All youth that want to participate in the dog show this year at the Pocahontas County Fair are encouraged to attend this informational meeting with dog instructor, Kerri Wenck. Please DO NOT bring your dog to this meeting. We will need a copy of your dogs vaccination papers before you may bring them to practice. If you are interested in the dog project, but cannot attend the meeting, please give me a call and we will work details out with you. 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu

All market goats that will be exhibited at the 2019 Pocahontas County Fair will need to be weighed at the April 6 weigh-in date. Tags are $1 and will need to be paid for at weigh in.

All market lambs that will be exhibited at the 2019 Pocahontas County Fair will need to be weighed at the April 6 weigh-in date. Tags are $1 and will need to be paid for at weigh in.

All derby swine that will be exhibited at the 2019 Pocahontas County Fair will need to be weighed at the April 6 weigh-in date. Tags are $1 and will need to be paid for at weigh in. Each 4-H'er may weigh in 5 pigs, but only exhibit 2 derby pigs. 75 POUND MAXIMUM WEIGHT.

All animals must be entered in your 4HOnline account by May 15. If your animal is not entered you will not be able to exhibit at the fair. You can get in any time and enter your animal, you do not need to wait until May! I will enter all livestock that is weighed-in (market beef, meat goat, market lamb, and derby swine). If you need help with this process give me a call or stop in, it only takes a few minutes!
2019 Pocahontas District Fair

The 2019 Pocahontas Fair will be a district fair with any 4-H/FFA member in a county that touches Pocahontas County (Kossuth, Humboldt, Webster, Calhoun, Sac, Buena Vista Clay and Palo Alto) eligible to exhibit in any livestock show. Awards will be issued to the champion and reserve champion as stated in the fair book and not be distinguished between in county and out of county awards.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

All 4-H and FFA members that will exhibit ANY LIVESTOCK (except companion animals-dog, horse, pet) will be required to be YQCA certified. Each year the 4-H’ers will be required to take the web-based YQCA. The fee for the program is $12, and will be paid for out of 4-H funds. If you loose your coupon code you will not be issued a new one and will need to pay the $12 yourself. YQCA may be taken at any time, but MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1 to exhibit at 2019 fair. Call 712-335-3103, stop at the Extension office, or email lzeman@iastate.edu to get your code.

Northwest Iowa Community AFA Scholarship

Applications are due March 13, 2019. agfuture.org/scholarships

Questions? Contact AFA at scholarship@agfuture.org.
Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! 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.

If you'd like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We're doing things a little differently this year and you'll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series.

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

Registration and complete conference details are located at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference. Registration fee of $180 closes on June 1. Due to the generous support of the Pocahontas County Endowment 4-H members in Pocahontas County will be reimbursed $150 for their registration support! You can also check out financial aid applications, due April 25 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

**Animal Science Roundup**

Animal Science Roundup is June 25-27 at ISU in conjunction with 4-H Conference and will feature seven species this year – beef, dairy, horse, meat goat, poultry, sheep and swine. Applications and promotional materials can be found on the 4-H Animal Science Roundup webpage. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 15.

**Livestock Quiz Bowl**

Livestock Quiz Bowl is April 13 at ISU in Kildee Hall. Registration, practice questions and rules are available on the 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl webpage. Quiz Bowl covers beef, sheep, swine and meat goats and students use a buzzer system to answer questions read by the moderator. 4-H members in 4th-12th grades are eligible to participate.

**Premises ID**

ALL 4-H/FFA members that will exhibit beef, swine, or sheep at the 2019 Pocahontas County Fair MUST have a premises identification number. If you and/or your parents are already raising livestock you probably have one, if not fill out the application and return to Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to receive your number. The website is: https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/premiseidentificationprogram.asp. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Extension Office at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu.
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.

March 1  Swine Challenge Application Due
March 2  Clover Kids
April 4  Dog Project Meeting
April 6  Clover Kids
April 6  Meat Goat Weigh-In
April 6  Sheep Weigh-In
April 6  Derby Swine Weigh-In
May 15  ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN 4HONLINE
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