

Hamilton County 4-H Newsletter January, 2018



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This month we shine the spotlight on...

Gabbi Struchen, Clear Lake Sailors

How long have you been involved in 4-H?

I've been involved in 4-H since joining in 4th grade! Within my club, I have served as reporter, treasurer, vice president, and been the chair of Wednesday Night in the Park (our club's annual fundraiser) and the Stanhope Easter Egg Hunt. I have enjoyed being a part of County Council for several years and have been involved in leading many events. In addition to my activities in my club and county council, I enjoy many 4-H project areas. My favorite project areas are Citizenship and Leadership. I am able to gain experience in these project areas through various 4-H volunteer opportunities and my work in the South Hamilton Student Council.

Which of the 4 H's is your favorite and why?

I would say my favorite H is Hands as I enjoy using my abilities to help others!

Any advice for other 4-H'ers?

Don't be afraid to take leadership roles in your club or project areas! Through my leadership experiences, I continue to gain new skills and confidence in my ability to lead. I've also been able to make some new friends in the process!



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Clover Kids After School Program

Next meeting dates are...

Northeast Hamilton: February 12th

South Hamilton: January 30th

Stratford: January 9th

Webster City: February 12th

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

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. Prior to taking the training, please contact Leah.

RECORD BOOK PICK UP

We still have lots of books in our office. Please pick up your record books from the Extension Office ASAP! If you are unable to get to the office during business hours please contact us to make arrangements.

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Beef Verification

If you weighed in market beef then you have one more step to complete! We have entered weigh in information on 4-HOnline and you MUST verify that all information is correct BEFORE February 1st. If something needs to be corrected contact Leah as soon as possible!

Youth Officer/Leadership Training

We will be offering another leadership training for officers, committee chairs and county council members that weren't able to attend the first training offered. Join us January 7th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the Extension office.

Workshop Ideas

What are you passionate about? Let's teach others! If you have an idea for a project workshop you would like to lead, co-lead or collaborate on let Leah know! We are always open to new ideas!

4-H Calendar Reminder

We have an online calendar that is just for 4-H happenings. There you will find dates and times for all upcoming 4-H related meetings and trainings. If you would like us to add something for your club just let Leah or Stacie know! You can find the calendar at extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/projects



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.

Livestock Learning Community

There will be two learning community meetings in January. The first will be January 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Ag room at Webster City High School. There will be a January 28th meeting at South Hamilton High School from 6-8 pm. Supper will be provided at both of these meetings, please bring a notepad and pen.

County Council Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for January 21st from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.



County and State Scholarships

The scholarships opportunities page has been updated on our website. There you will find all the county scholarships offered as well as links to 4-H state scholarships. extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/4-h-scholarship-opportunities

4-H State Opportunities

There are tons of opportunities for 4-H'ers at the State level. From trips to project awards you can find all the information needed to apply for these opportunities on the State 4-H website. extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

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 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





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January

- 1 Office Closed (New Years Day)
- 7 Youth Officer/Leadership Training (Hamilton County Extension Office, 4:00 pm)
- 7 Livestock Learning Community (WCHS Ag Room, 6:00 pm)
- 9 Stratford Clover Kids (Stratford School Lunch Room, 3:15 pm)
- 21 County Council Meeting (Extension Office, 4:30 pm)
- 28 Livestock Learning Community (South Hamilton HS, 6:00 pm)
- 30 South Hamilton Clover Kids (South Hamilton Elementary, 3:15 pm)

February

- 1 Beef Verification Due Into 4-HOnline
- 12 Webster City Clover Kids (Pleasant View Gym, 3:30 pm)
- 12 Northeast Hamilton Clover Kids (NE Elementary, 3:30 pm)



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