

Hamilton County 4-H Newsletter December, 2017



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This month we shine the spotlight on...
Stacie Iles, Extension Office Manager

What is your favorite thing about working with 4-H?

My favorite thing is county fair time. Yes, it can be extremely stressful but I love how everyone comes together for a common goal. And getting to see the finished projects that all the youth have worked so hard on all year is really rewarding!

How does 4-H fit into your daily job?

I assist a lot with the behind the scenes stuff. I do the online and record keeping side of 4-H. I also help out with the marketing and I put the newsletter together every month.

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

I would say hands because 4-H to me is all about helping others. Especially with this job it's all about the youth and leaders being successful and doing what I can to support them from day to day. 4-H isn't all I do but it's a big part of what Extension and Outreach is all about.



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Clover Kids After School Program

Next meeting dates are...

Northeast Hamilton: December 11th

South Hamilton: January 30th

Stratford: December 12th

Webster City: December 11th

Keep in mind that all meeting dates can be found on our online 4-H calendar (extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/projects)

4-HerAma Recap

Thank you everyone who made 4-HerAma such a success!! There were errors/omissions in the program that have been corrected. An updated version is online. We can also print off new copies for you if you let us know! Remember to write those thank yous too!

YQCA

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. If you have any questions or need help contact Leah.

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Beef Weigh In

Weigh in has been scheduled for December 16th from 7:30 am-10:30 am at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$5 fee to nominate animals for State Fair. New this year, that \$5 will also nominate an animal for Aksarban. Ear tags will be \$1.50/each. We will then enter info into 4-H Online. You MUST verify this info by February 1st.

4-H Online Email Problems

It's been brought to our attention that some Microsoft emails have been blocking emails we send through 4-H Online. This is an error with the system and as of now the best fix is to follow the link provided in 4-H Online to contact Microsoft support directly. If you think you are missing emails let us know and we can send a test to see if the emails will go through. The error message is found on the Member List page will look like this...

There is a problem with your email address. [\[more info\]](#)

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weren't sent. Please try again. We have limits for how many
messages can be sent per hour and per day. You can also
refer to http://mail.live.com/mail/troubleshooting.aspx#errors.)
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Winter Weather Closings

There may be times when we need to close our office or cancel programs because of winter weather. If that happens we will make announcements using email, our website, Facebook and/or KQWC.

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant

Objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing "seed money" needed to make the projects successful. Applications are due to our office by January 16, 2018 and will then be forwarded to the State 4-H Office by January 30. More info and applications can be found at: extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants

Leadership Training

For Club Officers and County Council

During this training, on December 5th from 6:30-8 pm at the Extension Office, we will be using engaging activities to learn what it means to be a leader. We will break into groups and look at Leadership positions in your club and what is expected of you as that leader. We will dive into parliamentary procedure and why it's one of the effective tools to an organizational meeting. We'll end then night with a tasty training on making motions!

If you are an Officer (President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary, Historian, Recorder, Photographer, Recreation Leader) and/or County Council member and unable to attend please let Leah know. We will hold a second training or re-cap this training to make sure all youth leaders can receive this information.



Healthy Living Summit Application

February 16th-19th, 2018 in Maryland

Develop your knowledge and skills in addressing today's issues including nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness and emotional wellbeing through the summit events.

Electronic Application—due December 8

Interviews will be held December 11-15

Qualifications to Apply: Enrolled 4-H member, Currently in grades 9-12, Interest in Healthy Living program area, Able to fulfill expectations for involvement.

Visit webpage (extension.iastate.edu/4h/national-4-h-healthy-living-summit) for more details and information on application.





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December

- 5 Leadership/Club Officer Training (Extension Office, 6:30 pm)
- 11 Webster City & NE Hamilton Clover Kids
- 12 Stratford Clover Kids (Stratford School Lunch Room, 3:15 pm)
- 16 Beef Weigh In (Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 7:30 am-10:30 am)
- 25-26 Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)

January

- 1 Office Closed (New Years Day)
- 9 Stratford Clover Kids (Stratford School Lunch Room, 3:15 pm)
- 30 South Hamilton Clover Kids (South Hamilton Elementary, 3:15 pm)



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