



# DICKINSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**September 2019**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**September 2**  
Office Closed - Holiday

**September 3-5**  
Precision Ag & Animal  
Science Days

**September 7-15**  
Clay County Fair

**September 16**  
Record Books Due

**September 29**  
Youth Council Meeting

**September 29 - Oct 6**  
Scarecrow Set Up

**October 6 - 12**  
National 4-H Week

**October 10**  
4-H Open House

**November 30**  
Early Bird Enrollment Goal

Hannah's Note:

Congratulations to all 4-H exhibitors on a job well done at the Dickinson County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. It takes many hands and a TON of time to make these opportunities through 4-H possible. Please join me in expressing gratitude to those who help make it all happen: Club Leaders, Committee Members, Volunteers, Sponsors, and your family members too!

Good luck to those continuing with their projects at the Clay County Fair and those continuing their projects through record keeping! It's not too late to start a record book for the 2019-2020 project year.

We are looking ahead to a new 4-H year, doing new programs in the schools, new weekend events, and welcoming new 4-Hers.



Thank you everyone  
for a great summer!

## IA 4-H Hall of Fame Highlight

Congratulations to Dave & Karen Schwaller on being inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame at the 2019 Iowa State Fair! They have shared their time & talents in support of the Dickinson County 4-H program for MANY years & helped grow our County 4-H Family.



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## 2019-2020 4-H Enrollment - Opens in September

Remember to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2019-20 year!

Any enrollment fees due shall be paid ONLINE or in the Extension Office. **Enrollments will not be approved until dues have been paid.** As you re-enroll be sure to update & double check any changes in contact information so you don't miss out on any upcoming events or Club communication. To re-enroll from home go to [https://www.4honline.com/ Login](https://www.4honline.com/Login) For help call 712-336-3488.

**NEW - Pay dues online to become an active member!**

## Record Books Due - Friday, September 16

We encourage everyone to keep project records and now is a great time to start while thoughts are fresh from Fair and the 4-H year. **Records are due to Club Leaders at September Club Meetings and from Leaders to the Office by 4:30 Monday, September 16.** It is also time to bring in Club records from the Club's Secretary & Treasurer.

Youth who complete project records will be recognized at the 2020 Fair. Cash awards for record keeping are sponsored by the 4-H Youth Council.

Record keeping forms can be found online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/record-keeping> or picked up in the Office. If you would like to purchase a traditional record book there are some available at the Office. Are you unsure what form to fill out or what to include in your record book? If so please contact your Club Leader or the Office, we are happy to help.



If you are looking for photos to include in your record book pictures from Fair can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ISUExtDickinsonCountyYouth/>

## High School Youth Council - Sunday, September 29

The 4-H Youth Council is welcoming new members! We would like to have representation from more Clubs, any high school 4-H member is eligible to join!

**What is Youth Council?** It's an opportunity to lead, a chance to give back, a time to interact with members from other Clubs, PLUS a way to help keep old traditions, create new ones, and make Fair fun!

**What does it take?** A great attitude and commitment. The Youth Council meets on a monthly basis throughout most of the year and twice in June. Members are expected to help with 1 event such as 4-H recruitment, a workshop, a weekend youth event, or summer day camp. This is a great way to share your talents and grow as a leader.

**Interested?** Come to our September meeting **Sunday, Sept 29 at 6:30 pm** or contact Hannah at [brockshu@iastate.edu](mailto:brockshu@iastate.edu).

**September Meeting:** Scarecrow making, post fair reflection & thank yous, brain storming Community Service project/goal for the year, AND MORE!!



## Scarecrow Contest - Sunday, September 29 - Sunday October 6

Celebrate 4-H Week & share your 4-H green with the Community by creating a fun display at the Fairgrounds.

- **Who?** ANYONE. A business or family for \$5 or a 4-H Club for FREE! Please call to register your group so enough space is planned.
- **Where?** All scarecrows will be set up in the grass South of the Extension Office Parking lot.
- **When?** Scarecrows may be set up between Sunday, Sept 29 - Sunday Oct 6. Displays are to remain up through National 4-H Week and may be taken down no earlier than Sunday, Oct 13.
- **Why?** SO MANY REASONS
  - 😊 For Fun
  - 🍀 To show your 4-H Pride
  - 👁️ Make the Fair grounds look AWESOME
  - 🍕 A chance to win a pizza gift card
- **How?** Be creative! A metal post will be provided to help keep scarecrows in place. Old 4-H shirts may be picked up from the office to be used. Each group is responsible for finding/providing any other materials.



## National 4-H Week - Sunday, October 6- Saturday, October 12

Celebrate National 4-H Week with your friends! Here are some ideas: enter the Scarecrow Contest, put up lockers signs, paint windows around town, wear your 4-H shirts to school, start a new 4-H project!

### 4-H Open House - Thursday, October 10

As a part of 4-H Week we will be having an Open House at the Extension Office on **Thursday, October 10 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM** for 4th graders on up, or families new to, or interested in joining 4-H.

The Open House is a come and go format for youth and parents to get questions answered & learn about the different Clubs and events in our county. There will be a light refreshment, coloring activities for younger siblings, Extension Choice Awards from Fair on display. If you can't make it but would like to know more, please call or stop in our office.



*New members do not need to attend the Open House to join 4-H, but attendance is encouraged if possible.*



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