Hello, 4-H Families

Happy 4th of July to everyone! Hope you have a fun and safe holiday!

The county fair is fast approaching and hopefully all of you 4-H’ers have been hard at work preparing your animals for exhibition and completing that exhibit that you’ve been putting off working on!

Please read the ‘It’s Fair Time’ section of this newsletter carefully. It will tell you what to do when you get to the fair with your animals and exhibits.

New 4-H families: If you chose not to exhibit this year, please come to the fair anyway and see what other 4-Hers have done and learned. You’ll get lots of ideas for next year! See you all at the Central Iowa Fair!

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Set Up for County Fair Including:
Decorating Club Booths
Decorating Hay Bales
Setting up pens, stalls and cages

Will take place on Sunday, July 8, beginning at 1:00pm. Check with your club leader on specific time for booth and bale set-up for your club. See livestock set up inside this newsletter.

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Record Book Tip # 7

What kinds of forms do you include in your 4-H record book?

There are several forms that need to be completed and placed in your 4-H record book.

- 4-H Yearly Summary
- 4-H Project Records --Basic Form (4-6 graders), Experienced Form (7-8 graders), Advanced Form (9-12 graders)
- Project Worksheets--For livestock, horticulture, photography, and dog

The 4-H Yearly Summary asks for your participation in your club, your school, your community and your responsibilities at home. It also asks what kinds of communication activities you have participated in. (Examples are club presentation, talks, make and display a 4-H posters during National 4-H Week). What kinds of recognition have you received? (ribbons at the fair, name in the paper, received a certificate are examples)

And the 4-H Yearly Summary asks you what project areas you have completed a project record on. Be sure to list those project areas, as those will be the ones that are evaluated this fall. Be sure to include photos of you participating in club presentations, club citizenship activities and club recreational events. **Your project information/photos do not belong in the 4-H Yearly Summary.**

A 4-H Project Record must be completed for each project area. Information asked for on the project record is:

- Your goal when you began this project (what did you want to learn or do)
- What steps did you take to reach your goal?
- What did you learn?
- What communication, citizenship or leadership activities did you do in this project area? (a club presentation about it? Participated in a canned food drive? Organized and taught a club workshop?)
- What recognition did you receive in the project area? (ribbons received at fair, name in newspaper following the fair, exhibit chosen to go on to state fair, special awards are examples)

**Include photos of you working on your projects from beginning to end!** Whether it’s the day you brought your calf home, the stack of wood that you are going build something out of, or the first drawing of your visual art project. Photos tell a story and in 10 years, you will very much enjoy looking back through your record book and its photos and remember those good times (and the struggles!) you had working on your project.

Project Worksheets are required for all livestock, horticulture and your first year in photography. The dog worksheet is an ongoing one in which new information is added each year. The purpose of the worksheet, especially for livestock, is to have 4-H’ers record their expenses during the 4-H year with their animals and at the end of the year, their profit or loss. This is important information to be aware of as raising livestock is not an inexpensive endeavor. This worksheet should be kept up(monthly feed expenses, veterinarian fees, medicine) as the year goes along to give the 4-He a realistic financial view of their livestock project.

Clover Kids may also complete a record book. The Clover goal sheet form can be put into a small binder for each project area. Please include photos of Clover Kid in action!

Next month: The order of a record book. What forms/pages go where?

**NOTE:** Come to the record book workshop on August 6th at 6:30pm. Parents, leaders and 4-Hers welcome!

County Council News

Come join us at the Fair on Thursday, July 12 at 3 p.m. to try your skills at our Obstacle course. Our next meetings will be on Sunday, July 1 and Sunday, August 5 both at 5 p.m. at the Extension Office.
**Upcoming Workshops**

**4-H Record Book Workshop, August 6  6:30-7:30pm**
A 4-H record book workshop will be held at the Extension office on August 6 at 6:30pm. This workshop is for 4-Hers, their parents and club leaders to help youth organize their 4-H records, photos and forms. Questions are welcome! Bring the information you plan to put in your record book. The basic, experienced and advanced project forms, yearly summary forms, livestock worksheets, and 4-H record book covers ($3) will be available. **Please call office to register.**

**Food Preservation Workshop for 7th-12th graders & parent  August 11  All day**
ISU Extension and Outreach is piloting a food preservation class for youth and their families in Region 8. The Preserve the Taste of Summer for Youth program is available to youth 7th grade and higher and is held in a group setting under the supervision of a Nutrition and Health Program Specialist.

Participants will view online lessons as a group and then participate in a hands-on workshop making salsa. A parent/guardian (or another appointed adult) must attend the class with the youth, for both the online lessons and hands-on workshop. Youth will be able to take home the canned salsa and may enter it in the 2013 county fair.

The Preserve the Taste of Summer workshop will be held on **Saturday, August 11 from 9 am- 5pm on the Iowa State University Campus.** The cost of the workshop is $50 per family, which includes 1-2 youth and 1 adult. To register, contact Story County Extension at 515-382-6551. Make checks payable to Story County Extension and mail to Story County Extension, 220 H Avenue, Nevada, IA 50201. Registration deadline is Monday, August 6. Class size will be limited.

**Tri-County Junior Camp for 4-6th graders August 1-3 at the Iowa 4-H Center**
‘We are the Champions of the World!’ This is the theme that the youth organizing the camp chose for the Tri-County Junior Camp. 4th-6th grade (just completing) 4-Hers are invited to attend three fun filled days learning new skills, making new friends, reuniting with other campers, testing their skills during camp activities, and enjoying the great outdoors. Family members are invited to a BBQ and closing ceremony campfire on Friday evening.

Everyone will join in the fun of sporting and around the world adventures, swimming, team building, campfires, outdoor cooking, crafts, an evening of dancing and relaxation, and plenty of good food! Campers will choose other activities from high ropes, climbing tower, mega zip, nature hike, creek walk, canoeing and pond study, archery and atlatl, and kayaking.

Arrive at camp by 10:00am on August 1 and get picked up by 8:30pm on August 3 at the Iowa 4-H Center. The cost is $126 per camper. **The Marshall County Endowment will pay $50 towards the fee for the first six 4-Hers to register.** Registration deadline is July 13 or until camp is full (29 campers). Registration forms are on our website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/marshall/kidsteens](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/marshall/kidsteens), at the Extension office or we can email the registration form to you.

A volunteer male teen counselor is needed. Must be high school age and willing to be a great role model, be caring and fun with the campers, and be responsible to help campers and staff at all times. Counselors do not pay a registration fee. If any of our 4-Hers are interested, please contact Annette or Doni. Questions may be directed to camp coordinator Annette Brown, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, 515-432-3882 or annbrown@iastate.edu.

**The 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.**
It’s Fair Time!

Club Judging Times for Exhibit Building 2012

- 8:15am  Liscomb Lively Laborers
- 9:15am  Marshall County Mounties/Gilman Rustlers
- 10:15am  Melbourne 4-H/ Wolfe Ranch Rough Riders
- 11:15am  Central Iowa 4-H
- 12:15pm  Judges Lunch  …..break until 1:15pm
- 1:15pm  Timber Creek Champs/Marshalltown Trailblazers/Laurel Livewires
- 2:15pm  Haverhill Hustlers/ Clemons Clippers/Albion Ables
- 3:15pm  Rhodes Ravens/Center Explorers/ Marshall County Rockets/ Four Leaf Clovers

- All Horticulture entries will be judged between 9-11am. 4-H’ers may come any time during those hours to have their garden vegetables and flowers judged.

- On-site gardens will be judged on Monday, July 9. Participants will be notified of their judging time after all fair entries are in. Participants must be present at judging time.

- On-site garden ribbons will be awarded between 9-11am on Tuesday, July 10 during non-livestock judging in Exhibit Building.

Where to Go When You Get to the County Fair With Your Livestock & Non- Livestock Exhibits

CHECK-IN FOR LIVESTOCK

1. Livestock may start arriving at the fairgrounds at 6:00pm on Tuesday night, July 10 and must be in place by 2:00pm on Wednesday. Livestock superintendents will post the pen/stall assignments in their respective buildings.

2. Prior to show time, 4-Her must get their exhibitor card and number from the 4-H fair office in the Pavilion. This card must be worn during all livestock shows that you are participating in.

3. Caring for and cleaning up after your animal is your responsibility. Make sure they have food and water and that their pens are secure and kept as clean as possible. There will be many visitors walking though the livestock buildings and we want to give a positive reflection of Marshall County 4-H.

4. Take opportunities to talk to visitors about your animals. Have FUN!

5. Livestock must remain in place until release time at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 15, unless otherwise stated in species section of the fair book.
CHECK-IN FOR EXHIBIT BUILDING- JULY 10…See Club Judging Time in This Newsletter.

1. Take your exhibits, exhibit information forms and support material (photos of 4-Her working on the exhibit) into the Exhibit Building at your club’s assigned time.

2. Go to check-in table and give your name and club name.

3. You will be asked if you brought everything on your entry form. If you didn’t, that item will marked off.

4. Take your entry form to the waiting area. Tables will be there for you to put your exhibits on.

5. ‘Traffic cop’ will direct you to the judge(s) who will evaluate your exhibit and talk to you about what you learned, what you did to reach your goal, etc.

6. When judging is complete, take your exhibit to your club booth. Don’t forget to take your entry form with you to each judge. Your ribbon placings are marked on the entry form.

7. Exhibits that each judge deems as a ‘considered for state fair’ exhibit will be placed on a special table.

8. Go back to traffic cop after each judge to wait for your turn to have your next exhibit judged.

9. IMPORTANT: When all of your exhibits have been judged, take your entry form back to the ‘Check in’ table. Ribbon placings will be published in the newspaper and premium money is determined from information on the form.

10. Exhibits will be released in the Exhibit Building at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 15. Please pick up your exhibits at that time or make arrangements for someone else to pick them up.

Don’t forget to complete the Exhibit Information Form for your exhibits. This form informs the judge of your exhibit goal, steps you took to complete your goal, and what you learned. The Exhibit Information Form can be found on our website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/marshall/4h

Click on ‘2012 Central Iowa Fair 4-H/FFA Entry Information’

Scroll down to ‘Other Forms’

NOTE: Photographs and 4-H Posters have their own information form. Horticulture specimen entries require an index card with cultivar and variety written on them.
4-H/FFA Livestock and Fair
Livestock Pen and Stall Set Up Schedule for Sunday, July 8th
If you exhibit these animals, your help would be appreciated! Thank you.

- Beef/Dairy- 2:00pm
- Sheep/Goats- 2:00pm
- Swine- 5:00pm
- Poultry- 5:00pm
- Rabbits- Saturday, July 7, 10:00am

Project Superintendents... Call them with your fair questions
Chellney Newhouse, Poultry Superintendent, 641-691-5075
Danielle Hotchkin, Dog Superintendent, 641-990-6584; Erin Calkins, Dog Obedience Instructor 641-485-8548
Jody Dobranski, Horse Superintendent, 641-750-1543
Pat Von Ahnen, Non-livestock Superintendent, 641-753-9391
Mark German, Sheep Superintendent, 641-751-2201
Tom Hemesath, Swine Superintendent, 641-485-1438
Lisa Petersen, Swine Superintendent, 515-291-0411
Jodi Breniman, Beef Superintendent, 641-750-6096
Sally Randall, Rabbit Superintendent, 641-750-8154
Rich Freland, Dairy Cattle Superintendent, 493-2760
Cassie Sawyer, Dairy Cattle Superintendent, 641-751-2925
Brad Weir, Goat Superintendent, 641-751-6818

Sheep News
The Sheep Committee will be offering a lunch on Thursday, July 14 at noon at the Central Iowa Fair. The lunch is a fundraiser for the Sheep Committee. Either a lamb burger or a pork loin sandwich, chips, cookie and a drink may be purchased for $5.00. Sandwich alone for $3.00.

All sheep exhibitor families are asked to bring two dozen homemade cookies to be served with the lunch. We are asking for volunteers to help set up and serve the meal. Contact Mark German, 7551-2201 or Tracy Blink, 641-485-9327.

Thank you from the 2012 Sheep Committee

Swine
Open Barrow and Gilt Shows
Barrows and gilts that will be entered in the Open Barrow or Open Gilt Shows do not require ID information. However, barrows and gilts will be weighed in on Friday, July 13 (7-9pm) and Saturday, July 14, (7-9am) at the fairgrounds. Entries for those two shows will be made at the fairgrounds prior to the shows.

Tom Hemesath, 485-1438; Lisa Peterson, 515-291-0411, Superintendents

The CLOVER CAFÉ will be open during the fair in the Activity Building. Please support the 4-H clubs that sponsor the café! See you at the fair!
CLOVER CALENDAR

July
1 Deadline for Iowa State Fair livestock entries to be made in 4honline by 4-H family.
8 Set up day at the fairgrounds
9 On-Site Garden Judging. Morning
10 Non-livestock exhibits will be judged prior to opening day of Central Iowa Fair
11-15 Central Iowa Fair

August
1-3 2012 Tri-County Junior Camp
6 4-H Record Book Workshop, 6:30-7:30
7 Youth Development Meeting, 7:00pm
11 ‘Preserve the Taste of Summer’ workshop on ISU campus [see article]
13 Ak-Sar-Ben entries are due at the Extension office
9-19 Iowa State Fair

September
15 4-H Record books are due at the Extension office.
27-30 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show, Omaha, NE

NEW address for 4-H page. Marshall County Extension 4-H Web Site - www.extension.iastate.edu/marshall/4H

Where to Find 4-H Information on the Internet

ISU Extension State 4-H Web Site - www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
Join the Marshall County 4-H Facebook group
4-H Online - ia.4honline.com/Login.aspx
Misplace your newsletter? Find it on the Marshall County Extension 4-H Web Site or on 4-H Online.
**Quilt Raffle for 4-H**

This beautiful full/queen size quilt will be raffled during the Central Iowa Fair in the Exhibit Building. Tickets are $5 for one chance /$20 for five. Pat Miltenberger had cut out the pieces before she passed away, Pat VonAhnen sewed the pieces and blocks together and Joni Bruner, another friend of Pat M’s, did the quilting.

The proceeds are used for the Skilled Sewing and Food & Nutrition awards and for table skirting and other supplies needed in the Exhibit Building during the fair. Your support is appreciated!