Summer is upon us and many members are hard at work on projects and exhibits for the fair. In the office we are hard at work too, making preparations for the fair and getting everything lined up. New for this year is a program called Fair Entry which will be the system by which all entries for the Cedar County Fair are made (both livestock and static exhibits). The program is not quite completed yet (this is a pilot year and it is a bit of a work in progress), but in the next days and weeks we will be sharing the program’s website and instructions for making entries. Entries will be due by June 30th so that we can prepare for the fair to begin the week of July 6th!
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! Registration cost is $200. All registration closes on June 10. Check it out at this website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Darrin Miller will be hosting a second photography workshop this Sunday, June 7, 4-5pm at the office.

POULTRY SHOWS CANCELLED
The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has announced an order to cancel all live bird exhibitions at county fairs, the Iowa State Fair, and other gatherings of birds due to avian influenza. We realize the disappointment this has caused for our poultry project exhibitors. While there is no substitute for bringing your birds to the fair for a show, you do have other options for showcasing your learning in the poultry project area at the fair. You can do a write up, poster, or display on your poultry to have evaluated during Conference Judging on July 6th. We will also offer a special, Cedar County Fair only, poster contest for poultry exhibitors to create a poster on avian influenza to help educate the public. Posters cannot exceed 24” x 36” in size. These will be due by 3pm July 6th at the Mathews Building. These posters will not require a write up and will be eligible for standard county ribbons and premiums. These posters will not be eligible for state fair.

HORSE CLINICS
Horse clinics will run every Thursday evening at 6:30 through July 2nd at the fairgrounds. These clinics are highly encouraged for those planning to show at the horse show at the fair.

DOG CLINICS
Dog clinics will run every Tuesday at 5:30pm through June 23rd at the fairgrounds. These clinics will be very helpful to prepare yourself and your dog for the fair dog show.

RABBIT CLINICS
Lynn Rechterman has scheduled two workshops to help you prepare for show day at the fair. The workshops will be June 17 and 24 at 6pm at the fairgrounds. While attending you will weigh your rabbits, complete remark cards, clip toenails, check tattoo readability, learn about showmanship and grooming.

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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HORTICULTURE CLINIC
If you are planning to take any Horticulture exhibits to the fair—be sure to mark your calendar for June 29th at 7pm. Sandy Mente will be at the Extension Office to help you prepare for the county fair. She will talk about what a judge looks for and what will make a good display.

CLUB BOOTH THEME
“Dare to Discover” will be the theme for the club booths this year. Start putting your thoughts together for your club!

CLUB LEADERS
Please be sure that you go to the website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar to find all of the 4-H forms for the fair. You should be able to find everything available online in a printable form or you can complete and submit the online forms. If you have questions, please contact the office. Also, with the holiday on the weekend before fair, please contact the office to coordinate a day and time to set up your club’s booth—this needs completed prior to July 6th.

COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS
4-H members in 10, 11, and 12th grade may apply to become County Council members. Check out the requirements on our website. Applications are due June 30. This is a great leadership opportunity!

CLOTHING EVENT
There is still time to sign up for the 2015 Clothing Event. Do you like fashion, enjoy shopping, or know how to sew? If so—the Clothing Event may be right up your alley! The event consists of three categories:

- Fashion Revue—for those who would like to construct their own garment. Sewn, hand knitted, machine knitted or crocheted all fit in this event.
- Clothing Selection—for those who purchase an outfit. This is an outfit you select for yourself.
- $15 Challenge (NEW—this event open to all ages!)—for those who purchase an outfit totaling less than $15 from a garage sale, consignments store or resale shop. The total cost does not include shoes, accessories, or undergarments.

These events are open to all 4-H members—boys and girls. Registration forms can be found on our website and are due by Friday, June 5. The schedule for this will be put together and mailed out the week of June 8th. The Clothing Event judging will take place at the Extension Office on June 27th and you will participate in the Style Show at the fair on July 8th.

COMMUNICATION EVENT
There is also still time to sign up for a communication event—and what a great life skill to work on! Several opportunities exist for 4-H members to participate in a communication event.

- Educational Presentations—an opportunity to personally demonstrate your communication skills by presenting knowledge, information or a process to gain a desired response from an audience. Length should not exceed 15 minutes for juniors and 20 minutes for intermediate and seniors. Evaluations will be June 13 at the office.
- Extemporaneous Speaking—this program is designed to encourage the development of the communication life skill through enhancing the ability to think, to organize, to speak, and to answer questions readily by participating before an audience. Participants must be senior 4-H members. Evaluations will be June 13 at the office.
- Working Exhibits—an opportunity to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way by teaching them about or how to do something. The length for these are juniors—25 minutes and intermediate and senior 45-50 minutes. Evaluation for this will be during the fair on Friday, July 10.

Sign up deadline for these events is Friday, June 5 and forms can be found on our website. Participants will receive the schedule the week of June 8th. Awards for these events will be announced Friday, July 10th at the fair.

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STALL FEES DUE JUNE 30
Stall fees for the animals you plan to show at the Cedar County Fair need to be paid to the office by June 30th. After that date, a late fee will be assessed. You can find the form on the Cedar County website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cedar/2015%20Livestock%20Entry%20Form.pdf

PRE FAIR CLEAN UP
4-H members, parents, leaders and fair board members will meet on June 27th between 9 and 11am in a joint effort to get all of the barns and show rings ready prior to the fair. So bring your brooms, rakes, shovels, and whatever you think might be useful to complete these tasks. If you have participated in cleaning other buildings prior to July 27th, you are not expected to be a participant this day.

ALL HEIFERS
All heifers—commercial and purebred, need to have a tattoo in place prior to the fair. This should be the same tattoo that you entered into 4hOnline when you identified your heifer. If you have a commercial heifer with a numbered ear tag, they must still have a tattoo in their ear. These will be checked during the weigh-in for the fair. Also, all heifers will need to be weighed in on Tuesday night during the weigh-in process.

REGISTRATION PAPERS
If you plan to exhibit a registered animal at the county fair, we need a copy of the registration paper on file in the Extension Office. It will help us compare registration information prior to the fair and hopefully prevent any identification problems during the weigh-in process.

COW AND CALF PROJECTS
If you have a cow and calf unit which is to be shown as a purebred pair, the calf must be registered with the breed association and registration papers must be available for both cow and calf prior to the show. If you do not have papers available, the cow and calf unit will be shown as commercial.

BUCKET BOTTLE CALF
The date for interviews has been set for June 22. We will be posting the schedule on the Cedar County web page and mailing it out. The required forms are also available on the website. If you have a conflict when the schedule arrives, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can try to make changes.

PET SHOW
Are you planning to show a pet at the fair? Remember to identify your pet on 4hOnline and you’ll need to provide a one page story (folder) about each pet you intend to exhibit. The completed folder needs to be at the Extension Office along with your entry fee of $1 per pet by June 30.

SWINE EXHIBITORS
All swine exhibitors will need to have a premise ID number in order to show their animals at the Cedar County Fair. If you do not have this, go to the website shown below to complete the process. We need to have this on record by July 1. http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf

FAIR SHOW SHEET INFORMATION
The information that you give for your animals when they are weighed in on Tuesday night for the fair cannot be changed after that. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

TRAILER PARKING DURING THE FAIR
There will not be any trailer parking allowed on the fairgrounds or at the school parking lot during the fair. All trailers will need to go home following the unloading of animals on Tuesday evening.

HONORING SENIORS
Attention graduating seniors! This year we will be recognizing each of you with a poster displayed in the exhibit building. This is a reminder that we need a photo and information from you ASAP. Please let us know if you have any questions.

OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

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ARENA CLEAN UP DURING FAIR
During the fair the upkeep of the show arena continues to be an issue. Clubs are being assigned times to walk through the arena and make sure everything looks good. This needs to be completed after each show and especially at the end of the day so it is ready for the next morning.

SWINE ARENA
- Tuesday—after swine weigh-in
  Swine Show superintendents
- Wednesday—after Fun Swine Show
  Fun Swine Show superintendents
- Thursday—after Swine Show
  Inland 4-H Club
- Saturday—after Rabbit Show
  Harmony Hustlers

BEEF ARENA
- Tuesday—after weigh-in
  Beef weigh-in team
- Wednesday—after Beef Showmanship
  New Horizons
- Thursday—after Sheep Show
  Sheep Show superintendents
- Friday—after Heifer Show
  Pork Center Pioneers
- Saturday—after Team Fitting contest
  Cedar County Cattlemen
- Sunday—after Sunday morning shows
  Lowden Lasers
- Sunday—after Kiddie Tractor Pull
  Fair Board Members

FAIR AUCTIONS
Again this year the Ribbon Auction and the Market Beef Auction will take place on Saturday following the market beef show in the show arena.

Ribbon Auction—This will be first and will include ribbons for the following market animals in this order: Sheep, Rabbits, Swine, and Meat Goats. A ribbon auction means that the animals will not be sold (NO animals will come into the ring and NO animals will exchange ownership during this sale) - you will be selling a ribbon to the buyer. We will provide ribbons for you to give to the buyers as you enter the ring.

Market Beef Auction—We will follow the ribbon auction with the market beef auction. In this auction, market beef animals will be sold and the buyer will take possession of the animal. Transactions for the market beef auction will remain the same as they have been in recent years. Market beef exhibitors retain ownership of their animal until release time on Sunday morning.

Swine—If you have someone who is interested in purchasing your hog for butchering (which must be done at the Tipton Locker) you will need to make arrangements for your sale transaction with the buyer prior to swine weigh-in on Tuesday night. This is not going to be part of the auction transaction. The buyer will pay you directly for your pig and you will notify the weigh-in committee on Tuesday night who purchased your animal and which animal is going to the locker following the show on Thursday. We need to know who is buying your pig so that we can track the animals going to the Tipton Locker. Since we are a terminal show—we must supply the State of Iowa our records showing where each animal has gone following the show.

All questions regarding the Fair Auctions should be referred to the Extension Office. Please be sure you review Division 360, the Livestock Market Animal Ribbon and Live Auction section of the 2015 fair book.

FAIR BOARD POLICY
During the dates of the Cedar County Fair, NO open containers will be allowed on the fairgrounds outside of the designated beer garden area. Exceptions to this will be fair sponsored beer and wine judging contest in Floral Hall and paid camper spots. Please respect this decision.

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THE 4-H COLORS
THE OFFICIAL COLORS OF 4-H ARE GREEN AND WHITE. GREEN IS NATURE’S MOST COMMON COLOR AND STANDS FOR SPRINGTIME, LIFE, YOUTH, AND GROWTH. WHITE SYMBOLIZES PURITY AND HIGH IDEALS.
SILENT AUCTION BASKETS

The Cedar County Youth Council will again sponsor a Gift Basket Silent Auction during the fair. The proceeds from the auction will provide funds towards continued improvements in the 4-H Exhibit and Food Stand buildings.

Council members are encouraging each club to sponsor one or two baskets. Other groups, local business places or individuals who support the youth program are also encouraged to participate.

We ask that each basket be wrapped with clear cellophane so everything stays contained in the gasket. Each basket should have a clearly written “sponsored by” tag and a list of the items in the basket. On the bottom of the baskets, please tape a small tag showing the approximate value of the contents.

Silent Auction baskets should be brought to the Mathews Building during the hours of 9am-3pm on Monday, July 6 during conference judging.

Bidding on the baskets will close at 7pm on Saturday, July 11. Highest bidders will be notified and baskets will be available to pick up Sunday at the Fair office under the grandstand. Please contact Joyce at the Extension Office if you have questions.

4-H MEMBER SIGNS

At your June club meeting you will be receiving a 4-H Member sign (if you don’t already have one). We are asking you to show your 4-H pride and display that sign for all to see! To encourage you to display your sign—we are having a friendly competition. Please display your sign at your residence (by hanging it on a fence, putting it on stakes and posting it in the ground, putting it in a window, etc.). Then take a selfie of you with your displayed sign and post it to our Cedar County 4-H Facebook page along with your first name and your club. Awards will be given for the first individual to post from each club, most creative displays, and the club with the highest percentage of membership to post. The contest will conclude July 31, 2015.

IOWA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY PROCESS

New for 2015—there is a new process for making livestock entries for the Iowa State Fair. All entries will be made at the new Iowa State Fair, Fair Entry website (http://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com). For step by step instructions, check out the help sheet at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/StateFair/FamilyEntryHelpSheet2015.pdf

The site is now open and all entries are due by July 1.

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).

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June

2  Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds 5:30pm
4  Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
7  Photography 2 workshop, Ext. Office 4-5pm
9  Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds 5:30pm
11 Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
12-13 Junior Adventure Camp, Camp Shalom
13 Communication Event, Ext. Office 9am
16 Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds 5:30pm
17 Rabbit Workshop, Fairgrounds 6pm
18 Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
22 Bucket / Bottle Calf Interviews

THE BASIC NEEDS OF YOUTH

BELONGING | MASTERY | INDEPENDENCE | GENEROSITY
Cedar County Clover Chatter—June 2015

23  Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds 5:30pm
23  Pre-fair preparation—Bi-Centennial Hall and Food Stand buildings
24  Rabbit Workshop, Fairgrounds 6pm
25  Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
27  Clothing Event, Ext. Office 9am
27  Pre-fair preparation—grounds and livestock buildings
29  Horticulture Workshop, Ext. Office 7pm
30  County Council applications due
30  FairEntry entries due and stall fees due
30  Rabbit, Poultry, and Pet ID’s due to 4hOnline and Pet write ups due

JULY
1  Deadline to do entries for Iowa State Fair
3  Holiday—Office Closed
6  Conference Judging Day
7  Livestock Weigh-Ins
8-12  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.

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

NEW WHITE T-SHIRTS FOR THE FAIR
CCYC will be providing every Cedar County 4-H member with a new county 4-H shirt prior to the fair. We will order your shirt based on your size selected in 4hOnline. Please check what size you have listed by 6/5/15!

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4-H PRIORITIES
Healthy Living | STEM | Citizenship and Leadership | Communication and the Arts

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