Happy New Year!

Thank you to those who re-enrolled by December 1 and took advantage of the $20 incentive from the Fayette County Extension Council. As of January 1, there are 177 4-H members and 65 Clover Kids enrolled for the 2018-19 4-H year. For those who may not have completed the re-enrollment process it isn’t too late. Directions on how to complete the process was in the past 4 month’s newsletters so take a peek and complete today. If you are unable to find them, contact the Extension Office and assistance will be given.

As each of us begin the new 4-H year I ask that you think of ways 4-H in Fayette County can be made even better. Is there something specific you’d like to learn about? An activity you’d like to try? If so, please share with myself and/or your club leader. 4-H is about the youth having a voice and a choice so let your voice be heard.

Michele Kelly, CYC

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New 4-H Families Pajama Pancake Party

A pajama pancake party for new 4-H members and their families will be held on Saturday, January 26 beginning at 8:30 am.

The event will be held in the meeting room at the Extension Office located at 218 South Main in Fayette. Pancakes will be served from 8:30-9:15 am and after that we will explore the wonderful world of 4-H as new 4-H members. The morning will conclude by 11 am.

Topics of discussion will include: an overview of the Fayette County 4-H program, upcoming opportunities along with much, much more.

Parents are encouraged to attend and please bring any questions along that you may have. Please email Michele at kellymd@iastate.edu or call the Extension Office at 563-425-3331 by January 24 to reserve your spot(s).

Participants are welcome and highly encouraged to come in their pajamas!
2018/19 Weigh-in & Fair information

Swine Weigh-in — Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Fayette County Fairgrounds, West Union, 8-10 am

Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-in — May 4, 2019 at Fayette County Fairgrounds, West Union, 8-10 am

Fayette County Fair Dates — July 23-27
Iowa State Fair Dates—August 8-18

2019 Fair Theme

“A Universe of Possibilities!”

This theme will also be used for the Youth Conference held in June and one of the themes for this year’s 4-H Poster contest. Put your thinking caps on and start planning!

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who assisted at the Market Beef Weigh in on December 8. Also to the Fayette County Cattlemen Association for covering the cost of tags. A total of 125 were weighed.

Local Origin Papers

Was the market beef animal you weighed in on December 8th bred, born and raised in Fayette County? Did you turn in the local origin papers? If so great, and if not, please do so by February 1, 2019. Why is this so important? All market animals that are considered local origin are recognized in the fair program book listing not only the exhibitor but also the breeder. This may not seem very important to you, the 4-H member, but the breeders like this as they too get recognized. A few years ago 89% of the market animals shown at the Fayette County Fair were local origin. That is very good and shows others that our youth have good animals to pick from right here in Fayette County.

Save the Dates

- Equine Extravaganza — March 22-24, Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls
- 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl — April 13, ISU Campus
- 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl — TBA, Starmont, Arlington
- Intermediate 4-H Trip — June 12-13, Location TBA
- Junior Camp 1 — June 6-7, Pinebluff, Decorah
- Junior Camp 2 — June 18-19, Pinebluff, Decorah
- State 4-H Conference — June 25-27, ISU Campus

Verifying Market Beef animals…State Fair exhibitors

If you retinal imaged market animals for the Iowa State Fair, it is your responsibility to verify that all information collected at the county beef weigh in was put into 4hOnline correctly. Verifying must be done by 11:59 pm February 1, 2019.

When verifying PLEASE review all information that has been entered by Extension staff. Be sure to compare the online information with the hard copy that was given to you at weigh in. Double check everything including that the tag written down matches the one put into the animals ear, breed is correct, tattoo must be entered for state Fair exhibitors while for county fair birthdate must be filled in for all purebred/registered animals. When checking ear tag, remember to verify both the letters and the numbers. If you fail to verify and there is an error at a later date, the Extension office holds no responsibility. If an error is found do NOT hit save but call the office to make the change. If everything listed is correct, click the box next to the statement, “I verify the information above is accurate.” Then click “save”. Once save is clicked, this confirms to the Extension Office and State Office that you verified the entered data was correct. Changes can no longer be edited for you or by the county office.

Verifying isn’t necessary for those showing at only the county fair but you too can go in and make sure all is entered correctly by following the steps above.

Upcoming YQCA Class

New in 2019…All livestock exhibitors at the Fayette County and Iowa State Fair who exhibit market or breeding beef, dairy and dairy goats, market or breeding sheep, swine, meat goats, poultry or rabbits must complete YQCA if not currently certified in FSQA.

Only one face to face class will be held in Fayette County and will be open to youth 4th grade thru 12th grade. This one time class will be held at 10 am on Saturday, March 23. Mark your calendars today.

Members of the YDC have graciously agreed to pay the $3 face to face fee accessed by YQCA for Fayette County 4-H members.

If you miss this one time face to face class you will have to complete the online course at a fee of $12.

More information will be sent to the exhibitors with more information.
Keep Recruiting!

Continue to work on recruiting new members to become 4-H’ers in Fayette County.

Our county 4-H program is top notch and we need to be sure to share with others. If you know of someone who isn’t quite sure what 4-H is about, share information of what you’ve learned with them. Encourage others to take the step and join.

State Recognition Day Applications Open

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador and State 4-H Council are currently open and will close February 1, 2019.

If you are interested in applying for any of the positions listed above please check out the State Recognition Day webpage by visiting https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

Summer Help Wanted

Seeking Summer Program Assistant: Fayette County Extension and Outreach is seeking applicants to serve as the 2019 4-H & Youth Summer Program Assistant.

The job will consist of 8-10 weeks during the summer with a maximum of 40 hours per week. Job duties will include organizing and conducting day camps for youth, assisting with fair activities and other related duties.

Applicants must be a high school graduate with at least one year of college preferred. Job description and application is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/fayette or at the Fayette County Extension Office, 218 South Main, Fayette. Application deadline February 1, 2019.

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Senior Scholarships Available

Did you know if you are a 4-H member graduating with the class of 2019 majoring in Ag or Ag Business and attending ISU or a community college you are eligible to apply for the Duroe scholarship offered through the Iowa 4-H Foundation in the amount of $1500. This scholarship is only open to 4-H members in the following counties: Buchanan, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Clayton, Delaware, Fayette and Linn. Online application is available at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/ and will close on February 1, 2019. Plan ahead as letters of recommendation are also required when submitting. Other scholarships are also available at the link listed above. Be sure to check them out.

2018-19 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants

Apply for “seed money” from DuPont Pioneer to help your club get started on a community improvement project. Each year DuPont Pioneer offers grants from $50-$500 to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide “seed money” that clubs can use as a starting point on their project. Clubs need to find additional resources in their communities for their projects. To obtain an application form visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants or contact the Extension Office for assistance. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by January 16.

TAKO Ice Fishing

A TAKO ice fishing opportunity will be held on Saturday, February 2 from 9 am-noon at Gilbertson Pond in Elgin.

All interested 4-H members and families are invited and asked to RSVP by calling Leif White at 319-939-1567 by February 1.

Archery Date Set

Echo Valley Archers have opened their indoor range, located in the Stephens Building on the fairgrounds to enrolled Fayette County 4-H members on Saturday, February 9 from 1-3 pm. 4-H members interested in learning more about archery are encouraged to attend but must sign up by noon on February 7 by calling the Extension Office. A letter with the details will be sent to those enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports (SESS) project area.
Win a Pair of Boots

Share your #MyBootsDo story. Submit a photo and caption showing how you or your kids are inspired to put on your boots, roll up your sleeves and get things done in your community for a chance to win a pair of RE-BA by Justin™ boots. Plus, 5% of all REBA by Justin™ sales between now and January 14, 2019 will directly benefit kids in 4 H. Submit online at https://4-h.org/get-involved/supporters/justin-boots/.

Healthy Living Challenge

Members of the Fayette Firecrackers, Harlan Fremont and Pleasant Valley Sharpshooters along with the Extension Office are participating in the Healthy Living Club Challenge being held throughout Iowa from January – May 2019. It’s not too late so if you club is interested in participating sign up today by visiting https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge

The challenge this year is to gain points in which those participating will complete a walk through each of the Extension regions throughout Iowa. A map is located in the Extension office meeting room to watch each team’s progress.

Leadership Opportunity for High School Youth

Youth in grades 9th-12th can apply to be teen leaders for the National 4-H Native Bee Challenge. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills for youth interested in insects, agriculture, conservation, or horticulture. Youth just need to complete this short online application at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdc6_e0NvqY3kqdyyJuJf0bs_OxOij0mE9Hy mbDDD_7D1TfYeGeA/viewform Contact Maya Hayslett at hayslett@iastate.edu for more information.

4-H Camera Corps

Attention 4-H photography members! Consider being a part of a statewide fun and unique opportunity. The Iowa 4-H Camera Corps has monthly challenges, prizes, and winner recognition. Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a talented group of youth photographers working together to make beautiful, powerful, and creative photographs of communities from across the state of Iowa. It is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and feedback on your work.

Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give individual feedback to each photographer after they submit their monthly photographs, and then each photograph will be exhibited digitally on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting will be open to the public.

The top ten Juror’s Choice and top ten People’s Choice photographs will be printed, framed, and shown at statewide gallery exhibitions every month.

We want to help you become the best photographers you can be! The application to join Iowa 4-H Camera Corps 2018/2019 can be found here: https://form.jotform.com/82636644984976 The application is as simple as: name, county, email, and answer "Why do you want to join Camera Corps 2018/2019."

Healthy & Homemade Class

"Helping you help your family choose healthy habits"

Individuals will learn strategies for saving money while feeding their family nutritious home-cooked meals as well as how to reduce stress at meal times.

Join staff from Gunderson Palmer Lutheran Community Health and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach while experiencing the new Community Teaching Kitchen in the Dance Pavilion at the Fayette County Fairgrounds on Thursday evenings.

January 24 — Cook Now, Enjoy Later
January 31 — Crockpot Meals
February 7 — Veg Out

Each class will be held from 5:30-7 pm. Online registration required at http://bit.ly/hh11821 Each class session cost $10 and it open to a maximum of 16 people.
Blackhawk Hockey invites 4-H

Waterloo Black Hawks’ annual 4-H Family Nights have been set. This year $8 tickets will be offered on four nights with puck dropping at 7:05 pm.

Opponents and dates include:
- Cedar Rapids RoughRiders Saturday, March 23, Sock Toss night—bring new socks for the homeless
- Sioux Falls Stampede on Tuesday, March 26, Beef Night presented by Steege’s Meat Market
- Sioux City Musketeers on April 2 Comic-Con Night—Fun involving your favorite super heroes
- Chicago Steel on April 5—$2 Concession specials including hot dogs, pizza and pop

The discounted tickets are available to entire clubs or individual families, and as always, the 4-H rate still applies to everyone in the family, not just the 4-H member. And for larger groups planning to attend the game together, a block of seats can be put on hold until several days before the game as a final count comes in, to minimize the chance of wasted tickets. Order tickets by contacting Tim Harwood by calling 319-296-7581 or email radio@waterlooblackhawks.com The 4-H rate is NOT be available online.

Service Learning Project Opportunity

Unity Point Health Allen Hospital NICU is looking for individuals and/or 4-H clubs to help with making 34-35" x 36-38" flannel or cotton bedding. If you or your club would be interested contact Michele for more detailed instructions.

Wanda Haverkamp, project coordinator writes, “We use and reuse these sheets as we are able to launder them at the hospital but they do fade with time. I currently have several people working on making some of these sheets but know that after the first of the year, we can use more and the need will continue throughout the year. Thanks in advance for your help! Thanks for helping our babies and our nurses.”

Something new: Volunteers needed

We are looking for adults/high school youth to help with the Fayette County 4-H Program including but not limited to afterschool programming, clover kids day, club leaders, judging of record books, booth decorating, etc. If you have an idea for a new project club or are interested in volunteering in an existing program, please contact the Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to get involved in Fayette County 4-H.

What is the State 4-H Council up to?

Brought to you by the State 4-H Council Communication & the Arts committee

This past December, we met at the State 4-H Office in Ames to experience a youth-adult partnership training. We all got the opportunity to grow closer with our CYC’s or other county adult volunteers that we each brought along to the training. We are grateful for the impact these adults have made in our 4-H careers. In the month of January, State Council has their winter retreat at Clover Woods on the 5th and 6th to further their planning of the 2019 State 4-H Conference held every year on the campus of Iowa State University for high school youth. The official theme of the Youth Conference was decided at our October retreat and is “A Universe of Possibilities.”

4-H Nation — Northeast Iowa Citizenship Program

Interested in learning more about the local, state and national government and how it works along with a trip to the State Capital in Des Moines and Nations Capital in Washington, DC? If so and you didn’t get a letter in mid-December please contact Michele at the Extension Office for more details. Those interested in attending are asked to turn in a $100 deposit (which will be put towards trip fees) by January 10 to reserve your spot.

This trip is open to those currently in 7th-11th grade and will cost a total of $850. Fayette County has 11 youth seats to fill. Other Region 4 counties participating in the 2019-20 program includes Allamakee, Clayton and Winneshiek. Those turning in the deposit will receive an email with information about the upcoming meeting. Any questions, please give Michele a call.
Fayette County Friends of 4-H

The Fayette County Friends of 4-H club was started in the fall of 2004 to secure financial support for the Fayette County 4-H program. This club helps fund and support youth educational activities within the county, region, and state by supporting the purchase of fair trophies and plaques, supporting the top ten in the beef, sheep and swine carcass contest, purple record book awards to first year youth in the junior, intermediate and senior age category, top record book medals to two youth in each of the junior, intermediate and senior division along with yearly completion awards to Clover Kids, 4th year members, 8th grade youth and those completing 9 years in 4-H and paying for registration fees for youth to participate in the State Dairy Judging Contest.

If you personally, or someone you know would like to join the Fayette County Friends of 4-H please make your tax deductible donation to the Fayette County Extension Office by March 1 to be recognized on the board at the Omelet Brunch being held March 17.

Updated Financial Guidelines for 4-H Clubs

The updated financial guidelines for 4-H clubs is posted at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/regulations-and-guidance](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/regulations-and-guidance)

Per requirements from USDA, 4-H fundraisers using the 4-H name and emblem must be approved by local Extension councils. To aid counties in meeting this requirement, a form is available to use both for requesting approval and a form to complete after the fundraiser is completed. The Club Fundraising Request Form 4HP3020 is be found at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/regulations-and-guidance](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/regulations-and-guidance)

Program Fee Payment

In mid-December club leaders were sent an invoice indicating the members who completed the re-enrollment process by the December 1 deadline along with the total amount owed to the Extension Office. Please have the club treasurer submit payment by January 15 to the Fayette County Extension Office.

Missing Materials

Thank you to those clubs who have turned in their club financials, club program book, Request to Establish a 4-H Club form and Club Compliance Report. Clubs who still need to turn in one or more of these are:

- Arlington Ignitors
- Eden Outer Limits
- Growing Greener
- Harlan NRG
- Harlan-Fremont
- Windsor Sparkplugs

In Club Mailboxes

Club leaders just a reminder to stop in the Extension Office when time allows to clean out your club mailbox. The box is located on the stand just inside Michele’s office.

Currently in the boxes:

- The revised issue of the “4-H 202 Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows” is in the club mailboxes. There are a few changes so please share with your club members. If families would like a copy of the revised version, please contact the Extension Office.
- The sheet 4HP 3100 Iowa 4-H requirements Regarding Clover Kids (k-3) Members Working with Animals about Clover Kids
- Record book and completion awards not picked up at Awards Program held in November
- Member health forms for those who are currently enrolled

Volunteer Training, 4-H Fosters Independence

Online Training is Available

If you missed the face to face training held in early November you may go online at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volmgmt](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volmgmt) to complete the required training prior to the July 1, 2019 deadline.

When completing this training, 4-H volunteers will gain information and hands-on training on the best practices that strengthen youth understanding of citizenship, leadership, communications, and other positive youth development principles and practices.

Once you have completed the training segment, please be sure to click on the “certificate” link when they have finished viewing the training to get credit for viewing.
Dear Clover Kids,

Despite the lack of snow on the ground as I was searching the web for an activity to share this month I came across a recipe for Snowman Slime from [https://onesharpbunch.com/2017/12/super-easy-snowman-slime-recipe.html](https://onesharpbunch.com/2017/12/super-easy-snowman-slime-recipe.html)

According to the website "this super easy, no mess snowman slime recipe will have your kiddos shivering with excitement!" Hope you enjoy.

Michele Kelly, CYC

**Snowman Slime Recipe**

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 Cup – Elmer's Glue-All White Glue
- 1/2 TSP – Baking Soda
- 1 TBS – Opti-Free Pure Moist Contact Lens Solution
- 1/4 TSP – Iridescent Glitter (optional)

**Directions:**
- Pour 1/2 cup of Elmer's Glue-All White Glue into a mixing bowl.
- Stir in 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda.
- Add 1 to 1 1/2 tbsls. of contact lens solution.
- Mix until the slime gets firm. If the mixture feels sticky, add a little extra contact solution.
- Sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon of iridescent glitter on each side of the slime. Knead.
- Decorate your container to look like a snowman face using foam sticker paper or ordering pre-cut foam stickers through Oriental Trading.
- Stretch, squeeze, squish and twirl the slime!

Note: Cutting the recipe in half, allows the slime to fit perfectly inside the container.

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**Popcorn Trail Mix**

This month’s recipe Popcorn Trail Mix comes from the Spend Smart Eat Smart website [https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe)

**Ingredients include:**
- 6 cups popcorn (air popped)
- 2 cups Chex® (chocolate flavored)
- 2 cups cereal (toasted oat)
- 2 cups pretzel twists
- 2 cups Frosted Mini Wheats®
- 1 cup peanuts (optional)

**Directions:**
Combine all ingredients in a large bowl or bag. This recipe would be a great addition to your club meeting as it makes 14 1 cup servings and cost .20 per serving.

**Clover Kid Supply Reimbursement**

Attention Clover Kid leaders:

Due to Clover Kids not being allowed to have an active checking or savings account members of the Youth Development Committee voted earlier that they are willing to pay $10 towards supplies for each Clover Kid enrolled in your club. In order to get reimbursed you will need to turn the original receipt, listing items purchased into the Fayette County Extension Office. Reimbursement will be done following the monthly Extension Council meeting.
**Calendar of Events**

**January**

- 5 — New Volunteer Training, 9:30 am, NICC
- 7 — CK Day Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm, Ext. Office
- 10 — YDC Meeting, 7:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15 — Extension Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Ext. Office
- 16 — Pioneer Grant applications due to Ext. Office
- 19 — County Council Meeting, Noon, Extension Office
- 19 — County Council Bingo, 2:15 pm, Maple Crest
- 20 — 4-H Citizenship Meeting, 2 pm, Extension Office
- 24 — Rsvp for Pancake/PJ Party to Extension Office
- 26 — New 4-H Families Pancake/PJ Party, 8:30-11:30 am, Extension Office

**February**

- 1 — State Award applications due online
- 1 — Last day to verify market beef in 4hOnline

**4-H Foundation Memorials**

Do you remember the many times together with your family and friends at the county fair, 4-H club meetings or the many personal relationships that have lasted a lifetime? Did you know that monetary gifts to the Fayette County 4-H Foundation is a great way to honor or memorialize an individual or an entire family? Please consider giving a gift to the 4-H endowment fund through the Fayette County 4-H Foundation.

Checks should be written to the Fayette County 4-H Foundation and mailed to Fayette County Extension, P.O. 700, Fayette, IA 52142. Be sure to write who the gift is in honor or in memory of in the memo line. Thanks in advance for supporting the Fayette County 4-H.

**Club Meetings**

- Arlington Ignitors: January 13, 12:30 pm, United Meth. Church
- Bethel Generators: January 13, 3 pm, Hawkeye Legion
- Dover Clovers: January 6, 2 pm, Leader’s shed
- Dynamite Clovers: January 13, 5:30 pm, Maynard Comm. Hall
- Eden Outer Limits: January 20, 3 pm, Tiedt home
- Eldorado Eagles: January 13, 1:30 pm, West Union Bowling Alley
- Fayette Clovers: January 13, 2 pm, Extension Office
- Fayette Firecrackers: January 13, 2 pm, Extension Office
- Fremont Friends: January 6, Noon, Ice Cream shop
- Growing Greener: January 5, 8 am, Greenhouse
- Harlan Fremont:
- Oelwein Cool Clovers:
- Pleasant Valley Sharpshooters: No meeting
- Scott Hot Shots & Clover Kids: Jan.13, 1 pm, Stanley Fire Station
- Windsor Sparkplugs: January 6, 6:30 pm, Hawkeye Legion

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