Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

April 3: SWAG Conference @ Southwest Iowa Community College
April 7: County Youth Council; Extension Office @ 6:00 PM
April 10: 4-H and Youth Committee; Extension Office @ 5:30 PM
April 15: Junk-in-a-Bucket Registration Deadline
April 17: Red Oak Clover Kids
April 19: Office Closed
April 20: Horse Workshop; Extension Office @ 9:00 AM—Noon
April 25: Dog Class; Extension Office @ 6:30 PM
April 29: Stanton Clover Kids
May 4: Sheep/Goat Weigh-Ins; Fairgrounds @ 8:00 AM
May 15: 4hOnline Registration date for Projects and most Animals

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YQCA TRAINING

Thank you to the members who registered and attended the YQCA Training on March 6th at the Gold Fair Building.

If you were unable to attend and you plan to exhibit livestock at the Montgomery County Fair or the Iowa State Fair, you MUST complete the online training.

The $12 online training must be completed by a 4-H or FFA member before May 15th in order to be eligible to participate in the fair. To complete the online training, please log onto https://yqca.learngrow.io/ using your 4HOnline credentials. Select the training for the age you were as of January 1, 2019.

Once completed, please save your certificate. You will need to send a copy or photo of your certificate to Celine at the Extension Office. It is essential that you send the copy of your certificate. Please email it to cmbeggs@iastate.edu. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH-INS

Sheep and meat goat weigh-in will be Saturday, May 4th at 8:00 AM at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds Beef Barn.

All sheep and goats that you wish to nominate for the Iowa State Fair will need to be retinal imaged. There will be a $5 fee for each animal imaged. All tags will cost $1. Please bring cash or check to weigh-ins on May 4th.

COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The County Youth Council attended the Montgomery County Legislative Forum on March 9th, 2019 at the Montgomery County History Center. Youth Council members heard from Iowa Senator Mark Costello and Iowa House Members David Sieck and Cecil Dolecheck.

The County Youth Council will meet again on April 7th at the Montgomery County Extension Office.
**JUNK-IN-A-BUCKET**

This is an adventure in creativity and skill development for our 4-H youth. Sign up for Junk-in-a-Bucket, and you will receive a bucket of random junk, mostly weld-able, for you to create a piece of art with. Creations will be voted on by People’s Choice. The creations will also be put up for a silent auction as a fundraiser for the Montgomery County Youth Council to fund scholarships and other leadership activities. Creations may also be entered as static exhibits at the Montgomery County Fair!

Your bucket will contain a lot of unique parts and pieces. You can paint, fasten, glue and/or weld to construct your piece. **The only rules are:** You cannot add any pieces (exception of bolts for fastening and adding movement to a piece) and you must use at least 75% of the items in the bucket.

**To register, please contact Celine at the Extension Office before April 15th.**

**DOG HANDLING CLASSES**

The first dog project class will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. 4-H’ers will not bring their dogs to this meeting. Jenny Ellis, dog project superintendent, will go over the dog show rules. You do not have to be signed up for the dog project to attend the first meeting.

Regular dog practices will continue every Thursday after April 26th. Time and location will be discussed at the informational meeting.

**HORSE PROJECT MEETING**

Are you interested in showing horses at the Montgomery County Fair? Plan on attending the first Horse Project Meeting on April 20th at the Extension Office at 9:00AM—Noon. Horse project superintendent, Michelle Jordan, will talk to attendees about the upcoming fair, project/riding classes, expectations and upcoming events. This will be a mandatory meeting, so please contact Michelle or Celine if you are unable to attend.

**SWINE WEIGH-INS**

Big thank you to all of those who helped at Swine weigh-ins on March 30th. If you see any of the following volunteers, make sure you stop and thank them for helping on Saturday; Kirk Swanson, Jerra Swanson, Dylan Swanson and Andy Vial.

If you have additional pigs that you did not bring to weigh-ins, you will need to identify them in 4HOnline by May 15th. You will be required to upload photos of any animal not weighed-in. Additional tags may be picked up at the Extension Office.
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CAMP WILD; JUNE 8-10, 2019

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend Camp Wild, June 8-10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2019.

Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs, crafts, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. until our closing ceremony, starting at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, June 10.

Registration Deadline is May 15, 2019. Register before May 1, 2019 to secure your spot and receive our $200 registration early bird price, $230 for non-4-H youth. Registration costs $220 after May 1 and before May 15, $250 for non-4-H youth.

Make sure to check with your County Extension Office, as many have financial assistance for 4-H members attending camp! Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Visit www.iowa4hfoundation.com for information or to apply.

Registration is open online at: http://bit.ly/2019campwild

POWER OF YOUTH CONFERENCE

Current 3rd-8th graders are invited to participate in this year’s Power of Youth Conference at Westfair in Council Bluffs, IA on Wednesday, June 19th from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM. Power of Youth Participants can choose from over 25 workshops throughout the day. They can get up close and personal with some furry friends from Wildlife Encounters, see a demo from a Police K-9 unit office, do science experiments and crafts, and much more! Attendees are not required to be in 4-H, so invite a friend to attend with you. Cost is $60.00 per participant. This includes lunch, dinner, bowling, t-shirt, lanyard, backpack and all activities and transportation throughout the day.

Montgomery County Extension offers financial assistance to any 4-H Member interested in attending events in and outside of the county. Please contact Celine at the Extension Office if you would like more information.

Registration will be open soon! Check the West Pottawattamie County website for more information.

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/news/power-youth-conference-save-date
IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference on June 25-27 at Iowa State University. You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

Regular registration for a fee of $180 closes on June 1 with late registration for $200 available until June 11. You can also check out financial aid applications, due May 1-June 15 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Learn more about Youth Conference here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference?

Club Reports

Grant Spitfires

There were 19 members present at the monthly meeting of the Grant Spitfires 4-H Club held on March 10, 2019 at the White Fair Building. The business meeting included the subjects of swine weigh-ins, On Their Own & OK, After School STEM Program, Sewing Workshop, YQCA Training, Educational Tour to the Red Oak Grand Theater, Red Oak Express and the food workshop. Our community service project was bringing something green for the PTO Carnival. Macy Baker, Abby Pederson and Drake and SheAnna Brown gave presentations. Our next meeting will be held on April 14, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Porter's Lake for a Skating Party.

Respectfully submitted, Joshua LeRette.

Club Reporters, send your meeting report to cmbeggs@iastate.edu to be featured in the next Green Gazette