April 2016 4-H News

In4mation for your month...

Dear 4-H Family, May 15th is DEADLINE FOR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION!!

Goal setting is a great thing to focus on this month! 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) 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.

Mills County Fair is July 8-12 this year. It comes quickly! We have plenty of upcoming workshops. If you are interested in something, please let us know!

Have a great month!

Stephanie
Mills County Youth Coordinator

April Member’s Birthdays

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

To begin the season, 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 Tracy Blankenship will help you learn and grow in this project. The sheep will reside at the Hilton Farm. This is a perfect beginners class. Sign up today! Meeting April 26th at 6:30pm at Extension Office.

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Trowbridge Calf / Heifer Classes Begin April 7th

The Trowbridge calf/heifer classes will begin this month. 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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Animal Identification & FSQA Required by May 15th

Animal Identification -
A friendly reminder that you must identify your livestock in 4nonline if you are planning to bring them to the Mills County Fair. If you have questions on what you may need to do, please contact your superintendent or the Mills County Extension Office 527-3316. There is no exception to this rule, so please be sure it is done on time.

FSQA -
If you are showing livestock at fair, you must be certified in FSQA– Food Safety Quality Assurance. Juniors must take the class, and there are only a few dates left. Intermediates and Senior 4Hers can test– BUT IT MUST BE DONE ASAP. Without FSQA, you will not be able to show livestock at the fair. Please call and schedule your testing/class today 712-527-3316.

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

**Dog Project**

To prepare for participation in the Dog Project, you should be sure to enroll in the Dog Project, and ID your dogs) online (you can show more than one dog). The **deadline for ID’ing your dog(s) is May 15th.** You will need current Rabies information as well as a photo of your dog to complete the ID process. Any dog would need to have been born by October 31, 2015 to be old enough to participate in the Fair. (Please do not enroll any aggressive dogs!) When you are on the Dog Project list you will receive helpful and informative e-mails.

We offer training for all the skills needed to participate in the shows. **The Dog Obedience, Showmanship and Agility classes will be held on Thursday evenings on the following dates: MAY 12, 19, 26; JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.** 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 mondaysstothefair@outlook.com or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-527-3316.

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**LIVESTOCK**

**Poultry Showmanship and Pollorum Testing  June 11**

Poultry Pullorum-Typhoid testing will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds.

A poultry showmanship clinic will follow about 10:30.

If you have questions please call Teri 712-622-8327

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**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

**Goat Project Weigh In April 30**

Current and new goat projects. **Market goat weigh-in will be coming up 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!

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Clothing, Communications & Bucket of Junk

Results from the clothing contest, Educational Presentations and Bucket of Junk have been mailed to the participants. Great job everyone! You will receive your awards at fair. Remember that you can also write a report or make a presentation board showing your experience and bring your outfit to fair! It’s great that you were able to get a judging done and I hope that you all had a great experience to get you ready for fair.

Bucket of Junk participants must bring their creation to fair to be displayed. You will need to bring those to the 4H building and have in place by Friday, July 8th at 3pm. This will allow our guests to see some cool stuff before the BBQ and Queen Crowning.

Great job to all of our participants!

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.

Junior Outdoor Adventure Camp June 7th

CREW have plans underway for the annual Junior Outdoor Adventure Camp set for June 7th from 9-3pm at Pony Creek Park. There will be fun, games, a GPS scavenger hunt, canoes, fishing and more!

There is space for up to 30 participants, so 1st come 1st served. Forms available at website at www.extension.iastate.edu/mills or you can call to have one sent to you 712-527-3316.

Participants will need to bring $10, a sack lunch and remember to wear closed toed shoes and outdoorys clothing– we will get dirty, and possibly even wet.

This is a fun event that kicks off summer in a great way! Plan to get messy and make some great memories!

4-H PLEDGE

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Project Updates, Events and more!

**CAT**

Cat Project News-Kres and Kassidy Monday, Cat Superintendents
If you have any questions, the best way to contact us is by e-mail mondaysstothefair@outlook.com, 712-629-8171 or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-527-3316.

Mock Cat Show is June 4th at 9am–block building at the Mills County Fairgrounds

**HORSE**

Horse Superintendent
Bob Blum. 624-8434
Practices are held on Tuesdays 7pm

**DOG**

Dog Project Superintendents
Kres and Lonny Monday
629-8171
Practices May 12, 19, 6. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Leadership Schedules and more

**CREW**

CREW will be going to Adventureland on Sunday, May 1st at 8am
Must RSVP and prepay to attend this event
Call for details 712-527-3316
May need help driving!

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

There are openings on Youth Committee for a few adults and also for 2 additional youth members. If you are interested in joining and helping make decisions for our 4H program, please call Stephanie 527-3316.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Council is scheduled to meet on May 29th at the Extension Office to plan summer events. Make sure that you are in touch with Maddi on what you need to do.

4-H is based on research
Visual Arts Workshop

There will be a Visual Art and Photography Workshop on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 PM, in the Malvern Community Building. We will be covering: How to choose the best project ideas and photos; Understanding the Elements of Art in your projects; How to write your Project Report; & The best way to present your projects to the judge. There will be a special presentation of a former 4H’er’s college photo/cinema project. The information in this Workshop will apply to any project area that requires a Project Report that describes the Elements of Art in your projects. This can include Visual Art, Woodworking, Sewing, etc.

If you have any questions, contact the Mills County Extension Office at 712-527-3316, or the Monday family by e-mail at mondaysstothefair@outlook.com.

STATE FAIR EVENT

The Way We Live Contest—State Fair Sponsored

The Iowa State Fair is searching for SIX farm families to highlight during the Iowa State Fair. These families exemplify farm values derived from hard work and a love for the occupation of farming. Selected families must show dedication to animal agriculture in their daily lives and in the lives of their family members!

ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 1

The Way We Live Award - Brochure
The Way We Live Award - Entry Form

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference— for 8-12th Graders

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2016 Registration is now open. You can register between now and June 1 for the regular registration cost of $175. Between June 2 and June 10 the rate goes up to $200. All registration closes on June 10. Check out financial aid applications, due April 25 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. All of the registration information and links are in the right-hand column on website

Www.extension.iastate.edu//4h/iowa4hyouthconference

We will continue to update this site as we confirm new workshops and have additional information about the Conference. If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don’t even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

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# Animal Project Updates

## BEEF

**Beef Superintendents:**
- Brady Smith
  - 712-309-5956
- Jeff Dean
  - 527-9403

**Trowbridge Project Leaders:**
- Mary & David Trowbridge
  - 629-7665

## SWINE

**Swine Superintendents:**
- Rod Greiner
  - 525-1062
- Woody Wright
  - 527-3713

## SHEEP

**Sheep Superintendent:**
- Andrew Hilton
  - 712-310-4883

Sheep weigh in will be held April 30th at the Mills County Fair Grounds. Shearing available by reservation.

Looking for sheep to purchase? Call for suggestions 712-310-4883.

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# Animal Project Updates

## GOAT

**Goat Superintendent:**
- Colleen Gray
  - 712-212-6515

Meat goat weigh in will be held April 30th 8:30– 9:30am at the Mills County Fair Grounds.

## POULTRY

**Poultry Superintendent:**
- Teri Sanderson
  - 622-8327

**POULTRY IDs REQUIRED!**

Poultry Pullorum-Typhoid testing will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the fair grounds.

A poultry showmanship clinic will follow about 10:30.

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## RABBIT

**Rabbit Superintendents:**
- Byron & Diane Brockman
  - 712-310-7458

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**ALL LIVESTOCK IDs DUE MAY 15th.**

Poultry Broilers and Meat Rabbits are an exception. If in doubt call the Extension.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
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.

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.

GARDENING WORKSHOP
Gardening with James Paul, Shirley Miller and Buddi Thompson—They are wondering if you’d like another Workshop to work on your green thumb? Get on the list and join in the fun as we all grow our gardening skills! 527-3316.

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.

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 a team opening for youth who are willing to work and share in the adventure. Only 4-6 youth per team. 2 places open still. Call now 527-3316.
Camp will be June 18-24 in the evenings 5-7pm

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.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
To participate in the Cat Project, you should be sure to enroll in the Cat Project as soon as possible, so that you can receive helpful information. To enroll online, find the Cat Project under the Pet Project section. You may show more than one cat. Your cat would need to have been born by March 31, 2016 to be old enough to participate in the 2016 Cat Show at the Fair.

Also, your cat needs to be up-to-date on Rabies and other basic vaccines, and be free of worms, fleas, ear mites, etc. to participate. So the next few months are a good time to catch up on all those maintenance items. It is also a good time to get your cats used to getting their claws clipped (have your vet show you if you don’t know how), and to start brushing your cat regularly as they begin to shed their coats for Spring. It’s a lot easier than trying to brush out a giant matted coat right before the Cat Show!

Also, please invest in a good cat carrier. It’s the only safe way to transport your cat and it is required.

If your cat is an outside cat that isn’t used to being handled, it would help if you got it used to being held and brushed. This would help you decide if your cat would a good candidate for a show cat.

The Mock Cat Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at 9:00 AM in the Block Building on the Fairgrounds. You aren’t required to attend, but it is a good opportunity to learn about preparing for the Cat Show, to practice your cat showing skills and see if a new or barn cat would be a good candidate for the Cat Show at the Fair.

Another aspect to the Cat Show is the Cat Cage Display competition. It’s your responsibility to bring a cover for the provided show cage at the Cat Show at the Fair. The cover can be as simple as a blanket or, if you want to compete in the optional Cat Cage Display competition, you can be as creative as you want. If you want to get started on your cage covers, the dimensions for the show cages are 24" wide x 45" long x 24" high. The 4-H’er isn’t required to actually sew the cover, but the theme or idea must be the 4-H’er’s, and they must help make it. Also the cover must be made of porous material. If you have any questions, the best way to contact us is by e-mail mon-daystothefair@outlook.com or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-527-3316.

Volunteer Work Day April 16th @ 10:00 am

Earth Day is April 22nd, come out and help us celebrate early by volunteering to help improve one of your Mills County parks. We will have job opportunities for people of all ages. Meet at West Oak Forest at 55877 195th St, bring work gloves if you have them, we will have some gloves available. Long pants and sturdy shoes are highly recommended. Give us a call at 712-527-9685 if you will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

Mills County Conservation

Dessa Montgomery, Naturalist  millsccbia@hotmail.com
### Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events

#### APRIL
- April 7 – Trowbridge Class 6:30pm
- April 12 – Youth Committee at Extension Office 6:30pm
- April 15-17 – [Intermediate Regional Trip to Minneapolis](#)
- April 16 – Volunteer Work day with Mills County Conservation for Earth Day – Great community Service Opportunity!
- April 18 – FSQA Class for 4Hers at Cass County Community Center 6:00 p.m., 805 W. 10th Street, Atlantic
- April 19 – Horse Practice Begins
- April 19 – Pollinator / Monarch Conservation with Jennifer Hopwood, Senior Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Xerces Society
- April 21 – Trowbridge Class at Extension office 6:30pm
- April 26 – Share A Sheep Meeting 6:30pm
- April 26 – Horse Practice 7pm
- April 30 – Sure Shots Hosting a Swine Workshop – RSVP
- April 30 – Sheep Weigh In
- April 30 – Goat Weigh in
- April 30 – Women Gaining Ground Conference at Glenwood High School

#### May ...
- May 1st – CREW Adventureland trip – call for details. Date may change! Must have at least 10 attending to go
- May 3 – Youth Committee & Leaders Meeting 6pm at Glenwood American Legion. WE will have dinner!!
- May 3 – Horse Practice
- May 7 – FSQA Class for 4Hers at Fremont County noon-2pm 610 Clay Street, Sidney
- May 7 – Master Gardener Plant Sale
- May 10 – Horse Practice
- May 11 – Workshop 4H in Pinteresting 6-8pm at Extension Office. You will be making a few great projects!! Cost is $5 for supplies. Limited spots
- May 12 – Dog Practice
- May 15 – ALL ANIMAL IDs ARE DUE BY MIDNIGHT
- May 17 – Horse Practice
- May 17 – Clover Kids Leaders Meeting at Extension office 6pm
- May 19 – Dog Practice
- May 23 – Visual Arts Workshop with Kassidy & Kres Monday
- May 24 – Horse Practice
- May 26 – Dog Practice
- May 29 – County Council at Extension Office
- May 30 – Office Closed
- May 31 – Horse Practice