Dear 4-H Families,

Warm Winter Wishes! As we are stuck inside on many of these chilly days, take this opportunity to look through and read your 4-H Project Hot Sheets located at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects. You will find great ideas for that club presentation you have to give this year. You may also find that inspiration for this year’s fair project. Imagine the possibilities of starting a fair project in February!!

Good luck on project work. Let me know how I can help!

Debbie Ewing, CYC

AWARD DONORS NEEDED:

- Top 4 Individual Market Beef Trophy
- Top 5 Individual Market Beef Trophy
- Angus Heifer Champion Banner
- Angus Heifer Reserve Champion Banner
- Halter Horse Reserve Champion Banner
- Halter Pony Reserve Champion Banner
- Pen of 3 Market Lambs Reserve Champion Trophy
- Horse Walk/Trot Trophy (2)

Call the Extension Office if you, or someone you know is interested in donating. 641-872-1755
FSQA Training Set

When: **February 27**
Where: Wayne HS Lunchroom
Time: registration begins at 6 pm, sessions will start promptly at 6:30 pm

Who needs to attend - all 4th-6th graders that may show cattle (market/breeding/dairy), sheep (market/breeding), goats (meat and dairy), swine (market/breeding), rabbits and poultry.

7th - 12 graders may attend the training or take the exam. The exam will be available at club meetings (listed on calendar, pg 7) or an appointment can be made with the Extension Office.

Livestock Changes

**State Change**

**Change in meat goat ID rule:**

The ID rule has been tweaked to allow a permanent tattoo. State Fair meat goat breeding does, a 4-H tag OR permanent tattoo will be accepted. A birthdate is required. Retinal images are not required for breeding does; only market wethers.

**FYI**

In order to make any rule or class changes to the Wayne County fair it has to pass through several groups:

1) Fair Board
2) 4-H Committee
3) Extension Council (the governing body and final say)

**New Sheep/Goat rule:**

Wayne County is adopting this new Iowa State Fair rule:

All animals must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable.

**Possible changes** (these have not yet been approved)

- **Derby Swine** - cancelled due to lack of participation
- **Swine carcass class** - scored on ultrasound results, all members may submit one pig, must show hog in live show
- **Meat goat buck class** - would be like other goat classes, 0-6 months, 6 months and older

**These changes have not yet been approved. Watch next months newsletter for confirmation.**
FSA Youth Project Loans

WHO QUALIFIES?
- Youth that have reached the age of 10 but have not reached age 21
- Resides in a rural community with a population less than 50,000
- Participates in FFA or 4-H

LOAN LIMITATIONS AND PURPOSES
- Loan amount cannot exceed $5,000
- Loan can be used to purchase market swine, market beef, market lambs, breeding livestock (modest, income producing, agriculture related projects)
- Loan proceeds can also be used for feed, vet expenses, crop inputs, etc.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?
- Completing the application
- Have parents complete “Parental Acknowledgement”
- Complete a brief description of your project
- Have advisor complete “Advisor Recommendation”
- Recordkeeping & Repaying the loan

LOAN RATES AND TERMS
- Locked interest rate
- January 2013 rate is 1.125%.
- Annual operating type purposes-1 year
- Breeding livestock- up to 7 years

WHO DO I CONTACT?
USDA, Farm Service Agency  Corydon, IA  641-872-2670
Sheryll Jones, Farm Loan Officer  Randall Nelson, Farm Loan Manager

SHEEP / MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

May 4  9am - 11am @ fair grounds

All market animals must attend; county only animals are FREE

State Fair animals ($5/hd) - all animals must be tagged and retinal imaged (meat goat does may use a tattoo as id)

Ak-Sar-Ben animals ($5/hd) - all animals will have DNA pulled

REMINDER: All reproductively intact sheep and goats, except wethers, require scrapie tags. This includes ewes, rams and does. ALL SHEEP TAGS AND STATE FAIR GOAT TAGS MUST BE IN THE ANIMALS EARS BEFORE WEIGH-INS. All county fair goat tags must be in to be shown at the fair. If you need more information, you may contact the Extension office.

OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
**LIVESTOCK INFORMATION**

**Animal Mortality Insurance**

Did you know your 4-H/FFA members can recover costs due to the death of their insured livestock?

Farm Bureau Financial Services wants to help protect their investments.

The Animal Mortality Insurance is tailored to short-term livestock ownership. Under this policy, each animal is insured for its cost or value in the event of an untimely death.

For your convenience an informational flier and application is available at www.fbfs.com/4handFFAanimal.

Applications can be sent to:
Farm Bureau Financial Services
Attn: Group Services
5400 University Avenue
West Des Moines, IA 50266-5997

If you have any questions regarding details and benefits of the Animal Mortality insurance policy call your local Farm Bureau Office.

**Show Animal Workshop**

When: Monday **February 25**, 2013
Where: Clarke Co High School, Osceola

Sign up before **February 20**
Clarke County Extension Office, Jennifer Pollard
641-342-3316  jpollard@iastate.edu

Pizza & Registration: 6:00 pm
Rotating 30 minute sessions: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
*Beef
*Lamb/goat
*Swine
*Small Animal: Rabbit/Poultry

Come learn from some local professionals about selection, daily care and management, basic nutrition, and feeding tips.

Chance to win great prizes!

FSQA “Test out” option 8:30 - 9:00 pm

**Little Hands on the Farm**

The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. They plant and harvest products, earn money at the market for their work, and then buy food at the grocery store. The children are asked to do chores on the farm, ranging from gathering an egg from the chicken coop, to planting a carrot or onion seed, then digging up an artificial vegetable, or picking an apple off a tree. They also get the chance to feed and milk a cow. The program helps kids connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way.

They are looking for clubs to volunteer to work a shift. This would be a great team building for your entire club or county.

The 2013 Iowa State Fair is August 8-18. In order for the exhibit to run smoothly it is necessary to have a minimum of 30 volunteers in the exhibit at all times. The “farm” is staffed daily from 8:30am - 8 pm. Each day is divided into three shifts.

Contact the Wayne County Extension Office if you are interested. 641-872-1755

**4-H PLEDGE**

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
Regional Opportunities

OMAHA ZOO JR. TRIP

How would you like to sleep under a 20 foot tree with free flying colorful birds or take part in an exploration station of the entire Omaha Zoo? 4-H members in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade have the opportunity to do just that on Wednesday, June 5th and Thursday June 6th at the Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, NE in the Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom Pavilion Exhibit.

Buses will leave in the morning on Wed. The afternoon will be spent at the Amazing Pizza Machine in Omaha where members can play games and enjoy a full pizza buffet.

Upon arrival at the zoo, members will spend the night in the Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom Building. Member can use the Exploration Station to explore the zoo through an interactive map and videos that preview some of the biggest highlights of the zoo such as the Scott Aquarium, Lied Jungle and more. There are also numerous animal displays and an interactive animal demonstration stage. The center of the Wild Kingdom Pavilion features a 20 foot high netted tree with free flying colorful birds. Below the tree features a water display with turtles, archer fish and much more. The members will get to view a movie in a 300 plus seat auditorium in the exhibit and have a special visitor during their stay. The exhibit is safari themed and deemed the “Trail Head” where visitors begin their wild adventure at Omaha’s Zoo!

The cost per 4-H Youth member is $135. The 4-H Committee does have money to help with this cost.

The payment includes: transportation, a RiiVtT pack from the Amazing Pizza Machine (unlimited buffet & beverages, 90 min of unlimited rides, video games & ticket games), entrance fee to the zoo, breakfast while at the zoo, and a t-shirt the member must wear upon reaching the zoo.

Members are responsible for lunch both Wed. and Thurs.

The trip does need chaperones, both male and female. Chaperone price is $85. If a parent is interested, please notify the Extension Office immediately. A full volunteer screening through our Risk Management process must be completed before the trip to qualify.

Call the Extension office for: Applications, Code of Ethics & Money is due into the Extension Office by Thursday, March 14, 2013.

YOUTH AVIATION 1/2 DAY CAMP

Who: Ages 9 - 12

Where: Chariton Municipal Airport

When: Sat. June 1

Time: 9 am - 12:45 pm (includes pizza lunch)

Cost: $5 per participant (free t-shirt and pizza!)

Call Extension Office for forms.

Registrations due May 9 Space is limited!!!

*Interact with pilots
*Make a flight plan
*Weather considerations in landing, runway lengths
*Instrument panel, altitude, speed, aerodynamics

*Traffic patterns, arrival and departure procedures

For more information call: Phyllis Bishop at 641-774-8271

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
REQUIRED LEADERS TRAINING

Date: February 26
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Courthouse meeting room

Join 4-H volunteers from across Wayne County in a fun, hands on training about Experiential Learning. “Learn By Doing” is an integral part of 4-H, but there is more to Experiential Learning than just “doing”. Supportive, caring adults help youth move beyond the “doing” to reflect on and apply the learning experience to similar or different situations. By practicing and utilizing the experiential learning model, volunteers are able to help youth look back at their experience critically, determine what was useful or important to remember, and apply the new information to real life situations.

As a part of the training, volunteers will design and build boats – then see how long the boats float as they load them down with “cargo”. Staff will guide volunteers through the experiential learning model processing questions. Volunteers will get a chance to see if they can improve their boat designs and reflect and apply what they’ve learned. This experiential activity is easily replicated during a club meeting!

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

Also, come meet and welcome our new Regional Youth Field Specialist Brenda Spurgeon!

You will be receiving a letter prior to the meeting. The letter will contain some issue that require leader input that we will try and address that night also.

Please remember to stop by the office sometime before you club meetings to check your folders. There are New Member Folders for those that did not make the new member meeting last week.
## Calendar

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| 7     | Fair Board mtg 6:30 pm |
| 13    | Clio Southwesterners club mtg  
        | Union Hotshots club mtg (FSQA tests)  
        | Wayne Wranglers club mtg |
| 17    | Shooting Sports (SESS) mtg at Pin Oak, 2pm |
| 20    | Warren Willpower club mtg  
        | Walnut Monroe club mtg  
        | Extension Council mtg |
| 23    | Fair Board Spring Supper/Auction |
| 26    | Leader’s Training 6:30 pm |
| 27    | FSQA training 6:30 pm |

**Extension Office is CLOSED on Fridays.**

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| 10-17 | Iowa Beef Expo |
| 13    | Clio Southwesterners club mtg  
        | Union Hotshots club mtg |
| 15    | Horse Jamboree entries due online  
        | www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/horse-jamboree |
| 16    | 4-H Judges training  
        | www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/judgestraining |
| 20    | Warren Willpower club mtg (FSQA tests)  
        | Walnut Monroe club mtg  
        | Extension Council mtg |

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| 4     | Fair Board mtg 6:30 pm |
| 5-7   | Iowa Horse Fair |
| 7     | Benton Busy Bees club mtg |
| 10    | Clio Southwesterners club mtg  
        | Union Hotshots club mtg |
| 17    | Warren Willpower club mtg  
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| 15    | Livestock ID’s due online  
        | (brdg beef, brdg sheep/goats, swine, horses, dogs)  
        | Fair Exhibit Judging |

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