RINGGOLD ~ HOTSPOT

State 4-H Recognition Opportunities
Senior 4-H members (9th-12th graders) have an opportunity to experience 4-H at a greater level — earn state project awards, be a part of State 4-H Council, represent Iowa at National 4-H Conference (Maryland) or at National 4-H Congress (Georgia). The process involves an online application and maybe an interview depending on what activity you are applying for. Going thru the process will help teach lots of life skills — communication, college/career readiness, leadership. For more info: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

Online applications are due February 1st!
Contact Dawn if you have questions or need help.

4-H Enrollment
4-H enrollment must be completed annually. It is a 2-step process — 1. log into 4-H online; 2. pay the $15 membership fee to the Extension office.

Need help?
Use the help sheet (extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders) or give us a call at 641-464-3333.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Enrollment ensures that your 4-H member is covered by our 4-H insurance in an event something happens while at a 4-H activity.

Ringgold Photo Contest
Congratulations to our November “This is IOWA” winners — Eastyn Daily and Karson Dugan! Photos can be seen under the Calendar of Events in this newsletter; on display at the Extension office.

December’s Theme: “ANIMALS”
Submit your entry digitally to Dawn by the 15th.
MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

All 4-H and FFA members planning to identify market beef (steers, heifers, returning bucket calves being shown in the market division) for exhibition MUST bring their animal(s) to our countywide weigh-in. Animals weighed in become eligible to:

- Be exhibited at the 2019 Ringgold County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair
- Participate in the rate-of-gain contest (if also exhibited at the Ringgold County Fair)
- Participate in the Cattlemen’s Choice Market Animal contest

Weigh-in is set for: Saturday, December 22nd from 9:00 –11:00 am @ Werner Feed Efficiency Testing Center.

Cost: $1 per head for special 4-H tag; $5 per head to nominate for the Iowa State Fair (nominating is optional—requires retinal imaging).

NOTE: Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show nomination has changed. Now requires families to request and submit DNA hair samples at a later date.

If you have questions about weigh-in, or have a conflict with the set date, please contact Dawn.

Equine Extravaganza

We all know that having horses requires more than just jumping on and riding. We also know that not everyone that loves horses has a horse of their own. One way to learn more about the science behind horses is to participate in the 2019 Equine Extravaganza — two days full of information, contests, and fun.

Dates have been set for March 22-24. More information will be coming. The website to see what has been done in the past is: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza

CWF Trip

CWF (Citizenship Washington Focus) is an Iowa 4-H leadership program. Each summer teens gather at the National 4-H Conference Center to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country and world.

All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the next Iowa 4-H CWF trip from June 14-22, 2019.

There are 48 seats available to Iowa 4-H members. The trip will cost $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals.

For more information about the 2019 trip, visit: CWF 2019

If interested, please let Dawn know.

YQCA Required for Livestock Exhibitors

Iowa 4-H has switched to YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) in place of FSQA.

This is an online training — log in to https://learngrow.io/ and use your 4-H Online username and password to complete the training.

Youth whose FSQA certification has not expired are still considered good until their expiration date comes.

NOTE: There will be an annual fee to become certified every year.

Ringgold County 4-H will hold one face-to-face training — date yet to be set.

Pop Tabs for Jacy

Keep collecting your pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Jacy McAlexander. Drop off your tabs to the Extension office. Tabs from Ringgold County will be delivered to the 2019 Iowa 4-H Conference next June.

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Calendar of Events

December 1st: Clover Kids from 9:00 am—10:00 am @ the Extension office

December 8th: County Council mtg @ 6:30 pm @ the Extension office

December 12th: Extension Council mtg @ 6:30 pm @ the Extension office

December 12th: Fair Board mtg

December 15th: Ringgold Photo Contest entries due to Dawn

December 22nd: 4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-In from 9:00 — 11:00 am @ Werner Feed Efficiency Testing Center

December 24th—25th: HOLIDAY—office closed

January 1st: HOLIDAY — office closed