Happy New Year to everyone!! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas as well! Thank you to all of those that helped at the Beef weigh-in on Saturday, December 10th. We weighed in 145 head this year and look forward to a great 2018 show!

As we continue with the new 4-H year, make sure you are enrolled in 4HOnline! We need the Clover Kids enrolled online too, so they will be covered under the 4-H insurance. Please get enrolled this month and don’t be afraid to call or stop in if you need help. Only those enrolled will continue to receive the newsletter notifications.

Tyler Simmons and DBQ ISU Extension Staff
Dates To Remember

January
10 — Citizenship Washington Focus Registrations Due
15 — Babysitting Clinic (Ext Office)

February
1 — All Market Beef Exhibits verified in 4HOnline
6 — FSQA Training, 6-7:30 PM (Fairgrounds Ballroom)

March
5 — FSQA Testing 1-3pm (Extension Office)
16-17 — Dubuque County Lock-in, 8pm-8am (Peosta Center)
23-25 — Equine Extravaganza (Ellsworth CC)
24 — Swine Weigh-in, 9-11 AM (Western Dubuque HS)

April
3 — YQCA Training, 1:00 PM (Dyersville Social Center)
5 — Rabbit Workshop (4-H Building)
7/8 — Intermediate Trip

May
7 — FSQA Training, 6-7:30 PM (Ballroom)

15 — All Animals must be entered into 4hOnline!

YQCA / FSQA

Not able to attend the FSQA dates? Don’t want to take an evening out of your schedule to attend/take the kids to FSQA? The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) online program is an another way to become certified in quality assurance for the 2018 Dubuque County Fair.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification.

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

This online training does have a fee of $12 per 4-Her, and you are able to login/register using your 4hOnline login information.

For more information, or to register for the online course, visit yqca.org or contact Tyler at 563-583-6496 or tsimmons@iastate.edu.

Club Fruit Sales

Sally Heacock has organized the 4-H fruit sales in the past and will be doing so again for clubs that would like to do this as a fundraiser. Please speak with your club leader first before contacting Sally. Any clubs interested in doing this as a fundraiser should contact Sally at 563-590-7893 or email: sheacock@hotmail.com BEFORE Jan. 15 to let her know how many forms you will need.
Clubs Spotlight: Placid Pepper Uppers

In this space each month, we will be highlighting one of the Dubuque County 4-H clubs, showcasing the impact they are making in the county and their local communities.

The Placid Pepper Uppers 4-H club, which consist of 3 leaders and 45 members, started the year off with their annual Halloween party. They played games, had a best costume and decorated pumpkin contest, and voted in their new officers. PPU had to cancel their Christmas party in December due to bad weather but that won’t slow them down! They will be celebrating Christmas in January with a pizza party, games and a gift exchange in January. For a community service project, they will be making blankets for the pediatric patients at Mercy hospital. They are also looking forward to the Koopmann dairy farm visit in May to see how the robotic milkers work. In June they will have their local achievement show to get ready for fair and will end the year with a family pool party in August.

The Placid Pepper Uppers would like to wish everyone a happy and safe new year!
Molony Foundation now accepting applications for Josey (Molony) & Ray Feeney Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for two $1000 scholarships available to a 4-H Club member in Dubuque County who is a senior in high school and plans to attend a two-year or four-year college or university following graduation. Two scholarships will be awarded.

“At the recommendation of the application review committee, we have revised this year’s forms to better capture the spirit of the applicant,” explained Staci Molony, Molony, Foundation administrator. “We are looking for people who embody the traits that defined Josey (Molony) and Ray Feeney -- their ambition, passion for farming (agriculture), and, most of all, their generosity. “

Last year’s winners were Bailey Clemens, Cascade High School, Jenna Pancratz, Senior High School. The number of applicants increases every year, and this year the form has been simplified to encourage all qualified seniors to apply. The scholarship money can be used in a variety of ways to help lessen the financial burden of college.

Applications can be found at, at the Dubuque County Extension office, St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate offices, Beckman, Cascade and Western Dubuque High School guidance offices, or by sending a request to: molonyfoundation@gmail.com

Applications are reviewed by the scholarship selection committee and kept confidential. Type or print clearly and return the completed Application to molonyfoundation@gmail.com no later than, April 6, 2018

The Scholarship Award winner will be notified no later than May 1, 2018.

For further information, please call Staci Molony at 563-508-0350

Information
This scholarship is in memory of Josey (Molony) and Ray Feeney, long-time 4-H leaders for the Washington Wonder Workers and Washington Senators respectively. Josey was “great” with presentations and helping young ladies with their sewing projects. Of the “4-Hs” in 4-H, Josey was definitely the Heart. Her kindness and generosity in mentoring and nurturing her young charges was a result of her belief in leading through service. Ironically Josey passed away on entry day of the Dubuque County Fair in 1968. Ray, leader of the Washington Senators, Ray was a quiet man and lived the motto of “I pledge my hands to larger service.” His capacity for friendship, generosity and inspirational leadership strongly influenced many of the young 4-Hers who were lucky enough to experience his tutelage.

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage 4-H members to advance into post-high school education at a recognized two-year or four-year college or university. Selected applicants must use the scholarship for college tuition, fees, and books. Checks will be made payable to the school of your choice.
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth (grades 9-12). 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.

Objectives for the program are:

- Strengthen communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level.
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation’s Capital City, Washington, D.C.

These objectives are met through pre-trip education, speakers, workshops, daily excursions to view national sites, day at the Capitol with elected officials, and a delegate designed and implemented action plan.

Citizenship Washington Focus brings together 4-H members from across the country.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Space is limited to first 48 delegate registrations.

Trip cost is $1700. This includes all lodging, travel, tours, and a majority of meals. $500 scholarships are available through the 4-H Food Stand. Contact Tyler at 563-583-6496 for more information.

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Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it's not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school, our current scholarship program offers 90 scholarships worth more than $90,000. Scholarships range in value from $500 to $10,000.

Head to [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org) today to see a list of scholarships, criteria, and an online application.

Below there is an image highlighting how to find the scholarship information on the 4-H Foundation site.
Log in and go to the **Member List** which includes all of your family members enrolled in 4H: members, leaders, volunteers.

Click “Edit” to the right of the member listed to go to that member’s Personal Information Screen.

Locate and click on the Animals/Livestock link to go to your Animal ID screen.

Click the edit button to view the information for this animal.

* Review all information that has been entered by Extension Staff. Compare to your hard copy ID Sheet. (Note: there are OPTIONAL fields to list a tattoo and/or birthdate for a heifer that could possibly end up showing as a breeding heifer instead of a market heifer. The tattoo field is important for state fair exhibitors; the birthdate is only important to county fair exhibitors—in counties that require that for all breeding heifers.)

* Please contact your Extension office if anything is listed incorrectly.

* If everything looks correct, click on the box next to the statement “I verify the information above is accurate”.

* Be very certain you are approving the correct information! Do NOT verify incorrect information.

* Click on the “Save” button to submit your approval. Clicking this button confirms to the Extension Office and the State 4-H Office that you verified the data entered by the county office. **If you have “verified” your information and hit save, this information can no longer be edited by your county office. Contact them immediately if you have certified wrong information!**

**Deadline for completing this process for your BEEF animals is February 1, 11:59 PM.**
Come join us for a night of activities, games, and fun at the Peosta Community Center!

Activities include (but not limited to):
- Minute to win it style games
- Scavenger hunt and party games
- Basketball, Volleyball, Racquetball, etc.
- Movies and More!

Where: the Peosta Community Center
When: 8 PM Fri Mar 16 to 8 AM, Sat Mar 17
Who: students grades 7th—12th. 4-Hers are encouraged to bring friends! (must sign waiver)
Cost: $5.00; registrations due by Wed Feb 7
(complete form below to register)
All you need to bring is a sleeping bag/pillow!

Please return form and registration fee by March 13 to the Dubuque County Extension Office at 14858 W Ridge Ln Ste 2, Dubuque, Iowa 52003. For more information call 563-583-6496

Name: ___________________________________
grade______ Gender M or F ____
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
Phone #’s – Home _________________________ Cell ______________________________
Parent or Guardian ______________________________________________________________
Who will be picking up your child from this event?_______________________________________

Name of guest _____________________________ $5 Registration fee enclosed ____ yes ____no
Name of guest _____________________________ $5 Registration fee enclosed ____ yes ____no

(Guests must complete & return health form posted to the Dubuque County 4-H website or pick a form up at the Extension Office.)

Code of Conduct Agreement: I will . . .
- Follow the policies, regulations and requests of my hosts & chaperones, Peosta Center & Extension.
- Treat property with respect and not damage Peosta Center property or private property.
- Not act in a way considered inappropriate behavior.
I understand by not following the Code of Conduct, my parents will be called to come and get me.

Signature of youth ______________________________________ Date __________________
Signature of Parent ______________________________________ Date __________________
School’s Out Day Camps

**Kids in the Kitchen (Grades 3-5)**

Friday, February 2, 2018 (Dubuque & Holy Family)
Location: Dubuque County Extension office
Friday, March 6, 2018 (Western Dubuque)
Location: Farley Elementary Gym (405 3rd Ave. NE)

Get ready to STIR up some fun... With knowledge of the 5 basic food groups and how to prepare them! **No sack lunch needed this day.**

**FUN WITH BOTS (Grades K-3)**

Friday, February 9, 2018 (Western Dubuque)
Location: Dyersville Community Room (225 11th Street SE)
Thursday, February 15, 2018 (Dubuque & Holy Family)
Location: Dubuque County Extension office (14858 West Ridge Lane, Suite 2, Dubuque 52003)

Meet Dot, the brainy robot, and Dash, the fun-loving, creative robot! Joine them on an adventure where you will learn to play and interact with these uniqie characters using 5 differ-ent apps.

**MAKERSPACE (Grades 4-6)**

Friday, February 16, 2018 (Dubuque & Holy Family)
Location: Dubuque County Extension office
Monday, March 5, 2018 (Western Dubuque)
Location: Dyersville Community Room (225 11th Street SE, Dyersville 52040)

Do you like inventing? Come try out soldering, fusing, robots and more! Bring your creative mind and any materials you’d like to create with.