



JASPER COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Important Dates

- **MARCH 23–FSQA TRAINING**
- **APRIL 11 SPRING LEADER'S TRAINING**
- **APRIL 24 SWINE VERIFICATION**
- **APRIL 25 JR. OMAHA TRIP FORMS DUE**
- **MAY 7 SHEEP VERIFICATION**
- **MAY 15 – LIVESTOCK ID FORMS DUE IN 4H ONLINE & JASPER CO. FAIR ENTRY FROM DUE TO THE EXT OFFICE**
- **MAY 19 – JUNIOR TRIP TO OMAHA**
- **JUNE 12-14 INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SD.**
- **JUNE 27-29– STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE**
- **JULY 14-20 – JASPER COUNTY FAIR**
- **AUGUST 10-20 – IOWA STATE FAIR**

2017 JASPER COUNTY FAIR THEME

The Jasper County Fair board has selected “Let the Good Times Grow” for the theme of this year’s fair.



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.

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, poultry, 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 15th. 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 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 CAMPS & SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are being accepted for ten 4-H Youth Summer Camp Residential Instructors, IA 4-H Center, Madrid. Working from May 30th to July 15th with the week of July 1 as unpaid time off. Salary is \$250 per week. Room & Meals Provided. For additional information and an application go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/summercamp-staff or email gibler@iastate.edu

4-H SUMMER CAMP YOUTH PROGRAMS Registration for 4-H Summer camp youth programs is open! What special-themed 4-H Camps will be offered at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid, Iowa? The **2017 State 4-H Camps** website has information on camps, dates and registration.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's 4-H Meals From the Heartland Event! It was a huge success and because of all of you we packaged our personal best number of meals, with 32,400 meals being packaged for the less fortunate.



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 2017 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.

JASPER COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

Applications for the Jasper County fair queen contest will be available for pick up beginning March 13th, at the Jasper County Extension & Outreach Office in Newton. The applications will be due on June 1st 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.



4-H LEADERS MEETING

The spring 4-H Leader's meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at the Extension & Outreach Office from 6:30 to 8:00. Please plan to attend. We will have pizza and refreshments to celebrate the awesome volunteers we have in this county. You will get to meet Kim Kuester, our new State 4-H Youth Program Specialist. This is the yearly mandatory meeting for all 4-H Volunteers. If you cannot attend please contact me (Stacey) so I can get information to you regarding the online version of this training. We look forward to seeing you there. 😊

2017 IOWA 4-H HALL OF FAME

Do you know someone who "bleeds green" or goes above and beyond the call of duty when volunteering? Please consider nominating them for the 15th annual 4-H Hall of Fame. The person or couple selected automatically becomes a member of the State 4-H Hall of Fame. There is no additional selection process. Information and the 2017 selection forms are available at <http://my.extension.iastate.edu/iowa-4-h-hall-fame> The deadline for nominations is May 31st.

OUR VISION

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

BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST FOR FAIR

THERE ARE TWO BUCKETS LEFT. BE THE FIRST TWO TO CALL 641-792-6433 TO ENTER THIS CONTEST. 😊

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 13th. We will take reservations for participation in the project starting on **Monday, February 13th**. 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 13th, 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 23rd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. at the Jasper County Fair Grounds in Colfax.

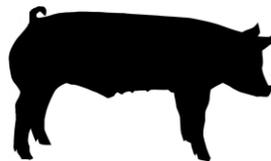
All pigs must be farrowed after January 1st of the current year and be ear notched at birth according the swine registry system.

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.

New This Year- Purebred Breeding Gilts and purebred Market Hog Classes. Exhibitors must bring the original purebred registration papers to the county fair. Papers must be in the exhibitor's name. All swine brought to the fair must have health papers not more than 30 days old. Swine papers must be checked by superintendents before unloading animals.

Breeds include: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, and Spotted & Yorkshire.



CANINE CONNECTION

Tami Mixdorf has graciously agreed to lead the Canine Connection Club this year, or until we can find a permanent leader for this group. Some of you will remember Tami from last year. 😊 She will be holding an informational meeting at the Extension & Outreach Office on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30. Anyone who is interested in exhibiting dogs at the Jasper County Fair should plan to attend. Meeting times and place will be discussed as well as expectations for this project area. If you can't make it to this meeting, you can contact Tami at tamimixdorf@gmail.com or 515-554-0417.



4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Mark your calendars!

- The Equine Experience Club will begin arena practice starting in April
- The Jasper County 4-H/FFA Horse Show is scheduled for June 10th in Colfax – door prizes all day long, and high point awards for each division.

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 one of the leaders: Denise Fick fickdenise@aol.com or Alex Clevery alcleverley@gmail.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 12- 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.



4-H LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITAL

4-H Legislative Day was held on February 28th at the State Capital in Des Moines. Representing Jasper County 4-H were (as shown in the photo) Nathan Crane, Iowa State University Extension & Outreach, Region 14 Director, Daphne Emmack-Owens, 4-H Leader of the Prairie City Champions, Representative Wes Breckenridge, and 4-H Members, Jasper Owens, and Blake Owens. During the day Representative Breckenridge explained to the 4-H members how a bill is created and passed into a law, took them on a tour of the capital, took the time to have lunch with them, and answered questions about important topics related to agriculture, 4-H, and education. Over forty Iowa 4-H members attended 4-H Legislative Day.



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, March 23rd 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 March 23rd.

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.

MEAT GOAT EXTRAVAGANZA

2017 Meat Goat Extravaganza

Saturday April 29th, 2017, the Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Assoc. will host its 11th annual Goat Extravaganza at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. Registration will be at 8:30 am. Featuring two of the most respected Breeders and judges in the Country. Come learn about the Boer Goat. Learn how to develop an analytical eye, what the Ideal Boer Goat should look, Identify characteristics of potential herd sires at a very young age and a hands-on evaluation of Boer goats. For more information contact James Shepard, 641-990-7152, dcc3200@gmail.com

IOWA BORN & BRED HEREFORD STEER REWARD PROGRAM IOWA STATE FAIR

Iowa Born & Bred Hereford Steers: New Reward Program at Iowa State Fair

The Iowa Hereford Breeder's Association has started a new program to reward 4-H exhibitors for showing **Iowa Born & Bred Hereford steers** at the Iowa State Fair. [Linked are the rules and nomination form.](#) Our goal is to hand the Champion Steer (nominated obviously) a \$1,000 check, the Reserve a \$500 check and continue to pay down the jackpot as funds allow (Patrick Wall, patwall@iastate.edu, Area Beef Field Specialist – SE Iowa, Marion County Extension Office, 210 N Iowa St, Knoxville IA 50138, O: 641-842-2014)

JASPER COUNTY MARKET SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

The Jasper County Sheep & Meat Goat Verification will be Sunday, May 7th 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.

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. 😊



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.



RABBIT WORKSHOP

Rabbit Workshop: March 19, 2017 Poweshiek County

The annual 4H/FFA rabbit and cavy workshop on raising rabbits and cavies, Poweshiek County Fairgrounds, Grinnell IA, Sunday, March 19 from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. No preregistration and no cost to attend.

This workshop is sponsored by Iowa State Rabbit Breeders, South Central Rabbit Breeders, Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders, Story Ag LLC and Iowa State University. Youth from Iowa and surrounding states are encouraged to attend.

Youth are to bring their rabbits and cavies and consult with speakers. Examples of rabbit and cavy breeds will be presented and discussed. Purebred rabbits and cavies will be for sale. A “make your rabbit or cavy carrier” session will be held by Coats Equipment. Youth need to contact Coats Equipment at 515-450-9067 or coatsfarmrabbitry@gmail.com. Costs for carriers are as follows:

- Single (8 inch x 16 inch) \$18.00
- Double (16 inch x 20 inch) \$30.00
- Triple (16 in x 24 in) medium/large rabbits \$34.00
- Triple (12 in x24 in) dwarf and small rabbits \$30.00

Youth will receive free tickets for a huge drawing. Rabbits can be tattooed. Cavies can be tagged. Youth need to decide on a short name or numbers for the tattoo or tag. Youth may show their rabbit or cavy in a free “practice” rabbit and cavy show. This show is for youth who have not shown or who have shown in less than 3 ARBA shows in 2016. All rabbits and cavies showing in the “practice show” are required to be earmarked with a tattoo for a rabbit or an ear tag for a cavy. More rabbit information may be found on the [Iowa 4H livestock rabbit website](#). Youth may want to watch the ARBA open and youth sanctioned rabbit show held the day before at the same location.

Poweshiek County Fairgrounds is located in central Iowa, on the southern edge of the city of Grinnell east of Des Moines at exit 182. At exit 182, go north on highway 146 approximately 1 mile. Turn right (east) on Ogan Avenue. The fairgrounds is ½ mile. Follow the signs. Specific questions can be directed to Randy or Bobbi Coats at 515-450-9067 or coatsfarmrabbitry@gmail.com, Hannah Dunlap at 319-775-2357, Lindsey Gaunitz at 563-272-8727, Lynne Rechterman at 563-260-5295 or Bill Wolfe at 515-285-6929.

TALL CORN MEAT GOAT SALE

Tall Corn Meat Goat Sale

Attend to win Free Meat Goat, April 1, 2017 - 9:00, James Shepard, 641-990-7152, dcc3200@gmail.com. 4-H and FFA members who attend the Tall Corn Meat Goat Sale will be eligible to win a meat goat club wether. The sale will be at the Kalona Sale Barn, Kalona, Iowa. April 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The wether won will be eligible to compete in the Tall Corn Meat Goat Futurity and open show in Washington, Iowa in August. Only this wether or wethers purchased at this sale are eligible to compete in the jackpot wether class for the \$3000 in prize money. There will also be does and bucks selling at the sale after the wethers. Anyone who purchases a goat at the sale will get a free ticket for the 2017 Meat Goat Extravaganza! For more information contact James Shepard, 641-990-7152, dcc3200@gmail.com.

