2013 FAIRBOOK IS ONLINE

The 2013 Johnson County Fairbook sections are available online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/page/2012-johnson-county-4-h-ffa-fairbook. Please refer to this information for all exhibit guidelines and class numbers.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets, promoted the event, and volunteered your help on breakfast weekend! Over one thousand people were served!

Please be sure to get your ticket money into the Extension Office SOON so we may close the books on this event. The pancake breakfast funds support the 4-H member program fees for 2012-14. The 4-H Youth Development Committee will review the profit from the breakfast and determine the amount of the program development fee that will be paid for each 4-H member.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 2013
10-11 County Educational Presentation Contest, Extension Office 2:00 & 6:00
11 Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Extension Office 6:00
16 Clothing Event, Extension Office
17 Flower Arrangement Workshop, Extension Office
18 Montgomery Hall Set-up and Barn Set-up

20 Exhibit (non-animal) Judging, Montgomery Hall, check for your club’s time
21 Clover Kid Entries; 11:00-2:00, Montgomery Hall

22-25 JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR
26 Fair Auction

August 2013
2 Area Intermediate Clothing Event
8-18 Iowa State Fair
IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK DATES

Barn set-up Begins (NOT BEFORE 5:00PM) - July 18
Pullorum Blood Testing - July 21; 4:00PM-6:00PM, Building 1

BUCKET BOTTLE EXHIBITORS
Call the office NOW to schedule your interview time.

2013 CATCH A CALF PROGRAM
The Program promotes participation in the breeding beef project area. Youth who submit an application are interviewed. Based on the interview, selected youth will have an opportunity to catch a heifer calf which will become their project the following year. For a complete set of guidelines and an application go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/page/projects or contact the Extension office to obtain a copy. If you have any questions call 319-337-2145.

THE WYOMING FAIR ASSOCIATION

60th ANNUAL 4-H AND FFA STEER AND HEIFER SHOW

Saturday July 13, 2013 at the Wyoming Fairgrounds, Wyoming, Iowa

Weigh in: 8:00a.m. till 10:30 a.m.
Show: at 12:00p.m.

Eligibility requirements: Animals must be enrolled as a 4-H or FFA project for the current year in their home county and meet county requirements. The show is open to any 4-H and/or FFA member in good standing in his/her local county. All animals exhibited in a breed class must have proper papers and tattoos for their organizations.

Classes will be determined by age, weight and/or breed

Premiums will be awarded
Committee decision is Final

Additional information may be received by contacting: Jason Zamastil, Wyoming, IA 319-480-1789

COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT PREPARATION

Labels are required for the photos exhibited at the fair. They can be picked up at the office or found online at our Johnson County 4-H page: www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/page/projects

Exhibit tags are to be used with your photo exhibits also. Please have your tags placed on the upper right-hand corner of the photo taped to the back side as to not ruin your matting.

PHOTOGRAPHY MAT BOARD AVAILABLE

A limited amount of mat board in various colors is available at the office. Please call ahead if you are dropping by.

VOLUNTEER AT THE FAIR!

4-H members, parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, 4-H alumni – we need you as a volunteer to prepare for and carry out this fair. We need judges helpers, livestock show helpers, help with mailings, etc. Let us know what you can do and pass the word! Contact Mackenzie at Dreeszen@iastate.edu or 337-2145 to get your name on the list.

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.
COUNTY FAIR UPDATES CONTINUED

CLOVER KIDS
Youth enrolled in Kindergarten to Third grade 4-H/Youth Programs in Johnson County are eligible to exhibit in the Non-Animal Division. Up to two entries will be accepted on Sunday, July 21 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Montgomery Hall. Please label with your name, club name, age, and hometown. A participatory ribbon will be given. The project is not eligible for premiums or county award honors. The purpose of the K-3 program is to focus on doing age appropriate skills in a non-competitive environment. Exhibits will need to meet county fair requirements.

SENIOR RECOGNITION FORMS DUE
Graduating Seniors – Your Senior Recognition Form and photo are due! Please mail them to Dave and Michele Raim as soon as possible. You can find the form at: www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/page/johnson-county-senior-recognition

INAPPROPRIATE FOOD EXHIBITS FOR IOWA 4-H FAIRS
Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs, 4H 3023, April 2009, is available for download at: www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H3023.pdf

OPEN CLASS – K-3 Youth Fun Shows
Bucket/Bottle, Goat, Sheep Project Areas
✦ For youth in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade (as of January 1, 2013)
✦ Must be registered in the Extension Office by July 1. The leader or parent must inform the Extension staff of the youth’s intent to participate in this project and provide the youth’s name, parent’s name, address, and phone number.
✦ Youth may exhibit one animal per class.
✦ The youth MUST be a resident of Johnson County or attend an adjoining school district (i.e. Mid-Prairie, College Community, West Brach, or Clear Creek-Amana).
✦ The purpose of the class is to: 1) Develop interest in the sheep project area; 2) Create a positive experience for the youth at the county fair in a non-competitive environment; 3) Develop self-esteem and confidence.
The class will be held at the conclusion of the showmanship classes of each division.

BUCKET/BOTTLE project
✦ Must provide their own calf or use an older sibling’s 4-H/FFA bucket/bottle calf.
✦ Calves must be healthy and free of infectious disease.
✦ 4-H calf is limited to one class in the open division; this means only one younger sibling may use a 4-Her’s calf.
✦ Calf must be born between January 1-July 1, 2013.
✦ Calves can be weighed from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning at the scale house if desired. (NOT REQUIRED)
✦ This is a non-competitive event; all participants will receive the same recognition. There will be no interview or record book requirement.
✦ Open class calves will be released immediately following the conclusion of the bucket/bottle show.

GOAT & SHEEP project
Youth will borrow an animal already at the fair from a current 4-H/FFA member. The youth’s family must make arrangements to borrow the lamb/goat.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
COUNTY FAIR UPDATES CONTINUED

COUNTY FAIR AWARDS

Please remember these opportunities:

$5 to each presentation using beef information
$100 divided to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place Wildlife Exhibits
$500 divided among Honorable Mention Garden Exhibit
$25 each to top Jr, Sr, and Int. Gardeners
$50 To Outstanding Flower Arranger
$50 To Outstanding Flower Gardener
$50 To Outstanding Vegetable Gardener
$15 to winner of "Best Photo of Horse"
$50 to Outstanding Food Exhibit Emphasizing Nutrition
Outstanding Child Development Exhibit Plaque
$25 each to Senior, Intermediate, Junior Quilting Exhibit
Outstanding Needlework Exhibit - $10 cash
Outstanding Consumer Management Exhibit Plaque and $25 Cash Award
$50 Award to best exhibit showing historical study, preservation or restoration.
$25 to one each Senior, Intermediate, Junior Exhibit Involving Genealogical Research
Outstanding Intermediate Fashion Revue
Best Design Rocket Launch
Most Successful Flight Launch Rocket
Outstanding Health Exhibit - $10 cash
$10 to one each Senior, Intermediate, Clothing Event Model at Fair

NEW COUNTY FAIR AWARD FOR 2013
OUTSTANDING BEEKEEPER EXHIBIT

The East Central Iowa Beekeepers Association will present $25 to the Outstanding Beekeeping exhibit entered at this year’s fair.

BILL RILEY TALENT SHOW

The Bill Riley Talent Show at the Johnson County Fair still has plenty of openings for Wednesday night at the Fair. Check out the information on our website: www.johnsoncofair.com

SHARE THE FAIR – Gringer Ag

Join us Thursday July 25, 2013 from 8am-10am in the north end of building C for Share the Fair. Please note we have changed locations and will now be in Building C. Come and share memories of past fairs. A slide show of old fair photos will be available for viewing. Breakfast will be provided by Gringer Ag, Inc.

Good luck to all the 2013 4-H and FFA exhibitors!

We are always looking for old fair pictures or fair history, please contact Melissa @ Gringer Ag, Inc. 338-2280 or gringerag@yahoo.com
WHAT ARE HOT SHEETS AND TIP SHEETS?!

The link to the State 4-H Project Page is found on a tab within: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/. It will help you as you work on your projects and it will also help to prepare your exhibits for fair.

BOOKMARK IT!

4-H Hot Sheets were created to make 4-H project information accessible to 4-H members and their families. At the site above, you can find a hot sheet for each project area.

4-H Tip Sheets were created to help 4-H members with fair exhibits. At the site above, Tip sheets are included for the following projects: Child Development, Citizenship, Clothing/Fashion, Communication, Digital Storytelling, Environment, Food and Nutrition, Home Improvement, Mechanics, Photograph and Sewing/Needlework. On the Tip sheet page you will also find: Poster/Display Tips, Exhibitor Fair Information Forms, General Exhibit Evaluation Forms, Food and Nutrition Evaluation Forms, Photography Evaluation Forms and Design Elements and Art Principles for 4-H Exhibits – “The Language of Art”

Please take time to check these out as some project areas have specific criteria evaluated within that project area. For Clothing, Home Improvement, and Visual Arts, check the tip sheets to find information about design elements and art principles.

With each fair exhibit, Juniors (grades 4-6) must bring a written goal statement (#1) and should be prepared to verbally answer questions 2 and 3, see below:

#1: What did you plan to learn or do or What was your exhibit goal(s)?
#2: What steps did you take to learn or do this?
#3: What were the most important things you learned?

4-H members who are grade 7 and older must bring written answers to questions 1-3, above. See Non-Animal Division Rules www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/page/2012-johnson-county-4-h-ffa-fairbook

Questions??? Call Dianna at 337-2145.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED

Help is needed from 1-2 families with a van or small trailer to help with the transport of Johnson County non-animal exhibits to the State Fair on August 6. Exhibits must begin the entry process in Des Moines at 11:30 am. For more information contact Dianna at 319-337-2145.

IOWA 4-H FILM FESTIVAL

Step into the limelight at the Iowa 4-H Film Festival. Aspiring youth directors and actors will bring their talents to the big screen Aug. 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. during the public screening at the 4-H Exhibit Building during the Iowa State Fair.

For more information, and to apply for the Iowa 4-H Film Festival, interested youth must complete an online submission on the 4-H Film Festival’s website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/filmfestival. The application deadline is July 20.

VOLUNTEER AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

The 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair is made possible through volunteers and a few designat-ed as staff. This year, we have made changes to the application. ALL volunteers, staff, council members, and groups looking to serve will use the link below to apply on-line or the MS Word document next to the position you desire. www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/iowa-state-fair-4-h-volunteer-descriptions
JOIN THE 4-H BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS AMAZING RACE
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 6:00-7:30 pm

Join youth and mentors from Big Brothers Big Sisters for the Amazing Race (actually walk) in downtown Iowa City. Each 4-H youth or small group of youth will need an adult with them. Start and end at Chauncey Swan Park, 460 E. Washington St., just east of the parking ramp. You will pick up a “guide” and participate in a fun adventure in the downtown area. To register or for questions, e-mail Janet Martin at the Extension Office, jmmartin@iastate.edu, or call her at 337-2145.

4-Hers FOR 4-H CAMPAIGN

4-H'ers for 4-H is an annual campaign conducted by youth members of the State 4-H Council Finance Committee. 4-H Clubs across the state are encouraged to donated $2.50 per 4-H member. Funds raised from this campaign benefit financial aid, State 4-H Conference, and other projects as voted upon by the State 4-H Council. The Iowa 4-H Foundation doesn't know of any other state where 4-H'ers actively raises money for their 4-H program.

The Top County Award is presented to the county that raises the most dollars and this year’s top county, Johnson County, raised $1,610.00 the fifth highest county total in campaign history. Webster County came in second with 1,434.62 and third place went to Polk County, which raised $1,123.50 for the 2013 campaign.

THANK YOU for your support!!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Become a Johnson County 4-H “Fan” on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Johnson-County-4-H/124021924302696 and click on “like”. We will be updating this page regularly with new information so keep checking back!

4-H MOTTO
TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER