony into mares and gelding
- Split Pony Walk/Trot into English Walk/Trot and Western Walk/Trot
- Split Pony Pleasure into Polk Hunter Under Saddle and Pony Western Pleasure

Meat Goat

- Birth Date required (Breeding Does)
- No Clipping or Shearing in the barn, goats must come show ready

Rabbit

- Rabbit Check-in only on Wednesday afternoon/evening

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair please make sure to check out the 4-H 202 that contains all of the 4-H ID requirements.

FSQA – FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE – REQUIRED FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

FSQA TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ANY YOUTH PLANNING TO SHOW RABBITS, POULTRY, DAIRY, GOATS, BEEF, SWINE, & SHEEP (BOTH MARKET AND BREEDING CLASSES) AT THE JASPER COUNTY OR IOWA STATE FAIR.

FSQA Training for Jasper County 4-H and FFA Members will be held on Thursday, April 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at DMACC in Newton. Tests will be available for those in 7th – 12th grade who wish to test out.

- Youth in grades 4 – 6, on January 1 must attend a training each year.
- Youth in grades 7, 8, & 9 on January 1 may attend training each year or take a test. Youth passing the test will then be certified until they enter 10th grade.
- Youth in grades 10, 11, & 12 on January 1 may attend the training each year or take the test. We strongly encourage these youth to test out because they will then be certified until the age of 20.

If you need to know if your certificate is valid for this year, you can check your 4hOnline acct. If you need a manual to study for the test, they are on the State 4-H Livestock page. If you have any questions please call me (Stacey) at the Extension & Outreach Office at 641 792 6433. Also call the Extension & Outreach Office to register for this class by April 10th.

If this date does not work for you, you will need to make arrangements to test at a neighboring county. We can help you with that.

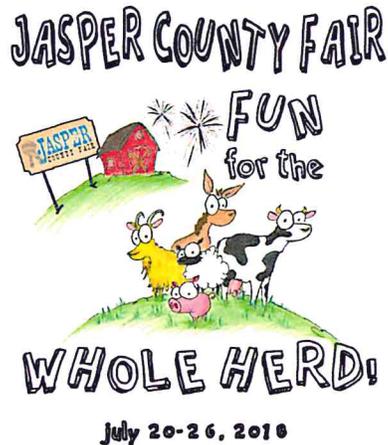
FAIRBOARD SCRAPBOOKING EVENT-

The 2018 Spring Fair Croppin Event is scheduled for Friday, April 6th from 6 pm to 11 pm and Saturday, April 7th from 9 am to 9 pm. Two meals are included in your registration for Saturday. Please see the enclosed flyer and call Kendra Hallferty or Karla Jordan with any questions.



2018 JASPER COUNTY FAIR THEME

The Jasper County Fair board has selected “**Fun for the Whole Herd**” for the theme of this year’s fair.



JUNIOR 4-H OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE OMAHA ZOO – REGISTER NOW

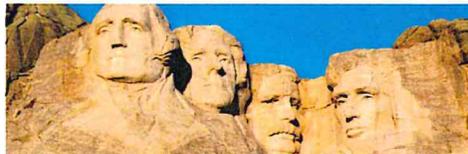
Lions, Tigers, and Polar Bears? **Registration is open** for an adventure of a lifetime, as we travel to Omaha and spend the night in the Shark Reef of the Henry Dooley Zoo. We will go on a guided night hike and see an IMAX movie. This trip is for 4-H’ers in 4th through 6th grade and who are in Region 14 (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek, & Mahaska Counties). The date of the trip is April 21 to the 22nd. You should have received registration information in the mail.



INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA – REGISTER NOW

REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS! ☺

Intermediates (7th – 8th grade 4-H’ers). Save the dates of June 11 – 13 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.



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4-H PIE BAKING CLINIC



COMMUNITY ACHEIVER'S DEC MEETING ACTIVITY





WATER WELLNESS

A Workshop about Iowa's Private Drinking Water Wells

Do you know if your drinking water is safe to consume? For the many Iowans who rely on private wells, the answer to this question is, "No"

Contaminants in your drinking water supply can lead to health problems in both humans and animals; sometimes right away, sometimes over the course of many years. In this workshop, you will learn about private wells and steps you can take to ensure your water is safe. Apply this knowledge in your community and help keep your family, friends and neighbors healthy.

- Learn about private wells and drinking water contamination in Iowa.
- Play a trivia game.
- Create an edible aquifer.
- Test your household water.
- Learn how to help your community.

Date: Saturday, February 17th **Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend for the last 15-20 minutes for the showcase.

Who: Recommended for youth in grades 6-12

Participants will need to know if their household uses a private well. It is not required to have a private well to participate in the workshop.

Location: Polk County Extension Office

1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A. Altoona, Iowa 50009

Register now! Space limited.

Contact Marci Vinsand @ 515-957-5770 | vinsand@iastate.edu

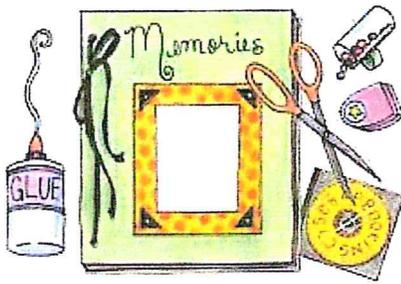


Workshop brought to you by the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



2018 Spring Fair Croppin
Friday, April 6th 6pm-11pm
Saturday, April 7th 9am-9pm
@ Jasper County Fair Grounds -
Colfax

We have some exciting news - we are expanding our Fair Croppin to include Friday evening for just \$5 more, yes, you read that correctly!

We will also have a Trash to Treasure table where you can discard unwanted items and make someone else's day, it is a win-win for everyone!

We will have door prizes - 2 meals for just \$30 or \$35

Local Vendors on site

Creative Memories, Close to My Heart & Stampin Up

This is a fundraiser for the Jasper County Fair, so please pay early to reserve your spot!

_____ Friday night 6-11pm \$5.00 (no meals provided)

_____ Saturday 9a-9pm \$30.00 (2 meals included)

_____ Yes, lunch please _____ Yes, supper please

I have a food allergy to _____

Please sit me with my friends _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Please mail your check (Made out to Jasper County Fair) &
Registration to

Karla Jordan 8170 W 70th St S, Monroe, IA 50170

Any Questions please call Kendra @ 641-521-0067 or Karla @ 641-891-6951