Dear Families,

I cannot believe county fair is already done! Thank you all so much for your hard work and impressive exhibits! Also, smiles to all those that are going to be heading down to the Iowa State Fair for livestock shows, communication events, static exhibits and volunteering.

As fall is just around the corner, please start thinking about completing those record books. Enjoy the rest of your summer, I am excited to see what the upcoming 4-H year brings! ☺️

Bobbi Jo Wild
4-H County Youth Coordinator

**State Fair Updates**

**Static Exhibitors:**
Please have your exhibit into the Extension Office by noon, Monday, August 10!

**Food and Nutrition Exhibits** must be in the office by 10 am on Tuesday, August 11.

All state fair exhibitors are encouraged to attend a goal write-up workshop I am hosting on **Monday, August 3 from 4:30-6:30**. If you would like, you can then leave your project at the office that day if it is finished and not a food & nutrition or large exhibit!

**Horticulture exhibits:** prepare care instructions so state fair staff know how to care for your plants!

The following exhibitors should prepare and discuss hauling their large exhibits down to the state fair.

- Morgan Sliger (bug)
- Aunalea Timpe (cage)
- Cail Weaver (sheep feeder)
- Max Frohling (plow)
- Collin Witte (water pump)

Details on preparing exhibit for state fair were mailed to all exhibitors-so please read!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

8/1 Collin W
8/6 Rebecca B
8/8 Jessica T
8/10 Morgan D
8/10 Samantha P
8/10 Lucas P
8/12 Jett N
8/13 Olivia B
8/13 Cail W
8/19 Robyn H
8/22 Angela H
8/23 Tyler P
8/27 Haley J
8/27 Garrett M
8/28 Bailey M
8/28 McKenzie S
8/29 Cailee H
8/30 Emily S
Record books are DUE to the Extension Office by Friday, September 11, 2015- 4:30 pm.

All forms and information sheets on our record book process are listed on our county extension website at:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo/content/4-h-forms-resources

You will find the forms listed at the bottom of the page under “Record Keeping.” If you are a new member and do not have a binder yet, stop into the office to get one!

Record book workshop pizza party!

Having frustrations finishing your record book?! Stop in for some help, and PIZZA!

When: August 26, 4:30-6:30 pm
Where: Extension Office, Curran Room
All ages of 4-H’ers welcome!

Please RSVP by e-mail (bobbiw@iastate.edu) or phone (641) 423-0844 so we have a head count for pizza and have the proper amount of materials prepared. Please RSVP by Monday, August 24.

Of course, if you are unable to make it, call the office to get help or set up an appointment!

Three criteria of project awards:
1. Must be enrolled in project area for 2 years.
2. Have done a communication piece in that area.
3. Willing to attend a short interview

This year we will be scheduling interview appointments. Plan for a 15-20 minute interview with a Youth Committee member. Interview times will be sent out for you to select your preferences once you have turned in your book.

Possible dates:
September 16: evening
September 17: evening
September 20: evening

*williing to accommodate schedules

For first year members: eligible for “outstanding record book” award and first year pin.

After a member is in a project area for 2 years, kept records on the project and done a communication portion they can apply for the project awards. They require a short interview. Juniors will receive a certificate, intermediates a plaque and bars denoting project areas, seniors receive bars for additional advancement.

- Members are eligible to receive an award in each project area once at each age level (junior, intermediate, senior)

Senior members: can apply for a list of special awards such as citizenship, leadership, Chicago trip, Ak-Sar-Ben, Agriculture, Senior Achievement and “Service Above Self”. These require the member to fill out a Senior Award Application found online at the link below and will also be mailed to you at a later date. (No interview needed for these).

This link will direct you to record book forms and award applications and descriptions! ➔ http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo/4h

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CERROGORDO/KIDSTEENS.HTM
Send thank yous!!

Now that the North Iowa Fair is over, it is extremely important that all exhibitors receiving trophies send a thank you to the business that sponsored your trophy! Stickers of the address/business can be found at the bottom of your trophy. Thanking these donors is essential for continuing support from the community!

ATTENTION ALL 9-12th GRADERS:

Please consider joining our 2015 Teen Council Team. This an exciting opportunity for any 4-H’ers in 9-12th grades!

As a council member, you will have the opportunity to practice your leadership skills by brainstorming ideas for fair, National 4-H Week, and other events throughout the year as well as participate in retreats and “fun days”.

From this experience, teens learn valuable life skills such as team building, leadership, responsibility and communication that will be valuable throughout their lifetime!

For more information, contact the office (641) 423-0844 or e-mail bobbiw@iastate.edu.

Applications are due Friday, September 11 at 4:30 pm to the Extension office or postmarked by September 11.

Applications can be found online at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo/4h and will also be mailed out later in August. –“Your Adventure Starts Here!”

Youth Committee Members Needed!

The Youth Committee is seeking new members to join our 4-H team! If you know of a community member that may be interested, please contact Bobbi Jo bobbiw@iastate.edu.

Qualifications to serve:
- Ability to work with adults & youth
- Interest in promoting 4-H
- Commitment to provide positive youth development programs
- Understanding of community issues

Youth committee members do not need to be past 4-H’ers. We are looking for diversity, creativity and a passion to improve our 4-H program for youth.

New Year Begins for 4-H!

As the new school year begins, so does a new 4-H year. 4-H Online will shut down the end of August and will not be accessible again until the beginning of September. You are able to re-enroll at any time following program restart. We caution you, as the system will be restarted, it may not have all of the glitches out, so, be patient and notify us if you have any problems! Remember, 4-H online is a separate webpage from our County Extension page. However, you can find a link to 4-H online located on our page.

This link will help with enrolling/re-enrolling: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders. This link also provides helpful information for new 4-H families on enrolling.

To start your re-enrollment, please visit: https://iowa.4honline.com/ and login with your information. When you reach your family page, click the edit button beside the name of the youth you wish to enroll. Please enroll by December 1. If you are not enrolled at this time, you will forfeit you $20 scholarship and be required to pay the full $31.

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.
August 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

8/3 Goal writing workshop for state fair exhibitors; 4:30-6:30; Extension office
8/5-8/6 Region 3 Zoo Campout; Omaha Zoo
8/10 State Fair exhibits to office!
8/11 Baked or live plant State Fair exhibits by 10 am to office!!!
8/12 Teen Council meeting; 6:30; Extension Office
8/12 Youth Committee meeting; 5:30; Extension office
8/13-8/23 Iowa State Fair
8/26 Record book workshop 4:30-6:30; Extension office
9/11 Record books DUE to Extension office.
9/11 County Council Apps DUE to Extension office or postmarked Sept. 11.
10/5-10/11 National 4-H Week!

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August Quote
“It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.”
— Ernste Hemingway

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