

Hamilton County 4-H Newsletter April, 2018



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This month we shine the spotlight on...

Carlton Ness, South Hamilton FFA Advisor

What is your job/current role in 4-H?

I am the Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor at South Hamilton. I teach classes related to Ag Science and I lead our FFA Chapter where I work to provide our 71 Members with experiences in agriculture, as well as leadership and community service. Currently, with the help of Webster City FFA and the Hamilton County 4-H program we began a Livestock Judging Learning Community which meets monthly.

What excites you most about 4-H?

4-H has always been special to me, as I was a 9 year member of the Clear Lake Sailors 4-H Club. 4-H is where I started to develop skills that would help me as an adult, like responsibility, leadership, and community service. I am really enjoying getting to collaborate with the Hamilton County 4-H program to provide new opportunities for the young people in Hamilton County.

Of the 4 H's, which one resonates most?

The H that resonates most with me is "Hands". When I think of "Hands" I think of service. Hamilton County youth have a long standing tradition of serving their community, and in my eyes nothing is more impactful than giving back to your community.



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Clover Kids After School Program

Next meeting dates are...

Northeast Hamilton: April 9th (last one!)

South Hamilton: May 29th (last one!)

Stratford: April 10th and May 8th (last one!)

Webster City: April 9th (last one!)

As Clover Kids meetings come to a close be thinking about entering a project at Fair for Clover Kids judging on July 22! Details will be available at the last meeting dates for each group.



YQCA: Complete before May 15th

YQCA is required for all youth that plan to show livestock. This online training has replaced FSQA. Log in to <https://learngrow.io/> and use your 4H Online username and password to complete your training. Prior to taking the training, please contact Leah.

Bucket/Bottle Project

Next meeting date will be April 15 in the Ed Prince Building on the Fairgrounds beginning at 1:00 pm. If anyone still needs animals, let Bre know asap!

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County Council Meeting

The next County Council meeting will be held April 22nd at 4:30 pm at the Extension Office.

Sheep/Goat Weigh In

All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit sheep or meat goats at any show must weigh and ear tag their animals. Weigh in for Hamilton County will be held on May 5th at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds from 7:30 am—10:30 am. Fees are \$1 per tag and \$5 per retinal scan.

“Grow With Extension”

To celebrate Extension Week—April 16-20, 2018 we will be kicking off our Largest Potato Contest! We provide the seed potatoes, you provide the green thumb! Grow the biggest potato to be judged at this year's fair. Complete contest rules are available online.

4-H Foundation Trip/Camp Scholarship Opportunities

We are using this as our “Out of County” interview experience for this year as a way to promote an important life skill, essay writing. Forms for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are on our website. Encourage your 4-H'ers to submit these forms towards funds that help cover registration fees for trips/camps that provide some awesome opportunities within 4-H, but outside of Hamilton County! <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/trip-camp-scholarship>

Aksarben Stock Show

April 15 - Market Beef nomination deadline
The Aksarben Stock Show will be using an online nomination process in 2018. Visit their website at: aksarbenstockshow.com for more information.

County Scholarship Due Dates

The due date for the Norman Greufe Memorial, Weldon Tapper Memorial, Everett & MaryBe Tolstrup and Hamilton County Pork Producers Scholarships is April 1st. The Hamilton County 4-H Foundation & Hamilton County Cattlemen's Scholarships are due June 1st. All of these applications and many more scholarship opportunities can be found on our website at extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/4-h-scholarship-opportunities.

Dog Obedience Project Meetings

The first dog project meeting will be held on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30 pm at the Extension Office. No dogs will be at this meeting, first meeting with dogs will be on Tuesday, May 15th and run on Tuesday evenings until the Fair. More info will be sent to members of the dog project soon, so if you are interested make sure to enroll in the dog project in 4-HOnline.

Hamilton County Fair Entries

Fair entries this year will be done through Fair Entry online, more details will be coming on that process soon!

Archery Project Meetings

All further Archery Meetings are on hold until we're able to secure a location that fits our needs/schedule! If you are interested in archery make sure you are enrolled in that project area in 4-H Online so you are receiving the most up to date news and meeting dates via email!

2018 4-H Youth Conference

Conference registration is now open! If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! Visit the extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference to register before June 1.





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April

- 1 Due Date for County 4-H Scholarships (see website for forms and details)
- 6-7 Omaha Zoo Trip
- 9 Webster City & Northeast Hamilton Clover Kids (After School)
- 10 Stratford Clover Kids (School Lunchroom, 3:30 pm)
- 15 Bucket/Bottle Animal Project Meeting (Ed Prince Building, 1:00 pm)
- 16-20 Extension Week-Kick Off of Biggest Potato Contest
- 22 Dog Project Meeting (Extension Office, 2:30 pm)
- 22 County Council Meeting (Extension Office, 4:30 pm)

May

- 1 Due Date for 4-H Foundation Trip/Camp Scholarship Opportunities Essay

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