Snow, snow and more snow! Spring will get here eventually! There have been a lot of club meetings in March and I love hearing about all of the wonderful presentations led by the 4-H members! Don’t forget, those demonstrations/presentations could easily be an Educational Presentation or a Working Exhibit at the fair! There are quite a few of very important dates in this month’s newsletter that need to be written in your family’s calendar! We WILL be having the derby swine show at the fair this year and with that brings the weigh-in which will be April 13th from 9-10am at the fairgrounds.

If you have not enrolled in 4honline please do so ASAP! Thank you for all that you do to make this a very successful program!

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.

### Sac County Extension Upcoming Programs:

Watch for an opportunity for our youth to sew their own seeds and get their garden started in a greenhouse with a master gardener!

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.
Tractor Registration

The Antique Tractor Restoration Program, sponsored by Titan Tire, is receiving applications for 2019. 4-H and FFA members can register to receive donations of front or rear tires while supplies last. There are new limits for the number of tires 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and individual members can be awarded. See the program flyer and application for details. Find out more information by visiting the Iowa 4-H Tractor project webpage or the Titan Tire webpage.

Rabbit Carrier Workshop

A rabbit carrier workshop will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the Extension Office starting at 1:00PM. Single carriers are $18; Double carriers are $31; Small triple carriers at $31; Standard triple carriers are $34 and Giant single carriers are $26. Handles are available for $1.25/handle. Please register by March 20th by sending your money to the Ida County Extension Office to 209 1/2 Moorehead Ave Ida Grove, IA 51445. Please also call 712-364-3003 to reserve your spot today!

Record Book Tip

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 months of October—February! Grab a market and/or breeding animal project worksheet and begin by keeping track of feed records, expenses incurred since it was born or since you bought the animal, fill in tag #, birth date, weigh-in weight and etc. Record Book forms can be found on our website or at the Sac County Extension and Outreach office.

Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition

Youth ages 10-18, with an interest in the dairy industry are encouraged to participate in the 2019 Youth Dairy Coalition hosted in Dyersville by the Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University March 29-30. Check out the 2019 YDC Youth Letter for more information. To register, download and send in the registration form and parental permission agreement by March 8th. Contact Ashley Schwartzhoff with questions.

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.

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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!

AgOvation

Visit the AgOvation webpage to learn about the new AgOvation program. AgOvation is a competition that challenges youth to explore and develop innovative solutions to agricultural problems that they identify in their own communities. Registration is now open and the deadline has been extended! Sac County would like to have a team so call or email Steph to get your name on the list! 712-662-7131 or erpeldin@iastate.edu.

Derby Swine Info

Derby Swine Weigh-in for the Sac County Fair will be held on April 13th from 9-10am at the Sac County fairgrounds. 4-H and FFA members can identify up to 10 pigs. No weight limit. Suggested weight of 55-75 pounds. The Sac County Pork Producers will be giving away a total of $250 in prize money at the fair this year! Please bring two individuals to handle the pigs to and from the trailer and the scale. We will have plastic

What is the State Council Up To?

Several council committees have been busy throughout the month of February making planning decisions for the Youth Conference! The Keynote Committee has successfully lined up their two keynote speakers, the Food, Housing & Registration Committee is working on banquet entertainment ideas and the Promotion Committee has completed the conference logo and promotional brochure. Council members are also looking into the possibility of implementing a conference app for delegates and chaperones to use during the conference. We are gearing up for our final retreat March 16-17 at Clover Woods where final conference planning will take place just in time for registration to open on March 20th. We are excited to begin promotion and recruitment following our March retreat!

Horse Clinic

The Sac County Horseshoes are hosting a clinic at the Sac County Fairgrounds Saturday May 18th starting at 9am. Bring your horse and lunch will be available. They will have a couple of speakers.

4-H Animal Science Roundup

4-H youth wanting to attend the June 25-27 4-H Animal Science Roundup must submit an application and be selected. 20 youth will be selected in each of the following species: Beef, Dairy, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Sheep, and Swine. Roundup is held during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference on the ISU Campus. Application deadline is April 15 with ALL applicants being notified by May 1. Follow the website below to find out more information and to apply—https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup
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](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!

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Richards, Serenity  Wiskus, Addison  Huisenga, Ayden
Wheeler, Chance      McCleary, Keegan   Wheeler, Wyatt

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