In4mation for your month...

Dear 4-H Family, **MAY 15th is DEADLINE FOR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION in 4honline!!**

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 4H, 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!-

Remember- Mills County Fair is July 8-12th

Stephanie
Mills County Youth Coordinator
**LIVESTOCK**

Mock Cat Show June 4th

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 mondaysstothefair@outlook.com or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-527-3316.

Register your cat in 4honline by May 15th

**LIVESTOCK**

Trowbridge Calf / Heifer Classes Begin May 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. We will meet on Saturdays at 6:30 for calves and 7pm for heifers.

This class offers hands on learning on how to show, groom, bathe, and more. You will work with your calf at the farm.

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 farm begin May 7th

**LIVESTOCK**

Animal Identification & FSQA Required by May 15th

Animal Identification-

A friendly reminder that you must identify your livestock in 4honline 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.
LEADERS

Clover Kids Leaders Meeting on Tuesday, May 17th

Clover Kids leaders are invited to attend an informative, pre-fair meeting and learn more about fair and what a Clover Kid can do/bring. We will have a great discussion and determine the schedule of events that will work for a Clover and their family at the 2016 Mills County Fair.

Leaders, please bring your questions. Before the meeting, please be sure that your Clover Kids are all enrolled in 4honline.com, they will receive email at the address they have listed. If they aren’t enrolled, they will miss lots of information and fun!

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

LIVESTOCK

Goat Clinics June 1st a& June 22nd

Current and new goat project members are invited to a Goat Showmanship Workshop on Wednesday, June 1st. You must RSVP for this event 527-3316. The location of the workshop will be at 58853 Iowa Street Glenwood Iowa. This is located near the Glenwood Vet Clinic.

Clinic begins at 6:30pm. Contact Colleen Gray with questions 712-212-6515.

Goat Grooming, Obstacle Course and Showmanship Workshop June 22nd at 6:30pm 58853 Iowa Street Glenwood Iowa.

REMEMBER to enroll your animals in www.4honline.com

MILLS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS
MON WEDS THURS 8-4:30 TUESDAY 8-8 FRIDAY 8-12
State Youth Conference June 28-30

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. All of the registration information and links are in the right-hand column on website [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://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!

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](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference), 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 [www.extension.iastate.edu/mills](http://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 outdoorsy 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

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.
**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**

Remember that you can begin your record books at anytime! Today is a good day to begin!
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 mondayslothefair@outlook.com.

Gardening Workshop May 12th

Gardening with James Paul, Shirley Miller and Buddi Thompson—They are planning another great opportunity for you to work on your green thumb. Container gardens are the theme this time. Get on the list and join in the fun as we all grow our gardening skills! 527-3316.

Also— in the fairbook, you will find some classes to pay special attention to:

Class 40299— Marian Blankenship Memorial Class 40298— Potted Plant Challenge— you need to pick up your bucket at the workshop or call Buddi to schedule a different time 527-3316.

4H Pinterest Workshop May 11th

Looking for a fun exhibit to enter in the county fair? Come make these fun projects with your state 4-H council ambassador Isabelle Perkins! Choose which project you would like to create, purchase your supplies, and make a project with Isabelle’s instruction. Call for supply list.

Must RSVP— need a minimum of 10 to hold class

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.
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**POULTRY IDs DUE MAY 15th.**
Poultry Broilers and Meat Rabbits are an exception. If in doubt call the Extension.

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

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events

**MAY**
- 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
- 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](#)

**June**
- June 1st- CREW Adventureland trip- call for details. Date may change! Must have at least 15 attending to go
- June 1– Goat Showmanship Workshop 6:30pm
- June 4th- Mock Cat Show 9am Block Building at fairgrounds
- June 7– Youth Committee 6pm
- June 7– Horse Practice
- June 7th– Jr Outdoor Adventure Camp at Pony Creek 9-3
- June 8– New Member Family pre-fair Picnic 6pm
- June 9th– Dog Practice
- June 10– State Trap Meet
- June 11– Poultry Pollorum Testing at fairgrounds 9am
- June 11– Poultry Showmanship Workshop 10:30am
- June 10-11 State Trap Meet
- June 12-15– Camp Wild Junior Camp
- June 14– Horse Practice

**June 15– All Stall Fees payments are due**
- June 16– Dog Practice
- June 18– 4H & Open Horse Show at Fairgrounds 9am
- June 18– Aquatic Robotics Equipment check
- June 19– County Council
- June 20–24- Aquatic Robotics Camp– various locations
- June 21– Horse Practice
- June 22– Goat Grooming/ Showmanship & Obstacle Course 6:30pm
- June 23– Dog Practice
- June 28-30 State Youth Conference
- June 28– Horse Practice
- June 30– Dog Practice

**New 4H Families are invited to the New 4H Family Pre-Fair Picnic on June 8th at 6pm. We will have a light supper, discuss fair basics, tour fairgrounds and answer questions. Please RSVP for food & materials.**

527-3316