**Newsletter Note:**

We hope you all value the HamCo4H newsletter as much as we do & utilize it to stay in-the-know on important reminders and upcoming opportunities and events, however:

**Due to rising printing and mailing costs, this will be our last mailed newsletter. There are still MANY ways to access the monthly newsletter…**

You can easily find it:

- On our ISUEO website homepage (located under “Popular Publications & County Newsletter” heading): [extension.iastate.edu/hamilton](http://extension.iastate.edu/hamilton)
- Through your 4-HOnline account (it will be available on your home page, right side of screen)
- We will also post a link on Facebook when the newest edition is released!
- If you prefer a printed copy please contact us & you can pick up a hard copy during business hours!

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### Clover Kids Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Northeast Hamilton: February 18
- South Hamilton: March 26
- Stratford: February 12
- Webster City: February 11

As a reminder, all meeting dates can be found on our online 4-H calendar ([extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/projects](http://extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/projects))

### YQCA Reminder

YQCA is required for all youth that plan to show livestock. Log in to [https://learngrow.io/](https://learngrow.io/) and use your 4H Online username and password to complete your training. Prior to taking the training, please contact Leah. (Any valid FSQA training is still accepted.)

### Bucket/Bottle Project

First meeting date will be February 17 and will be held in the Ed Prince Building on the Fairgrounds beginning at 1:00 pm.

- Bottle Lamb or Goat project is open to 4 year old Preschool-3rd graders.
- Bucket/Bottle Calf is for 1st-6th graders.

Join the “Hamilton County Bottle Animal Projects” group on Facebook for up to date information!

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**Horse Judging Learning Community**

Meetings will be held every Sunday from 3:00-4:30pm at the Extension Office. Bring a notepad and any previous notes/handouts.

**Dates:** Jan 27th (at Fuller Hall), Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, March 3rd, 10th (Equine Extravaganza: March 22nd-24th)

For Who?: All 4-H'ers are welcome to attend. You DO NOT need to own or show a horse to participate! It is important for those participating to attend all practices and in case of absence work with their coaches and team to catch up on information missed.

For more details refer to the Jan. 4th email sent out from 4-H Online.

**County Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 3rd at 5:00 pm at the Extension Office.

**AgOvation Workshops**

Join Leah for an AgOvation workshop to get a glimpse of this great opportunity for 7th-12th graders.

At the workshops we will:

- Work to develop ways to address some of the real world Ag issues we currently face,
- Brainstorm other areas we could bring big change with simple solutions,
- & have some fun along the way!

Minimum of 6 registered to hold workshops, (Feb 13th WC, Feb 20 in SH) register & find location details here: [https://form.jotform.com/90235010363140](https://form.jotform.com/90235010363140)

**4-H Intermediate Legislative Day**

7th & 8th grade 4-H'ers are invited to attend this one day event on March 19th. We travel to Des Moines to visit the State Capitol and Iowa Hall of Pride. *Priority given to 1st time attendees.

Full details and link to register (by Feb. 28) is online: [extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/intermediate-4-h-legislative-day](http://extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/intermediate-4-h-legislative-day)

**Make, Bake & Take Workshop**

Food & Nutrition workshop (led by McKenna Dinsdale, Freedom Flickers), where youth will:

- Learn baking basics through hands on activities,
- Experience baking a homemade cake & homemade frosting
- & engage in making homemade pancakes to eat for breakfast!

All youth will bring home some cake to share and our group will donate baked goods to local first responders!

Location/Time/Fee: Extension Office on Feb 16th from 9:00-11:00 am. Cost is $5 per 4-H Member, with a minimum of 12 pre-registered by Feb 11th in order to hold the workshop. Register: [https://form.jotform.com/90234696593164](https://form.jotform.com/90234696593164)

**4-H 202 Livestock Show Requirements**

This publication is required reading for anyone who plans to show livestock at any show. Review for the most up to date rules and requirements for showing and identifying your livestock. [extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/member-info](http://extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/member-info)

**Applications for Native Bee Challenge**

Iowa 4-H is looking for youth in grades 9th-12th to be teen leaders for the 2019 Native Bee Challenge. For more info & application visit: [extension.iastate.edu/4h/native-bee-challenge](http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/native-bee-challenge) Applications are due February 15th.

**Block & Bridle Horse Show**

The 2019 Block & Bridle Horse Show will take place April 19-20. Attend the clinic on April 19th followed by the regular show on the 20th in Elkhart Iowa. Visit their Facebook page for more info: [facebook.com/BBHorseShow/](https://facebook.com/BBHorseShow/)

**2019 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid**

Interested in showing a goat, but don’t know if you can afford one of good quality? The Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats through their Share-A-Kid program. This essay contest is open to youth in 4-12th grades. If you are interested visit [iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/](http://iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/) for details & the application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.
## February

1. **Beef Verification Due Into 4-HOnline**
2. **County Council Meeting (Extension Office, 4:30 pm)**
3. **Webster City Clover Kids (Pleasant View Gym, 3:30 pm)**
4. **Stratford Clover Kids (Elementary Lunch Room, 3:30 pm)**
5. **Food & Nutrition Workshop (Extension Office, 9:00 am)**
6. **Bucket/Bottle Project Meeting (Ed Prince Building, 1:00 pm)**
7. **Northeast Hamilton Clover Kids (NE Elementary, 3:30 pm)**
8. **Livestock Learning Community (WCHS, 6:00 pm)**
9. **Registration Deadline for Intermediate Legislative Day Trip**

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