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JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

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Dates to Remember

January

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| 02 | Extension Council Meeting |
| 08 | Fair Board Meeting |
| 13 | Youth Committee Meeting |
| 16 | Pioneer Grants Due |
| 20 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| 26 | Frame Workshop |
| 31 | Legislative Day |

February

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| 01 | DUE: STATE Applications |
| 01 | DUE: Market Beef Verification |
| 01 | Herb Workshop |
| 05 | Extension Council Meeting |
| 10 | Youth Committee Meeting |
| 12 | Fair Board Meeting |

March

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| 14 | Swine Identification Day |
| 16 | DUE: Extension Council Scholarship |
| 28 | State 4-H Recognition Day |
| 30 | DUE: Youth Committee Scholarship |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| | | | 1 Extension Office Closed | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Teen Council FTC Robotics Des Moines Ramblers | 6 Ceniteers | 7 FTC Robotics | 8 | 9 | 10 Jr. Lego League 4-H Homeschool Robotics | 11 Jefferson G's |
| 12 FTC Robotics | 13 FTC Robotics | 14 | 15 Packwood Trojans 4-H & Packwood CK FTC Robotics | 16 | 17 Jr. Lego League 4-H Homeschool Robotics | 18 FTC Robotics |
| 19 Walnut Ridge Workers & Lockridge CK Future Forgers & Fairfield CK | 20 Extension Office Closed 4-Leaf CK | 21 FTC Robotics | 22 FTC Robotics | 23 FTC Robotics | 24 Jr. Lego League 4-H Homeschool Robotics FTC Robotics | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Afterschool Robotics Future Leaders | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Jr. Lego League 4-H Homeschool | February 1st DEADLINES: Market Beef Verification Iowa 4-H Scholarship Ap- plication State 4-H Recognition Application |

* ALL meeting dates are SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Your 4-H Leader will know the most up-to-date infor-

CYC CORNER

We are now officially in the year 2020 and I am very excited to start this new year! I can't thank all of Jefferson County 4-H families for the amazing memories I have gained being in this position. I hope you take some time to reflect on all of your growth in the 4-H program.

We do have some really amazing opportunities in the county and beyond the county. Please make sure to take advantage of these trips and leadership roles. Check out all the opportunities 4-H has to offer on pages 5 & 6. Not only is 4-H about growing as a individual but there are some group opportunities as well. We have the pioneer grant and the healthy living club challenge. These are two great opportunities to do with your club and start off the new year!

Jefferson County 4-H does have scholarships available for youth, so you can go on these trips. Scholarship papers are due at least 4 weeks prior to the event. It is a one page form that we ask to be filled out to request the scholarship. We have these forms at the extension office or I can always email a form to you as well.



MARKET BEEF VERIFICATION

All Market Beef animals have been entered into 4-H Online. Now is the time for YOU to go in and verify that the information is correct.

For a step-by-step process, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders> and find "Market Beef Verification process" under the Animal ID on 4-H Online heading. **THIS PROCESS MUST BE DONE BY FEBRUARY 1ST. It is required for exhibitors showing at the Iowa State Fair or AKSARBEN and strongly encouraged for all exhibitors.**

Important things to remember:

1. Once you click that verify button, I CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING. SO - if you see something is entered incorrectly, call me/ email me/track me down BEFORE you click that verify button.
2. We have a Farm-Raised Beef Class at the county fair. "The calf must have been born on the exhibitor's family farm and the exhibitor and/or family must have owned the dam at the time of the calf's birth." **IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY OF YOUR WEIGHED-IN ANIMALS TO SHOW IN THAT CLASS, YOU MUST TELL ME BEFORE YOU VERIFY INFORMATION ON 4-H ONLINE.**

WEIGH-INS

SWINE IDENTIFICATION

DAY: Saturday, March 14th;
9am-11am

- Maximum of 10 swine may be identified for county fair
- Maximum of 5 swine may be exhibited at county fair (or 6 if at least one is a purebred)
- Must have Purebred Birthdate at ID Day in March.
- Pigs must be farrowed after December 1st 2019

SHEEP/GOAT: Saturday, April 18th; 9am-11am

- If you have any animals to nominate for State Fair, please come between 10:15am-11am
- ALL State Fair Sheep and Goats (market and breeding) must come to weigh-in

Note: Please make every effort to attend our county's weigh-ins. In the event that you have a conflict with the weigh-in date, the CYC should be contacted at least 4 business days prior to the weigh-in you plan to attend.



PIONEER SEED GRANTS FOR 4-H

These grants are to stimulate local 4-H clubs to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful.

Applications are due to County Extension and Outreach Offices by **Jan. 16, 2020**. Decision letters should be sent by mid-April.

Applications can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>

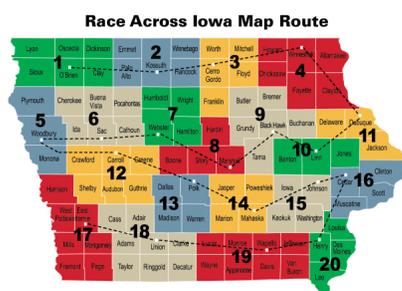
HORSE INTEREST GROUP MEETING

There will be a Horse Group meeting on **February, 3rd 6pm at the Extension Office**. This will give you the schedule for the coming year and more information on this group. If you are at all interested please plan to attend this informational meeting. If you can not attend this meeting but are interested in showing horses at the fair, please let Kolby or myself know, so we can get you the information.

HEALTHY LIVING CLUB CHALLENGE

This is a club challenge to help your club stay healthy as you “race across Iowa”. Each challenge that you complete will gain you so many miles as you follow the map across Iowa! This year will focus on social and emotional learning and mental wellness. There are four main categories water, fruits & vegetables, physical activity & mindful moments. Challenge runs January 1, 2020-June 30th. Please visit the following link to learn more about this challenge and get your club registered: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge>

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HERB WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered what you can do with Herbs? Well this class is your chance to find out. Master Gardeners will spend the morning working with youth to learn how to plant, care for herbs, what you can use herbs for and the benefits of the sensory garden. To finish the day youth will be able to cook with herbs and make some fun recipes. This class is open to youth 4th grade and up. This class will be on **Saturday, February 1st from 9am-3pm**. Please RSVP by January 27th. Cost is \$5 per youth.

FRAME BUILDING WORKSHOP

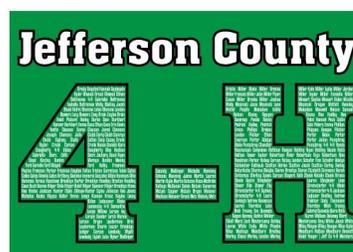
We will be partnering with Tractor Supply and Company to do a Frame Building Workshop. Kits will be provided for all youth that are signed up. Youth will be able to build their frame as well as decorate with paint and or stickers. At the end we will spend some time filling out the paper work needed for fair. This is a great way to get a project ready for fair. This will be on **Sunday, January 26th from 2pm -3:30pm at TSC**. If interested please RSVP by January 20th. Open to All Youth.

JEFFERSON COUNTY T-SHIRTS

Shirts will be available to purchase starting Wednesday, January 8th. There will be an online link open for families and will be open one month. We will also have paper copies in the extension office if you would don't want to order online. **These will not be able to be worn for static judging or livestock shows.**

Cost will be :

- * \$12 for sizes YS-AXL
- * \$15 for sizes AXXL and up



STATE OPPORTUNITIES

There are six opportunities for recognition in the 4-H program at the state level. To qualify, you must submit an application by **February 1** and go through an interview process in Ames on **March 28**. (Don't worry, there are alternative options if you can't attend the Recognition Day in March.)

Opportunities you may apply for:

- National 4-H Conference
 - Week-long trip to our nation's capital in spring 2020
- National 4-H Congress
 - Five-day trip over Thanksgiving holiday to Atlanta, GA
- State 4-H Council
 - Year-long commitment working with state 4-H staff and planning the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- State Project Awards
 - Awarded to 4-Hers who showed mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area
- State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador
 - Year-long commitment promoting 4-H Shooting Sports around Iowa
- Iowa 4-H Reporter Program
 - Work with professional media mentors from TV, Radio & Newspapers to develop news media during the two weeks at the Iowa State Fair.

Applications and more details can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

RECOGNITION

IOWA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Scholarship applications are due **February 1**. To be eligible for any of the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships, 2 letters of recommendation are required: one from an Extension staff or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher.

Within the application is a section to send the request to each reference for a letter to be submitted on your behalf. **Please begin your application in a timely fashion to give your references time to submit their letter.** Instructions, hints and the online application can be found here:

www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1

JEFFERSON CO. 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Extension Office has released TWO opportunities for scholarship money to be awarded. The Extension Council is offering three \$1000 scholarships (**due March 16th**) and the 4-H Youth Committee is awarding \$2000 in scholarships (**due March 30th**) to high school seniors active in 4-H. Applications and information can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jefferson/content/scholarship-information-seniors>

IMPORTANT NOTE: For anyone wanting to apply for recognition at the state level or for scholarships, please know that my office door is always open to you. I would be glad to help you with your resume, essay questions, preparing for the interview process, etc. Send me a quick e-mail before so you can make sure I'm in the office during that time!



Opportunities Beyond the County

IOWA PORK YOUTH JUDGING CONTEST

The Iowa Pork Producers Association invites 4-H youth to participate in the annual Youth Swine Judging Contest. This event is free. You can find more information at their website: <https://www.iowapork.org/iowa-pork-congress-youth-swine-judging-contest/> You need to have your team registered by **January 10th**. Participants can learn more about judging hogs, earn valuable college scholarships and explore everything Iowa Pork Congress has to offer

LEGISLATIVE DAY

4-H youth from each county will have the opportunity to meet with legislators, tour the Capital, and learn about the legislative process and what bearing it has on Iowa State Extension and Outreach. An extension council member from your county will accompany you and serve as your mentor that day. The date for this year is Wednesday, February 19th. If you're interested, please contact the office by **January 31st**.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

If you or your child requires special accommodations to participate in county fair/4-H events/activities, please complete an Accommodation Request Form available from the Jefferson County Extension Office no later than 30 days prior to the event or activity.

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