September is a time of many new beginnings. The school year has started again and the new 4-H year has begun. If you are a returning 4-H member, welcome back! I encourage you to complete your online re-enrollment as soon as possible. If you are a new member—welcome to the 4-H family! You’ll also need to complete your enrollment online. Instructions for this can be found on the next page of this newsletter. As you enroll take the time to explore ideas in different project areas and make sure you select these options. There are many opportunities to explore!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Let’s have a great year!

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Enrollment for the 2015-2016 4-H year is officially underway! All members, new and returning, will need to enroll online. The website is iowa.4hOnline.com. 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. Here are some things to note as you enroll:

⇒ Make sure that you have a current email address entered in 4hOnline. If you have changed your email address, you can still log in as you did last year and update it. This email address is important as most all of our communication will go out to that address.

⇒ 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.

⇒ There have been some updates and changes to the website.

⇒ Be sure to check and update your project areas.

⇒ We will continue to use 4hOnline for all of our livestock identification—both those that are weighed-in and those that you identify yourself.

Please complete your enrollment online as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need help with the process please contact the office. Many clubs handle the enrollment fee differently so check with your leader for that information.

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

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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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is set for October 4-10. I challenge you to give some thought to different ways you could promote 4-H in your community and school! You could make a poster and hang it in a business downtown or at school or church, complete a community service project or help to recruit new 4-H members. Whatever you do, please help us celebrate National 4-H Week by joining in with Cedar County 4-H’ers, volunteers and supporters for 4-H Spirit Week!

Monday, Oct. 5th—County 4-H shirt day
Tuesday, Oct. 6th—Mis-Match day
Wednesday, Oct. 7th—Science Fiction day
Thursday, Oct. 8th—Green Out day
Friday, Oct. 9th—Project day (share your story or experience on a past 4-H project verbally or on social media)

4-H LEGO ROBOTICS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Are you interested in starting a new FIRST Lego League or Jr. FIRST Lego League team? Join us September 8th at the 4-H Food Stand building on the Cedar County Fair Grounds.

6-6:45pm Jr. FIRST Lego League—parents of youth ages 6-9 (grades K-3)
6:45-7pm FIRST Lego League—parents of youth ages 9-14 (grades 4-8)

Find out more about opportunities available in our county for your children and you! For more information contact Teresa (tbohlman@iastate.edu).

FAIR FOLLOW UP MEETING

We are hosting a fair follow up meeting on September 14th at 7pm at the Mathews Building. This will be a time for fair volunteers, fair board, CCYC, leaders, youth staff, and anyone else interested to come together and share ideas about the fair. We’ll discuss things that went well, things that could be improved and possible new ideas.

The 4-H motto

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

We are looking for new volunteer leaders for Clover Kids groups. Clover Kids is a fun program designed for kids in kindergarten through third grade. The main goal is to help children learn and grow. Children participate in hands-on experiments, crafts, field trips, and non-competitive games designed to develop positive attitudes and decision making skills!

We currently have a Clover Kids group in Tipton and one in Mechanicsville. We have a waiting list of kids wishing to join a group, so we are looking for more volunteer leaders to help the program grow. If you are interested or know someone we may reach out to, please contact our office.

CLOVER KIDS SUPER SATURDAY

Saturday, October 3rd 9-11am will be Cedar County’s first ever Clover Kids Super Saturday. This will be an event for all youth K-3rd grade to come explore, have fun and learn a little more about Clover Kids and the 4-H program. The event will be held at the 4-H Food Stand Building on the fairgrounds.

We are looking for clubs, groups, businesses and individuals who would be interested in hosting a station. We are looking for hands on activities or games for the kids that will last 5-10 minutes. It could be a working exhibit, a project, a game—anything you can come up with. And if you are interested in hosting a station but don’t have an idea, please contact me and I can help you come up with an idea. This would be a great community service for members to participate in!

Contact Teresa to volunteer (tbohlman@iastate.edu).

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**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
8. 4-H Lego Robotics Parent Information Night, 6-7:30 at 4-H Food Stand on Fair Grounds
14. Fair Follow Up Meeting, 7pm at Mathews Building
25. Final day for record keeping to be turned in to Extension Office to be eligible to exhibit at 2016 county fair.

**October**
4-10. National 4-H Week
5-9. Cedar County 4-H Spirit Week
7. 4-H National Youth Science Day

**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

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**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
- Jurgen Ehler
- Amy Glick
- Ann Mente
- Deb Storjohann
- Brad Chapman
- Mike Fitzgerald
- Scot Harold
- Lisa Rock
- Deb Wenndt

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