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Happy Holidays from Staff!!

Congratulations to all 4-H members and leaders who were recognized at the annual 4-H'erAma on October 30. Everyone did outstanding work during the 2015 club year and you all need to be very proud of your accomplishments.

MARKET BEEF livestock exhibitors for the 2016 4-H year are asked to be sure to read the regulations for the 2017 Iowa State Fair and 4Honline process for ID'ing your animals in this newsletter. This process must be followed and completed by January 15th in order to show your Market Beef at the Hamilton County and Iowa State Fairs.

Hamilton County Beef Weigh In will be December 17th, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds.

Best wishes for the start of a wonderful 4-H Year and a very HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Cancellations & Postponements

Cancellations and postponements of County 4-H activities due to inclement weather will be broadcast on KQWC radio and posted on our website & Facebook (find us at [facebook.com/hamiltoncoextension](https://www.facebook.com/hamiltoncoextension))

Have You Re-Enrolled On-Line?



Hamilton County 4-H members have until December 15 to re-enroll on-line in order to have the \$15.00 State 4-H Development Fee paid by Hamilton County Extension, making their cost only \$15.00.

NOTICE: If re-enrollments have not been completed by December 15, members will have to pay the full \$30.00 State 4-H Development Fee. **How do you re-enroll on-line??**

Go to this website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Enrollment/help.htm>
Web links and help sheets are there to assist you through the simple steps!

4-H College Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the 2017 scholarship programs for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college in the fall of 2017. More than 80 scholarships are available to Iowa 4-H'ers pursuing various fields of study at an Iowa Regent university, Iowa private college, or Iowa community college. Applications are available on-line and are due before or on February 1, 2017

4-H Scholarship information, forms, and applications are available on the 4-H public web page:

<https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org>



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Attention! Senior 4-H Members

4-H Recognition Opportunities Abound! Exciting opportunities are available for Senior 4-H members:

- National 4-H Conference
- National 4-H Congress
- State 4-H Council
- State Project Awards
- Opportunities require an application submitted electronically and an interview at a state event held at Iowa State University on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Members who are not able to participate in a live interview will be able to pre-record an interview for this event by working with the State 4-H Office. All applications and materials must be submitted via electronic submission by Feb. 1:
 - 1) Electronic Cover Sheet/Application
 - 2) Answer five directed questions specific to the award opportunity
 - 3) Attach 2 pages for your own creative telling of your 4-H story and support of the recognition for which you are applying
- More information can also be found at the Iowa State 4-H Recognition site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>



Winter Club Activities



Is your club planning to go skiing, snowboarding, sledding, ice skating or other winter recreation activity this winter? All winter recreation activities involve risks, and it is important for you to have information about your selected activity. The Permission Agreement and Release and Waiver of Liability must be obtained from the Extension Office, read carefully and signed by each participant and the parent or legal guardian (if the participant is under age 18). These forms must be returned to the Extension Office before the planned activity.

Call the Hamilton County Extension Office at 515-832-9597 or email entriken@iastate.edu

CLUB PROGRAM BOOKS

All clubs are **required** to turn in a program book to Cheryll by December 7th; these are needed as part of the Risk Management requirement that comes from ISU campus. There are worksheets to help put together the club program book for the new 4-H year 2016-2017. The Extension Office will make copies of the club program book for each 4-H member in your club, I just ask that you give us a few days. You can email Cheryll the club program or drop it off at the office.

Questions please call for help.



Horse Team Practices—

Horse Quiz Bowl

Horse Judging Horse Hippology



Team members your December practice is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th at 4PM at the Extension Office.



MARKET BEEF WEIGH IN

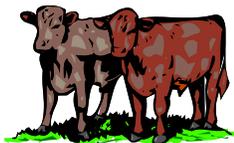
All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit market beef at county, state or interstate shows during 2017 must weigh and ear tag their animals during the county wide weigh-in scheduled for Saturday,

December 17, 2016 - 7:30 – 10:30 A.M.

at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds.

Any MARKET animal that you might want to show at the Iowa State Fair, must go through a verification process that includes tagging & retinal scan for beef. Cheryl will input your basic data into 4honline and then the 4-H'ers will need to complete and sign the verification form, which will be their official livestock ID sheet. COOL affidavit and their premise ID # will be required upon completion of the 4honline form. The cost for each animal to be verified (nominated) will be \$6 per head + \$1.50 per ear tag. Your acceptance of the 4honline forms tells us that you have looked over the information and it is correct. **It is your responsibility to read and check the information before you approve the form.** Please be sure to take a few extra moments to complete and be sure it is accurate. This approval time slot will close on January 15th, 2017. Any steers intending to show as a breed steer must have entered their sire information to complete the verification form and have the registration tattoo in the animal's ear at verification time. 4-H'ers are limited to a maximum of 6 head to verify. **Commercial Heifers MUST** have a tattoo.

This will be the only scheduled weigh-in for beef. The Beef committee is requesting that you make arrangements to have your cattle there on the 17th even if you yourself cannot be there. If weather is a factor that day, listen to KQWC for cancellation.



FOOD & NUTRITION Workshop

December 10th / 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

4-H'ers MUST PREREGISTER by Wednesday, December 7th.

Shelly Woodall, your project leader and all the Junior project leaders have a GREAT workshop prepared for you.



There will be a \$3.00 fee charged to help cover all the supplies. Register with the Hamilton County Extension Office by Wednesday, December 7th.

Bring an apron to wear (if you have one) and your Holiday Spirit to this Fun and educational workshop. Remember to tie back long hair. We will prepare festive food creations to help celebrate the season

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WRITE YOUR THANK YOU NOTES

All 4-H members who received awards at the 4-H'erAma need to send a thank you note to the 4-H Foundation Donor listed on the label on the back of their award.



DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants

We are accepting grants now through Dec. 15, 2016. Applications should be turned into County Extension Offices by Dec. 15. Decision letter should be sent by the end of January. You can find information, tips for applicants, and applications for these grants on the Iowa 4-H website at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneer>



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 4 Horse Team Practices—Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Judging - 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
- 10 Food & Nutrition Workshop “Holiday Treats” - 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. – E. O.
- 14 4-H & Youth Committee – 6:30 P.M. – Extension Office
- 17 MARKET BEEF WEIGH IN – 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Hamilton County Fairgrounds**
- 23-26 Office Closed for Holiday



JANUARY

- 14 4-H County Council Meetings – 12:00 NOON – E. O.
- 21 **S.T.E.M. BEEF** – Ellsworth Community College Agriculture and Renewable Energy Center, Iowa Falls/9-2:30.
- 29 **JUNIOR FUN DAY**—Fuller Hall, Webster City—1:30 pm—4:30 pm (swimming 1:30—3:00 pm; Games 3—4:30)

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