In4mation for your month…

Dear 4-H Family,

These long, cold, winter days can offer an opportunity for you to think about goals and plans for your 4-H projects. Use your 4-H calendars to help you determine completion deadlines for each step of your project. Remember, your project goal has 3 main parts: the action (I want to refinish), the result (my grandmother’s oak table), and the timetable (by the end of June.)

Whatever your goal, make sure you have control over the outcome. For instance, you cannot control what color ribbon you will get at the fair. You can follow the guidelines for putting your exhibit together, and share your goal and plan with the judge. Don’t forget to include leadership, community service and communication in your personal and project goals.

Remember when you were new to 4-H, and it was really confusing? As experienced 4-H members and families, we can be the buoy that keeps new members and their families afloat as they learn the ins and outs of the 4-H program. Think back to your first year….What were some frustrating areas for you? What/who helped you out? Volunteer to be a mentoring family and head off some of those difficult moments for the “new kid”. Reaching out to others is always a rewarding experience.

Have a great month,

Stephanie
Mills County Youth Coordinator
LIVESTOCK

Share a Sheep Class April 26th at 6:30pm

We are excited to offer the Share a Sheep Classes. If you are new and interested in sheep, don’t own one or maybe can’t have one at your home—please RSVP and join us at the first meeting. As a 4-H’er for these classes, you will learn about grooming, care of the animal, basic lessons in feeding and how to prepare to show. We will plan to meet April 26th at 6:30pm, at the Extension office in Glenwood. You will also need to attend Sheep weigh in on Saturday, April 30th, when you receive your lamb. You will work with your lamb each week, at the Hilton Farm, from May-July, up to fair. Your mentors will assist you along the way and help you feel comfortable working with your animal. It’s a great way to share your experience together and learn along the way.

Superintendent Andrew Hilton and Mark Schoening will help you learn and grow in this project. This is a perfect beginners class. Sign up today! Meeting April 26th at 6:30pm at Extension Office.

Watch your email for a chance to go to the farm and see your baby lambs and enjoy a tour in March.

Trowbridge Calf / Heifer Classes Begin April 7th

The Trowbridge calf/heifer classes will begin in a few months. Right now, we need to know who is interested in participating in this great beginner’s class. There are limited openings for new members in the calf class. Those who participated in the calf class last year will graduate to the Heifer Class this year.

You will have the opportunity to meet and work with several mentors who have experience in beef and even the Trowbridge class. At the first meeting, bring a calendar so we can select weekly dates for class meetings at the farm.

This class offers hands on learning on how to show, groom, bathe, and more. You will work with your calf at the farm from April-July, and the learning never ends.

If you are curious about the beef project, don’t own your own beef, and don’t know where to begin, this is the class.

RSVP 712-527-3316 to get on the list. Cost is $25

Classes at Extension office April 7th & 21st at 6:30pm

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Swine Project Tips from your Superintendents

As you begin your project, here are some things you may need to know or are just wondering about.

Looking for local Swine producers who may have stock you can purchase from? Wondering where you can get your feed? Who are the local large animal veterinarians in the area?

We can help you with all of these things, or at least give you a start. All of these decisions are personal and we just want to be able to help you get started. As you grow in your project, you will decide where to go for everything.

If in doubt, please ask! Rick Mabary 824-7570. Rod Greiner 525-1062 or Woody Wright 527-3713.
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Dog Project News

Dog Project News - To prepare for participation in the Dog Project, you should be sure to enroll in the Dog Project, and ID your dog(s) online (you can show more than one dog). That way, you will be on the Dog Project list and will receive helpful and informative e-mails. We offer training for all the skills needed to participate in the shows. The classes usually start at the beginning of May, on Thursday nights, and continue weekly until the Fair. We teach beginner and advanced obedience, agility and showmanship. To start, your dog doesn’t need to know any commands, but it is helpful if your dog behaves and listens to you.

Our goal in the Dog Project isn’t to win trophies at the fair, but to teach you how to understand your dog better, communicate with your dog, and to create a team that through patience and practice can accomplish great things.

If you have any questions, the best way to contact us is by e-mail kresandlonny@gmail.com or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-527-3316.

Poultry, Rabbit & Goat Workshop February 18th

Goat, Rabbit and Poultry members – you are in for a treat! Your awesome Superintendents—Colleen Gray, Byron & Diane Brockman and Teri Sanderson, have a great workshop planned. Come to the Extension office on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30pm and plan to learn a lot. Your superintendents are full of great ideas, how to start this project and more.

If you are experienced or if this is your first year, come and see what they have to offer. There will be other upcoming meetings but the superintendents ask that you RSVP. If there are not several attendees, they may cancel. Please let us know if you are coming and what project area you are interested in. 527-3316.

Goat Project Workshop & Clinic

Current and new goat projects. Market goat weigh-in will be coming up in a couple months, on April 30th. Members interested in a short term project need to start thinking about their Market goats. Longer term projects—Breeding does, Exotic and Dairy does. This is a fun and interesting project to get started in. Your Goat Superintendent is Colleen Gray 712-212-6515. If you have any questions, contact Colleen and she can assist you!

Goat Workshop at Extension office in Glenwood on February 18th at 6:30pm.

Goat Clinic March 20th, 1 pm to 3 pm At Brent and Susan Burgoin Farm, Silver City- Heated shop Who- Curt Rush (4-H Judge and owner of C & C Livestock) will be speaking about Goat Selection and Nutrition.

All Southwest Iowa Counties are invited to attend!

Please RSVP by March 15th. Please, bring your own chair.

Contact info- Colleen Gray- 712-212-6515 or Susan Burgoin- 402-658-2312

MILLS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS
MON WEDS THURS 8-4:30 TUESDAY 8-8 FRIDAY 8-12
EVENT

Clothing, Communications & Bucket of Junk

Who is ready for the fun of the Clothing and Communications Contest? Its earlier this year so be sure to mark your calendar. **March 29th** we will hold the Fair Events for Clothing and Communications as well as the judging for Bucket of Junk. You MUST pre-register for these events so that we can schedule the judging. 527-3316. Events include the following:

- Fashion Revue
- $15 Challenge
- Clothing Selection
- Educational Presentation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Bucket of Junk

CAMP WILD FOR JUNIORS– June 12-15

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend **Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp for Regions 12, 17 & 18**, June 12-15 at the Nebraska 4-H Camping Center near Gretna. Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, creek stomping, wall climbing, canoeing, camp songs, swimming, outdoor camping basics, and campfires! Learn to create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits. Bring a friend with you or make new ones! Camp will run from Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m. until our closing ceremony starting at Noon on Wednesday, June 15.

The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up. Registration Deadline is May 20. Cost for the four day camp will be approx. $185.00. We also have partial scholarships for 4Hers. Registration Forms will be available soon.

HORTICULTURE

Horticulture Workshop March 14th

The days are getting longer! How exciting that we can get together and begin to plan for a lush and tasty garden crop! James Paul, Shirley Miller and Buddi Thompson are preparing a great HANDS-ON workshop for you to come and plant seeds, get in the dirt and learn a few new things. Please RSVP so that we have enough supplies for everyone.

GET IN THE GROW!!!

4-H PLEDGE

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Share a Sheep Program is beginning soon—next meeting is February 17th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. RSVP!

Project Updates, Events and more!

GLENWOOD TRAP CLUB

Glenwood H.S. Trap Club will begin meeting at the Southwest Iowa Sportsmans Club on Monday, February 8th & 15th at 7:30pm. All paperwork needs to be turned in by this time. Practices begin March.

CREW will be getting together on February 20th to go to Skate Daze and Laser Tag. Must RSVP to attend and we will need parents to assist with transportation. 527-3316.

HORSE

Horse Superintendent
Bob Blum. 624-8434.
Practices are held on Tuesdays.

DOG

Dog Project Superintendents Kres and Lonny Monday
629-8171
Practices are held on Thursdays beginning soon.

If you are interested in 4H Shooting Sports, please call Stephanie 527-3316.

Leadership Schedules and more

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YOUTH COMMITTEE

There are openings on Youth Committee for a few adults and also for 3 additional youth members. If you are in High School and interested in joining and helping make decisions for our 4H program, please call Stephanie 527-3316.

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4-H Shooting Sports

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Contact Maddi if you are planning to attend the meeting on February 21st., at the Extension Office at 4pm.

We will discuss the upcoming Junior Overnight. On March 18-19 at the Malvern Community Building.

County Council has lots of big stuff coming—don’t miss out on what’s being planned for our group!
INTERMEDIATE EVENT

Intermediate Trip to Minneapolis April 15-17

This year’s Intermediate trip is headed north. For youth in 7-9th grades, a fun trip to Minneapolis with 4Hers from the region.

Leave Friday April 15th. You will attend a Minnesota Twins vs LA Angels Baseball Game, shopping at the Mall of America, attend a stage performance, tour a museum and more!

Please RSVP to the office and we will send you the form to complete for this trip. Space is limited to the first 50 youth from Regions 17, 18 & 12.

527-3316. Whew– that’s a lot of fun for a low cost of $200.

(Remember that you can use your Mills County Camp Scholarship for half of that!)

SENIOR EVENT

Region 17 Senior 4Her Camp at Gretna

For all High School youth in 4H, we have a great event for you at the 4H Camp in Gretna.

There is space for 50 youth so get on the RSVP quickly.

We will all meet at Gretna 4-H Camp at 2pm on Saturday, April 9th. The cost is $40 to cover supplies and rental of their facility, as well as their staff to assist us with the high ropes course. Remember you can use your county scholarship for this activity.

High Ropes
Low Ropes
Climbing wall
Canoeing
Campfire cooking
Volleyball Tourney and more!!!!

JUNIOR OVERNIGHT

Pirate Theme for Jr Overnight March 18-19

County Council is hosting the Junior Overnight on March 18-19th. This overnight event is a favorite by juniors and will be even more popular after they attend this one! This is a don’t miss opportunity of fun and crazy antics, as they try to discover the answer to the treasure hunting mystery! For all Juniors grades 4-6th in Mills County. You must RSVP so the supplies are available for all!

712-527-3316

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  712-309-5956  
  Jeff Dean  
  527-9403  
  Trowbridge Project Leaders:  
  Mary & David Trowbridge  
  629-7665 | Swine Superintendents:  
  Rick Mabary  
  824-7570  
  Rod Greiner  
  525-1062  
  Woody Wright  
  527-3713 | Sheep Superintendent:  
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  712-310-4883  
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  Teri Sanderson  
  622-8327  
  **Feb 18th– Selecting & more**  
  **POULTRY IDs REQUIRED! BY MAY 15 DEADLINE EXCEPT BROILERS** | Rabbit Superintendent :  
  Byron Brockman  
  712-310-7458  
  February 18 6:30pm |

**ALL LIVESTOCK IDs DUE MAY 15th.**  
Poultry Broilers and Meat Rabbits are an exception. If in doubt call the Extension.
**Other Project Updates**

**SEWING PROJECTS**
Liz Baldwin has offered a few sewing classes each year to our members. If you are interested or would like to have a lesson in something fun, please call and let us know. Quilting? Fleece pants? Etc. 527-3316.

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**CONSUMER MANAGEMENT**
For those of you who are interested in Consumer Management, would you be interested in attending a workshop? We have some great opportunities available. Call and let us know what you think. 527-3316.

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**GARDENING WORKSHOP**
Gardening Workshop with James Paul, Shirley Miller and Buddi Thompson coming March 14th 6:30-8pm
Want to work on your green thumb? Get on the list and join in the fun as we all grow our gardening skills! 527-3316.

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**Robotics & STEM Updates**

**JR LEGO LEAGUE**
Jr First Lego League Teams now forming for youth in 2nd–3rd grades. It’s a great beginners group for kids to start their robotics experience with First Lego League. Teams need 4-5 members.

Phil Marburger is willing to coach a team in East Mills.

We would like to have a team in Glenwood also.

If interested, please get on the list. 527-3316.

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**UNDERWATER ROBOTICS**
Aquatic Robotics—what is that?? Underwater robotics has been a fun project in Mills County for 2 years. It seems to be a best kept secret. We wanted to share that we have team opening for youth who are willing to work and share in the adventure. Only 4-6 youth per team. Build robot on March 19th 8-3:30 at Extension Office. We will meet and practice at other times. Call now 527-3316.

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**ROBOTICS GROUPS NEED YOU**
First Lego League and First Tech Challenge are trying to make a list of future team mates for the upcoming seasons. We will be holding meetings and possible build camps this summer and would like to get team members. If interested, please call 527-3316.

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Attend This! Event Keeps Getting Better!

Mills County 4Hers and Clover Kids took part in the annual Bake This Competition. The creative and tasty treats were delightful and the contest difficult, but thanks to Loretta Ramsey and Kelly Stortenbecker, the superintendents of the contest, the event went off perfectly. Judged by Michelle Wright, the youth were given a great conference judging experience. In the Clover Kids Competition, 1st place went to Ruby Hall and 2nd place to Jayme Vinton. For Junior division, Sawyer Patzer took 1st with his cupcakes, runner up was a team of Isabel Griffen and Kyndal Nelson. 3rd place was a tie between Madison Epperson and Brooklyn Patten team and Izabella Hall. In the Intermediate division, 1st place was Breanna Epperson and Kari Schuppan with runner up Zach Zielstra. Others competing in the Bake This were Emerson Griffin, Jackson Griffin, Audrey Zielstra, Lucy Hall, Steven Barrett II, Olivia Jackson, Riley Wiese, Emily Burns, Rhianna Burns, Ella Bird Marvel, Cooper Marvel, Allie Neuhalfen, Ann Barrett, Matt Neuhalfen and Luke Neuhalfen.

Set This! is a tablessetting competition that is held at the county level and then top tables are selected to go on to the Regional Competition in the summer. Each year the event becomes a little tougher and the creativity grows. Luckily, we were able to have Renee Lynn as a judge. She has great experience and the ability to make a selection. In the Clover category, with casual settings, 1st place was Allie Neuhalfen with the runner up Ella Bird and Cooper Marvel. In Junior Casual, 1st place was Madilynn Marburger and runner up Steven Barrett. For the Junior Formal division, Luke Neuhalfen took 1st place and Ann Barrett took runner up. And 1st place overall for Intermediate Division was Matt Neuhalfen. Others competing for the event were Lucy Hall, who had an amazing rainbow tablescape, including an arch of rainbow colored balloons.

Thanks to all those who were able to participate and have a great day. During the competitions, the CREW, Intermediate Leadership team offered great workshops and activities for the youth to do between judging and events. They made yogurt sundaes, socktopus creatures, science experiments, pomp om shooter and more. The CREW members were Matt Neuhalfen, Ahren Marburger, Curtis Pestal, Sarah Clayton, Nathan Vinton, Dylon Cox, Nathan Rohrberg, Emma Seipold, Breanna Epperson, Brendan Mass, Maggie Begbie, Justin Wells and led by Stephanie Bowden.

ISU Extension Mills County 4H is a great opportunity for youth from 4th–12 grades to experience 4H and the many projects it offers, as well as some opportunities for youth in K-3 through our Clover Kids Programs. If you are interested in joining, please call the ISU Extension office in Glenwood at 712-527-3316.

Special Thanks to Liz Baldwin for her AWESOME sewing workshop! If anyone is Interested in more sewing or quilting– call 527-3316
## Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

- 6– Region 17 at Lancers
- 8– Extension Council Meeting
- 8– Trap Club Meeting at HS Cafeteria
- 9– Youth Committee 6:00 pm
- 18– Poultry, Rabbit & Goat Meeting 6:30pm
- 20– 4 CREW Laser Tag & Roller Skating
- 21– County Council 4pm

### MARCH

- 1– CREW 6:30pm
- 2– Klover Kids at Northeast
- 3– Betterment Banquet Bella Terra
- 4-6– Equine Extravaganza
- 12-13 Region 17 Overnight– Carson
- 15– Youth Committee 6:30pm
- 18-19 Junior Overnight
- 20– Meat Goat Workshop at Burgoin Farm 1-3pm
- 29– Clothing Contest
- 29– Communications Contest
- 29– Bucket of Junk Judging

### MORE...

**Don’t forget that Fair is July 8-12**