Here we go!!!

We are heading into a time, where all I can ask of all our 4-H families is patience and kindness! We are in the final months of having our wonderful Office Assistant of 20+ years. Anita Jeltema will be retiring May 1st! We have been so spoiled to have her for so many years and we will miss her dearly, but she is super excited to be a full time grandma in the years to come! Congratulations to Anita!

Now I’m sure you get why I am asking for kindness and patience… this transition will mean Jackie and I are the team until we hire another member of the Sioux County Team! This transition will not be perfectly smooth, as no transitions are, but we will do our best to have our families not even notice!

What our team will look like in the future is as follows:

Katie —> County Youth Coordinator (4-H)
Jackie —> 1/2 time Office Assistant (Anita’s role)
?? —> K-3 Educator (Clover Kid Queen/King)

Our future office will be a bit different, but we think it is the best decision for all of the team! We are excited for the future of all our Youth Programs :)

Now onto more 4-H News:

- PLUNGE!
- Livestock Weigh-Ins
- Sioux County 4-H App is here!
- Summer Camps Registration
- And So Much More!

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PLUNGE! into 4-H

Inspire Success. Launch Creativity. Ignite Responsibility. Expand Opportunities.

April 26-27, 2019
Camp Foster—YMCA
Spirit Lake, IA
Open to All Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th grade) Youth!
$60 per Youth (Cost includes Lodging, Food & All Activities)
Please note refunds will not be given unless the camp is canceled.

Things to Note:
- Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 26.
- Eat supper BEFORE you arrive on Friday.
- Breakfast & Lunch will be provided Saturday.
- Pick up by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Join us for Archery, Riflery, Dragon Course, Gaga Ball, Team Building Challenges, Camp Games, Campfires, Service Projects & More!

REGISTER ONLINE by April 24:
https://form.jotform.com/4Hregion1/4-h-plunge-2019
No computer? No problem. Stop into your local ISU Extension and Outreach office and we’ll help get you signed up!

Questions? Call or email your local ISU Extension and Outreach County Youth Coordinator:
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Clay: Amy Forrette · 712-262-2264 · forrette@iastate.edu
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2019 Important Dates

Sioux County Youth Fair: July 16-22, 2019
Deadlines:
4-H Online Animal identification: May 15
FairEntry Livestock Entry: June 15
FairEntry Static Entry: July 11

WEIGH-INS

Derby Swine Weigh-in
Will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on April 13 at the Sioux County Fairgrounds. We will be using USDA tags for the weigh-in. If State DNA tags are available, we will have those at the weigh-in also. If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at 712-737-4230.

Swine Identification
All swine need to have the USDA tag (as pictured on the right) or need to have ear notches entered into 4HOnline by May 15th. If you identify your animals with Swine DNA tags for State Fair, you will also need the ear notches entered into the identification. IDALS isn’t recognizing the DNA tags as official. Remember to identify your animals with the three letters followed by the four numbers on the tag in 4-H Online!

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In
Market Sheep and Goat Weigh-in will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Sioux County Fair Grounds. More information to come later!
IT’S HERE!!!

Sioux County 4-H App Available to ALL!!!

The free Sioux County Iowa 4-H app is now available on all of your Android & iOS devices. You will be able to find everything you need to know about our Sioux County 4-H Youth program, including the Scoop, fair book, 4HOnline, FairEntry and much more!

FAIR BOOK UPDATES

The fair schedule and livestock rules have been updated on our website. PLEASE check the schedule, as there have been some changes to the timing of shows due to the loss of the race track. Also, check the rules for each species that you will be showing. While there have been very few major changes, it doesn’t hurt for you to review the rules that have been put in place. Click here to access the book.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Livestock Location Form

Livestock location will no longer be a question to answer in FairEntry. A Livestock Location Form is available on our website here that will need to be filled out ONLY if your livestock are at a different location than your home address.

This form DUE to the Extension Office by May 15.
YQCA—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Say goodbye to FSQA and hello to YQCA!

Online Modules are taking the place of the face to face trainings & testing out options for all Livestock Exhibitors (exception Horses & Dogs). The new program takes about an hour to complete. If you don’t have a full hour, you can leave and come back to the course and pick up where you left off.

To exhibit in the 2019 Sioux County Youth Fair, 4-H’er must complete before June 15th.

For 2019: All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following:

- Beef
- Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

Youth who completed FSQA test-out option previously will be granted certification through their respective expiration date

YQCA Links and Instructions

YQCA Youth Login with 4Honline username and password
https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

Member Online Certification Help Sheet
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf

YQCA Learning Objectives

Find out more about YQCA by visiting their Homepage: yqca.org

COUPONS AVAILABLE!

While YQCA can be done at home, the cost for this program is $12 per member, per year. To help defray these costs, $6.00 coupons, sponsored by the Sioux County 4-H Endowment will be available to any 4-H’er who wants it.

Please contact Katie at kleusink@iastate.edu or 712-737-4230 for information as to how to obtain the coupon code.
Spring is here! Which means...summer is just around the corner. Below is a listing of the Northwest Iowa Summer Camps that will be happening this year. The dates below are just the dates the camps will be held in Sioux County. The same camps will be held in Cherokee, Lyon, O’Brien and Osceola counties. Camp booklets will be distributed in the schools the second week in March. To sign up for the camps, register and pay online go to nwiasummercamps.fairentry.com after March 11 and log in with your 4HOnline email and password!
2019 4-H CONNECT RETREAT

4-H CONNECT RETREAT
- April 26-28, 2019 -

The 4-H Connect Retreat provides multicultural youth in grades 8-11 the opportunity to connect their culture with Iowa 4-H and Iowa State University while making connections with youth from other cultures across Iowa. Youth participants will gather to experience 4-H Healthy Living, STEM, Leadership & Civic Engagement, and Communication & the Arts workshops through a cultural perspective.

The 4-H Connect Retreat is held on Iowa State University campus and Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Join us for a weekend of cultural celebration, learning and leadership experiences, and FUN!

Iowa State University Campus and Clover Woods

- Experience 4-H and Iowa State University
- Develop New Skills, Interests and Friendships
- Celebrate and Share Your Culture with Others

Registration available through 4HOnline. Contact your local County Extension Office for more details.  http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/connect
4-H Youth Conference is for ALL youth that have completed 8th grade or older. You’ll 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. There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussions, 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! Click here for the application. **DUE APRIL 15!** Round-up attendees cannot attend a species more than once and MUST complete the Round-Up Registration in the Final Species for which they were selected at Round Up.

This annual conference will be held this year from June 25-27, 2019. Registration will open March 20. For more information on the conference check out:

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

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**2019 Aviation Exploration**

**THE SKY’S THE LIMIT**

Thursday, April 25th is your chance to explore the world of Aviation

♦ Take to the skies & ride in an airplane
♦ Learn about Careers in aviation
♦ Learn about the Science of flying

Register by April 12, 2019 by contacting:

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**Sioux County Office Hours:**
M-Th: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon by chance or appointment

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