September 2014

Dear 4-H Families:

I love this time of year, as the hot summer days fade into cool fall afternoons and the leaves all turn to shades of red, yellow, and orange, I look forward to another new 4-H year. It’s great to reflect on the accomplishments of last year and start making plans and setting goals for the new year. I want to challenge each 4-H member to try something new this year. You can expand on your skills in an area you are already familiar with, or try something new altogether. Whatever it is, write your goal on a piece of paper and hang it in your room where you will see it throughout the year and do your best to accomplish it.

As the new year begins, it is time to re-enroll for 4-H too. You will need to follow the instruction in this newsletter or call the Extension office at 712-297-8611 and I will gladly help you through the process.

If you have questions about anything in this newsletter, please call the office for clarification.

Sincerely,

Jill Mims- County Youth Coordinator

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Iowa State Fair! And congratulations to Emma Nelsen for receiving the Judge’s Choice award in Home Improvement; Tanner Macke for receiving the 4-H Gallery Award; and the team of Jacy McAlexander, David Wedemeyer, and Rachel Wedemeyer for placing 3rd overall in Horticulture. Jacy should be congratulated for receiving 4th place individual score in Horticulture as well.

All livestock, horticulture, static, and communication results can be found on the last page of this newsletter. If you have not picked up your static exhibit yet, it is in the Extension office and ready for you to get. Great job everyone!

Record Books and Award Applications

I want to give you another real quick reminder that record books and award applications are due to your club leaders by September 15. Detailed instructions were in the August newsletter and forms can be found at: www.extension.iastate.edu/calhoun/4h

Please contact your club leader, another 4-H member, or the Extension office if you need any help.
Re-enrollment
Once again this year, you will need to go online to www.4honline.com and update your information. It is very important that you take the time and verify that all information is current and correct. I know that several people had changes in their primary phone number, address, and/or emails so please check closely. If I have a short-turn around or have to make contact with just a select group, I will send emails or make personal calls and it goes a lot quicker if I have the correct contact information.

Updating information is half of the re-enrollment process. The other half is submitting your 4-H fee to your club leader. Both steps, updating your record in 4HOnline and submitting fees to your leader, must be complete by December 1. Clubs will be asked to submit one check for all 4-H fees at the end of December.

NEW Horse Club
Calhoun County has a new specialty club starting that will focus on the Horse and Horseless Horse project areas. Volunteer Kez Cline has organized riding practice time at the arena in Rockwell City throughout the summer. She will continue with arena practices on Thursdays in September and October from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. as long as weather permits. In addition, she will hold club meetings the third Thursday evening of most months throughout the year. During club meetings, Kez would like to strengthen the kids’ horse knowledge with guest speakers and hands-on projects. She is very interested in helping the kids with any ideas, projects, or events they come up with.

If you are interested in joining this specialty club, please contact Kes at reins.n.manes@gmail.com

Cooking Up Science
All youth in grades 4th-6th are invited to attend the “Cooking Up Science” workshop on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Pomeroy Elementary school. Youth will participate in hands-on activities to learn about the science behind baking cookies. Cost for this workshop is $5 for 4-H members and $15 for non 4-H members. To register, fill out and return the enclosed registration form by Monday, September 15 to:

ISU Extension and Outreach- Calhoun County
521 4th St., PO Box 233
Rockwell City, IA 50579

Cy Day Friday
It is Cy’s 60th birthday this year and the ISU Extension and Outreach- Calhoun County office is having a party. Everyone is invited to attend on Friday, September 12 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. We will be serving a light meal and birthday cake. There will be games and other activities. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed Cyclone fan in both youth and adult categories so wear your ISU gear.
**County 4-H Youth Council**
This past year, members of the County 4-H Youth Council focused on developing and building their leadership and team building skills by working with several community partners. We will continue to work on developing those youth/adult partnerships throughout the 2014-2015 4-H year as well.

Any 4-H member in grade 9th-12th who wants to further develop their leadership skills is invited to be a part of the County 4-H Youth Council. Council will meet from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7; October 5; January 4; February 8; March 1; April 12; May 3; June 7; and August 23.

If you would like more information, please contact Jill Mims at 712-297-8611.

**Mandatory Leaders Meeting**
To be a 4-H Leader in good standing, leaders must attend one mandatory training each year. This year, Carol Ehlers will lead training on Tuesday, October 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Extension office. The topic will be “Inclusion” and will focus on how to make every 4-H member feel welcome and included. If you cannot attend training, you will have a second opportunity to meet the training requirement at the State 4-H Volunteer Retreat on February 6-7. More information about this retreat can be found at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat)

A light supper will be served on October 21. Please call the office at 712-297-8611 by noon on October 20 so I know how many to prepare for.

**Holiday Cards for Military Personnel**
Garfield Gleamer 4-H member Kaylynn Kruckenberg is asking once again for help from 4-H clubs to write holiday cards to military personnel. Leaders who are willing to have members participate will receive blank holiday cards at the Leaders Meeting on October 21 and are asked to return them to the Extension office by Monday, November 17.

Any 4-H member who would like to help Kaylynn by writing more cards can call the Extension office and request how many cards you would like. Please return completed cards to the Extension office by Monday, November 17.

**Roun-Da-Vu**
The Cedar Reading Rockers will be hosting Roun-Da-Vu, the County 4-H awards ceremony, on Sunday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Farnhamville. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

For a fun challenge, the Cedar Reading Rockers will be conducting a coin war among clubs with all money collected going to the Salvation Army’s Red Bucket campaign. As clubs arrive, there will be containers with each club’s name on it where families can deposit their coins. The club with the most money contributed will receive a prize.