



4-H Clover Connection—January and February 2016

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Happy New Year! This is the time of year that we reflect on the previous year and look forward and set goals for the New Year.

Setting goals is an important step in 4-H. It is not too early to set your personal, club, or project goals!

The 4-H theme for 2016 is "Dive to New Depths"! I hope you as 4-H member, 4-H leader, parent, supporter and adult volunteers will "Dive to New Depths" with the opportunities in 4-H as youth or adults, whether it be in your project areas, 4-H club, Cherokee County events, fair or beyond!

Beef Weigh-In ran very smoothly this year! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for helping. We have had livestock committee meetings and are now working thru the 4-H portion of the fair schedule. We are hoping to have the schedule out in the March newsletter

Please always thoroughly read the newsletter so you don't miss an opportunity, workshop, event, deadlines in etc...

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COUNTY

Annual Cavalier's Soup Dinner

February 7, 2016

11:00 - 1:00 pm

Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Cherokee

Serving

Chili, Chicken Noodle & Potato Soups
Pie & Salad

4-H
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BEEF



NW Iowa Beef Bonanza

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2016 (Need to register by February 5th)

Time: 9:45-4pm (Lunch Included)

Location: ILCC Campus in Emmetsburg (Begin in the cafeteria)

Cost: \$5 per participant

Who: Youth in Grades 4 and Up

Break Out Sessions Include: Speaking Out for Agriculture, From Grass to Manure, Feeding Frenzy and Rumen Digestion

For more information visit the [Emmet County Extension Website](#)

EQUINE

2016 Youth Equine Extravaganza

Registration Now Open; Due Feb. 10!

The annual event will be held March 4-6 at Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls. This is open to ALL youth; 4-H, FFA, or other. This is THE place to be whether your a seasoned equine youth, or are new to the horse side of life. Quiz bowl, hippology, horse judging, photography, public speaking, posters, painting, crafts and many other project topic areas all come together in one location. Again for this year, we will be offering a top-quality clinician for Saturday. Rules and registration forms are now posted on the 4-H Horse Equine Extravaganza website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>

WORKSHOP

WHAT: Parent/4-Hers Freezer Meal Workshop

WHERE: ISU Extension Office

WHEN: Sunday, February 21st 1:30pm – 5pm

COST: \$40 plus you supply groceries. Once you sign up you will receive your grocery list.

REGISTER: Call the Extension Office at 225-6196 by Monday February 8th

DESCRIPTION: We will make a total of 5 “kid friendly” meals. Each meal will serve 4-6 people and averages about \$4 per person (includes groceries and Tastefully Simple products). All leftover Tastefully Simple products are yours to take home and use in other meal preparation.



SCRAP



Are you spending some time this winter cleaning out the machine shed? We are looking for scrap metal things to put into our buckets. If you have anything, we would love to take some off your hands. We are looking for all different types of metal.

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.



WORKSHOP

WHAT: BEGINNING RABBIT AND CHICKEN RAISER WORKSHOP

WHERE: EXTENSION OFFICE

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

TIME: 9-10 AM IS RABBITS AND 10-11 IS POULTRY

COST: FREE

REGISTER: CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 225-6196 BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

DESCRIPTION: LEARN THE FUN FACTS AND EXPERIENCES OF RAISING

CHICKENS AND RABBITS



STEM FEST

All 4th-8th graders are invited to attend this exciting event.



SAVE THE DATE!

... Creating opportunities for middle school students in addressing the Iowa Governor's STEM initiative. Mark your calendar today!



Online registration open Jan. 25!

Check out our website for more details then! Don't wait until the last minute to sign up! Space is limited!



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BABYSITTING

What: Babysitting Basics Course

When: Friday, February 26th

Time: The day will begin at 8:30 am and end at 3:30 pm

Where: Cherokee County Extension Office

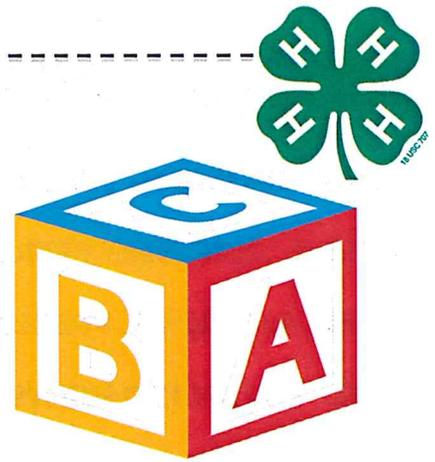
Who: Open to all youth in 6th grade and up

How: CALL US at 712-225-6196 by Monday, February 22nd to register

Cost: \$10.00

What will I learn?

During your time in Babysitting Basics, you will learn about the responsibilities of a babysitter, what employers expect, ideas to entertain children, how to handle emergencies, first aid, safety pointers, and how to care for children of different ages. **Please bring a sack lunch.**



FSQA

FSQA Training Dates Announced!

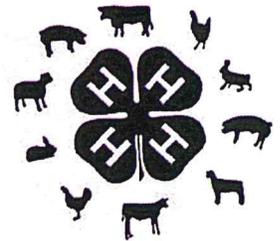
Saturday, April 23rd 9-11 am and June 24th 1-3 pm Cherokee Extension Office

ALL youth exhibiting swine, beef, sheep, dairy, rabbit, poultry, and meat goat at the Cherokee County Fair, Clay County Fair, Iowa State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben MUST be certified in the 4-H FSQA program. When 4-H members meet the 4-H FSQA certification, they have also met the beef Quality Assurance and the Pork Quality Assurance certification as well.

Listed below are your options:

- * If you are in **grades 4, 5, or 6** - you MUST attend a workshop
- * If you are in **grades 7, 8, or 9** - you may either attend a workshop (good for one year) OR make arrangements with Debbie to take a test (good until you are in 10th grade).
- * If you are in **grades 10, 11, or 12** - you may either attend a workshop (good for one year) OR make arrangements with Debbie to take a test (good until you are 19 at which time you will need to take adult certification)

FSQA training and testing **MUST** be completed by June 15th to be eligible for showing at any of the events listed above. If these dates do not work for you, please check with counties around us for their date.



CLINIC

Stock Show University

Stock Show University is a FREE educational clinic open to all stock show youth and adults, compliments of Sullivan Supply. The best and most talented 'professors' in the business will focus on all areas needed to achieve the Championship look - animal selection, showmanship, feeding, daily hair and animal care and show day grooming/clipping. Stock Show University has recently announced it's **TWO-DAY CLINICS**. These are intense clinics hosted by Stock Show U Professors at their location. These 2-day clinics will continue your education on all avenues owning a show animal; with day one or day two being optional. This clinic is free of charge, you just need the desire to learn from the best. This will be in LeMars on May 28-29th from 9-5pm. For more information please contact Callyn Hahn; callyn@sullivansupply.com



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Do you enjoy welding? Would like to learn how to weld? This year at the Cherokee County Fair, we have the exciting project for you to work on with an adult. The Bucket of Junk rules are listed below. To reserve your bucket, please call the Extension Office after Monday, February 22nd. The buckets of junk will be available for pick up beginning May 1st. There will only be 10 buckets available, so if you sign-up, please be sure that you want to participate in the project. To sign up, simply be one of the first ten callers to the Extension Office, letting us know you want to participate in this contest.

Rules:

1. Each team should have at least one 4-H member and one adult. This can be a group club project. Each team will get one bucket. Each bucket will have similar junk.
2. There will only be 10 buckets available. The first 10 members to contact the Extension Office will be given a bucket of junk .
3. The goal is to use the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece.
4. You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items provided. No other pieces may be added.
5. Each team must use at least 75% of the materials provided.
6. Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the 4-H write up.
7. Entries will be judged in the 4-H building on the day of regular 4-H judging.
8. This year we will be auctioning off the buckets of junk and proceeds will go back to the endowment for financial assistance for trips.
9. All 4-H Exhibit Building rules apply to this project.



STATE 4-H NEWS

Livestock Rule Changes/Updates

The State 4-H Office has provided new livestock updates for the 2016 year. Check out the [Livestock Updates](#). When you are on the website look under Hot Topics and the “2016 Livestock Updates”

COOL and 4-H Livestock What 4-H’ers Need to Do: The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.doc>

Reminder

- ***Sheep/Goat Weigh In will be held Beginning of May!
- ***ANIMAL ID'S Don't wait until May 15th to get your animal ID's turned in! All ID's will be done thru the 4HOnline system again this year!
- ***Iowa State Fair 4-H Swine Show, your pigs need a special DNA tag that can be purchased at the Extension Office for \$8 a piece



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State 4-H Recognition

The State 4-H Recognition help sheets, evaluations, and online application links are now posted and ready! Please go to [Recognition Opportunities webpage](#) to access the following materials: Recognition Opportunities Available, Organizing & Designing Your Application Material and Interviewing Tips for April 2. Each of the 6 possible application areas have a separate online application—National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council, Shooting Sports Ambassador Program, State 4-H Project (may apply for up to two project areas). **Deadline for all submissions is 11:59 PM, Monday, February 1, 2016.**

Iowa 4-H Foundation 2016 Scholarship Applications

The 2016 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available online and can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/scholarships/. There are four separate applications: Incoming Freshman, Current College Student, Hill Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant, and Iowa 4-H Veterinary Medicine Scholarships.

Letters of recommendation need to be submitted through an online form as specified on the application. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. February 1, 2015. For questions or additional information, please contact the Extension Office at 712-225-6196

2016 State Volunteer Retreat

The 2016 Iowa 4-H State Volunteer Retreat is scheduled for **February 5 & 6** and registration is now open! Volunteers, staff, and 4-H members in 7th through 12th grades are invited to attend this annual event! The retreat is designed as a train-the-trainer event and participants are encouraged to use information from the sessions to teach 4-H members in their clubs and counties.

Registration is FREE! The annual State Volunteer Retreat is planned and implemented by a committee of 4-H volunteers and sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H! Thanks to the many volunteers and ISU staff and faculty who will lead the workshops!

Friday evening's session is at the Extension 4-H Youth Building in Ames. Saturday morning sessions are at the Memorial Union and afternoon sessions are at various locations around campus. We will provide transportation for off-site afternoon sessions. To register or learn more about the sessions being offered or the schedule, please visit: [State Volunteer Retreat Webpage](#).

4-H Days at Seven Oaks

Seven Oaks on Hwy 30 west of Boone is offering reduced Lift Tickets and Rentals to 4-H'ers and their families. Enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing with other 4-H families and groups! Come any time after 11am for a full day of fun, or enjoy an evening on the slopes with a park pass. These discounts are only offered on **Sunday, February 21st**, and are exclusively for 4-H members and their families. Reservations are required! Call to book your group: 515-432-9457.

OUR VISION

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



2016 Date and Theme: Dive to New Depths Dates: June 28-30, 2016

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! You will get to 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!

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.

2016 4-H Animal Science Roundup - *Registration Now Open; Due March 1.* Once again, the 4-H Animal Science Roundup will be selecting 20 youth for each species: beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, and swine. Roundup will be held in conjunction with State 4-H Conference June 28-30. Applications are due March 1. Information: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2016 Registration will open in mid-March. You can register between March and June 1 for the regular registration cost of \$175. Financial Assistance is available.

Club Meetings and Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2016

- 7th Cavaliers Soup Fundraiser
- Tilden Tillers Meet
- Marcus Clover Kids Meet
- Cherokee Challengers Club Meet
- 8th Stockmen Meet
- 13th Rabbit and Poultry Workshop
- 14th Quimby Clovers Meet
- 15th Country Pioneers Meet
- 17th Mill Creek Valley Meet
- 20th Cherokee Cloverkids
- Jr. Chefs Meet
- 21st Freezer Meals

21th County Council meet

22st Youth Committee

26th Babysitting workshop

March 2016

6th Tilden Tillers Meet

Cherokee Challengers Club Meet

13th Quimby Clovers Meet

Country Pioneers Meet

Cavaliers Meet

14th Stockmen Meet

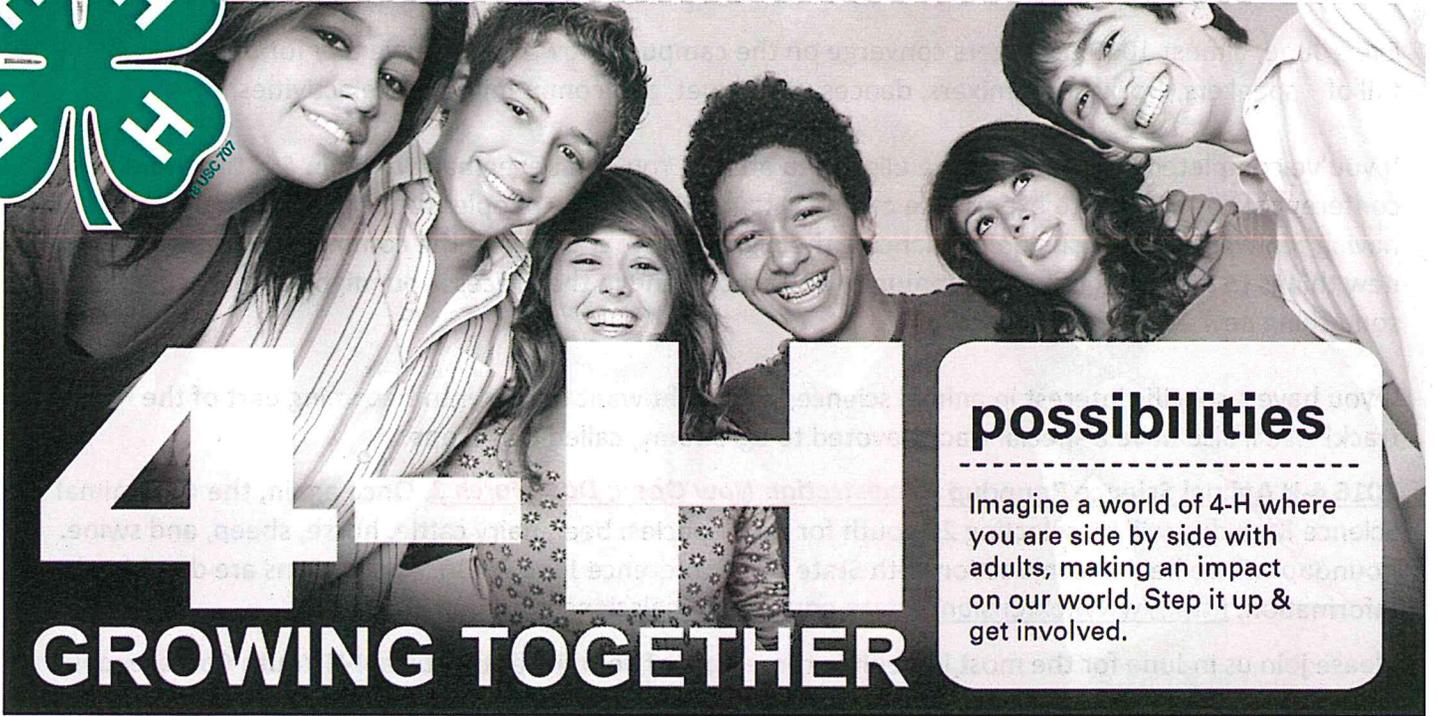
17th Mill Creek Valley Meet

19th Painting Workshop

Jr. Chefs Meet

Cherokee Cloverkids

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



4-H GROWING TOGETHER

possibilities

Imagine a world of 4-H where you are side by side with adults, making an impact on our world. Step it up & get involved.

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