Happy Holidays!

Here at the Extension Office we have enjoyed some time off, spent with family and friends. We hope that you were able to relax and kick back for a while too.

We are refreshed and ready to go for the new year! We are going to be trying some new activities and workshops this year and we hope that you can be a part of them!

Just a reminder to be encouraging your fellow 4-H members to complete their 4-H enrollments.

We hope that you have a Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living, for my club, my community, my county, and my world.
January

January 4  Sheep and Goat Exhibitor Meeting | 5:30pm | Marshall County Extension Office
January 6  Marshall County Youth Ambassadors Meeting | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
January 10  Annual Volunteer Training | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
January 16  DuPont Pioneer Community Grant Due | 5pm | emailed to Megan Carlson
January 17  Superintendents Meeting | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
January 21  Club Finance Information Night | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office

February

February 1  Market Beef Verification Deadline | Midnight | 4-H Online
February 1  State 4-H Scholarship and State Award Applications due
February 3  Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
February 5  New Member Meeting | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
February 13  Extension Day at the Capital | All Day | Des Moines

March

March 3  STEM Festival | 1pm-4pm | Lenihan Intermediate School
March 3  Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
March 27  Legislative Trip | All Day | Old Iowa Capital, Iowa City
March 30  Swine Weigh-ins | By Appointment | Tom Hemesath's Farm

Trees Forever to Hold Workshop:
2nd Annual 'Kids Time Out to Hug a Tree Workshop' sponsored by Marshalltown Trees Forever.
WHAT: Fun, interactive workshop about the importance of trees, products we get from them, how to identify trees through crafts and games. Snacks provided.
WHEN: Saturday, January 12, 1-3pm
WHO: K-6th graders No fee to participate.
WHERE: Community Building at Riverview Park (first building)
Must pre-register through Park & Rec.
Contact Doni Sheldon with any questions at 641-752-6418
**County Youth Ambassadors:**

The Marshall County Youth Ambassadors served a meal at the House of Compassion in Marshalltown on December 26, 2018. Three ambassadors (Bergen McDaniel, Jessley Ash, and Nicolle Donnelly) along with 5 guests (Rachael McAnulty, Quinton Wilder, Dru Wilder, Brayden Kuker and former co-president of the Marshall County Youth Ambassadors, Morgan Schuh) helped serve 40 people that night. We thank these youth for taking time out of their break to help the community!

April Stewart and Kelly Ash
Youth Ambassador Leaders

**Beef Bits:**

Happy 2019! A reminder that you need to go online and verify your market beef entries by February 1st. A reminder that if you had a breed steer and were waiting information the day of weigh in to be sure and get that sent to Megan as soon as possible to be added to your information online. Please get this taken care of as soon as possible.

A HUGE thank you to Jeff Hibbs for bringing in the corral and tagging calves, Mark Seffinga for scanning, Bob Brown for weighing cattle, Evan and Ethan Espenschied, and Drew Guthrie for running the in and out gates all day. Micki Butler and Megan Carlson for helping with bookkeeping and to all the parents, FFA instructors and anyone else I forgot that helped out while there. Weigh in went great and we have never had a more beautiful day to weigh in.

Winter Beef Expo entries are due by February 1st. You make those entries online. Go to the IJBBA website for all your information.

Boot Buckle Bash will be held on Saturday, March 9th. Please mark your calendars. More information coming soon but you can certainly start collecting items for both the silent auction and the live auction for that evening. We will also be looking for appetizer sign ups soon as well.

Jodi Breniman
Beef Superintendent

**YQCA:**

YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is a new system that we will be switching to from FSQA. It will be used for all livestock species except horse and dog. There is an online testing option and a face to face training option. If you exhibited livestock last year we will be sending out information to you about YQCA.

If you are a new member or new to showing livestock please contact Megan at mcarl@iastate.edu so that you will receive this information as well.

The Marshall County Extension Office will be providing coupon codes to 4-H members to cover the cost of their training. The codes have arrived so if you would like to take your YQCA test now please call Megan know and she will give you your coupon code. Codes are for 4-H member only through a donation from JBS.

If you have taken a FSQA test previously, and are unsure if it is still valid please contact Megan. We will be honoring those tests and you will not have to take YQCA this year.

Christmas Break is a great time to get your training done if you are wanting to do the online version!!

Renee Anagnos
Poultry Superintendent

**Poultry Place:**

The LeRoy Stewart Scholarship applications will be available starting January 31st. This will be available to all Senior 4H and FFA members. Amount and how many still to be determined.

Tama County is offering a poultry workshop in January. Please see details on the Marshall County 4H Poultry Place Facebook page. The poultry division will contribute up to $20 per person if there is a cost to the workshop.

Anyone interested in the 4H poultry division t-shirts please let me know so I can place an order. Any 4-H or FFA member who has helped at the many fundraiser will receive theirs free. Otherwise it is $15 per shirt.

Thank you and I hope everyone has a great New Year!

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**State 4-H Awards are Now Open:**

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS (shooting sports) Ambassador, and State 4-H Council are now open and will close February 1, 2019. A county coordinator checklist and a summary of all program changes are available here https://www.extension.iastate.edu/.../recognition-opportuniti....

**State 4-H Scholarship:**

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements (i.e. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, 4-H event participation, etc.) Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards. Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. All 4-H scholarship applications are due February 1, 2019, 11:59 p.m. A list of scholarships and qualifications can be found here: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1

Please know that there are scholarships that are specifically for Marshall County 4-H Members!! Please take advantage of that!!

**Sheep and Goat Exhibitor Meeting:**

There will be a meeting to go over new rules and classes for the Sheep and Goat Department on January 4th at 5:30pm at the Extension office. This meeting is not required but highly encouraged if you are a new or returning exhibitor! There are quite a few new rule changes in the Sheep department so come and find out information before you buy your sheep this year!!

-Travis Harre and Joe Baker
Sheep and Goat Committee

**Legislative Day at the Capital:**

Join other 4-H members from around the state and get the chance to explore building and organizations in Des Moines. On February 13th, 4-H Members will have the chance to explore the Wallace Building, the State Capital, and Explore the World Food Prize!! During the afternoon they will also get the opportunity to do a service project with on this day trip! 4-H Members who are in 8th-12th grade are able to attend this opportunity!! If you would like more information please visit this website https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day

If you would like to go please email or call Megan at the Extension Office by January 26th.

**Club Finance Information Night:**

On January 21st at 6pm at the Marshall County Extension office we will be having an informational meeting for club leaders, club treasurers, as well as any parents who would be interested. We will be talking about the new financial procedures for clubs. We will walk you through how to make a deposit, how to request a check as well as how the extension office can help you. We will have Extension staff from the state office from both 4-H and County Services there as well as a member from our County Extension Council, and our County Director there to answer questions.

Please email Megan, mcarl@iastate.edu, or Amy, apieper@iastate.edu to register for this.

**Get those BINGO Dobbers ready:**

Take a break from the winter blues! The Central Iowa Fair will be hosting BINGO on Sunday, January 27th and Sunday, February 24th in the CVB Activity Building. Doors open at 2pm and BINGO will run from 3-5pm. Concessions will be available.
Francis Dunn and Marshall County Pork Producers Scholarship:
Requirements include:
Must be a Marshall County Resident
Attending Iowa State University in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
If you are interested in getting the application please contact Lisa Peterson by email at plperson@parnercom.net or 515-291-0411. Deadline is January 9, 2019.

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant Application Now Open:
4-H clubs can apply for “seed money” from DuPont Pioneer in the form of grants up to $500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are due to the state office by January 30th, 2019. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant webpage or follow this link: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants

North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference:
This annual event will be held at Ellsworth Community College on January 26th. If you attend this event it will also count for your YQCA training for this 4-H year. The registration information and event details can be found here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/franklin/youth20beef%20conference%20registration%202019.pdf

National Youth 4-H Photography Summit:
Join delegates from across the country to explore emerging photography careers and related skills necessary for entry into tomorrow’s workforce. Sample mini-tracks to include sports photography, forensic science, photographic arts, nature photography, photo-technology, medical photography, photo-editing, photojournalism, space and military photography and show-animal photography. Summit takes place February 28 - March 3, Cost is $500 per youth. Deadline February 3rd. Only a few spots available, apply online at https://form.jotform.com/83376724778978

Iowa 4-H Reporters:
Do you like creating photographs and videos? Are you a social media wizard? Do you want to tour Iowa Public Television Studios and iHeart Radio and learn from professionals in television and radio? Would you enjoy spending a few days covering the Iowa State Fair? Then you should apply to be one of this years Iowa 4-H Reporters! Apply for Iowa 4-H Reporters opportunity or https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

World food prize:
Encourage 4-H youth participants to register for the 2019 World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute on April 29, 2019 at Iowa State University. Registration will open February 7-March 25, 2019. During this daylong event students are able to explore majors and careers related to combating global hunger & poverty while also presenting their own ideas and solutions to real-world experts and professionals. More information can be found on the World Food Prize webpage. https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/iowa/

Hands on Photography Workshop:
Want to practice your photography skills and learn more about your camera? We will cover tips and tricks for all ages. Location will be in Williamsburg, Iowa from 2-5 pm on March 13th. Spots are limited, please sign up online, or https://form.jotform.com/83376670639974

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps December Theme: Exploring Doors:
For all youth interested in developing their photography skills and creating great work to submit to their county fairs! Apply online for Iowa 4-H Camera Corps, and submit December's "Exploring Doors" theme photographs via the jotform link. Or https://form.jotform.com/82636644984976
Youth who attended Year End Celebration