Another successful Cedar County Fair is in the books. I would like to send out a big “Job Well Done” to all of our exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and staff! I witnessed so many great things and I could not be more proud of our Cedar County 4-H family. Some of you will now be on to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair or maybe even preparing for Ak-Sar-Ben. I wish you all the best as you prepare to represent our county—continue to make us proud!

As you get ready to head back to school please remember that this is also the time to wrap up another 4-H year, which means completing your records. Record books are due to the office by September 4th at 4pm to be considered for awards. The absolute last day to turn record books in to maintain Cedar County eligibility is September 25th.

Our new 4-H year will begin September 1st!
Cedar County Clover Chatter—August 2015

HERDSMASHIPS AT THE FAIR

Congratulations to the following clubs for their hard work keeping areas clean and winning herdsmanship!

**Beef:**
- 1st—Inland
- 2nd—Lowden Lasers
- 3rd—New Horizons

**Sheep & Goats:**
- 1st—Center Ring Leaders
- 2nd—Inland
- 3rd—Sugar Creek Challengers

**Swine:**
- 1st—Inland
- 2nd—New Horizons
- 3rd—Pork Center Pioneers

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**CLUB BOOTH WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following clubs for their winning booths at the fair. Judging was based on use of the theme “Dare to Discover”, creativity, neatness, and clean-up by Sunday evening of the fair.

- 1st—Inland
- 2nd—Lowden Lasers
- 3rd—Sugar Creek Challengers

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**WINNERS OF THE 4-H MEMBER SIGN FACEBOOK CHALLENGE**

Thank you to all who participated in the 4-H member sign selfie challenge! We had a lot of posts to our page, a lot of new views and likes to our page, and saw many signs get posted for the world to see! We are starting to get the word out about Cedar County 4-H.

The first members from each club to post were:
- Harmony Hustlers: Annikah Boettcher
- Center Ring Leaders: Cody Bohlmann
- Sugar Creek Challengers: Cheyenne Byrd
- Pork Center Pioneers: Brighton and Lacey Rouse

- Inland 4-H: Jada Rock
- Springdale Wildcats: Cadence Hansen
- New Horizons: Brooklynn Chapin
- Lowden Lasers: Mariah Behrens

The club with the highest percentage of participation:
- New Horizons

Creativity awards:
- Mariah Behrens
- Benen Crock
- Kyle Harold
- Brighton & Lacey Rouse

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**THANK YOU NOTES**

Please remember to get your thank you notes done. If you received a plaque or trophy from your fair experience, please be sure to take the time to send the sponsor of the award a Thank You note. Also, please consider writing Thank You notes to River Valley Cooperative and the Cedar County Fair Board for your free season pass to the fair and to Farm Credit Services for your food coupon and stall cards. And don’t forget the Cedar County Fair Board for your premiums from the fair.

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**AUCTION THANK YOU’S**

Checks have been written for the ribbon and livestock auctions and are waiting to be picked up. The Auction Committee has asked that your Thank You come to the Extension Office for mailing. Your checks will be available once your Thank You is received.

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**CLUB BOOKS**

Clubs and/or club officers are asked to turn in their treasurer book and secretary book to the Extension Office by September 4th. If your club keeps a historian’s book we would encourage you bring this to the office also.

Any of the club books turned in by September 4th will be considered for club awards.

It is a state requirement that all financial records come to the Extension Office for evaluation.

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**4-H RECORDS ARE DUE**

It is now time for an important part of the 4-H year, the completion of your record keeping for the projects you are enrolled in. The completion of your record keeping will determine your active membership status at the end of the 4-H year and your eligibility to exhibit at the county fair in 2015.

It is important to complete records even if you did not take an exhibit to the county fair. Be sure to complete the required information and have it at the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on Friday, September

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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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5th. This date will make you eligible for project awards and county awards.
All record keeping forms are available online at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/news/4h-record-keeping](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/news/4h-record-keeping). Be sure that you use the most current forms and use the ones from the Cedar County website. Many of these forms can be typed into and then printed off.

Please let the office know if you have any questions or problems with the website and forms.

**COUNTY AWARDS**

Now is the time to think about applying for a county award. You have worked hard in your project areas during the past year. A listing of all awards is available online at by clicking on the link for county awards on the Cedar County Website home page [www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar)
All record keeping and award applications need to be submitted to the office by 4:00 pm on Friday—September 4th.
All members are eligible to apply for the Junior Achievement, Intermediate Achievement, Senior Achievement and Presidential Service Challenge.
We also have the UPS (Utilizing Your Potential) award which is available for leaders to complete for youth they feel qualify.

**NEW 4H YEAR STARTS**

September 1 all records from the 2014—2015 4-H year will be deactivated and you can start the online enrollment process for 2015—2016. The website is iowa.4honline.com
We will also encourage all of our new members to enroll in 4-H through this process. If a new member already has siblings in 4-H do not create a new family record — just add the new member to his or her family records.

⇒ Make sure that you have a current email address entered in 4honline. What I have on file will be the email address which was given when you enrolled last year. If you have changed that you will need to notify the Extension Office so we can make that change in your records.
⇒ Your email password will not need to be changed. You can use the one you already have established for your 4honline account.
⇒ If you find that the password will not work—you can ask for a new one. Remember the new one will be a series of letters and numbers. It will work best to copy and paste it into the place for your email. Once you do this you will have an opportunity to change the password to something that is easier for you to remember.
⇒ If you have problems with using 4hOnline for this process, please contact the office and we can help walk you through the process.
⇒ We will continue to use 4hOnline for all of our livestock identification—both those that go through the weigh-in process and those that you identify yourself.
⇒ I encourage you to approach this process with a positive attitude and don’t be afraid to contact the office if you have questions.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**September**

1. Re-enrollment starts for new year online
4. Record keeping due for county awards, award applications due, club recognition forms due from leaders
7. Holiday, office closed
25. Final day for record keeping to be turned in to Extension Office to be eligible to exhibit at 2016 county fair.

**IOWA STATE FAIR**

AUGUST 13—23, 2015