Dear 4-H Families,

The record books are done and turned in, the kids are back in school, and now it’s time to start planning our new 4-H year.

**Leaders:** take advantage of the trainings we offer during the year. You will meet the other leaders, bounce ideas off one another and learn about the latest information available to make your job easier.

**Members:** encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the fun your club has to offer, try a new project, and volunteer to serve on a committee within your club this year.

**Parents:** continue to support your child in their club work this year, ask lots of questions (that’s what we are here for), and volunteer to help your club leader with a specific club event.

**Together we can help our kids discover all of the possibilities in 4-H!**

Jackie Dohlman

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For the past 48 years, Carolyn Oleson has been a 4-H Volunteer in Franklin County! Carolyn began her involvement in 4-H as a member of the Scott Scotties 4-H Club, and later became a leader of that same club when her daughters joined. Carolyn continued lending a helping hand to the organization when her and her husband, Marvin, served on the 4-H Food Stand Committee for over 10 years. Even after her children grew out of the 4-H program, Carolyn helps with county workshops and evaluates record books as a Food & Nutrition and Health 4-H projects leader.

Carolyn Oleson Inducted to Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame
Leaders Fall Training

All club leaders are requested to attend the fall meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, Hampton. **Join us for some fun in the kitchen!!** We will prepare our own meal using the Healthy Club Challenge curriculum!

After the meal member enrollment forms, club year planning packets, and other information will be handed out. Please contact the office if you cannot attend this meeting.

In Middle or High School? Yes, 4-H is 4U!

Do you have goals of becoming a class officer? Do you see yourself as leading your sports team? Do you need more out of 4-H than taking a calf or a pie to the county fair?

Members in grades 7-12 have had information sent to them. Schedule your interview time for **September 2 or 15**. Even if you don't know at this time if you can attend these conferences or trips, it is worth interviewing! All applicants get a partial scholarship and a few will receive a full scholarship!!

Call 641-456-4811 or e-mail jackied@iastate.edu
Wear business casual clothing.

Honorary and Alumni Awards

The 4-H Youth Committee is looking for suggestions from families and clubs for the Honorary and Alumni Awards to be given at Awards Night. Both awards are for people who have done an outstanding job as volunteers and overall supporters of the 4-H program here in Franklin County. An honorary member is one who has never been a 4-H member. They are inducted into 4-H at our Awards Night. An alumni member is one who has been a 4-H member, though not necessarily in Franklin County.

Please send your suggestions to the Extension Office by **October 1**.

H-N Farm Workday

In preparation for the annual fall festival at the Harriman-Nielsen Farm in Hampton, volunteers are needed to help with harvesting pumpkins, squash, and other garden produce. Please wear work gloves and shoes. Garden pruners and wheel barrows are also needed. Join us at the farm located north of the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, **October 3**.

Contact Berry Johnson 641-456-3186 for more information.

Franklin County Livestock Quiz Bowl Teams Ready to Compete

Our Livestock Quiz Bowl Teams are ready to dazzle the judges with their knowledge of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, Saturday, **September 26**, in Omaha, NE. Wish them Good Luck!

L-R: Elizabeth Thiesen, Jaiden Shahan, Laela Ragsdale, Jacob Fjeld, Colby Thiesen, Justine Jordahl, Jenna Shahan, Spencer Baldwin. Not present: Mikayla Fjeld, Macey Rust

Both CK and Senior Youth Council Members Needed

A new 4-H year means new members are needed for our Youth Councils. Youth in grades 7-9 have an opportunity to join a new youth council! We need your help with events and activities for our kindergarten through third grade Clover Kids (CK) after-school sessions or summer day camps.

Youth in grades 10-12 are needed to help with 4-H events throughout the year! Senior Youth Council members have opportunities to lead workshops, visit schools, and represent your club at the county level.

Interviews will be held **September 2 and 15** for these opportunities! Contact jackied@iastate.edu for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 4-10. Clubs are encouraged to promote 4-H through window displays in businesses in their community. The theme this year is “Dare to Discover”.

The 4-H Youth Council will be visiting the 4th grade classes in the county to inform them about 4-H. Please encourage any youth in 4th – 12th grades to join a local club.

The State 4-H Development Fee will be waived for any new member joining at the 4-H Family Night at the Movies, H-N Fall Festival, or at the Funday Sunday events!!

4-H Family Night at the Movies

“Dare to Discover” your potential through 4-H during National 4-H Week in Franklin County. Discover how much fun 4-H is at the movies! Date and movie TBA, at the Windsor Theatre in Hampton. Cost is only a $1.00 per person! Bring a friend that wants to join your 4-H club and they can join 4-H for free!

There will be drawings for prizes and free popcorn for members bringing a non-4-H friend!!

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION FACEBOOK

Join 4-H at the Fall Festival!

Youth in grades 4-12 have an opportunity to join 4-H for free at the Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival, Sunday, October 4 (rain date Oct. 11). 4-H registration forms will be available during the 4-H Club Carnival Games from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Franklin County 4-H clubs have been asked to provide penny carnival type games for visiting children to play. Examples of these types of games would be ring-toss, duck pond, penny pitch, minnow races, cupcake walk, etc. Prizes will be provided by the County 4-H Foundation.

We are also looking for 4-H members willing to bring their 4-H farm animals to the festival. You will be answering questions from the festival visitors about how you raised and cared for your animals from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Wanted: Working Exhibits at 4-H Funday Sunday at Enchanted Acres

We had a fantastic turn out last year at 4-H Funday Sunday at Enchanted Acres pumpkin farm near Sheffield!

We’ve been asked to do it again!

4-H members are asked to bring supplies for a simple fall or Halloween craft or treat for small children to make and take on Sunday, October 18, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Watch for more details!

Treat a Farmer and Yourself to Lunch, Help Build the 4-H Scholarship Fund

We are ready to fire up the grill and sell more pork burgers at our Brown Bag Lunch, Wednesday, October 7, at the Fareway parking lot in Hampton.

Join us from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and buy a bagged lunch of a pork burger, chips and bottled water or two burgers for just $5.00!

Proceeds are going into the Franklin County 4-H Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Special thanks to Latham Hi-Tech Seeds, Franklin County Pork Producers, the 4-H Youth Committee, and the Hampton Fareway store.

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.
DATES TO REMEMBER

September
1  Livestock Quiz Bowl practices, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., 4-H Food Stand
2  4-H Interviews, 2:30-6:00 p.m.; 4-H Youth Committee, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
7  Office Closed
12  Rolling Prairie Pedal and Putt Bike Ride, 2 p.m. (4-H station at Killdeer Ave.)
15  4-H is 4U! 4-H Interviews, 6:00-9:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Hampton
20  Youth Council, 2:00 p.m., Extension Office
26-27  Livestock Quiz Bowl Team at Ak-Sar-Ben
29  4-H Leaders Fall Organizational Meeting, 6:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Hampton

October
3  Harvest Day at H-N Farm, 9:00 a.m., Harriman-Nielsen Farm, Hampton
4-10  National 4-H Week!
4  Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Hampton
7  4-H Brown Bag Lunch, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Fareway, Hampton
TBA  4-H Family Night at the Movies, 7:00 p.m., Windsor Theater, Hampton
18  4-H Family Sunday, 1:30-4:00 p.m., Enchanted Acres, Sheffield

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