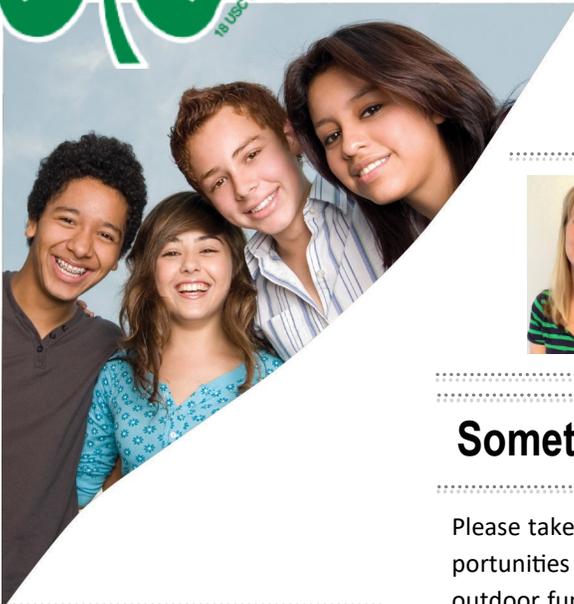




# CLOVER CHATTER

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## Something for everyone!

Please take the time to look through this issue of Clover Chatter! There are so many opportunities for fun and learning for everyone. Whether you are interested in rabbits, outdoor fun, horticulture, fashion or something in between—there is something for you. I know your schedules will start to fill up soon. Be sure to save the dates for things that are important to you!

Congratulations to our March newsletter quiz winner, Hunter Whitlatch! Be sure to turn your April newsletter quiz answers in by April 17th for your chance to win!

*Teresa Bohlmann*

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## FSQA & YQCA

All youth who will be exhibiting beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, or poultry at the Cedar County of State Fair must become certified in FSQA or YQCA by July 1, 2017 to participate in the 2017 Cedar County or Iowa State Fair.

**YQCA online is now LIVE!** 4-H members may complete their certification by accessing the website ([yqca.learn-grow.io](http://yqca.learn-grow.io)) and login with their 4hOnline credentials. FFA or other non-4-H members need to create a new login username and password. There is a \$12 fee to take this certification online.

For this year, members will be able to attend an FSQA training session, take the YQCA online training, or complete the FSQA test (for Intermediates and Seniors) to become certified. Cedar County's FSQA training session was held in March. FSQA testing is by appointment in the office.

**If you are in grades 4-6,** you must attend a FSQA training in another county or complete the YQCA online certification.



**If you are in grade 7-9,** you may either attend FSQA training in another county, complete the YQCA online certification 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 FSQA training in another county, complete the YQCA online certification 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.

**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 at the Extension Office.

## STATE 4-H NEWS

### Iowa 4-H Youth Conference—June 27-29



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! 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 pro-

cess 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!

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! Registration opens March 31 at 5pm and will close for the regular registration fee of \$180 on June 1. After that it will be \$200 through June 10. [Details and registration](#) can be found on the state website.

The Cedar County Youth Committee is offering a \$100 scholarship to those planning to attend Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2017. The main requirement of this scholarship is to come back and share your experience at conference with other Cedar County 4-H members. This is a great opportunity to experience this amazing conference! The [scholarship application](#) can be found on our county website.

You can also check out financial aid applications, due April 25 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

## MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.



# 100 Year of Cedar County Extension and Outreach



Cedar County Extension will be celebrating 100 years of existence during the upcoming months. April 17th will be the first of several events during the year. Cedar County-Farm Bureau/County Agent organized September 21, 1917 during a meeting held at the Hardacre Opera house in Tipton. This

organization of the Cedar County Member Association established what we now know as the Cedar County Extension Service and the Cedar County Farm Bureau. Leslie M Carl of Lone Tree became the first County Agricultural Agent. Watch our upcoming events on the website. [www.cedarcountyextension/cedar](http://www.cedarcountyextension/cedar)

## AREA 4-H EVENT



## 4-H Junior Adventure Camp

4-H members in 4th-6th grade are invited to attend camp at Camp Shalom in Maquoketa on June 9 & 10.

You'll join members from across eastern Iowa as you canoe, swim, tie-dye, make crafts, shoot archery, enjoy a camp fire and make new friends. Thanks to funding from the Cedar County 4-H Endowment Fund, the cost of camp for Cedar

County members is \$60. This includes three meals, overnight cabin accommodations, snacks, and activities! Check out the [details](#), grab a friend or two and sign up today—you don't want to miss this!

For those members who are 16 years old and would like to be a camp counselor, please check [here](#) for details and an application. This is a fun leadership experience—and a great way to make new friends as well!

## STATE 4-H EVENT

## State 4-H Summer Camps

For those wanting to take their camping experience to the next level, there are several options to attend State 4-H Camp in Madrid, Iowa. Camps being offered this summer include: Shooting Sports Youth Camp, Drone Discovery Camp, Young Women in Business Leadership Camp, Design Dimensions

Camp, and the Spanish Immersion Camp. The camps take place in June and July and are for a variety of ages, 4th-12th grade. Check out the state [website](#) for details and registration information.

## 4-H DEADLINE

## Animal ID's Due May 15th

Livestock ID's are due in 4hOnline on Monday, May 15th. To do this, login to 4hOnline. After you click on the Edit button next to the member's name, look for the Animals/Livestock link towards the top of the page. Clicking on that link will take you to the animal ID page. Select a species from the drop down menu and fill in the requested information.

**DON'T FORGET TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR WORK AND HIT SAVE!** Animals that must be identified in 4hOnline are beef, dairy, bucket calf, dogs, goats (meat & dairy), horse, pets, sheep, and swine. Pictures are required for bucket calves, dogs, and horses. Rabbits that will be entered in the 4-H show at the Iowa State Fair and Cedar County Fair must have a tattoo in their ear and be identified in 4hOnline by July 1.

**If in doubt, call and check. If you do not complete your 4hOnline animal ID by the due date, you will not be able to exhibit your animal!**

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [HTTP://WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CEDAR/4H](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/4h)



## Swine Information & Changes

Letters have gone out to all members enrolled in the Swine Project area. If you did not receive one or are not yet enrolled in the project area, you can read the [details](#) on our website. There are many changes in the Swine Project this year.

The 2017 swine show at the Cedar County Fair will be a non-terminal show. Exhibitors will have the option to take their hogs home or to sell to the packer.

There will be classes for Breeding Gilts this year as well as purebred classes for both Market and Breeding Swine. All swine identified as a breed will require registration papers.

Health Certificates are required for swine and must be presented at check in at the fair Tuesday evening. You must work with your veterinarian to obtain this.

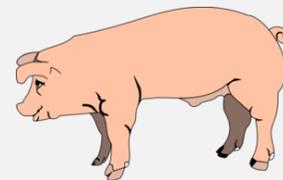
4-H county only pigs will require a USDA ear tag and NO ear

notches need to be recorded in 4hOnline. All FFA pigs and 4-H pigs for state AND county fair will need tagged and ear notches entered into 4hOnline.

All 4-H and FFA swine for both county and state fair must be tagged and identified at a County Swine ID day or with County Staff present. Swine ID Days are: May 3, 4-7pm and May 6, 10am-noon at the Cedar County Fairgrounds. County tags will cost \$2 each and State DNA tags will cost \$10 each.

There will be a new Production Swine Project to showcase learning and education in swine production.

For questions please call Teresa at the office.



## CEDAR COUNTY 4-H EVENT

### 4-H Clothing and Communication Events

Fair Entry is now open for 4-H Clothing and Communication Events! These events will both take place in June and results will be announced at the Cedar County Fair on Friday, July 14th on the Free Stage.

Do you enjoy fashion, shopping, finding a good deal, or sewing? If so, then our **Clothing Event** may just be for you. Our Cedar County Clothing Event will be held Wednesday, June 14 in the afternoon. Classes featured at this event are: Clothing Selection (you purchase an outfit your yourself considering things like cost, style, fit, purpose, etc.); \$15 Challenge (you purchase an outfit for yourself for \$15 or less); Fashion Review (you sew an outfit for yourself). On event day you interview with a judge and model your outfit. You also get to model at the Style Show during the Cedar County Fair on Friday, July 14.

One of the most valuable life skills that you can learn and work on through 4-H is **Communication**. All Cedar County 4-H members are required to give a presentation at the club level throughout the year. I would like to encourage you to take it

a step further and share your presentation at the county level. You have already done the work so with a little extra polish and practice you'll be all set! Or consider doing a Working Exhibit—for this you lead others in a “make it, take it” activity or craft. You provide the instructions and supplies for the activity. Another communication option to consider is doing a Share the Fun act. This is a group skit or performance aimed to entertain. A final communication option is Extemporaneous Speaking. In this event you are given the opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech and respond to questions given a limited amount of preparation time. It really helps you to learn to think on your feet! Our Cedar County Communication Event will be held Wednesday, June 7th in the morning. This event is for our Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speakers. Our Share the Fun acts and Working Exhibits happen during the fair.

To sign up for these events, you must log in to Fair Entry (<http://cedar.fairentry.com>) with your 4hOnline credentials and sign up by May 31, 2017.

**4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH**



## 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 the CWF trip, State Conference, Intermediate Trip, Junior Camp, etc. 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.

### LOCAL 4-H NEWS

## 4-H and Open Bucket / Bottle Calf Information

**4-H Member info:** We are now into calving season for many folks 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, 2017. 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). Bucket/bottle calf information is posted on our website.

**Open Class info:** Youth who are 5 years old through third 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, 2017. Identification forms and photos for these calves need to be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. Forms for this can be found on our website, picked up at our office or on the Cedar County Fair website.



### Clover Kids Super Saturday

Extension Office  
Hours  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 am—Noon  
and  
12:30 pm—4:00 pm  
Phone  
563-886-6157

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [HTTP://WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CEDAR/4H](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/4h)

# Things to note...



## RABBIT WORKSHOP, FSQA, AND CLINICS

Join us on April 30th 1-3pm at the Extension Office for a Rabbit FSQA and Care workshop. Lynne Rechtermann will be sharing information and provide some hands on learning with her own rabbits present.

If you would like to get started and don't know how OR you would like some helpful hints, this meeting is for you! This will also be a day to complete your required FSQA certification for this year!

Then join Lynne for rabbit clinics as you prepare for the 2017 fair. She will hold clinics at the swine arena on the Fairgrounds on June 21 and 28 at 6pm.

## SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH-IN



The Sheep and Meat Goat weigh-in will be Saturday, May 6th 8:00 am—10:00 am at the fairgrounds.

All sheep and goats to be shown at the county, state fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben need to attend weigh-in to be weighed and tagged. Per state health rules, scrapies tags must be in the animal's ear upon arrival at an exhibition/show, plan accordingly.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week is April 23-29. Our many 4-H volunteers are truly the reason why the Cedar County 4-H program is so successful and we appreciate all who give of their time and talents. I encourage all of our members and parent to reach out to a volunteer you know to show your appreciation! Consider starting with your 4-H club leader—they give so much of themselves all throughout the year!



## TECHNOLOGY LAB

Cedar County E&O is actively trying to raise funds for a Technology Lab. This will be a tool to enhance and grow accessibility to technology for those here in Cedar County attending our programs, training sessions, classes, events, continuing education opportunities and much more. The equipment will be available for use and check-out by our clubs and members. The plan is to include iPads, Laptops, a projector, and printers that will be available for programs, club and member learning and research.

We are actively trying to raise funds for our Technology Lab. If you, your club, or business would like to make a donation to this project, please contact the office.

## WHITE T-SHIRTS FOR THE FAIR

All new 4-H members will be provided with a new, white 4-H t-shirt prior to the 2017 Cedar County Fair. We will also have some on hand for purchase for those who need a new size or would like an extra. Please contact the office to order a t-shirt if you are not a new member.

Attn: Club Reporters

Would you like to post your monthly club report online? Some clubs are having a hard time getting their reports in the newspaper, and some families simply do not subscribe to newspapers anymore. We will be providing a spot on our Cedar County 4-H website to post monthly club reports. Simply email me (tbohlman@iastate.edu) and I'll see that they get added to the site. This will be a quick and easy way for all to see what each club is up to!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to those that helped with 2017 Clover Kids Super Saturday! CCYC members (Kari Barker and Amy Glick), Center Ring Leaders (Liam Gibbs, Sabra Rogers, Clay Bohmann, Grady Glick and Carson Glick), Sugar Creek Challenger (Cheyenne Byrd), Inland 4-H member (Jordan Barker), Miss Sarah from Cedar County Conservation, leaders (Todd Mente and Emily Dallege), Nancy Mathias, and Megan Mason all helped to make this day a success!



## OUR VISION

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# Things to note...



## SUCCULENT PLANTING WORKSHOP

Would you like to learn how to pot and care for a succulent plant? If so, please plan to join the Cedar County Master Gardeners on Wednesday, May 10th at 6pm at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds.

Cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$7.50 for non-members. Bring a friend and bring a container to pot your plant in. [Registration](#) and details can be found on our website. Space is limited so please sign up early!



## PRODUCTION SWINE PROJECT

The Cedar County Pork Producers would like to introduce a new opportunity for youth to showcase their learning and education in swine production. This is for those involved directly or indirectly with owning, caring for, or helping with any kind of swine enterprise. You do not need to own the pigs you are working with. You do not need to identify or show swine at the fair. Entry for this project must be completed in Fair Entry by May 15th.

Exhibitors will receive a combination score based on: Presentation, Oral Interview, and Written records. Presentation and Interviews will be held June 29 in the evening at the Extension Office.

For [details](#), please check out our website.

## PRE FAIR PARTY

Leaders, mark your calendar now for our first ever, Pre Fair Party on May 17th at 7pm at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. This will be our time to get excited about Fair 2017! We'll have food, fun, and a lot of information to share.

Those who attend (or send a representative) will receive their 2017 Fairbooks, exhibitor tickets, ticket packets, and be entered for a chance to win a door prize!

Don't miss out!



### LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to find and like our Cedar County 4-H Facebook page. It is a great way to stay up to date and share pictures and stories!

<http://www.facebook.com/CedarCounty4H>

## DOG CLINICS COMING UP!

The first Dog Clinic of the year will be held April 27 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. All who will be or are considering showing a dog at the fair are encouraged to attend. This first meeting will be held without dogs. Please bring your rabies certificate and schedule as Marie hopes to finalize the Dog Clinic schedule for the spring.

Also, reminder of the Clever Canines service project on Saturday, April 15 at Unbridled Spirits. Meet at the Lisbon Casey's at 1:30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend but please contact Marie at 319-560-1673 or [lollipop2121@yahoo.com](mailto:lollipop2121@yahoo.com).

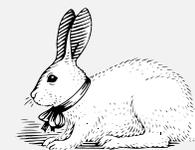
## NEW HORSE & DOG ID RULE

New for this year, immediate family members (siblings/step-siblings) can co-identify the same horse(s) or dog(s).

Each dog/horse must still be identified in 4hOnline under each sibling. No change in rule that the animal is EITHER identified as 4-H or FFA, not both. Siblings must both be in 4-H to identify the same dog/horse. The same animal will only be allowed to show in a class ONCE—for example, a 5th grade 4-H'er cannot show a horse in barrels, and the 8th grade sibling show the same horse in barrels; however, the other sibling could show that same horse in pole bending for example. Reminder: Each 4-H member will still be allowed to ID a max. of 5 horse; of those 5, a max. of 2 can be leased—halter horses are NOT allowed to be leased and must be owned.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY RABBIT SHOW

The Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders annual show is Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23 in Amana, Iowa at the RV campground. This year celebrates the 50th anniversary show. Saturday is the 4 class or fancy double rabbit show. Sunday is the 6 class or Commercial double show. Also on Saturday will be the National Silver Fox rabbit show. Sunday is also a double cavy show. More information can be found on the CRRBA (Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders Association) and ARBA websites or by contacting Lynne Rechterman at 563-260-5295.



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### April

- 15 Clever Canine Service Project
- 17 Cedar County Extension 100 Year Event
- 27 Dog Clinic, 6:30pm Extension Office
- 30 Rabbit FSQA Workshop, 1pm Extension Office

### May

- 3 Swine ID Day, 4-7pm at fairgrounds
- 6 Sheep/Goat Weigh-In, 8-10am
- 6 Swine ID Day, 10-noon at fairgrounds
- 10 Horticulture Workshop, 6pm at 4H Building
- 15 4hOnline animal ID's due, last day to enroll and add projects in 4hOnline
- 17 Pre Fair Party for 4-H Leaders, 7pm 4H Building

### June

- 7 Communication Event, Extension Office
- 9-10 4-H Junior Adventure Camp, Maquoketa
- 14 Clothing Event, Extension Office
- 23 Production Swine Project written records due to office
- 27 Bucket Bottle Interviews, Extension Office
- 29 Production Swine Project Interviews, Extension Office

### July

- 10 Conference Judging Day
- 12-16 Cedar County Fair



### 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.

#### 2016-2017 CCYC Members:

Kari Barker	Brad Chapman	
Jurgen Ehler	Ethan Fetzer	Joan Garner
Amy Glick	Kelli Jensen	
Lisa Kepford	Charli Mosier	
Deb Storjohann	Amy Wilkins	

Newsletter Quiz—April (due April 17, 2017)

1. Cedar County Extension will celebrate 100 years with the first event to be held when?
2. Who can attend a 4-H cam this summer?
3. What is one of the Communication options you can do for the Communication Event?

Name & Club:

## 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.