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March…
• We are just 4 months from fair! I hope everyone is getting excited!
• There are several events and workshops happening in the next couple of months. Be sure to read about them in this newsletter.
• Just a reminder all livestock registrations for fair are due to the office on May 15! More information will be included in the next newsletter. But if you plan to show animals, be sure to mark this date on your calendars!

Seniors—remember, Extension Council, Youth Committee, 4-H Horse Club Scholarships are due April 1, 2015! Pick up applications at the Jefferson County Extension Office, or find an electronic copy at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/content/scholarship-information-seniors

Jefferson County Cattlemen’s Association Scholarship
Applications may be obtained from a high school counselor OR online http://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/content/scholarship-information-seniors

Application deadline is April 15, 2015 and completed application form must be returned to your school counselor or submitted online. For additional questions about this opportunity please contact Christina Delaney 641-919-1521 or christina.delaney@fairfieldsfuture.org
Remember, the Fair Book Cover Contest is due Friday, March 6, 2015 at 4:30 PM. The design must be drawn on the official page from the February Newsletter or found on the website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/4H or picked up at the Extension Office.

The winner(s) will receive free passes to the grandstand events each night of the 2015 Jefferson County Fair!

2015 COUNTY FAIR CLUB CHALLENGE

For this year’s club challenge, each club will be using their creativity to design or create anything they can imagine from wooden pallets!

- Clubs will be provided with 2 wooden pallets.
- The possibilities are endless, for what a club can choose to do with their pallets. They can paint designs on them, or dismantle them and build something.
- The Extension Office will provide sample ideas to each of the leaders.
- Pallets can be worked on at the club meetings, or at a designated time. April 4, 2015, 12:30-3:00 PM
- Pallet Projects will be due to the office on Monday, June 22, 2015—Exhibit Judging day of the fair.
- More contest information concerning voting and purchasing will be available in the coming months.

PROJECT CORNER

It’s time to think about projects you can make for the county fair this year! Remember that some of the projects and assignments you create in classes at school will make great county fair exhibits. Check out some of these ideas created by other 4-H’ers around the state. These pictures will also be posted on our Facebook page, if you would like to take a closer look at them.

Ag & Natural Resources Ideas

Trying to decide on a fair project?

The fair book will be out soon, but until then, you can refer to last year’s fair book for information about project areas and classes. Extra copies are available in the Extension Office or online at: http://jeffersoncofair.com/

Project Tip Sheets and Hot Sheets can be found at: www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/page/projects
Upcoming Activities and Workshops

4-H Greenhouse Projects
Activities will consist of: How to start a compost bin, how to build a raised garden, Planning the garden space, starting seeds in the greenhouse, greenhouse operations, transplanting plants into the garden, maintaining the garden, and harvesting produce.

We are hoping that 4-H groups will have a garden spot at the greenhouse located at the Fairgrounds. Each garden spot will be a learning tool for each of the groups. If you or your group want to be a part of the project or you want more information please Call Barb Grijalva at the Jefferson County Extension Office 641-472-4166 to schedule a time.

$15 Challenge Event
April 4, 2015, 9:00 AM – Noon

Members will gather at the Jefferson County Extension Office, and parents are welcome to join in! We will travel to Goodwill, the Bargain Box, and consignment shops in town to find outfits for the $15 Challenge (part of the Style Show). Time permitting, we will gather back at the Extension Office after this event to complete paperwork for the Style Show. This is open to all 4-H and Clover Kids members. More information about the $15 Challenge can be found at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF6G1The$15ChallengeQA.pdf Please note, you can participate in the $15 Challenge at the county fair, even if you do not attend this event.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Monday, March 30.

4-H Club Wood Pallet Challenge Workshop
April 4, 2015, 12:30-3:00 PM

Clubs will be provided with 2 wood pallets for the members, as well as black, red, blue, green, white, and orange paint. Members can bring additional colors if they choose. A limited amount of woodworking tools will be available to help dismantle wood pallets if groups so choose. Before you attend this workshop, we will provide you with sample ideas. At the workshop, we will make a project plan and begin construction. We will also work on exhibit paperwork for the fair. This is for 4-H members only. Cost: $5. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, March 20.

Teen Council Meeting:
If you are in 9th-12th Grade and want to help make 4-H in Jefferson County GREAT! Come and Join Us March 16, 2015, 6:00 PM, @ the Jefferson County Extension Office

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL
WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Livestock Project Information

Swine Weigh-In
Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:00-11:00 AM
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Please keep in mind the following rules from the Fair Book:
- Pigs must have been farrowed after January 1, 2015.
- All pigs must be ear tagged with the county 4-H or FFA tag.
- An exhibitor may tag a maximum of ten (10) pigs at the March weigh-in.
- An exhibitor must weigh a minimum of 1, with a maximum of 3 pigs out of the 1-10 pigs tagged. The derby pig must be selected from those pigs that were weighed.
- The derby pig has a maximum weight limit of 80 pounds at the March weigh-in.

Please make sure all swine have been ear notched. This is a requirement of IDALS. All state fair pigs will receive DNA tags.

Regarding PED Virus– An e-mail has been sent to all 4-H families whose members are enrolled in the swine project area in 4-H Online.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In
Saturday, April 11, 2015
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
9:00-11:00 AM

State Fair Animals
between 10:00-11:00 AM for retinal imaging.

Horse Club Workshop
Monday, April 27, 2015
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
6:30 PM

FSQA Training
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Jefferson County Extension Office
6:00-8:00 PM

FSQA Training is a requirement of youth exhibiting beef, dairy cows, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine at the county fair. Testing will also be available to Intermediate and Seniors. This is the last training offered in Jefferson County before the fair. If you are unable to attend, please contact Lara for information about attending training in another county.

Fair Book Rules
Rule changes being made for the fair this year will include horse project areas. As soon as they are approved, the rules will be e-mailed out to members enrolled in that project area and then listed in the April 4-H newsletter.

May 15– Livestock Deadline
By May 15, the following animals will need to be identified in 4-H Online or at the Extension Office if coming to fair: Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Bucket-Bottle Calves, Cats, Dairy, Dogs, Horses, Pets, Poultry, and Rabbits. Stall fees for all animals coming to fair must be paid in the office by May 15.

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.
General Announcements and Other Opportunities Outside 4-H

Want to stay up-to-date with 4-H and Extension information?
The first Thursday of each month, an Extension staff member will be on the KMCD Radio Spotlight program. Listen to 1570 AM around 8:30 in the morning to hear our report!

Add us as a friend on Facebook: Jefferson Fourh
And be sure to check-out our website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/4h

Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest

The Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company and the Conservation Districts of Iowa are co-sponsors of a Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest. The topic this year will feature the theme, “Local Heroes—Your Hardworking Pollinators.” This title must be on the poster. Posters should be made on regular poster paper with the size 8.5” x 11” up to 22” x 28”.

This competition is open to all children Kindergarten through 12th grade. Remember to put contestant information on the back of each poster: name, school, and teacher. Entries are due to the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Office no later than March 19th. For more information visit: http://www.nacdnet.org/.

Open Beef Shows

2015 Washington County Spring Preview
Saturday, April 18
Check-in: 8:00-9:30 AM
Show Time: 11:00 AM
Washington County Fairgrounds
Washington, Iowa

Red Rock Classic Open Show
Sunday, May 10
Check-in: 8:00-10:00 AM
Showmanship: 11:00 AM
Show Time: Noon
Marion County Fairgrounds
Knoxville, Iowa

For more 2015 IJBBA sanctioned shows go to http://www.showcattlepage.com/ijbba/sanctioned_shows.php

Southeast Iowa Showdown

Tentative date: 1st weekend in August. In the morning, there will be a Maintaining and Fitting Your Animal Workshop open to all youth.

The livestock show is in the afternoon. This show is for the champion breeding and market animals from the county fairs in southeast Iowa. In the event that the champion does not show, the reserve champion is eligible. Species include: beef cattle, goats, lambs, and swine.

For more information, or sponsorship, contact Ben Godwin: (641) 919-8300.
Dates to Remember...

Greater Jefferson County Fair June 24-29, 2015

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