April showers will bring May flowers and the sun will bring a busy spring! Spring is one of my favorite times of year with the grass becoming green and daffodils and tulips blooming and the rest of the plants sprouting thru the soil! This is also the time that the fairbook starts coming together and all of the fair forms are sent out to the leaders. Please look in the newsletter for information about swine weigh-in, sheep weigh-in, and lots more! There are lots of fun and exciting workshops coming up for the summer. Please stay in touch by reading the newsletter!

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.
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.

Community Service Opportunity

The Sac Museum is going to have some outdoor cleanup and painting days on Saturday April 27 and May 4. They will start at 9:00 AM those days, and go to whenever makes sense job-wise and weather-wise. This group will be working well into the afternoon as long as the weather cooperates! These projects are open to any of the Sac County 4-H’ers and their families! If you would like to learn more about this or have questions feel free to contact Lance Wilhelm at 515-520-0257.

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.

2019 State Fair 4-H Market Broiler Entry Open

Entries are made through Fair Entry system. You can find a Help Sheet and Entry link on the Iowa 4-H livestock webpage. Entries are due May 1st!!

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Good Luck to our Livestock Quiz Bowl team competing on Saturday April 13th in Ames! The team consists of Kenzee Wunschel, Kyler Wunschel, Grace Naberhaus, Hannah Grieme and Klay Grieme.

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’ers for 4-H**

4-H’ers investing in 4-H’ers. This is the essence of the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign, sponsored each year by the State 4-H Council. The campaign raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the Iowa 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign. This year, the State 4-H Council has set a goal of $31,000 with a suggested $3 per member donation. We also want every county in Iowa to participate! YOU can help grow 4-H in Iowa! Club Donation Forms and contributions should be sent to the Sac County office by May 15. Sac County would like to see 100% participation by every club again this year!!! The Early Achievers 4-H Club is challenging the other clubs to donate more than $3 per member! They have voted to donate $6.50 per member. Are you up for the challenge?

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**Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In**

All market lambs and commercial ewes to be shown at the 2019 Sac County Fair must be weighed-in Saturday, May 4th from 9-11am at the Sac County Fairgrounds. The sheep and meat goats showing at the Iowa State Fair will need to have their Retinal Image taken. If you have any questions please contact the Sac County Extension Office 712/662-7131.

**Cost:**
- County Only - no cost
- Retinal Images - $5

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**Swine Information**

**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 boots available also!

**State Fair Swine** — Families must come in to the Extension Office and pick up $8 DNA tags, a tagger, and a DNA envelope (one envelope per 4-H member). Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair. 4-H’er returns home, tags each pig, puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs, writes down tag numbers on back of DNA envelope, signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns the tagger and DNA envelopes to the Extension Office by May 15th. 4-H’er then inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under “Swine (not weighed in)” animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) by May 15th.

**County Fair Swine**—Families must come in to the Extension Office and pick up the free tags and a tagger. 4-H’er returns home, tags each pig by May 15th. 4-H’er then returns tagger to the Extension Office and then 4-H’er inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under “Swine (not weighed in)” animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) by May 15th.

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**Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame**

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program and the Iowa 4-H Foundation are sponsoring the 17th annual Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair to recognize volunteers and staff who have exhibited outstanding service to the 4-H program. The individual or couple that is nominated is automatically a member in the Hall of Fame. Information and the nomination form can be found at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/recognition/iowa_4h_hall_of_fame/. Nominations, biographies and a photo is due to the Extension Office by May 31st!
**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!

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**2019 Crop Scouting Competition Reg. Open**

A fun, outdoor learning experience for youth interested in crops with prizes for the top teams. Come to win or come to learn, it’s fun for all! For more information and to register visit the [Crop Scouting webpage](#) or contact Maya Hayslett.

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**What is the State Council Up To?**

During this past March, the State Council had their spring retreat at Clover Woods to continue planning the 2019 State 4-H Conference. Council members designed t-shirts for the delegates and the State 4-H Council members. The members also split up into their conference planning committees such as promotion, keynote speaker, educational workshops, community service, recreation, food, registration and housing. We met and chose entertainment for the banquet, decided stage and banquet decorations, planned the lanyard colors for delegates, chaperones and State 4-H Council members. We also made the final decisions for the parent luncheon such as the meal and agenda. The council members also made the final decisions on keynote speakers, made adjustments to the closing ceremony and finalized the service project for all delegates. We left the spring retreat with promotion ideas and a new CYC Challenge! We are challenging counties to bring the most delegates and we have an award for the county with who brings the highest percentage increase in delegates from the past year. Stay tuned!

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**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.

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**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](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup)

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**4-H IS HANDS-ON LEARNING**
Reminder that the Sac County Soil Water Conservation District teams up with the Sac County 4-H’ers and offers a special photo class at the fair! The photos submitted must be of any conservation practices and can be submitted as a single photo or of a photo series. More information will be coming in the fairbook! 2019—anyone submitting a photo will be given a voucher for a free ice cream cone at the Ice Cream Shop on the Sac County Fairgrounds!

May 15th—ID Deadline

Again this year - we are asking 4-H exhibitors to identify their animals in 4HOnline. Remember that only animals identified can be shown at fair. Animals that need to be entered in 4HOnline include swine, cow/calf pairs, breeding beef (unless you already identified animal at Jan. weigh-in), sheep, horse, dairy cattle, bottle lambs, bucket/bottle calves, poultry, rabbits, pets, meat goats (breeding only), or dogs.

What to do to enter animals in 4HOnline:
1. Go to https://iowa.4honline.com and login like you did when you enrolled in 4-H.
2. Once you are in the program, find your name and click "Edit". That will take you to your Personal Information Screen. On that screen near the top of the page you will see a tab titled “Animals/Livestock”. Click on the tab.
3. There you will see a drop down box and any previously entered animals listed. Select the animal type you want to enter and click the "Add Animal" button.
4. Enter the information requested and click the “Save” button. All animal IDs must be submitted no later than May 15th at 11:59 PM. At midnight the program will shut down and the only animals you will be able to add after that are rabbits and poultry. Rabbits and poultry can be added until 11:59 PM on July 1st. Make sure that any animal that you plan to exhibit (with the exception of rabbits and poultry) is on the list before you close out!

- For Iowa State Fair market swine: You will need to come to the office and get your ear tags ($8 each) first and then complete the entry online. State Fair is now requiring ear notches along with the DNA punch tag.
- Horse Exhibitors: You will need to upload 4 photos (front view, rear view, left side view, and right side view) to complete your entry. If you have problems with this, please contact the Extension Office.
- For breeding beef: NEW for 2019 — You MUST enter a tattoo and then either a calf hood vaccination number, registration # or a 4-H ear tag #.
- For Dairy Exhibitors: NEW for 2019 — Must have 2 of 3 identifiers—tattoo/ear tag # or registration # or photos (2 total left and right side)

Junior Multi-County Trip

Inside the Newsletter is the flier for the Junior Multi-County Trip. If you have a 4-H’er that is interested in joining several 4-H’ers please complete the registration in the flier! $50 scholarships are available thru the Sac County 4-H Endowment to help cover some of the cost! Limited number of spots available!

Check Out the Summer Camp Flier and Register by calling the Sac County Extension Office at 712-662-7131 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu.
Bucket of Junk Contest Rules

1. Registration for the Bucket of Junk Project will run from April 4 – May 15, 2019.
2. Registered participants will be notified of the Bucket of Junk pick-up date and location.
3. There will be a limit of 1 bucket per 4-H family.
4. Each participant will receive 5 steel pieces that are uniform among all participants.
5. 75% of the items in the bucket of junk must be used to make the sculpture. No extra pieces may be added to the sculpture.
6. All items of junk may be cleaned, sanded, welded, cut, bolted, fastened, bent, shaped, or finished in any manner the sculptor desires.
7. The sculpture may be welded by a parent. If a parent welds the sculpture the project will be judged as a Visual Arts project (Class 10304).
8. If the 4-H’er welds the sculpture the project may be judged as Science, Engineering and Technology (Welding - Class 10601) and Visual Arts (Class 10304).
9. If you choose to enter the sculpture as a project, don’t forget to fill out a goal card.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Sac County Extension and the providers of the junk are not responsible for any accidents.

I, ________________________, assume all responsibility for the Bucket of Junk project when ISU Extension and Outreach, Sac County releases the Bucket of Junk to my possession.

Signature (must be over 18) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Address __________________________________________

Email ___________________________________________ Phone # ___________________________
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 Youth Conference Registration Open!

Registration for the 2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is now open until June 1st. The State 4-H Council is proud to present a “Universe of Possibilities” at this year’s conference. All youth in grades 8th-12th are eligible to register for this fun-filled leadership conference, June 25-27 on ISU campus in Ames, IA. From keynote speakers to educational workshops and from a formal banquet to service learning, youth will be able to meet others from around the state and experience new opportunities. Register online. Contact Haley Jones hjones@iastate.edu with any questions. More information will be sent in the mail soon!
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