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I post updates, deadlines and pictures from events here.
Another source for important information!

Calendar of Events

Mar. 1  Friends of 4-H Scholarship deadline for Seniors
Mar. 4  Jr.First Lego Team, 5-7 PM, SWCC Tech Bldg. II
Mar. 7  Extension Council Meeting
Mar. 7  Annie’s Project, 6-9 PM, SWCC Ag Site
Mar. 8  Friends of 4-H Meeting, 6:00 PM, Extension Office
Mar. 10  Creston Clover Kids, 4-5 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church
Mar. 10  Fairboard Meeting, 8:00 PM, Fairgrounds cookshack
Mar. 15  Ron A. Simpson Scholarships deadline for Seniors
Mar. 30  SPIN Event, Beauty products with Mindy Skarda, 5:30 PM, SWCC
Apr. 2  State Recognition Interview Day in Ames
Apr. 13  FSQA Training, 5:30-7:30 PM, SWCC Ag Site
Apr. 16  Swine Weigh-in, 8:00 AM-Noon, fairgrounds
Apr. 16  FSQA Training, 1:00-3:00 PM, SWCC Ag Site
Apr. 17  Sheep/Goat Weigh-in, 8:00-Noon, fairgrounds
March Club Meetings

- **3 Mile Sharp Shooters:** Mar. 6th, 4:30 PM, Family Fun Center
- **Highland Highlights and Clover Kids:** Mar. 13th, check FB page for details
- **Horse and Riders:** Mar. 6th, 4:30 PM, Family Fun Center
- **Pleasant Valley Explorers and Clover Kids:** Mar. 13th, 5:00 PM, Afton Community Center
- **New Hope Boosters and Clover Kids:** Mar. 13th, 5:00 PM, 3 Mile
- **Sand Creek Pioneers and Clover Kids:** Mar. 6th, 4:30 PM, Family Fun Center
- **Wiggles and Wags and Clover Kids:** Mar. 21st, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
- **Douglas Boosters and Clover Kids:** Mar. 6th, 5:00 PM, Cromwell Church
- **Lincoln United and Clover Kids:** Mar. 4th, 4:30 PM, Family Fun Center & Mar. 14th, 6:00 PM, GRMC
- **Union County Achievers:** Mar. 20th, 1:30 PM, Extension Office
- **Youth Council:** TBD

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**County-Wide T-shirt, NEW! Pick them up at the office!**

Based on your feedback this past fall regarding county-wide shirts, the consensus is to move towards a county-wide shirt. **Beginning with the Union County Fair 2016 all 4-Hers (4th-12th graders) will be expected to wear the traditional, green 4-H T-shirt while in the show ring or during static exhibit judging.**

*Horse exhibitors will continue to follow the dress code as described in the 4-H fair book.*

The idea of a county-wide 4-H shirt is to showcase ourselves as 4-H with the traditional, green shirt that everyone knows to be 4-H. The shirt can also be worn year after year, passed down to siblings, shared among other 4-Hers in the county and is relatively inexpensive.

The cost of the shirt is $7.00. Shirts are available at the extension office for pick up.

Clubs are certainly welcome to design their own club t-shirts that can be worn throughout the year, during the county fair while not showing or being judged, at roadside cleanups, etc.
Friends of 4-H Solicitations

Solicitation letters were sent out in the mail last week. If you would like to contribute to the various 4-H related activities then see the attached letter and donation form. Money donated goes toward:

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4-Her Spotlight

Each month I will be choosing two 4-Hers, one from the Creston area and one from the Afton area, to do a brief spotlight on for the area newspapers. Watch for 4-Hers in the news! March spotlights are Riley Beard of the Lincoln United and Rakenzy Pryor from the Horse and Riders.
Swine, Sheep & Goat Info

Swine Info:

Weigh-in: Saturday, April 16th from 8:00 AM to Noon in the Swine Barn at the fairgrounds.

ALL pigs are required to weigh-in. (Market, Carcass, Gilts, Commercial, everything). Swine must weigh 100 lbs. or less at Spring weigh-in to be shown at the county fair.

NEW for Carcass Class:

Live placings will be done during the show, then carcass hogs will be dismissed from grounds following the show and butchered and carcasses hung and evaluated for carcass results. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to go to Weaver’s Locker to view the carcass hangings and go over data before the sale. The carcass results and winner will not be announced until the sale on Thursday of fair. A money bonus from Weaver’s Locker will be given to the crowd member during the sale who predicts which 4-Her had the winning carcass hog.

Reminders:

1 pen per exhibitor due to limited space in the barn. Committee will determine pen assignments based on July 1st numbers for county fair.

A maximum of 10 pigs can be weighed in at Spring weigh-in.

A maximum of 6 pigs can be exhibited at county fair.

Sheep/Goat Info:

Weigh-in: Sunday, April 17th from 8:00 AM- Noon at the fairgrounds.

What needs to attend weigh-in? Market sheep, State Fair market and breeding sheep for retinal imaging, market goats, State Fair market and breeding goats for retinal imaging.

NEW Sheep Class: Speckled Face Class, Market Class Only!

The speckled face division for market lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears, and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose (see picture below). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. Judgement will be made by the committee at the scale.

Must be a minimum of 3 speckled faces to make a class and will not be divided into Homeraised or Purchased. Speckled faces can be shown in Pen of 3. Committee will combine speckled face and white face classes if lack of numbers at July 1st.

NEW Goat Class: Pen of 3

- Individual market goats may come from Pen of 3.

Updates:

- Breeding Ewes will be shown by weight NOT dates. They do not need to attend April weigh-in, only the county fair weigh-in.
- An exhibitor is allowed to bring up to 6 meat goats total (maximum 4 market).
- Ornamental goats can be shown in the Small Pet Show. This would include: pygmy, fainting, miniature silkies, etc.
Financial Assistance Available

There is financial assistance available to 4-Hers for the $30.00 fee from the State. Simply reach out to me and I can give you the application to fill out and then I will send it in to the State. Every year we have several 4-Hers who utilize this assistance.

Friends of 4-H Grant Application Opportunity

Our local Friends of 4-H foundation has created a NEW grant opportunity for 4-Hers and 4-H clubs/groups for the new 4-H year! This grant was piloted by the Small Animal Committee this past spring where they were able to buy 40 new small animal cages for the barn at the fairgrounds. These cages were filled with rabbits at this past county fair.

Applications are available at the extension office.
FSQA Training

Union, Clarke & Adair Counties

Food Safety Quality Assurance
is a required training for Beef, Sheep, Dairy/Dairy Goat, Swine, Meat Goat, Poultry & Rabbit Exhibitors

Grades 4th-6th
Must attend the training each year

Grades 7th-9th
Attend training each year or
Complete the Intermediate test (good until 10th grade)

Grades 10th-12th
Attend training each year or
Complete the Senior test (good until age 20)

Training & Testing Options
Choose one date to attend.
All attendees will participate in a variety of hands on sessions.

Participants have the option to attend the entire session and test out afterwards.

Dates:
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
5:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, April 16, 2016
1:00-3:00 PM.

Location:
Southwestern Community College · Ag Site
1501 W. Townline Street
Creston, Iowa 50801

Space is limited!
Please RSVP at least two days prior to the event to:
Union County Extension– 641-782-8426

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4-H SPIN Events

SPecial INterest workshops, tours and events to spark an interest in something new!
For 4th-12th Grade 4-Hers
Sign up with the extension office for any or all of these events!
641-782-8426/hjones@iastate.edu

September/October– KSIB Radio
Wednesday, September 30th, 3:00-4:00 PM
Try your hand at talking on the radio! Get a tour of KSIB and write a short, 4-H related PSA with help from the staff at KSIB. Your PSA will be played on the radio during National 4-H Week in October.

November– Knitting Club
Tuesday, November 10th, 5:30-6:30 PM
Learn how to knit a scarf with the knitting club! Open to all experience levels. Walk away with enough material to knit your scarf! Located at the backside of MSM Logistics, N. Pine Street, Creston. Charge $5.00 per person.

December– Hy-Vee Cooking Demo
Saturday, December 5th, 10:00-11:00 AM
Start with a tour of Hy-Vee and end with a fun cooking demonstration put on by the Hy-Vee dietician! Learn how easy and quick a healthy meal can be.

January– Gibson Memorial Library
Monday, January 11th, 6:30-8:00 PM
Come check out the library with a tour followed by several craft activities using old books and newspapers! These projects would make great county fair static exhibits!

February– Insect Zoo from ISU,
Wednesday, February 17th, 5:00-6:30 PM, Afton Community Center
Get a true, hands on experience with insects of ALL shapes and sizes with Ginny from the Insect Zoo! Complete with artwork using live insects! Limit of 30 kids (K-12)
Charge: $5.00 per person

March– At Home Beauty Products with Mindy Skarda, TBD

April– Dunphy Farms-Poultry
Friday, April 22nd, TBD
Get a tour of a poultry facility that raises 53,000 broilers right here in Union County! This tour might interest you in the new Market Broiler Project at the county fair!

May– Maurices Fashion Workshop, TBD

June– Milk Unlimited Dairy Farm Tour, Atlantic, IA, TBD
County-wide 4-H Knitting Project

The Union County 4-H program received a donation of yarn from a 4-H enthusiast and so we are going to turn the yarn into a 4-H project!

For any experience level! No costs involved!

- The Knitting Club in Creston will assist the 4-Hers (4th-12th) in the project
- Each 4-Her will be able to knit an 8 inch square using colors of their choice
- The 4-Her will be able to embroider their name into their square as well
- All the squares will be crocheted together at the end to make an Afghan blanket
- The Afghan blanket will be displayed at the Union County Fair and either donated or auctioned off at the sale

How do I get involved?

Contact the extension office at hjones@iastate.edu or 641-782-8426 to sign up. Then show up to Knitting Club on ANY Tuesday beginning February 2nd, between 2:00-6:00 PM at MSM Logistics (301 N. Pine St. in Creston) to work on your square!