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IMPORTANT DATES

February 1 -- Legislative Insider Deadline to Apply
February 1 -- Market Beef ID due in 4-H Online
February 11 -- Valentine’s Day Parents’ Night Out 5:00 to 10:00 PM
February 27 -- Youth Council Meeting at 5:00 PM
February 27 -- Youth & 4-H Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM
March 5 -- YQCA Training 9:00 to 10:00 AM -- Madison County Extension Office
March 15 -- Babysitting Basics 9:00 to 3:00
March 26 -- Swine Weigh-In 8:00 to 10:00 AM -- Madison County Fairgrounds
May 1 -- Broiler Order Due to Extension Office
May 7 -- Sheep/Goat Weigh In 8:00 to 10:00 AM -- Madison County Fairgrounds
May 15 -- All Livestock ID Due in 4-H Online (excluding rabbits & poultry)
May 18 -- Broiler Pick Up
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ATTN: ALL BEEF EXHIBITORS

Incorrect information was given out at beef weigh-ins regarding breeding beef ID.

**BREEDING** Beef ID is not due until May 15

**MARKET** Beef ID in 4-H Online is still due February 1

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**YQCA Training**

In person YQCA training will be held at the Madison County Extension Office at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 5. YQCA is required for all exhibitors showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

Sign up on www.yqca.org.

Training may also be completed online at the same website.

YQCA training must be completed by **June 15** to show at the Madison County Fair.

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**Dog Project**

Dog project meetings will start up on Monday, March 7 for youth new to the project with past participants joining in Monday, April 4. The sign up deadline is March 1. Dog vaccination records (Rabies, Bordetella, & Distemper) need to be on file by that date as well.

Contact Mitzi Berkland (mytyhay@aol.com) to sign up and to see our how-to guide to enroll in the dog project, ID your dog, and upload vaccination records.

www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/page/dog-project
Scholarships

Seniors: Don't forget to check out the scholarships that are available. Check them out here:
www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/content/scholarships
There are a couple of new scholarships including the Iowa 4-H Foundation & the Uncommon Student Award.

Enroll today at v2.4honline.com

Enroll for 4-H on v2.4honline.com. All 4-Hers must be enrolled in order to show as a 4-H member at the Madison County Fair.

If you have any questions contact the extension office at 515-462-1001.

Those not enrolled in 4-H Online will no longer receive the newsletter or emails/texts through 4-H Online until they complete reenrollment. This is a very important step to complete as these three avenues are our main forms of communication. Please contact the Extension Office for assistance if needed.

IMPORTANT

Madison County 2022

WEIGH-IN DATES

March 26
Swine Weigh-In
Madison Co. Fairgrounds 8-10am

May 7
Sheep & Goat Weigh-In
Madison Co. Fairgrounds 8-10am

May 1
Broiler Order Due to Ext. Office

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Extension and Outreach
Rabbits Available for Adoption

Two rabbits are available for adoption and would make great 4-H projects. Contact Ashley Petersen at ashpetersen86@gmail.com for more details.

4-H Online & Fair Entry Deadlines

- Feb 1: Market Beef ID (4-H Online)
- Mar 1: Dog Project Meeting Enrollment (4-H Online)
- May 15: All animal ID*† (4-H Online)
- Jun 1: Rabbit & Poultry ID (4-H Online)
- Jun 15: YQCA
- Jun 15: All animal, clothing, and communications project ID (Fair Entry)
- Jul 15: Static Project ID (Fair Entry)

*excluding rabbits and poultry (see Jun 1 deadline)
† FFA exhibitors must turn in their ID sheets to the Ext. Office in person or via email to xmadisoniastate.edu

February Grab & Go Kits

Stop by and "grab-n-go" with a Valentine's Card Kit from the Extension Office starting February 1. Return completed cards to the Extension Office by 4:30 PM on February 11 to ensure their delivery to various care centers across Madison County.
BABYSITTING BASICS

Now Hiring - 2022 Summer Fair Intern

Do you know of a college student that is looking for a hands on summer internship? The Summer Intern will be responsible for advertising the fair, design and implement materials, serve as a support to the fair board, etc. This individual must be reliable, detail-oriented, a problem solver, self-motivated and able to work independently as well as part of a team of staff members and volunteers. For more information, please visit our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/news/now-hiring-fair-intern

Questions? Contact Nicole Navin, Executive Director, at nnavin@iastate.edu or call 515-462-1001

2022 Madison County Fair: July 20 – July 24
While the weather is cold, and summer seems far away, this is the time of year when youth may be considering taking a project to their local county fair. The Iowa 4-H Volunteer Resources webpage has several resources that volunteers, parents, and youth can access to help youth reflect on their goals and consider project areas they have interest in! In 4-H we want to help youth understand the relationship between project areas, goals, and exhibits. Volunteers and parents can help 4-H youth understand how project area goals relate to exhibit goals and how exhibits are evaluated at the county fair. An important aspect of setting goals is using those goals to help demonstrate learning through an exhibit. There are several resources that focus on goal centered learning, the difference between a project area and an exhibit, and writing project area and exhibit goals available on the Volunteer Resources webpage.

ØFrom the Volunteer Resources webpage, under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning” you will find “Goal Centered Learning,” this resource defines the relationship between 4-H project areas, goals, exhibits, and evaluation when a 4-H member chooses to exhibit at the county fair.

ØAlso, under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning,” you can find the resource “Project Area or Exhibit,” this resource helps youth understand the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit.

ØFinally, an important resource that is newly updated, also under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning,” is the “Goal Setting: Writing Project Area and Exhibit Goals” resource. This resource helps youth work through the process of defining and writing goals related to their project area of interest and their exhibit.

All three of these resources can be found on the Volunteer Resources webpage under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning” as well as in the Extension Store as a free downloadable resource. From the Extension Store https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ click on 4-H on the top menu bar and choose Volunteer Resources from the drop down menu for these resources and so many more!

Resources Re-Cap:
· Goal-Centered Learning
· Project Area or Exhibit
· Goal Setting—Writing Project Area and Exhibit Goals

We hope these resources are helpful as you work with 4-H youth this winter and spring in their project areas of interest!
Let the Extension Office entertain your kiddos with a Valentine's party!

VALENTINES DAY
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Drop kids (grades K-5th) off at the Extension Office for a fun Valentine's Day Party with STEM activities, movies, crafts and dinner!

Friday, February 11th
5 PM to 10 PM

Cost: $30 per child, $50 for 2, $70 for 3

Space is Limited - Registration is required.

Register Online at
https://forms.gle/YAgxWyzGYv6i4bZb7

4-H Remind Notifications

Stay up to date on the latest 4-H news and receive deadline reminders straight to your phone using Remind.

Download the app and enter class code “4hmadco” after the @ to receive 4-H updates.

OR

Text "@4hmadco" to 81010 to sign up via text message