State Fair Deadlines
Are you considering representing Guthrie County at the Iowa State Fair? Are you in 5th grade or older? Mark these dates on your calendar!

_____February 1st—All Market Beef need to be verified that the information in 4HOnline is correct. Retinal Image is required.
_____February 1st—Exhibitor Code of Ethics statement is signed in 4HOnline.
_____February 24 or February 26—Food Safety Quality Assurance Certified
_____May 15th—ID DAY!! ID’s are due for all livestock that has not been weighed in. Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep (Retinal Image is required), Meat Goat (Retinal Image is required for wethers) , Swine (DNA tags required)
_____June 1st—Poultry ID due in 4HOnline
_____July 1st—Rabbit ID due in 4HOnline
_____July 1st—STATE FAIR ENTRY DAY! Entries need to be made in 4HOnline

If you have any questions on any of this, please contact Mollie at 641-747-2276.

CLUB REPORTERS! Please send all news articles to clarkm@iastate.edu and Mollie will forward to the papers!
- Attach any photos to the email. Don’t include in the report
- If you have any photos, please label everyone in the photo
- The papers would like by Monday morning
- If there is a fundraiser, let me know how many weeks you want the ad to run

Wichita Wildcats helped make the holiday season brighter for local children.
FSQA—Food Safety and Quality Assurance

Join us for FSQA! All 4-H’ers showing swine, beef, dairy, goats, sheep, poultry and rabbits are required to be certified to show at the Guthrie County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

4-H’ers in grades 4—6 must attend a 2-hour certification program every year to be FSQA certified.

4-H’ers in grades 7—9 can attend a workshop every year or take a test that certifies you until you are in 10th grade.

4-H’ers in grades 10—12 can attend a workshop every year, or take a test that certifies you until you graduate.

You need to attend the training or test. Trainings will be at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. If the following dates do not work for you, call Mollie by February 15 for FSQA dates in surrounding counties.

If you are not certain if you need to test, check your status in 4-H online or call the Extension Office to see if your certification is current.

FSQA Trainings:
Tuesday, February 24 from 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 26 from 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Both trainings held at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.

FSQA Testing:
Tuesday, February 24 from 3:30—4:30 p.m., Extension Office
Thursday, February 26 from 3:30—4:30 p.m., Extension Office

FSA Youth Loans

FSA makes loans to individual youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar organizations. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work designed to provide practical business and educational experience. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization adviser and produce sufficient income to repay the loan.

A Youth loan is available to young persons between the ages 10 and 20 years. The maximum loan amount is $5,000. Loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment and supplies
- Buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment
- Pay operating expenses for the project

We encourage you to contact the Guthrie County office to learn more about our programs and the information you will need for a complete application.

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/GUTHRIE
Scholarship Information
All high school seniors planning to continue their education should check out the scholarship information at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. Applications are due in Ames on February 1.

Recognition Information
Don’t forget to apply for National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Project Awards, State 4-H Council, and the Iowa 4-H Technology Team. In addition to all of these opportunities being great resume builders, the recognition process is also a great way for youth to learn about themselves.

LEADER’S CORNER

Volunteer Retreat
State Volunteer Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, at Iowa State University, Ames. Registration is free this year!

A wide variety of workshop sessions will interest both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Call your friends and make it a date!

Registration materials are available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat.

Calendars
Club calendars for the 2014-2015 year must be turned into the Extension Office. If your club has not submitted a calendar, please do so within the next 2 weeks.

New Volunteer Training
Regional new volunteer training is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids – both leaders and assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a multi-region new volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer.

Carroll County is hosting a training on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Please register at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining.

Team Building
If you are interested in having some team building activities at a club meeting, Mollie would like to help. Email clarkm@iastate.edu to schedule a session.
Northbranch Beavers have been busy the last few months! They decorated the Guthrie Center City Park and picked up corn for community service.