THANK YOU

Each year National Volunteer Week is held in April. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make this program the success that it is! Without volunteers not only would we not be successful, but rather, we would be nonexistent. So to all of the 4-H Leaders, Co-Leaders, Project and Special Interest Club Leaders, to everyone who has helped with FSQA, the Junior Lock-In, 4-H Garden, Livestock Verifications, Workshops, Fairboard Members and Superintendents, your commitment to the youth of Jasper County is phenomenal and we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

LEADER’S MEETING

The Spring Leader’s Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 at DMACC. Our Youth Program Specialist from ISU, Marisue Hartung will be there to talk about Youth Development and the “Heart of Belonging.” This is a hands on interactive training that will help volunteers create a fun, safe, inclusive environment for all youth. In honor of National Volunteer Week we will provide pizza and an appreciation gift to all 4H leaders.
COUNTY COUNCIL
The next County Council meeting will be Sunday April 26th at the Extension Office at 4:00 pm. Our main agenda item will be Share the Fun, for the county fair. Bring any ideas you may have for this. 😊

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Mounted meetings will begin on April 30th at the fairgrounds. The first meeting will focus on Showmanship/Halter, so come ready. We will also go over a few things for the pre-fair show and Queen & King Contest. Please park on the south side of the arena. This is a mounted meeting but everyone is welcome, with or without a horse. Remember helmets are REQUIRED as well as all appropriate riding gear when riding the horses at Equine Experience meetings and 4-H fairs. The Pre Fair Horse Show is scheduled for June 6th, at the fairgrounds.
4/30 – Halter/Showmanship
5/14 – Western Pleasure/Horsemanship
5/28 – Trail
6/11 – Reining
6/24 – English
7/9 – Barrels/Poles

CANINE CONNECTION

The Canine Connection will have a “meet & greet” meeting on Monday, April 20th at the home of Phyllis McDonald at 4486 S. 9th Ave E. Newton, from 6:30 to 7:30. Please RSVP if attending by calling 641-791-1223. Do not bring your dog to this first meeting. Anyone interested in learning to show dogs in either, handling, agility, or confirmation is encouraged to attend this meeting.

FAIR QUEEN

Fair Queen- Applications are available in the Extension Office and online. Applications are due to the Extension & Outreach Office Monday, June 1st. A mandatory parent/candidate meeting will be held that evening at 5:00 pm at the Extension & Outreach Office. At least one parent must attend with their daughter. If you have a conflict with this, contact Amanda Knight at 641-521-2777. Judging will take place on June 20th and the crowning will take place that same evening at the Jasper County Fair “Round Up” event.

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.

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN - ***NEW DAY & TIME***

Saturday, May 9th @ the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax.
9:00 to 11:00
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.
If you plan to exhibit at AK-SAR-BEN there is an additional charge of $5.00
****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.

STATE FAIR MARKET BROILERS

The 2015 State Fair 4-H Market Broiler entry form is now live and ready for entry in 4hOnline. This is a separate entry process than for the rest of the State Fair Livestock State Fair Entries.
THE NEW DEADLINE FOR 2015 MARKET BROILERS IS MAY 1.

OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
This event is to kick off for our Jasper County Fair! The event will be held at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, IA on June 20th starting at 4:00 pm. That evening we will be crowning our 2015 Jasper County Fair Queen and Princess along with our 2015 Barnyard Baby winners. We will have a night packed full of entertainment including: Carnival Games, Clowns, Corn Hole Contest, Pong Tournament, Coloring Contest, Chicken Toss, Barrel Rides, Pie Eating Contest, Frog Hop, Face Painting, and lots more! There will be food vendors that night so bring the family for supper and enjoy all the fun activities! To top the night off we will be ending with some great live Music! This event is for all ages!

(This event is being hosted by the Round-Up Committee of Amanda Knight, Rhonda Guy, & Julia Kerns.)

SUMMER INTERN POSITION WITH ISU EXTENSION & OUTREACH

ISU Extension & Outreach, Jasper County, has a Summer Intern position open (part-time, 20 – 25 hours per week). This position is working with 4-H staff planning and hosting summer day camps and Jasper County Fair activities. Candidates must be out of high school for at least one year. Applications can be found on our website at www.extension.iastate/jasper or at the Extension & Outreach Office located in DMACC in Newton. Applications are due April 15th.

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.
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 12th 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 2015 Hall of Fame and the 2015 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

- **June 21-25:** State 4-H "...And My World" Camp—choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen your leadership skills
- **July 5-9:** State 4-H Science Explorers I—choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.
- **July 12-16:** State 4-H Science Explorers II—choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.

Watch the camp website www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping for details and registration information.

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

Youth Conference dates have been set for June 30th through July 2nd. This year’s theme is “Dare to Discover”. 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.

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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 – Big changes are coming for this process, be watching future newsletters and email for more information.

July 1- Entries for Communications- Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, & Educational Presentations. Clothing Selection and Fashion Review Entries are also do July 1st.

July 1- STATE FAIR ENTRY FORM DUE

July 15- 4-H Building Exhibits Entries Due (this also will be a new process)

New 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.

2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Rule Changes/Updates

4-H Livestock Homepage: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock
Refer to 4-H 202 document: Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements
4hOnline Animal Type Changes:
Bucket/Bottle ANIMAL – replaces Bucket/Bottle Calf - Select (calf, lamb, goat) when identifying

Market Beef – added a birthdate field (heifers only, this is the same as last year)

DOG – ability to upload rabies certificate

HORSE
4-H 511C Rule Book – for ALL horse shows in Iowa. These rules pertain to county fair 4-H shows.
New This Year- Increase from 2 to 3 horses entered per exhibitor
Max of 6 classes per exhibitor
4-H YOUTH EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA – NEW FOR 2015- May 1, 2, & 3 combining the Horse Jamboree (Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Horseless Horse), Horse Judging

MEAT GOATS
All Iowa State Fair Meat Goats are required to have retinal images taken.
Breeding Does- 4-H Ear Tag or Tattoo
Market Meat Goats- both does and wethers are eligible, shown together
From 4 to 6 total head eligible for entry (no more than 4 market or 4 breeding) per exhibitor
Rubber Mats – “layer of bedding underneath required”
Breeding Doe Class Adjustments – Be sure to check out the class adjustments on the State 4-H Livestock Page

SHEEP
Again for 2015- ALL STATE FAIR SHEEP MUST HAVE A 4-H TAG AND RETINAL IMAGES
If there are no images, they are not eligible for state fair.

SWINE
Again for 2015: ALL swine need a tag for show.
Congratulations to the Jasper County 4-H Horse Hippology Team for placing 4th overall in team competition at the National Western Roundup in Denver, Colorado. Congratulations to Hannah Ness who placed 5th overall in individual competition. Pictured are Rebekah Ness (mentor/coach), Amber Knight, Sarah Ness, Hannah Ness, Elizabeth Horn, and Coach, Neisha Horn

Junior Fun Night
Jasper County Summer Day Camps

**Bubble Bonanza**
You’ll be bubbling with excitement as you engineer your own bubble makers and actually go inside a giant bubble! Fizz Bubble & Goo crafts, snacks, games, and experiments will help you discover the fun of chemistry and science.

**For youth entering 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade this fall**

**Mr. Bear**
At Mr. Bear day camp students will be solving the mystery of who borrowed Mr. Bear. Use all your senses, problem-solving and observation skills and then organize the clues. You and your friends can discover who borrowed Mr. Bear. This is a 1/2 day camp and will cost $10.00.

**STEM Day**
Want to learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics? Join us on our STEM day at the park. We will be doing many hands on activities in the above mentioned areas. Students will have some much to talk about!

**Rockets Away**
3-2-1 Blastoff.... This camp is new a redesigned from the past years. Students will be learning about rockets, measuring rocket launches, as well as building their own rocket to launch and take home with them at the end of the day. All members attending this camp will need to bring 2-2 liter bottles with them. Camp members will be blasting with fun and excitement.

**Registration is limited to 20 participants**

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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 meet 4-H'ers from South Dakota

CONTACT INFORMATION
Katie Beary,
Polk County
Youth Coordinator
515.957.5771
kbeary@iastate.edu

THIS IS A 3-DAY, 2-NIGHT TRIP
FROM JUNE 22-24
REGISTER BY
FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Cost is $300
Some counties offer financial assistance
PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS

APRIL 25 & 26

EXCLUSIVE 4H CLUB OFFER!

4H Club Members and families that attend the Sunday, April 26 event are invited to take part in a Meet & Greet/Q&A with the riders of PBR at 12:30 pm. This clinic is FREE of charge!

Need tickets to PBR?
4H members and families save up to $10!
Groups of 20+ receive 2 complimentary tickets.

To order tickets, contact Carrie Fick at:
515-564-8146 or c fick@iowae vent scenter.com
4H tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 24th at 5:00 pm