IMPORTANT MAY 4-H DATES

May 15th is a very important date in our 4-H world. This is the date that ALL animal projects must be entered in 4hOnline. It is also the date that ALL fair entries need to be made in Fair Entry. You should have received an email with step by step directions on how to do this. If you did not please let me know.

This is also a good time to ask yourself, "Am I a member in good standing?" Meaning, have I attending 50% of my club activities/meetings? Have I enrolled in 4-H in 4hOnline, and have I paid the yearly $15 enrollment fee? If in doubt you need to check with your 4-H leader.

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The next County Council meeting will be THURSDAY, May 25th at the Extension Office at 6:30 pm. Our main agenda item will be Share the Fun, for the county fair. We have an idea now we just need to put it in action. 😊

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

E.E. Members & Parents:
We will begin practices at the fairgrounds on Thursday, May 18th, and plan to meet every other week until county fair time. Please be saddled and ready to go by 6:30 pm. We will concentrate most of our time on western classes, including ranch & pleasure riding, trail, horsemanship, and showmanship. If there is interest, we'd like to spend time on hunter classes as well.
- 4-Hers must wear an approved helmet, and heeled boots
- 4-Hers will sign-in on the clipboard before the practice begins
If you have questions/concerns, please contact Denise Fick at Fickdenise@aol.com or 515-669-8590. Stay tuned with any announcements or last minute messages by adding your cellphone to our auto text messages or visiting our Facebook page.

CANINE CONNECTION

The Canine Connection will start meeting on Wednesdays, at 6:00, at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax. If you are interested in exhibiting dogs at the Jasper County Fair please plan to attend these meetings as time allows.

FAIR QUEEN

Fair Queen- Applications are available in the Extension Office and online. Applications are due to the Extension & Outreach Office June 1st. A mandatory parent/candidate meeting will be held that evening at 6:30 pm at the Extension & Outreach Office. At least one parent must attend with their daughter. An award of $250 will be presented to the 2017 JCF Queen.

FSQA

Thank you to everyone who attended this year’s FSQA training. If you missed the training and are in 4th through 6th grade you will need to attend a training in another county. If you are in 7th through 12th grade you will need to take the test. The Intermediate test is for 7th – 9th graders and is good through 9th grade. The senior test will certify you until you are 20 years of age. This training is not required for dog, cat, llama, or horse exhibitors. Call Stacey at the Extension & Outreach Office to arrange a testing time.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE GEARBOTS AND THEIR COACHES!

"The Jasper County 4-H Robotics Team, "The Gearbots" have worked, reworked, and worked some more. They could hardly remember what they had aspired to do- but kept going with the hope that somewhere in their future was a trip to Washington, D.C. To have made it THIS far- being one of the 400 teams (chosen from over 35,000 teams) in 30 countries to compete at Nationals in St Louis is quite remarkable! But yesterday we learn that the GEARBOTS are going to D.C. They are one of just 20 teams chosen from around the globe!!! I am so proud of the work they have done!!! What an adventure it has been." ~ Beth Zahrones
SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN- ***NEW DAY & TIME***

Sunday May 7th @ the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax
2:00 to 4:00

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 only at the county fair, the cost will be $2.00 per tag.

****All State & County Fair Animals MUST be ID’ed in 4hOnline by May 15th****

**Market Lambs** - need weighed in, 4-H tags, and retinal scans for State Fair. For County Fair they just need 4-H tags.

**Commercial Ewes 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 Tag & registration papers at Fair.

**Wether/Sire** – (not purebred) 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.

**STATE FAIR 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 at verification.

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

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SWINE VERIFICATION

State Fair Swine have been entered in 4hOnline and are ready for you to go in and verify that the information has been entered correctly. This has to be done before you enter your classes in Fair Entry, if you are showing the same pigs at county fair as well as state fair.

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OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
4-H HALL OF FAME

Do you know of a long time 4-H Volunteer to nominate for the 4-H Hall Of Fame? If so contact Stacey at the Extension Office 641 792 6433 with the name and details of their 4-H work. The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program and the Iowa 4-H Foundation are sponsoring the 14th annual 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair to recognize volunteers and staff who have exhibited outstanding service to the 4-H program. The 4-H Hall of Fame is an opportunity for counties to have their outstanding volunteers or staff recognized at the state level. The individual or couple that your county selects automatically becomes a member of the State 4-H Hall of Fame. There is no additional selection process at the state level. Information about the 2017 Hall of Fame and the 2017 selection form are available at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/restrict/halloffame.htm. The deadline for names, accompanying biographies, contact information, and photos is May 30.

4-H CENTER CAMP SCHEDULE

- Shooting Sports Camp June 9 – 11 for Youth in 4th through 8th grade
- Drone Discovery Camp June 19 – 20 for Youth in 5th through 8th grade
- Young Women in Business Leadership Camp July 9-14 for Girls in 9th-12th grade (This camp is full)
- Design Dimensions Camp July 9 – 14 for Youth in 9th – 12th grade
- Spanish Immersion Camp June 25 – 29 Youth in 5th – 8th grade

For more info, costs and registration go to https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping

There is a $75 Military Family Discount and all Jasper County 4-H members will be reimbursed 50% of the camp cost after attending any of the 4-H Camps.

STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE – “DARE TO DISCOVER”

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/iowa4hyaouthconference

START YOUR FUTURE Here
IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 27-29, 2017

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.
JASPER COUNTY SUPER CLOVER KIDS

The Jasper County Super Clover Kids making projects to bring to the fair, at their April meeting.

JUNIOR 4-H OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE OMAHA ZOO

Lions, Tigers, and Polar Bears? We are all set 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). Be watching your mail/email for last minute reminders and packing suggestions.

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4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
4-H'ERS FOR 4-H

Every year the State 4-H Council sponsors the Iowa 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, which raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year marks the 31st anniversary of the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign and the theme is YOU Grow 4-H! Funds raised provide financial assistance to help 4-H'ers attend 4-H camp or conference, helps members from low income families pay part of their annual 4-H program fee, funds the State Youth Conference, & helps to provide needed items to the 4-H Center. Each club is asked to donate a minimum of $3.00 per member to the campaign. The campaign runs until May 15th. If your club would like to participate you can find a form on the Iowa 4-H Foundation's website or contact the extension & outreach office at 641 792 6433.

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 2015 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. Shifts are filling up quickly so if you are interested in this opportunity, contact Emily Wynn at 515-401-1544 or ebrewer@iowastatefair.org.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE JASPER COUNTY FAIR AND THE ROUND-UP

JUNE 17, 2017
BLACK HILLS SOUTH DAKOTA

WHO
7th & 8th GRADE 4-H'ERS
From Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Polk, Poweshiek & Warren Counties

WHAT
ANNUAL REGION 13 & 14 INTERMEDIATE TRIP
We will visit the National Monuments in SD
We will see buffalo in Custer State Park
We will visit Wall Drug and the Corn Palace

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Jasper County CYC
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COST IS $350
Some counties offer financial assistance

THIS IS A 3-DAY, 2-NIGHT TRIP FROM JUNE 12-14