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## ALLAMAKEE COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. What an exciting time of year, a time to reflect on the past and to dream about the future. What are your goals for 2020? What project areas do you want to explore? I challenge all of you to set a new 4-H goal for 2020. It could be as simple as breaking your steer to lead before March 1 or it could be as big as applying for State 4-H Council. Share your goal with someone or write it down to hold yourself accountable to that goal throughout the year!

December was an exciting month full of beautiful weather, project workshops, club outings, Iowa Hawkeye basketball game and 4-H fun! Here are some fun memories to share with you!



With 4-H Spirit, Morgan Bjerke

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## JANUARY 2020 4-H CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

- 4-H Toppers— January 12, 7:00 p.m., Waterville Community Center
- Bear Creek Kids—January 4, Noon, St. Mary’s Dorchester
- Cherry Valley Chums—January 12, 4:00 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church
- Clover Chasers—January 12, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- Elon PMC—January 20, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- Ludlow Future Farmers—January 13, 7:00 p.m., Freedom Bank
- Mississippi Mad Scientists—TBA
- Postville Clover Kids\*\*— January 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m., NEIAWRC
- River Valley Panthers—January 5, 5:00 p.m., Extension Office
- Saturday Clover Kids\*\*— January 18, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Waukon Wellness Center
- Monday West Elementary Clover Kids\*\*— January 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m., West Elem.
- Tuesday West Elementary Clover Kids\*\*— January 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m., West Elem.
- West Ridge Riders— January 13, 6:30 p.m., Waukon Wellness Center

*\*Dates, times & locations are subject to change*

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Samantha Berryman  | MaKenna Kurth    |
| Courtney Blake     | Gabe McCormick   |
| Kinsley Ann Bosley | Ethan Palmer     |
| Logan Brown        | Madalyn Palmer   |
| Jordan Byrnes      | Luke Pladsen     |
| Layke Byrnes       | Lauren Plein     |
| Diana Davison      | Landyn Rankin    |
| Tatum Deering      | Bryce Rose       |
| Ty Deering         | Rachel Rosendahl |
| Madalyn Ellingson  | Tessa Rubendall  |
| Keagen Estebo      | Trent Schullo    |
| Thomas Fossum      | Austin Schutte   |
| Marcus Gebel       | Dakota Steiber   |
| Taylor Jackson     | Kendyl Wedo      |
| Nathan Johnson     | Robert White     |
| Marina Kaeser      | Landon Wilkes    |
| Kase Koenig        | Thomas Wilkes    |

## ENROLLMENT STATUS

2019-20 4-H Member Goal: 245      Current Clover Kid Members: 75  
Current 4-H Members: 212      Club Leaders & Volunteers: 29

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Committee Reports
  - County Council Update
  - Other committees (optional)
7. Unfinished and New Business
  - Fruit/Butterbraid Fundraiser
  - Apparel Orders
8. Announcements & Leaders Report
9. Adjourn and 4-H Pledge

# NEW 4-H YEAR!



## 2020 4-H FRUIT & BUTTERBRAID FUNDRAISER

Be watching your mailbox in January for our annual fundraiser information. We will be mailing order forms to **enrolled** 4-H families. Order forms are due to your club leaders by January 31. Members need to ask family and friends to ***make checks payable to your club***. If more order forms are needed, contact club leaders or stop at the Extension Office. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, March 13** for delivery.

## SUMMER PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Summer 4-H Program Assistant to assist with county fair preparation and summer programming. Knowledge of the Allamakee County 4-H Program and Allamakee County Fair required. Compensation based on experience. For job description and application contact the Allamakee County Extension Office, Waukon. 563-568-6345. **Apply by January 15.**

## INTERMEDIATE TRIP

**June 11-12, 2020.** We are excited to announce an opportunity for Intermediate 4-H'ers in 2020! This trip will be planned in replacement of the overnight camp. Save the dates listed above and watch for more information after February 1 that will reveal location, cost, and registration details.

## 4-H CAMPS COMING IN JUNE 2020

4-H members...Come join us for tons of fun, adventures galore, and lifelong friendships from northeast Iowa. Summer 4-H Camps will be held at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp located near Decorah. Junior 4-H members (grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) will have two camps to choose from with the dates being: June 18-19 or July 28-29. Continue to watch your county 4-H newsletter for more information. Camp registration will be available February 1 with deadline being April 15.

## SAVE THE DATE: PINE BLUFF SPRING CLEAN UP

Pine Bluff 4-H camp was established in 1952 and is continually a location for 4-H'ers to meet and make new friends, and strengthen relationships as a 4-H community. Pine Bluff has been home to Junior Camp and other regional events for many years. Join us for clean-up and a lite bite-to-eat provided by the Pine Bluff Board after clean-up on **April 25, 2020** from 9-Noon at 2672 River Rd, Decorah, IA 52101. Please like the Facebook event for weather related updates.

Event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2589819931098699/>

## PROM DRESS CONSIGNMENT

The Highland Helping Hands 4-H club will be hosting their annual Prom Dress Consignment Sale on Saturday, February 15 from 8 am-3 pm and Sunday, February 16 from 10 am-1 pm at Johnson's Reception Hall in Elkader. You may drop off dresses on Thursday, February 13 or on Friday, February 14 from 4-7 pm. \$5.00 to consign a dress. You set price and they sell!! You get 90% and the club gets 10%. For more information visit their Facebook page at Second Hand Style Prom Dress Consignment.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## DU PONT PIONEER GRANTS

4-H clubs can apply for "seed money" from DuPont Pioneer in the form of grants up to \$500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are **due to the state office by January 30, 2020**. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the [DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant webpage](#).

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Students pursuing higher education are encouraged to complete a 4-H scholarship application. More than 90 scholarships totaling nearly \$100,000 will be awarded to 4-H'ers attending a university, private college, or community college in Iowa with scholarships of \$500-\$3,200.

Scholarship applications are due to the State 4-H Office by **February 1**. <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audiencelD=1>

In addition to the state scholarships, The **Allamakee 4-H Scholarship** Committee will award scholarships with a minimum value of \$250. This scholarship requires applicants to submit an application, 4-H Record Book, and two letters of support to the Extension Office by **March 1**. Visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/allamakee/news/scholarship-information](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/allamakee/news/scholarship-information) for more county and state scholarship information and opportunities. Deadlines vary per organization.

## STATE RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

You deserve to be recognized for your hard work and have some fun too! There are many opportunities for recognition awards or to represent Iowa on the state and national level for youth in 9-12 grades. These opportunities include National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council, Iowa and State 4-H Project Awards. Learn more about applying for these opportunities at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities).

Online applications are due to the State 4-H Office by **February 1**. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Iowa State University in Ames. If you are interested in applying please contact Morgan.

## RECOGNIZE YOUR POTENTIAL DAY

Not sure what State Recognition Opportunities are available to you or what you would be best to apply for? Join Abe Schmitt, State Council member to learn about state opportunities on Sunday, January 12 at the Winneshiek County Extension Office from 6:30-8:00 pm. The "Recognize Your Potential Day" will cover State Recognition Awards, opportunities, and events. The content covered will be primarily for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade members; however, anybody can come to learn more about these opportunities. If you are interested in attending please contact Abe Schmitt at [ajschmitt718@gmail.com](mailto:ajschmitt718@gmail.com).

## SPRING 4-H APPAREL ORDERS

4-H Apparel Order forms will be distributed to club leaders soon. We offer families the opportunity to order 4-H apparel every spring, with new designs every-other year. This year is a year for our NEW 2020 designs. Club member orders are due to club leaders by January 31. Apparel will be ready at Fruit & Butter Braid Delivery. We will notify club leaders when they are ready to be picked up. Members should make checks payable to your 4-H club and payments should be collected within the club.

# LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES



## BEEF WEIGH-IN

All 4-H members who weigh in market animals will need to confirm data entered by the county Extension staff. The market beef deadline to do this is January 31. A 'how to' sheet will be available at the weigh-ins, or contact the Extension Office for help.

## BEEF CHECK-OFF PROGRAM

The Beef Checkoff Program is mandatory and requires that any time there is a change of ownership of a bovine animal, \$1.50-per-head must be remitted to the Iowa Beef Industry Council. The beef checkoff applies to ALL bovine animals, including but not limited to, breeding stock, dairy animals and club calves (including new 4-H projects). These dollars fund Beef It's What's For Dinner promotions.

If you have any additional questions or would like more information about the Beef Checkoff Program, please contact the Iowa Beef Industry Council at 515-296-2305, [beef@iabeef.org](mailto:beef@iabeef.org), or at [www.iabeef.org](http://www.iabeef.org). Please send all investments directly to: Iowa Beef Industry Council, PO Box 451, Ames, IA 50010.

## YOUTH QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

All Allamakee County 4-H members exhibiting livestock at the Allamakee County Fair MUST be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified to be eligible to show at the 2020 Allamakee County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair. 4-H'ers will have three years of food safety and quality assurance training and be able to demonstrate understating of quality assurance principles through testing and/or training.

Youth in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade need to attend face-to-face training scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 am—10:30 am at the NICC Waukon Campus. Please call 563-568-6345 to RSVP. Junior members (Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) must attend training every year.

Intermediate & Senior members (Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) have the option to test online for certification at their age level. More information will be coming, families please keep an eye out.

## UPDATED STATE LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Livestock Exhibitors: Please be aware of the updated 4-H 202 Livestock Show Requirements. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

## 4-H CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Allamakee County 4-H Circle of Friends fund was established in 2002 to secure financial support for the Allamakee County 4-H Program. The 4-H Circle of Friends funds help support youth educational activities within the county, region, and state. The fund also supports community service projects, awards, and scholarships, and educational materials for adults working with youth.



In 2012 we began offering Circle of Friends members an opportunity to promote their name or business by purchasing a 16" x 24" aluminum sign which is displayed each year during the fair in the Show Barn for a minimum investment of \$100 per year. Interested in donating to the Circle of Friends? Please contact the Extension Office to receive a brochure.

# ATTENTION: 4-H CLUB LEADERS

## UPCOMING DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

**Program Books** — It is never too soon to start working on your 2019-20 Program Books with your officers. Program books were due to the Extension Office ASAP, please contact Morgan with any questions.

**Are there changes in club meeting space/meeting time or leaders for the 2019-20 4-H year?** If you are aware of changes that will be made, please contact the Extension Office!

**Club Visits** — As you are working on your Club Program Books if you see a month that you would like Morgan to attend and bring an activity for the youth, please contact her soon to get that date on her calendar.

If you are planning a club activity that is NOT documented in your club program, please remember to contact the Extension Office about insurance coverage for special activities.

As club activities are planned, please **turn driver's names and last 5 digits of social security number into the Extension Office** a minimum of 3 weeks prior to scheduled events so paperwork can be sent to those who will be transporting youth. This is to assure everyone is properly screened.

If you are planning a **club activity that is NOT** documented in your club program, please remember to contact the Extension Office about insurance coverage for special activities. **Liability activity forms** can be found on our website [www.extension.iastate.edu/allamakee/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/allamakee/4h) under the Leader heading.

**Fruit & Butter Braid Fundraiser** — Letters with information and order forms will be mailed to all enrolled 4-H'ers soon! Forms will be due to leaders on January 31 and club master forms will be due to the Extension Office on February 6. Delivery is scheduled for March 13 from 3-5:00 PM at the Heitman/Kruger Pioneer Building.

**Winter Waivers**—Is your club planning to go sledding, snowboarding, ice skating or other winter recreation activities? Waivers need to be signed by parents and 4-H'ers.

**Club Bills** — Will be mailed to 'primary' club leaders after January 1. Keep an eye out for these.

**Apparel Orders**— Club order forms will be available to club leaders soon. All club orders are due to the Extension Office by February 6 with the goal of having them printed and ready for pick-up at Fruit & Butter Braid Delivery in mid-March.

## 2020 FAIR THEME & DATES

Preparations have started for the 2020 Allamakee County Fair! You can also start preparations on booth decorating ideas. The 2020 theme is: "Go For The Gold"

The 2020 Allamakee County Fair has been scheduled for **July 8-12, 2020**.

## 2020 FAIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Fair Board has identified re-roofing the Show Barn at the Fairgrounds as the 2020 Fair Improvement Project. The fundraising goal for this year is \$2,500. This can be met if each club gives at least \$250. If your club would like to donate, please drop off checks to the Allamakee County Extension Office by **April 30**. Please make checks payable to the Allamakee County Extension Office.

# 2020 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
<b>JANUARY</b>			
January 1, 2020	Extension Office Closed—New Year Holiday		
January 5, 2020	County Council Outing	3:00 PM	LaCrosse Escape Room
January 15, 2020	Summer 4-H Program Assistant Applications Due		
January 21, 2020	YDC Meeting	7:00 PM	Allamakee County Extension Office
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
February 2, 2020	County Council Meeting	1:00 PM	Allamakee County Extension Office
February 8, 2020	Chef's Club	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Allamakee County Extension Office
February 22, 2020	YQCA Training	9:00-10:30 AM	Allamakee County Extension Office
<b>MARCH</b>			
March 1, 2020	County Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Allamakee County Extension Office
March 1, 2020	Scholarship Deadline		
March 10, 2020	Scholarship Interviews	5:00 PM	Allamakee County Extension Office
March 13, 2020	4-H Fruit/Butterbraid Delivery	1:00 PM—4:00 PM	Heitman/Kruger Pioneer Building
<b>FUTURE DATES</b>			
April 4, 2020	Swine Weigh-In		Allamakee County Fair Grounds
May 1, 2020	County Council Applications Due		Allamakee County Extension Office
May 2, 2020	(Tentative) Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In		Allamakee County Fair Grounds
May 15, 2020	Animal ID Deadline		4HOnline
June 15, 2020	Animal Entry Deadline		Allamakee County Extension Office
June 28, 2020	Expressions Day		TBA
June 30—July 2, 2020	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference		Ames
July 8-12, 2020	2020 Allamakee County Fair		Allamakee County Fair Grounds

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Be sure to 'like' Allamakee County 4-H on Facebook for reminders of upcoming events!

*The 4-H club experience has at its core positive youth development experiential learning opportunities, in partnership with caring adults, that assist young people in becoming competent, caring, contributing, confident, connected, and capable. These experiences involve meeting the four needs of youth, fostering the eight essential elements, and achieving community and life skill outcomes. This is accomplished by establishing clubs as vibrant and sustainable learning communities that coalesce around one or more commonalities of interest, geography, age, or any other appropriate criteria; and with a primary function of group and individual learning centered on shared goals.*

To ensure youth are able to meet their full potential in 4-H, please be sure to be working with club leaders to be meeting club guidelines throughout the year! If you are unsure of these guidelines, please check with your club leaders!



# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS



June 19-27, 2020

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

[WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/CWF](http://WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/CWF)

**DUE JANUARY 17, 2020**

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at time of trip).

Every summer teens from across the country gather at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world.



## Participant Quotes

*"The experience of CWF was completely unique and so valuable. We spent time every day discussing our opinions on a variety of subjects that had mixed responses. Despite the difference in our opinions, we still shared incredible memories and learned so much together."*

*"We learned about all of those things we learn in school, see on TV and write reports on. Until you get to see them with your own eyes, it really doesn't mean anything. Once you see them you feel connected and you understand what the United States stands for. It makes you feel proud."*

*"I really enjoyed talking with our representative. They made me feel I really can make difference even though we were a bunch of kids. They were really interested in what we thought."*

*"It is an opportunity to learn more about caring for others and putting them first before your own needs. It is also a fabulous way to learn more about the foundations of our country in a hands-on and inspiring way."*

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## Schedule Highlights

*Friday:* Travel from Iowa

*Saturday:* Flight 93 Memorial, Pennsylvania

*Sunday:* Gettysburg, then arrival at CWF

*Monday – Friday:* CWF Program

*Saturday:* Travel back to Iowa

Our focus at the National 4-H Center will be workshops about issues, bill-writing, actively participating in committee meetings, and community action planning.

### The week's field trips will tentatively include:

- Mount Vernon
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Capitol Hill visits with elected officials
- Day time/night time visits to many monuments and memorials
- "Spamalot" dinner theatre production
- our own day around the National Mall

*Please note that even as schedules are shared, they remain tentative as circumstances can change quickly in the DC area.*



## Teen Registration

**Registration Deadline:** January 17, 2020

**Trip Cost:** \$1850.00

*This includes all lodging, travel, tours, and most meals.*

**48 delegate spots are available.**

- Non-refundable deposit of \$650 due at registration.
- Remaining balance is two payments of \$600 due March 15 and April 15, 2020.
- The CWF website attached also has information on possible sources of financial assistance.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf)

## Adult Chaperones

To indicate interest in chaperoning, please return the chaperone application by January 17, 2020.

Visit the CWF webpage below to learn more about chaperone roles, responsibilities, and cost, as well as find the adult chaperone application.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf)

### Questions?

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