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# Mills County 4H Newsletter

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**Dear 4H Family,**

The year has begun with lovely fall weather and 4H. We have so many things happening this month! The 4th-10th is National 4H Week, be sure that your club is doing something great to promote 4H to the community. I'm sure it would be a great opportunity to invite friends to 4H club meetings or activities. Your invitation could change their life!

We have applications online for County Council, intermediate Leadership, etc. Please be sure that you get signed up soon. We have interviews for awards coming up(10/31), County Council interviews(10/31), club officer training(10/25), new member Halloween Party (10/25), new leader training(10/5), Volunteer training (11/17) and more.

Make a difference every day...

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**4H Volunteer Training**

Have you ever wondered how to get family members more involved in your 4H activities? At this fall's volunteer training, Iowa 4H volunteers will explore this topic and get ideas that they can incorporate. We will hold this November 17th. Register today!

## **"Meet the Future"-National 4H Week October 4-10, 2009**

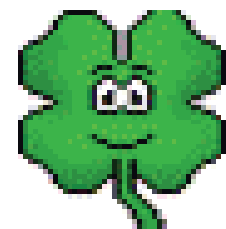
Ames, Iowa– Governor Chet Culver has officially proclaimed October 4-10,2009, as 4H week in Iowa. The theme for National 4H Week is "Meet the Future".

"Governor Culver's proclamation is a great honor to the

Iowa 4H program," said Chuck Morris, Director of the Iowa State University Extension 4H Youth Development program. "Many 4H projects and activities emphasize science, technology, leadership, citizenship, communication, and the environment. Iowa

youth also continue to participate in traditional 4H projects such as livestock and gardening.

This article was released on 9/4/09. Just a reminder that 4H is BIG and it's GREAT and YOU only make it BETTER!



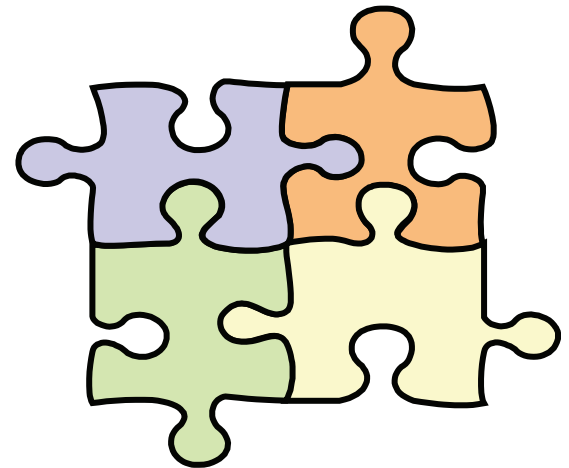
## How will Mills County 4H “Meet the Future” in our Community

National 4H Week October 4-10 will be celebrated well in Mills County. We know that many clubs already have begun making plans to promote 4H. Some are making posters, promoting 4H in their schools, showing their 4H pride by wearing their club shirts on a special day that week, etc. Hopefully each club will get their promotional opportunity and in addition, many individual members will do even more!

Currently we have over 250 4H members in Mills County! Let’s grow even more

### As 4H Members

- We can invite friends to outings
- We can do service projects
- We can work toward a goal
- Help someone in need
- Share our gifts with a neighbor
- Mentor a new member in our club
- Give thanks to those who lead us
- Meet the future together



## (Club, Team, Council) All = Hard work and lots of fun– sign up today

Well, in case you forgot, 4H has clubs, but they also have other activities to keep in touch with other 4Hers in our County and our area.

Each group will have regular meeting times and they will also be listed as reminders in the newsletters.

Get involved and make yet another difference in our world!

<p><b>Youth Grades 7-9</b></p> <p>Leadership Team- Meets 3rd Sun/mo</p> <p><b>Youth Grades 9-12</b></p> <p>Teen Club Meets usually 3rd Sun/mo</p> <p><b>Youth Grades 10-12</b></p> <p>County Council– Meets 3rd Sun/mo</p>
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**County Council Interviews scheduled for October 31st from 9-11:30 At Chantry Elementary. Also, Special Recognition Awards interviews for Awards Program**

Area Council Applications are available on the web. Meet and work with other teens from all over SW Iowa area. Plan special events & outings.

## Hear Ye Hear Ye It’s Enrollment/ Reenrollment Time

Every day seems full of too many things to do. Games, school, activities, parties, work, chores. It really becomes a burden. We understand and have done our best to make the enrollment/ reenrollment as painless as we can. Remember it’s only once a year. It is exciting to sit down and browse through the Pick a Project and decide on what your focus will

be this year. We ask leaders to get these all completed as soon as possible. As was done last year, whichever clubs turn in all paperwork, fees, and club schedule of events by November 1st will receive one bonus point toward banner club.

I know that I have been approached by many different youth lately that

are interested in 4H but don’t know what to do or where to start. As a 4Her or leader you need to ‘share’ 4H with those around you. Invite a friend to each event, share your experiences with them, welcome them to your club. How did you get started? Ask others as well.

Also– appreciate those leaders!

## Youth 4H Safety Education Shooting Sports Aka SESS

For those who wondered, what is SESS and why is it always listed on the calendar. Well, as explained in the title, this is a very large area of opportunity for the 4H Youth. Lynn Eckel 527-4177, along with Dave Hopp and Jay Perkins have trained and set up a schedule to teach the youth to shoot various weapons, learn about orienteering, safety in and out of the field, etc. Each meeting is held at SWISC near Glenwood. September was the last official meeting for the year. We are now preparing for

spring and wanting to know who's interested for next year so we can plan. I ask that you call Lynn and get on a list for him and also I would like a call to the extension so I also have a running list. This is one of the fastest growing categories in 4H. We really need to see if our numbers are also growing in Mills County.

Email

Stephanie at [sbowden@iastate.edu](mailto:sbowden@iastate.edu)

As a really special treat, SWISC is hosting a special opportunity for free youth shooting October 1, 8, 15, & 22. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to meet Lynn, Dave and Jay.



### “Meet the Future” National 4H Week Oct 4-10

## Club and County Activities Coming Soon

### A small agenda on what's coming up

Clubs enter Glenwood Scarecrow contest-contact Glenwood State Bank ASAP

**Fundraiser for 4H at the Malvern Haunted House– invite everyone you can on October 24th– we need 200 people!**

Teen Club registration/meeting 24th– will be attending the Haunted house



New/Jr Halloween Party by County Council 4:30pm Oct 25th

Club Officer Training 6:30 October 25th

Interviews for special an Oct 31st

Teen Club Soup Luncheon Fundraiser before awards Nov 1st 11:30-1pm

Annual Awards Program 1:30pm Nov 1st

## Pioneer Grant and Prudential Spirit of Community Award Get applications from website or come in to extension office to pick up

We will be doing Club of the Month in the local papers. Please send me a photo of your club and some facts about your club and what makes it great! We will begin this in December. I'm sure by then your recruiting will have paid off and we will have everyone at this meeting!

*Looking for a few good men and women to volunteer for Youth Committee. It's a commitment of 2 years and the benefits are seeing what a difference 4H makes in our community under the guidance of such wonderful leaders and volunteers. Call me if you are ready to share your time and talent. - Stephanie*

Mills County 4H is looking for mentors for new members in each club... can you help make the best better?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Youth Shooting at SW IA Sportsman's Club	2	3
4 National 4H Week	5 National 4H Week	6 National 4H Week	7 National 4H Week	8 National 4H Week Youth Shooting at SW IA Sportsman's Club	9 National 4H Week	10 National 4H Week
11	12	13	14	15 Youth Shooting at SW IA Sportsman's Club	16 County Council Apps deadline	17
18 Leadership Team 3:30 County Council 5:00	19	20	21	22 Youth Shooting at SW IA Sportsman's Club	23	24 4H Fundraiser- attend the Haunted House Teen Club meeting
25 Jr/New Halloween Party 4:30-6pm Club Officer Training 6:30-8pm	26	27	28	29	30	31 Interviews for Awards & County Council 9am