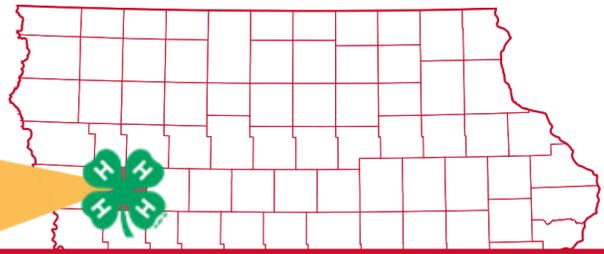


Crawford County 4-H Newsflash January 2019



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Happy New Year Crawford County!

I hope you are all recovering from the holidays! I sure am!

As most of us know, January is for New Year's resolutions. What is your goal this year? I challenge all of you to do one thing out of your comfort zone. One 4-H event, activity, workshop, trip, or just explore a new project area. You never know what you may end up enjoying and continue in the future!

In this month's Newsflash, we have a lot of regional and state activities available for youth to participate in. There are multiple new things to try! If you need help finding something new to try, give me a call! I would love to help!

Lets make the best, better!

Beef ID Verification

Beef ID's and weights are now in 4hOnline. Please take a few minutes to verify all of your **Market Beef by February 1st.** After that, everything is locked and not allowed to be changed, even on the state level. Please get this done as soon as possible!

If you missed Market Beef Weigh-In in Crawford county, you still have a second chance to weigh in a different county. If this is you, please contact Brynna as soon as possible. There aren't many weigh ins left!

Iowa 4-H Legislative Day

You are invited to participate in the Iowa Association of Extension Councils and 4-H Legislative Day on February 13th. Extension council members and senior-level 4-H members to learn about and experience the legislative process. Participants will meet with legislators, network with one another, and participate in educational activities. This year's activities will also include a tour and activities at the World Food Prize. If you are interested, please contact Brynna.

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Celebrate the 60th Year of CWF in June 14 - 22, 2019

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at the time of the trip). Each summer teens gather at the National 4-H Conference Center to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world. CWF is more than a Washington, D.C. field trip – it's an opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn how to be citizen leaders and make a difference in their communities.

CWF participants -

- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital and the chance to meet members of Congress
- Develop communication, leadership and citizenship skills through hands-on learning and group activities
- Build new and lasting friendships with 4-H members from across the country

Youth must register by **January 15th, 2019**.

Funding assistance will be provided to those that apply to the Crawford County Youth Committee.

- ⇒ If you are interested to learn more, contact Brynna or visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>
- ⇒ Access the Flyer at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/2019_cwf_promo.pdf

AgOvation

Visit the AgOvation webpage to learn about the new AgOvation program, including a toolbox of staff resources to get started. AgOvation is a competition that challenges youth to explore and develop innovative solutions to agricultural problems that they identify in their own communities. Registration opens soon for this new state-wide program. Please let Brynna know if you are interested!

- ⇒ Webpage: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/agovation>
- ⇒ Article: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/youth-teams-invited-agovation-competition>

State 4-H Recognition

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition, and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

What Can 4-H Members Apply For?!

- National 4-H Conference (Chevy Chase, MD)
- National 4-H Congress (Atlanta, GA)
- State Project Awards (\$100 award)
- State 4-H Council
- State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador
- Iowa 4-H Reporters

The State Recognition Day process has been updated! If you've participated in the past you will find some changes in applying for these wonderful State and National 4-H opportunities! If you are interested in applying for any of these, please contact Brynna for assistance as she has been a judge for these in years past.

JoAnn Fabrics in Partnership with 4-H

Wanting to get some fair projects started early? Customers can get a free 4-H Reward Card that will allow them to receive a 15% discount on their total in store and online purchases every day! A minimum of 2.5% goes back to 4-H as a donation. 30% of the donation goes to the National 4-H Council and 70% goes to the State 4-H Program. Watch the website <http://www.joann.com/4-h/> for service projects and great deals for 4-H. Anyone can get a reward card, not just 4-H members! Share with your friends and family!!!



Financial Aid

It's a new 4-H year! This means that your \$30 enrollment fee is due to your clubs. That \$30 goes to the state to keep the Iowa 4-H program running for the entire year.

Financial Aid is available for 4-H families through the Iowa 4-H foundation. Financial Aid can be for enrollment fees, camps, workshops, state conference, etc.

Fill this application out (one per member) and return to our office and I will send it in for you! Click on or type this address into your browser for the application. https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/documents/filelibrary/financial_aid/IA_4H_Financial_Aid_Request_Form_5B65305318F69.pdf

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

College scholarship applications are now open through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. If you are a current or recent graduate Iowa 4-H'er, check out what scholarships you are eligible for. Applications are open through Feb. 1, 2019.

Visit: www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant Application Now Open

4-H clubs can apply for "seed money" from DuPont Pioneer in the form of grants up to \$500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are **due to the state office by January 30th, 2019**. Please see Brynna if you are interested in this opportunity. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the Pioneer Grant Webpage: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>

Member in Good Standing

Remember, to be a member in good standing, you must be re-enrolled in 4hOnline by January 1st. You also must go to at least four club meetings to be able to show at ANY fair.

If you have a sibling that is now able to join 4-H, simply log on to 4hOnline like usual and just click "Add a new Family Member". If they were in Clover Kids and already have a profile, simply reenroll them but make sure they have a 4-H club selected instead of Clover Kids under the participation tab.

For new families that are wanting to join 4-H, simply have them call the Extension Office or stop by so we can help them set up an account and get information needed for new 4-H members.

Regional Intermediate Trip to Omaha



4-H Youth in 7th or 8th grades are invited on a trip to Omaha with other 4-H members from our region. The trip will be March 30-31 and will include an overnight stay at the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium (in the African Lodge!). The weekend will include a tour and activity at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum among the fun and educational stops. The trip fee is \$175 and includes transportation to and from three locations (Carroll, Audubon, Harlan), overnight accommodations, admission to all set attractions and meals. Youth from Crawford County may also apply for scholarships from the Youth Committee for partial trip fee reimbursement. The registration **deadline is March 1st**, and space is limited—so register early!





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 15: CWF Trip Deadline
- 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed
- 30: DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant Deadline

February

- 1: Beef Verification Deadline
Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline
State Recognition Application Deadline
- 13: Iowa 4-H Legislative Day

March:

- 1: Intermediate Zoo Trip Deadline

