

Hamilton County 4-H Newsletter May, 2018



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This month we shine the spotlight on...

McKenna Mitchell, Freedom Flickers

How long have you been involved in 4-H?

This is my 9th year in 4-H.

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

My favorite H is Heart. Through 4-H I have learned the importance of being loyal to a team effort. Whether that team is my club, county council, or state council being loyal to that team and loving what we are doing has helped me make so many memories.

Any advice for other 4-H'ers?

My advice to other 4-H'ers is to try it all and apply yourself. Not everything you try will be your favorite, but you will never know what you missed if you let an opportunity pass you by.



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Clover Kids Pet Show & Exhibit Judging

All Hamilton County Clover Kids are invited to enter a pet or exhibit in the Fair! Clover Kids judging will be Sunday, July 22 at 5:30 pm in the Ed Prince Building on the Fairgrounds. Pet Show will follow at 6:00 pm. Kids are encouraged to bring a project (painting, coloring, craft, etc.) and/or a favorite pet or stuffed animal to show off! No pre-registration is required for judging.

Last Clover Kids Meetings

Stratford and South Hamilton Clover Kids will each meet one more time before the end of the school year. Stratford will meet after school on May 8th and South Hamilton will meet May 29th.

Office Closed

Remember that the Extension Office will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

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.

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Animal ID's Due in 4-HOnline

If you're showing ANY animal at any fair (including County, State, and AKSARBEN) they MUST be ID'd by **May 15**. (this includes poultry and pets.)

Please do this PRIOR to May 15th so we can handle any issues that may arise prior to the deadline!

After May 15 you cannot add any animals. There is absolutely NO wiggle room on this.

If you've had any animal at a weigh in please go in and verify the information (tags, weight, etc) that has been entered on your behalf. If there are any changes that need to be made let me know ASAP and **DO NOT verify unless it is 100% correct**. There are help sheets located at: extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id. Look for the "Livestock Identification in 4-HOnline"

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 complete asap.

Junior Camp Dates

Junior Camp will be held June 20-21 at Clover Woods, located outside Madrid. Registration details and forms will be sent out soon!

State Fair Swine Tags

A letter was sent out to all participants that have signed up for the swine project in 4-HOnline with details about State Fair swine tags and procedures. You can also find the letter on our website on the Member Info page. If you plan to exhibit swine at the State Fair you must have them tagged with the DNA tags. Take the time to read the letter for all the details you need! This needs to be done by May 15 (entries made by July 1st) so don't wait to get it done!

Dog Obedience Project Meetings

First meeting for first year members with dogs will be on Tuesday, May 15th at the Fairgrounds. Second year members and above will begin meetings on May 22nd. Meetings will run on Tuesday evenings (Monday's if there are races) until the Fair. First year members meet at 7:00 pm, second years and above start at 8:00 pm. Showmanship classes are required for everyone and meet at 7:30 pm.

Hamilton County Fair Entries

Fair entries this year will be done through Fair Entry, an online entry system. This is the same system used by the Iowa State Fair. Since it pairs with 4-HOnline it makes the registration process much faster and hopefully, easier. You will use your 4-HOnline password to log in. Help sheets can be accessed on our website and will be emailed to everyone. We are also planning on holding a couple different help nights and will be available in person to help you with this process. We will have a computer available in the office that can be used for Fair entries. Please call ahead to schedule a time to use it so we can make sure a staff person will be available to help!

Rabbit Project Meeting

An intro meeting will be held Sunday, May 6th from 2 pm-4 pm at the Extension Office. This meeting is for all project participants and their rabbits. Anyone planning to show a rabbit at Fair should plan to attend!

County Communications

This event for working exhibits, educational presentations and extemporaneous speaking will be held Saturday, June 2nd at Asbury Church in Webster City. Remember if you can't attend in person, recorded entries will be accepted!

Online 4-H Calendar

Remember to check the online 4-H calendar for the most up to date information and dates! Link is: extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/projects



Horse Riding Clinics

Riding clinics will begin in June. More information will be emailed out to members when it's available and will be in next month's newsletter.

Count Your Clovers

State 4-H Council's annual 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign is running now through June 1st. This campaign encourages all clubs to donate \$3/member where the dollars go directly towards financial aid, State 4-H Conference, and other State 4-H Council initiatives. The campaign is all about 4-H'ers investing in other 4-H'ers!

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Currently seeking youth for 2018-2019 Council of 24 members age 14-20 from across Iowa to forge partnerships with state-level agencies, talk with legislators at the Capitol about proposed bills, and develop state-wide service initiatives. Council meets quarterly at the State Capitol, as well as biweekly through conference calls. If interested let Leah know or contact Rachel Nulle, SIYAC Coordinator at rachel.nulle@iowa.gov

Iowa 4-H Reporters

This a new opportunity for 9-12 grade youth in the position of Reporter, Historian, or Photographer in their local clubs and youth who have an interest in media and communications projects. If selected you will work with professional mentors in partnership with Iowa Public Television and WHO radio, work on a team with other youth in Iowa, serve as a 4-H reporter at the Iowa State Fair for two consecutive days and attend a full day workshop with professional partners in central Iowa on July 11th plus receive state-wide recognition for your work on this project! Visit extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-reporters for more information on how to apply!

ISU Livestock Judging Camp

This camp held June 11-13 and is designed for 4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled in grades 7-12 and interested in building their knowledge of evaluating market and breeding animals, including beef, swine, sheep, and goats. The camp will cover selection, oral reasons, evaluation and breeding animal performance data. Participants will stay in the dorms at ISU and members of the Iowa State Livestock Judging Team will provide the instruction and supervision. Cost is \$250. Register at www.ans.iastate.edu/livestock-judging

State 4-H Camps

Don't forget to check out the many different 4-H camps that are available this year at Clover Woods in Madrid. A complete list and registration information can be found at: extension.iastate.edu/4h/2018-state-4-h-camp-information

2018 4-H Youth Conference

Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.



If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and

serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show! Early bird registration is due June 1st so don't delay! Register online at extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference





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May

- 1 Due Date for 4-H Foundation Trip/Camp Scholarship Opportunities Essay
- 5 Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In (7:30 am-10:30 am, Hamilton County Fairgrounds)
- 6 Rabbit Project Meeting (2:00 pm, Hamilton County Extension Office)
- 8 Stratford Clover Kids (3:30 pm, Stratford Elementary School Lunch room)
- 15 ANIMAL ID's DUE IN 4-HONLINE and State Fair Swine Tags Due**
- 15 YQCA TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETE
- 15 Dog Obedience (7:00 pm, Hamilton County Fairgrounds)
- 28 Extension Office Closed (Memorial Day)
- 29 South Hamilton Clover Kids (3:30 pm, South Hamilton Elementary)

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