This month we shine the spotlight on…

**Iowa 4-H Reporters**

Do you like creating photographs and videos? Are you a social media wizard? Do you want to tour Iowa Public Television Studios and iHeart Radio and learn from professionals in television and radio? Would you enjoy spending a few days covering the Iowa State Fair? Then you should apply to be one of this years reporters!!

Learn more: [extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4h-reporters](http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4h-reporters)

- Applicants must be in grades 9-12 at the time of application.
- Up to 16 of applicants will be chosen to participate in the following July/August.
- Submit APPLICATION in 4HOnline, 1 page resume.
- Opportunities in this experience include producing, audio, social media, video, and photography as a part of a team.
- Applicants may apply multiple years.
- No interview is required. Candidates will be selected through the written application.

Next meeting dates are…

- Northeast Hamilton: February 18th
- South Hamilton: January 29th
- Stratford: January 8th
- Webster City: February 11th

Keep in mind that all meeting dates can be found on our online calender located on our website.

**YQCA**

YQCA is required for all youth that plan to show livestock. This online training has replaced FSQA. Log in to [https://learngrow.io/](https://learngrow.io/) and use your 4H Online username and password to complete your training. Contact the office with questions!

**Now Hiring: 4-H Summer Intern**

The Summer Intern works closely with the 4-H Coordinator to plan and implement county 4-H activities like day camps, community outreach and Fair events. Application and job description are on our website: [extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/job-opening-summer-4-h-program-assistant](http://extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/job-opening-summer-4-h-program-assistant)
Now Hiring: 4-H Coordinator
This position will work with youth, volunteers, and professionals to plan, implement, and evaluate a progressive series of educational programs and experiences. This position should empower youth to reach their full potential through Youth-Adult Partnerships and research based experiences. For more information and to apply see our website: extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/now-hiring

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 Stacie or Leah as soon as possible!

“No School Days” Youth Programs
There is still time to register for either the Clover Kids Healthy Hearts Day Camp or the STEM & YOU! Day Camp! Check out the website for more info and to register: extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/no-school-days-youth-programs

Winter Weather Closings
There may be times when we need to delay opening/close our office or cancel programs because of winter weather. We follow the Webster City Schools announcement so if they are closed or have a delay then we will as well. Check Facebook for the latest closing/delay information.

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

Club Financials
Some of you may have heard or will soon be hearing that club financials management will be switching from individual bank accounts to each club being an individual line item in the ISU Extension and Outreach Hamilton County budget. This decision is coming from John Lawrence and the Iowa State Auditor. County staff have put lots of time into developing a plan for Hamilton County and have hopes that the switch will be as smooth as possible. If you would like to learn more or see the forms that will be used during this switch please visit this website: extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/content/4-h-club-financials. If you have any questions please reach out to Stacie or your club leader.

Annual Volunteer Training
Annual Volunteer Training is going to be on January 27th at 5pm at the Extension Office. If you cannot make it please let Leah know. This training is required for all volunteers to attend unless they took New Volunteer Training in 2018.

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

Want to stay in touch with JD?
I have loved my time here in Hamilton County and please know that if it had not been my home county, Linn County, I would still be in Hamilton. I could not pass up the opportunity to move back to my home county and be closer to family. I will miss you all and will be tracking #HamCo4H on Facebook! If you would like to keep in touch my email will not be changing so feel free to reach out. ~JD Waybill, jwaybill@iastate.edu
BEGINNING BEEKEEPING
CLASSES TO BE HELD

A series of Beginning Beekeeping programs will be held at the Hamilton County ISU Extension & Outreach Office located at 311 Bank Street in Webster City.

Four weekly sessions will be held on consecutive Saturday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Reserve Feb. 16 in case of a snow date)

Topics covered include:
How to purchase bees and sources, personal protection, bee health Equipment needed, assembling a hive, winter protection, bee lifecycles Frame nucleus hives, how to feed bees, harvesting honey and extractors Selling honey and wax products – and much more!

Program dates and presenters include:

Jan. 19 - Roy Kraft, President Iowa Honey Producers Assoc.
Jan. 26 - Pat Ennis, Commercial Beekeeper
Feb. 2 - Doyle Kinze, Commercial Beekeeper
Feb. 9 - Andy Joseph, Iowa’s State Apiarist

Cost: $35/individual or $45 per family
(Experienced beekeepers may attend any session for $15 each)

Pre-register by Jan. 15.
To register for this training or an individual session, call the ISU Hamilton Co. Extension Office at 515-832-9597.

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January

1  Office Closed (New Years Day)
8  Stratford Clover Kids (Stratford School Lunch Room, 3:15 pm)
19 Beginning Beekeeping Workshops Begin (Extension Office, 1:00 pm)
21 Office Closed (MLK Day)
27 Annual Volunteer Training (Extension Office, 5:00 pm)
29 South Hamilton Clover Kids (South Hamilton Elementary, 3:15 pm)

February

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