The fair is right around the corner and here in the office we are already busy making preparations. Some of those preparations include a new software program we are learning to use called FairEntry. This program has a lot of potential to streamline the data entry, processing and results for our fair. We are excited to be using this web-based program for the 2015 Cedar County Fair. This new program will, of course, bring about some changes for us and for you. We are working hard to determine what processes will change and then we will communicate them out to you as soon as we can. But rest assured—details are coming!

Many of the forms and more information for the upcoming fair have now been posted to our website. Check the site out now and check back often. We will continue to add things to the website as they are scheduled and more information becomes available.

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**EASTERN IOWA 4-H PROJECT WORKSHOP**

Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity! The registration deadline has been extended to April 17 and forms are available for the first ever Eastern Iowa 4-H Project Workshop on April 25, 2015 from 9am-2:30pm at North Scott High School. All junior and intermediate 4-H members, friends, parents, and 4-H volunteers are invited to attend. Prepare to be inspired and explore all 4-H has to offer. You will hear from John Robinson, nationally renowned inspirational speaker on how to take advantage of all you can, how to be a leader, a contributing citizen and see the value we all hold inside ourselves (www.ourability.com). Explore project areas in Healthy Living, STEM, Arts/Communications, and Leadership/Citizenship. Meet other 4-Hers from around the state and make new friends. Adults can network, share and learn about 4-H resources. Find the registration form on our website: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/)

**FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Dates have been set for Cedar County FSQA training for 2015. All sessions will be held at the Cedar County Ext. Office and must be completed prior to May 15 for youth to participate in the 2015 fair.

If you are in grades 4-6, you must attend FSQA training.

If you are in grades 7-9, you may either attend training or take the intermediate test. Testing out will make you FSQA certified until you are in the 10th grade. The intermediate test consists of 20 multiple choice and true/false questions. You must have 70% correct to pass.

If you are in grades 10-12, you may either attend training or take the senior test. Testing out will make you FSQA certified until you are 20 years of age. The senior test consists of 30 multiple choice and true/false questions. You must have 70% correct to pass.

All scheduled testing sessions have passed. Please contact the office to set up a time to test.

**Training Sessions**

April 29, 5:30-7pm

May 9, 1-2:30pm

All youth who will be exhibiting animals at the Cedar County or State Fair must either attend a session or test out of FSQA.

**Note:** You can check out your FSQA status in 4hOnline. It will show under your individual record as to when your training or test expires. If you have questions, please contact me.

**COUNTY AND STATE FAIR SWINE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

The swine identification process for County and State Fair will remain the same as last year. Details of this process will be mailed out to all Swine project areas members.

**4-H BUCKET / BOTTLE CALF INFO**

We are now into calving season and those enrolled in the Bucket / Bottle Calf project should start looking for a calf to raise and enter in the fair. Calves should be born between January 1 and April 30, 2015. Calves need to be in the possession of the youth within two weeks of birth. Your bucket / bottle calves should be identified in 4hOnline by May 15 (which includes uploading a photo of your calf).

**OPEN BUCKET / BOTTLE CALF INFO**

Youth who are in K-3rd grade are eligible to participate in the Open Bucket / Bottle Calf Show which is sponsored by the Cedar County Fair Board. These calves also need to be born between January 1 and April 30, 2015. Identification forms and photos for these calves need to be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. Forms for this can also be found on our website or picked up in the office.

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**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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Every June, almost 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

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! Come 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!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! We'll also have a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI: Crops.

If you'd like to be part of capturing the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We're doing things a little differently this year and you'll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series.

**Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2015 Registration is now OPEN!** 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. Check it out at this website: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)
LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION DUE IN MAY

Livestock Identification is due no later than May 15th in 4hOnline. All market animals that are weighed will be entered by staff and verified by 4-H members. All other animals should be entered by 4-H members. You will need to log into 4hOnline to identify your animals. County Fair Swine—the process will be the same as last year—you will need to come in and get ear tags for your animals and then take photos of the animals showing the ear tag along with the ear notches in the photo. These photos can also be downloaded directly into 4hOnline if you want to enter the information yourself. This process needs to be completed by May 1st (so that staff has time to review the information before May 15th).

Horse and Dog—if you identified a horse or dog last year, the information you entered last year has remained. However, you will need to go in and activate your animal’s records for this year. You will also need to add any new animals to your records.

Bucket / Bottle Calves—this year you will be able to download pictures of your 4-H animals into 4hOnline when you identify your calf.

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

A Cedar County 4-H Facebook Page has been launched! Find, like, & share us at:
http://www.facebook.com/CedarCounty4H

CEDAR COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

The Cedar County Extension Council is now accepting requests by 4-H members, clubs, and county groups for grants from the Cedar County 4-H Endowment fund. The funding request form can be found on our website and they are due by the 3rd Wednesday of February, May, August and November to the Extension Office. Examples of requests could be (but are not limited to): funding for a club project for the community or funds to assist attending National Convention. There is a maximum of $200 per request. A committee will review all requests and council will select and approve which requests to grant. Also, if you or someone you know would like to donate to the 4-H Endowment Fund please contact the office.

LOOKING TO HELP OUT?

⇒ The Cedar County Cattlemen are looking for help to raise funds for the new cattle building that they plan to build on the fairgrounds. This building will replace the current south cattle barn. If any clubs or members would like to help by doing some sort of fundraiser and donating the proceeds to the project, they would really appreciate it. If there are any questions please contact the Cattlemen directly (Rusty Cook 563-357-0995 or Doug Schroeder 563-357-4044).

⇒ It has been brought to our attention that some of the equipment used for the Dog Agility Show is in dire need of repair or replacement. If any clubs or members are looking for a service project and would like to consider this as an option please contact me at the office and I'll get you in touch with the Dog superintendents.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, please show your support by wearing blue on Friday, April 24th. This event is sponsored by Cedar County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children. Please send pictures of your participation in this event to Dionne Daedlow at Daedlow@iastate.edu or to the Cedar County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children Facebook page.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week is April 12-18. Volunteers are truly at the heart of 4-H and are especially important in making Cedar County 4-H so successful. We would like to thank our many volunteers in Cedar County for all of your hard work and loyalty! I’d like to encourage all members and parents to reach out to a volunteer you know to show your appreciation!
Cedar County Clover Chatter—April 2015

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April
18  Poultry Workshop, Ext. Office 1pm
25  Eastern Iowa 4-H Project Workshop., North Scott High School 9am-2:30pm
29  FSQA Training Session, Ext. Office 5:30-7pm

May
  1  Swine ID and photos due in 4hOnline
  2-3 Intermediate Trip, Wapsi Education Center
  3  Poultry Leg Bands, Ext. Office 1pm
  6  Poultry Leg Bands, Ext. Office 6pm
  9  Sheep/Goat Weigh-in, Fairground 8:30-10am
  9  FSQA Training Session, Ext. Office 1-2:30pm
 15  All livestock ID must be completed online and last day to have FSQA training completed
 15  Last day to enroll in 4-H and add or delete projects from enrollment
 17  Photography 1 workshop, Ext. Office 4-5pm
 30  Clothing and Communication event participation lists due to office

June
  7  Photography 2 workshop, Ext. Office 4-5pm
 12-13 Junior Adventure Camp, Camp Shalom
 13  Communication Event, Ext. Office 9am
 17  Rabbit Workshop, Fairgrounds 6pm
 22  Bucket / Bottle Calf Interviews
 23  Pre-fair preparation—Bi-Centennial Hall and Food Stand buildings
 24  Rabbit Workshop, Fairgrounds 6pm
 27  Clothing Event, Ext. Office 9am
 27  Pre-fair preparation—grounds and livestock buildings
 30  County Council applications due

CHANGES ARE COMING!
This year we will be using a new software program for our fair data. The program is called FairEntry. There will be some changes for you in the process of entering projects for the fair (both static and livestock). More details will follow next month!

Cedar County 4-H Youth Committee (CCYC)
The purpose of the CCYC is to develop and implement a balanced 4-H youth program for Cedar County that supports the mission of the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program. The CCYC works to meet the developmental and educational needs of youth and is responsible for program integrity. Program quality includes assurance that the 4 Basic Needs of youth are met through 4-H programming incorporating the Essential Elements.

CCYC Members
Kari Barker Brad Chapman
Jurgen Ehler Mike Fitzgerald
Amy Glick Scot Harold
Ann Mente Lisa Rock
Deb Storjohann Deb Wenndt

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THE 4-H COLORS
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