The magical date of May 15th is nearly upon us! This is a big day of deadlines for us in 4-H.

- All animal identification must be completed and verified in 4hOnline (excluding: rabbits, poultry, and pets—June 30 is the date for these)
- Last day you can add or drop project areas.
- Last day to have FSQA training or testing completed.
- Jr. Camp registration forms are due.
- Jr. Camp counselor applications are due.
- Last day you can enroll in 4-H and be eligible to exhibit at the Cedar County Fair.

Don’t miss out—get these things done by Friday, May 15! Please call if you have any questions!
FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE

Your final chance to complete 2015 FSQA certification is here! The final training is May 9 1-2:30pm at the Extension Office. If you plan to exhibit beef, swine, dairy, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry at the county or state fair you must have your FSQA completed prior to May 15, 2015.

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.

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.

BUCKET / BOTTLE CALF INFO

All bucket/bottle calf information is due by May 15. For 4-H youth, your calves should be identified in 4hOnline (which includes uploading a photo of your calf). For Open Class youth, identification forms and photos need to be turned into the office. Forms and more information can be found on our website or picked up from the office.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Darrin Miller will be hosting two photography workshops this spring. Photography 1 will be May 17 4-5pm at the office. Photography 2 will be June 7 4-5pm at the office.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Junior Adventure Camp at Camp Shalom in Maquoketa will be held June 12-13. All youth 4-6th grade are invited to attend. Join other 4-H members from Jackson, Clinton, Dubuque, Delaware, Muscatine, and Cedar counties to participate in two days of fun! Registration is $75 and includes three meals, overnight stay, canoeing, swimming, snacks and activities! The form can be found on our website and it due May 15.

SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH-IN

The Sheep and Meat Goat weigh-in will be Saturday, May 9th 8:30am-10am 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. Following the weigh-in you will receive a copy of your ID form and you’ll need to go into 4hOnline to verify your information. If there are changes to be made contact the office so we can make these prior to May 15th.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION DUE

Livestock Identification is due no later than May 15th in 4hOnline (for all animals excluding: rabbits, poultry, and pets). 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. This includes all breeding heifers (and they must have a tattoo in place and entered). You will need to log into 4hOnline to identify your animals.

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—please download pictures of your 4-H animals into 4hOnline when you identify your calf.

CEDAR COUNTY FAIR

JULY 8—12, 2015

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

POULTRY
Lisa Jensen has leg bands available. Contact her directly to arrange pickup (email: mappletreefarm@gmail.com or phone: 563-886-1497). Don’t forget that all poultry need a NPIP test prior to fair. If you already have your certificate, you are set. If not, there will be a date set late June to bring your birds for testing or you can take care of this on your own.

HORSE CLINICS
A letter has been sent out to all who are enrolled in the horse project about the upcoming horse clinics. The first clinic will be held on May 7 starting at 6:30pm at the horse arena on the fairgrounds. Clinics will run every Thursday evening at 6:30 through July 2nd. These clinics are highly encouraged for those planning to show at the horse show at the fair.

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, consignment 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 May 30. 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.

Cedar County Clover Chatter—May 2015

THE 4-H MOTTO
TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

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COMMUNICATION EVENT

Several opportunities exist for 4-H members to participate in a communication event. Consider sharing what you are learning in your 4-H project by participating in one of the following:

- 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. Evaluation for this will be June 13 at the Extension 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. Evaluation for this is June 13 at the Extension 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 May 30 and forms can be found on our website. Awards for these events will be announced Friday, July 10th at the fair.

DOG CLINICS

A letter has been sent out to all who are enrolled in the dog project area about the upcoming dog clinics. The first one will be held Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30pm just south of the swine barn at the fairgrounds. The clinics will run every Tuesday at 5:30pm through June 23rd. These clinics will be very helpful to prepare yourself and your dog for the fair dog show.

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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

IRELANDS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

All youth ages 12-18 are invited to participate in ISU’s Livestock Judging Camp June 8-10 in Ames. The registration fee is $250 and that includes: meals, lodging, awards, manual, and a t-shirt. This will be a great opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in evaluating sheep, beef, and swine. Registration is due by 5/25/15 and can be found here (lower half of the page): http://www.ans.iastate.edu/events/judging/

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 by May 29th. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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.

CLUB BOOTH THEME

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

OUR VISION

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

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CLUB LEADERS

Please be sure that you go to the Cedar County 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.

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.

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.

COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 30

Cedar County 4-H members in 10, 11, and 12th grade may apply to become County Council members. Please check out the requirements and application on our website. This is a great leadership opportunity!

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 the baskets will be available on Sunday during the fair or following the close of the fair at the Extension Office. Please contact Joyce at the Extension Office if you have questions.

FAIR ENTRY SYSTEM

Changes are coming! Watch your mail for more information and details on our new FairEntry system. There will be a website to register and enter all of your fair exhibits and classes prior to the fair. This program syncs with 4hOnline and will help to streamline the check in and results processes for the fair. All entries will be due by June 30th. This will also be the deadline for stall fees this year.

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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.
**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

**Extension Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday**

8:00 am—Noon and 12:30 pm—4:00 pm

Phone 563-886-6157

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**May**

- 6 Poultry Leg Bands, Ext. Office 6pm
- 7 Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
- 9 Sheep/Goat Weigh-in, Fairgrounds 8:30-10am
- 9 FSQA Training Session, Ext. Office 1-2:30pm
- 14 Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
- 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
- 19 Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds 5:30pm
- 21 Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
- 26 Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds 5:30pm
- 28 Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds 6:30pm
- 30 Clothing and Communication event participation lists due to office

**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
- 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
- 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

**THE BASIC NEEDS OF YOUTH**

**BELONGING | MASTERY | INDEPENDENCE | GENEROSITY**

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