Steph Erpelding

Happy New Year!

Well we didn’t meet the goal of having everyone enrolled in 4Honline by Dec 31st so if you have not done this step yet please do so ASAP! If any 4-H members are weighing in market beef in January you must be enrolled in 4-H before weigh-in!

Beef Weigh-In is January 5th from 1-3pm at Harold Peyton Feedlot. As winter weather approaches, please be sure to call ahead or listen to KAYL 101.7 for cancellations.

I have a New Family Meeting coming up in January, check it out! Also the Int/Sr Ski trip and Junior Lock-In are both in February with sign-up in the newsletter!

Information about YQCA is in this month’s newsletter as well!

You can always contact me at the Sac County Extension and Outreach Office at 712/662-7131 or my cell 712/790-3350 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu.

From the Desk of Steph Erpelding

SAC COUNTY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

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Flower Background

JANUARY

5—Market Beef Weigh-In 1-3pm
6—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
7—Wall Lake Clover Kids
12—Sac Green Team Mtg 9am
12—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 2pm
13—OA Richland Robins Mtg
13—WLB/VV Mtg 6pm
14—Schaller Clover Kids
15—New Family Find Out Night
17—Wall Lake Clover Kids
20—Horseshoes Mtg 2pm
20—Jacksons Mtg 5pm
20—Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
21—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 6:30pm
22—Sac City Clover Kids
28—Odebolt Clover Kids

FEBRUARY

1—State Recognition & Scholarships are DUE
2—Ice Fishing Clinic 9-noon
3—County Council Mtg 1pm
4—4-H Endowment Mtg
4—Wall Lake Clover Kids
5—New Volunteer Training in SC
9—Sac Green Team Mtg 9am
9—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 2pm
9—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 9am
10—OA Richland Robins Mtg
10—WLB/VV Mtg
10—Early Achievers Valentine’s Meal
11—Schaller Clover Kids
13—4-H Day at the Legislature
15-16—Int/Sr Ski Trip
17—Horseshoes Mtg 4pm
17—Jacksons Mtg 5pm
17—Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
18—Sac City Clover Kids
21—Wall Lake Clover Kids
22-23—Junior Lock-In
25—4-H Leaders Training
25—Odebolt Clover Kids

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Healthy Meals Workshop Series (Slow Cooker Meals)—January 10 6:30-7:30pm
$10 @Sac County Extension Office
Healthy Meals Workshop Series (Cook Now, Eat Later) - January 29 6:30-7:30pm
$10 @Sac County Extension Office
PPAT—January 23 6:30-8:30pm @East Sac Middle School Auditorium
PPAT—February 8 9:30-11:30am @Wall Lake Community Center

To sign up or find out more information please call the Sac County Extension at 712/662-7131 or visit our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/sac
Win a pair of Boots!

Share your #MyBootsDo story. Submit a photo and caption showing how you or your kids are inspired to put on your boots, roll up your sleeves and get things done in your community for a chance to win a pair of REBA by Justin™ boots. Plus, 5% of all REBA by Justin™ sales between now and January 14, 2019 will directly benefit kids in 4-H.

4-H Day at the Legislature

Youth have the opportunity to participate in the IAEC and 4-H Legislative Day on February 13, 2019. This is a great experience for 4-H youth who have an interest in leadership and civic engagement. Registration will open in January, you can find information on participating in this opportunity on the Iowa 4-H website.

CWF

Celebrate the 60th year of CWF in 2019 by joining the Iowa 4-H CWF Trip held June 14-22, 2019. All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the trip. There are 48 seats for teens. The trip will cost $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals. Adult chaperones are needed as well. Look for updates and registration information to arrive soon on the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage.

Record Book Tip

Now is the time to start thinking about fair projects and jump starting your record book! Here are a few tips to get you started! Put together your cover page—glue a picture onto a piece of paper, write below your picture your name, age as of right now, 2018-19 year, grade as of right now, club name. Take a project record sheet and write your goal for your project—remember you need 2 goals! What is it you want to learn how to do this year? Pull out your Participation Summary or grab a new Yearly Summary and start filling in your events that you have attended for the month of Nov-Dec! Record Book forms can be found on our website or at the office.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Livestock Quiz Bowl is set for April 13, 2019 at Iowa State University. This event is the qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl held during Aksarben each fall. Youth in grades 4-12 may participate and the questions cover beef, goats, sheep and swine. For more information and study materials go to the quiz bowl webpage. Contact Amy Powell with questions.

Livestock Judging Coaches Clinic

The Department of Animal Science will be offering a clinic for adults who would like to learn more about how to coach a livestock judging team. The event will be held on April 20, 2019 at Iowa State University. Participants will receive hands-on instruction from the ISU livestock judging coach and team. More information will be available soon. Contact Amy Powell with questions.

4-H IS HANDS-ON LEARNING
4-H Endowment

New year, new set of grants available! 4-$250 club grants are available from the 4-H Endowment. For the 2018-19 4-H year the Endowment will be paying $10 per member towards their program development fee. Please remember that the Endowment has started to give out $250 scholarships to those 4-H seniors that graduate high school. The 4-H member must have completed three years of record books to be eligible for the scholarship!

Leadership Opportunity for Highschool Youth

Youth in grades 9th-12th can apply to be teen leaders for the National 4-H Native Bee Challenge. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills for youth interested in insects, agriculture, conservation, or horticulture. Youth just need to complete this short online application! Contact Maya Hayslett to get more information.

What is the State Council Up to?

This past December, we met at the State 4-H Office in Ames to experience a youth-adult partnership training. We all got the opportunity to grow closer with our CYCs or other county adult volunteers that we each brought along to the training. We are grateful for the impact these adults have made in our 4-H careers. In the month of January, State Council has their winter retreat at Clover Woods on the 5th and 6th to further their planning of the 2019 State 4-H Conference held every year on the campus of Iowa State University for high school youth. The official theme of the Youth Conference was decided at our October retreat and is “A Universe of Possibilities”.

State Recognition

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador and State 4-H Council opened on November 15, 2018 and will close February 1, 2019. There are some changes to the application process as well as the State Projects will align with the fair project categories. Please go to the State Recognition website to find out all of the details as they become available! Contact Bonnie Dalager with questions.

Hands-On Photography Workshop

The Professional Photographers of Iowa Winter Convention hands-on workshop is February 3, 2019, in Cedar Rapids. Learn from professional photographers how to take studio portraits using natural and studio lighting. Contact Clark Colby for more information.

New to 4-H or 2nd year in 4-H?

If you are new to 4-H or maybe it’s your 2nd year in the 4-H program and want to learn more about the program? Come to the New 4-H Family Night on Tuesday January 15th at 6:30-8pm at the Sac County Extension Office! I will help answer all of your questions while learning about the new 4-H year! Sign up by calling the Sac County Extension Office at 712-662-7131 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu Must register!

4-H IS HANDS-ON LEARNING
Download the Sac County 4-H App!
You can now download the Sac County 4-H App on your mobile devices! It is available in your Google Play Store or in the Apple Store! Just search for “Sac County 4-H” and select Install! Keep up to date at your fingertips! You can enroll in 4-H from your smart phone or iPad!

Archived Newsletters
If you have misplaced a 4-H newsletter or have deleted it by accident, don’t worry! Go to https://www.extension.iastate.edu/sac/4h and on the right hand side of the website you will find all of the 4-H newsletters that have been archived for the past year!

Healthy Living Challenge
For those clubs participating in the healthy living club challenge don’t forget to incorporate these things into your monthly club meetings!

- WATER — drink water at the meeting—add sugar free packets or infuse fruit, veggies or herbs—75 miles
- FRUIT & VEGETABLES—serve fruit or veggies as part of a snack or with your meal—100 miles
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY—get moving for 10-15 minutes—125 miles

Watch the website for bonus challenges—https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge

4-H Scholarships Available
The Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications for the 4-H scholarship program are available November 20, 2018 through February 1, 2019. 4-H members are strongly encouraged to read and follow the helpful hints and instructions that are on the 4-H Foundation Scholarship webpage. Applications can be submitted online. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Mary Clancy by email or phone (712) 830-1321.

4-H Volunteer Training
Join 4-H leaders from across Sac County in an interactive, hands on training that will help volunteers explore the role they can play in helping foster independence in our 4-H youth. By supporting youth to foster independence, we are providing opportunities for youth to develop life skills such as self-discipline, responsibility and decision-making.

During this training, 4-H leaders will define independence and the role they play in fostering independence in 4-H youth. In addition, leaders will discuss and share resources that can be used with 4-H youth throughout the year. This training is part of the statewide leader training and will be held on Monday, February 25th from 6:30pm-8pm at the Sac County Extension Office.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Please register by contacting the Sac County Extension Office by February 18th!
DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants Available

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Funding has been secured to offer DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for the 2018-19 4-H year. Applications are due to the Sac County Extension and Outreach Office by Jan. 16, 2019. Decision letters should be sent by mid-April. If awarded, checks from the Iowa 4-H Foundation will be enclosed with the letter. Award letters will explain needed Report details. Reports for 2018-19 awarded grants are due to the Sac County Extension office no later than Oct 2, 2019. For more information visit Pioneer Seed Grants https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants

AgOvation

Visit the AgOvation webpage to learn about the new AgOvation program, including a toolbox of staff resources to get started. AgOvation is a competition that challenges youth to explore and develop innovative solutions to agricultural problems that they identify in their own communities. Registration opens soon for this new state-wide program. Sac County will have a team so please sign up!

NEW Coop Scholarship

NEW Cooperative Foundation is once again awarding five $2,000 scholarships for the 2018-19 academic school year. To qualify, students must be a dependent of a NEW Coop member or full-time employee. They must be enrolling in an ag major at a 4-year university or a 2-year college with an ag transfer program. This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors, college freshman, sophomores and juniors. Applications are available online at www.newcoop.com under the About Us tab, NEW Coop Foundation. Applications are due by March 1, 2019. For more information or questions please contact Gary Moritz at 515-955-9034 or email gmoritz@newcoop.com

Program Development Fee

The Program Development Fee (Enrollment Fee) will be $30 per member again this year. The Extension Council and the 4-H Endowment will be donating a total of $20 per member. Check with your club leader to see if you owe the $10 or if your club is paying the $10.

Contributions to the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign provide funds for youth who need financial assistance to pay the member fee for club and individual participation in the Iowa 4-H Youth program. These funds are intended to provide an opportunity for youth who otherwise would be financially unable to register as club or individual members in 4-H. Applications are reviewed each quarter on a first come basis until funds are expended. Application form and instructions can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/program_fee

Landus Cooperative Scholarship

High school seniors pursuing a career in agriculture, life sciences, or ag-related fields are invited to apply for the Landus Cooperative 2018-2019 Excellence in Agriculture scholarship. Landus will award five $2,000 scholarships for any accredited post-secondary program. Applications are available online at www.landuscooperative.com/about/resources or at any Landus Cooperative location. Applications must be returned by January 31, 2019. Any questions contact 515-817-2168 or Alyssa.Hemesath@landuscooperative.com
Market Beef Weigh-In

The market beef weigh-in will be held Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 1-3pm at the Harold Peyton farm near Lytton. All market beef to be shown by 4-H and FFA members at the Sac County Fair must be weighed-in and identified. State Fair will be using the retinal imaging machine, which will only cost $5. If you are wanting to show at Ak-Sar-Ben you must go to their website and order those nominating supplies. County Offices will NO longer be able to process any of the Ak-Sar-Ben information. Their website is—www.aksarbenstockshow.com Please listen to KAYL 101.7 for any changes due to the weather. We will again be having the Beef Pen of 3 again this year. They must be weighed-in on January 5th! To be eligible to show at the Sac County Fair you must be in 4th grade or have completed 4th grade and to be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben you must be in 5th grade or have completed 5th grade.

Cost: County Only - Free
County & State Fair - $5.00

Beef Bonanza

The Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza is on February 2 at ILCC in Emmetsburg, IA. Participants will learn about calving with the ISU calving simulator, develop skills in judging and scoring cattle, and prepare beef safely. The Beef Bonanza is for grades 4th-12th grade is runs from 9:45am—3pm. Registration deadline is January 24th.

Junior 4-H Lock-In

The County Council has been busy planning for the junior lock-in that is scheduled for February 22-23 at the Sac Community Rec Center in Sac City. This lock-in is for all 4th-6th graders! Mark your calendars!! A registration flier can be found in this month's newsletter!

2019 Livestock Updates

Go and check out the 4-H 202 for all of your livestock information—It can be found at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194 —Lots of NEW information in this!

Breeding Beef—ALL heifers will need a tattoo entered in 4h online plus one of the following—registration #, calfhood vaccination # or official 4-H ear tag (only CYC can put this ear tag in)

Dairy Cattle—2 of 3 ID’s required—tattoo/ear tag# (DHIA official ID acceptable), registration # (all levels of registry), photos

ALL AK-SAR-BEN entries will need to go thru AK-SAR-BEN website for ID materials, no longer thru county office

Horse—Halter class horses MUST be owned cannot be leased
State Fair—no pony showmanship class, no mini horse driving & obstacle driving class, 9-12 grade

English walk/trot—will split into grades 9&10, 11/12

Meat Goat—birth date field required in 4h online, no clipping or shearing in the barn at the State Fair

Sheep—State Fair—if less than 5 head are entered will show in “all other breeds”, New Class—pedigree wether dam all breeds accepted. Animals must be registered with papers presented at check-in, classification will be based off of registration papers. Born after Jan 1st, slick-shorn, classes will be split; White-face—add south down lambs; speckled-face—white-breed influence/speckled face include piebald lambs

Swine—use declared weigh system again

YQCA—due by July 1st!!

More information on the State Livestock Homepage under 2019 Livestock Updates!
YQCA Information

Below are steps to help you get your YQCA training or testing for those that are showing livestock at the fair—beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit and goats.

* Youth Age January 1st of the Current Year
  8-11 year olds—must complete training (Junior)  
  12-14 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Intermediate)  
  15-18 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Senior)  
  19-21 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Young Adult)

**Contact Steph to get your coupon code before taking the training. If you are testing out you will need to have 3 coupon codes so let me know if you are testing or training.

• Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io — if you have an account in 4-H Online select to sign in with 4Honline. You will be prompted to select a state, then enter your login information for your 4-H online account. After successfully logging in, you will be given a list of Active family members. Select a family member and start the account creation process. Do not sign in on the FFA sign in side. FFA members will need to contact Steph Erpelding.

• Go ahead and fill in the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate when you are on the create account. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger. Email entered for a member that is 12 or younger, must be that of a parent or guardian.

• Check to make sure in the upper right corner of the screen under my account that you are in the correct account.

• Select the Web-Based Training for the age group (as of January 1, 2019) that you need. Select purchase the course.

• NOTE — if you are 13 years old as of January 1, 2019 you CANNOT test out you must take the training, only those that are 12, 15 and 19 as of January 1, 2019 have the test out option.

• Each web-based training will cost $12

• Enter the coupon code in the gift card section and select Apply

• Select Purchase Course and then select Go to Course

• You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification

• Select a knowledge builder and skills to gain knowledge and test your skill.—Your status will show throughout to track your progress.

• Return to course menu screen to print certification after all quizzes have been passed.

• You can download as a PDF to save locally and this is also the time to email the certificate to Steph Erpelding via screen shot to 712/790-3350 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu.

4-H 202 Livestock ID & Show Requirements

The revised 4H 202 document is available in the Extension Store. This is THE publication livestock families need to know about and have in hand! Please make sure to print this for all of your livestock questions!

Need to Enroll in 4honline

| Freese, Faith | De La O, Juliana |
| Corbin, Emily | De La O, Xavier |
| Snyder, Gracie | De La O, Yesenia |
| Wheeler, Chance | Frazier, JD |
| Wheeler, Wyatt | McCleary, Keegan |
| Blum, Brayden | Thayer, Aleisha |
| Blum, Dawson | Thayer, Breten |
| Richards, Serenity | Thayer, Denae |
| Wiskus, Addison | Thayer, Lola |
| Adams, Elia | Ludwig, Emily |
| Rench, Kylee | McCollough, Anna |
| McDaniel, Izabella | McCollough, Cal |
| Chedester, Calvin | Mogensen, Matthew |
| Chedester, Collin | Meredith, Emma |
| Chedester, Lola | Schroeder, Jaron |
| Schulz, Morgan | Tegels, Carly |
| Schulz, Mylie | Tegels, Connor |
| Wernimont, Joshua | Wernimont, Luke |