HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

If you weighed in market calves, you must have the weigh-in information entered in 4hOnline2.0. We had asked that this be done by January 15th, so if you haven’t already done so, please enter your market calf info ASAP.
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.

YOUTH BEEF CONFERENCE

Join us Saturday, January 22 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, at the Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center and Ag & Renewable Energy Center. We will learn about “Branded Beef,” the latest in technology in identifying animals on the hoof, producing a specific type of beef on the rail, & marketing beef products to consumers & a variety of interactive workshops, as well as the opportunity to get your YQCA certification. The cost is $10.00, and registration is due by January 19. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

STATE RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

- Applications open in 4HOnline on January 1. Interviews may be done in-person or by video teleconference.
- The application deadline every year is 11:59 PM on February 1.
- Interview selection and schedule are announced in the first week of March. Please review the interview times posted below. Time requests and preferences will only be available in 3-4 hour time blocks as listed.
  - In-person interviews are available Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9 am-12 pm and 12 pm-3 pm.
  - Video interviews will be available on Saturday, March 19, 9 am-12 pm, or Tuesday, March 22, 4 pm-7 pm.
- Awards are announced every year in mid-April.

2022 Recognition Preparation Statewide Workshops

Register in 4HOnline under "events"

- State and National Opportunities for Senior Level 4-H Members Tuesday, December 14, 4PM
- How to Write a State Recognition Application Wednesday, January 5, 4PM
- How to Write a One-Page Resume Thursday, January 13, 4PM
- How to Prepare for an Interview Tuesday, March 1, 4PM

State 4-H Recognition Opportunities | 4-H Youth Development (iastate.edu)
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 NAME AND ENROLLMENT IN THE MEMO.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the 4-H Festival of Trees! We have heard nothing but positive comments on this festival and I am so thankful that so many clubs take the time to showcase 4-H in this capacity. We will be taking down the trees on December 30th from 5 to 7 pm. If you can’t make that time work, assign a 4-H parent or family to help out. 😊

NEW COURSE ADDED TO VIRTUAL JUDGES TRAINING

The State 4-H Office has added a third offering of the “Evaluate, Educate, and Encourage-Your Role as an Iowa 4-H Judge” for all new and returning judges, offered virtually on February 2nd 7-8:30pm. They have also increased the cap for the January 15th offering of this same course to accommodate demand for this training. Materials to promote these trainings are available, including a press release and social media images and copy. The judge’s database has been emailed the press release information regarding the trainings. Please promote to new and returning judges. Questions? Contact Shelly Ramus.

JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

The Jasper County Council will be meeting on February 27th, at the Extension & Outreach Office at 4:00.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
Looking for an experience of a lifetime? Look no further than the Citizenship Washington Focus trip where you as a 9th-12th grader can travel by charter bus to visit Washington D.C. Experience leadership and citizenship on a higher level with this epic opportunity on June 17 – June 24, 2022. During the CWF week, delegates will strengthen communication, leadership, and civic engagements skills on a national level, understand the importance of Youth Voice and the skills necessary to make change in your community, exchange ideas, practice respect, form friendships, experience hands on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation’s capital city, Washington DC, as your classroom. You will attend workshops, visit monuments & memorials, and other national sites, including Arlington National Cemetery.

Register through the events tab in 4HOnline. Deadline to register is January 25, 2022. Space is limited to first 48 delegate registrations.
Trip cost is $1800. This includes all lodging, travel, tours, and a majority of meals.
A $600 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration by debit/credit card. The remaining balance is two payments of $600 each due on March 15 and April 15, 2022. In the past, the Jasper County Extension Council has paid for 1/3 of the trip and will do so again this year. To register go into your 4-HOnline account and click on the “Events” tab. If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office at 641-792-6433.

IOWA 4-H CAMERA CORP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Iowa 4-H Camera Corp is a talented group of youth photographers working together to make beautiful, powerful, and creative photographs of communities from across the state. This is an opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work. Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give feedback to each photograph after they submit their monthly photograph, and then each photograph will be exhibited digitally on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting will be open to the public. The top ten Juror’s Choice and top ten People’s Choice photographs will be printed, framed, and shown at statewide gallery exhibitions every month. They have added a certificate program where youth will level up from newbie to master photographers as they complete certain tasks and challenges. To join go to https://form.jotform.com/92485606720965 For questions contact Colby Clark at cacolby3@iastate.edu
GROW A FRUIT TREE ORCHARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING JAN. 10, 6:00 PM

Is anyone interested in learning how to plan, plant, and care for an orchard of fruit trees? Dan Nielend, with Jasper County Extension & Outreach will be doing just that next spring. He is wondering if any 4-H members would like to help with this effort as a 4-H Horticulture project. The goal of this project is to explore all facets of a commercial orchard as a business enterprise, from idea origination through planting. Steps will include Market Research, Layout, Sourcing the trees, Resources needed, and planting. **Contact the Extension Office if interested 641 792 6433**

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

Iowa 4-H in partnership with the Iowa Extension Council Association Board of Directors would like to invite all extension council members, extension supporters and senior-level 4-H members to our annual legislative day on Wednesday, February 9. IECA and 4-H Legislative Day is an opportunity for participants to learn and experience the legislative process. 4-H and extension council members will meet with legislators, hear from elected officials, network with one another and participate in workshops about youth in action, civil discourse, and youth-adult partnerships.

Overview

- Open to county extension council members, 4-H members in grades 8-12 and Extension supporters.
- Extension council members will serve as volunteer mentors for participating 4-H members.
- Lunch will be provided for those who pre-register

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration at the Wallace Building
- 9:30 a.m. - Legislative update and conversations with student legislative pages
- 10:30 a.m. - Visit with legislators at the Capitol
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. - Depart for afternoon sessions at the Botanical Garden Center
- 1:00-1:25pm - Workshop 1
- 1:25-1:35pm - Rotate
- 1:35-2:00pm - Workshop 2
- 2:00-2:10pm - Rotate
- 2:10-2:35pm - Workshop 3
- 2:35-2:40pm - Rotate to auditorium as large group
- 2:45-3:00pm - Capstone and head home!

Register Now [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day)

4-H EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Iowa 4-H is proud to partner with States’ 4-H Exchange to offer international exchange opportunities for our 4-H members, ages 12 – 18.

Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families in those countries and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Applications are being accepted from current 4-H youth who would like to travel abroad AND those interested in being a host family for Japanese youth for summer 2022. The deadline to apply is January 15th, 2022. Check out the website for application details.

[https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs)
**EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA – SAVE THE DATE**

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 enclosed full schedule and details.

**ATTENTION 4-H MEMBERS WITH SWINE PROJECTS**

Barb Stewart contacted our office and has 8 bags of Purina complete grower finisher hog feed they would like to sell to a 4-H’er with swine projects at a discounted price of $16.00 per bag (normally $21.00 per bag). If interested in this, contact Barb at 641-521-7981.

**4-H PIE BAKING WORKSHOP PHOTOS**

A big THANK YOU to Lynn Dunsbergen and Daphne Emmack-Owens for leading our 4-H Pie Baking Workshop! And THANK YOU to those who attended the workshop. Be watching for more baking opportunities throughout the winter.
JUNIOR TRIP TO OMAHA

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 6th grade save the date and be watching for further details. 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

Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers, we are currently working on setting up a region 18 (Marion, Mahaska, Poweshiek, & Jasper Counties) trip. This will take place around the first week in June. Stay tuned for more info. 😊

4-H MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

We have set, SATURDAY, March 5 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. This will be our tenth consecutive year for this event and to date we have packaged 230,120 meals! How AWESOME is that?! Let's keep the momentum going and package even more this year. Now more than ever food insecurity seems to be happening, even right here in our own communities. Some of these meals actually stay in, Iowa, and even in Jasper County.