



Howard County Clover Connection NOVEMBER 2017

AWARDS PROGRAM

Sunday, November 5

1:30 p.m. at Cresco Theater

Awards program will honor and celebrate the success of our 4-H members, and volunteers this past year. Bring your family, friends and help us celebrate. Following the awards program there will be a free movie—"Sing".

New club members—if you have returned your paperwork, you will be called up to receive your 4-H record book.

GIVE THANKS!

It is fall and the leaves are turning and falling. It is a great time to be Thankful. We are Thankful for You! We are Thankful for our 4-H Leaders. We are Thankful for our Volunteers.

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, take time to spend with your family and be Thankful for what you have.



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AH HA!

During this year's enrollment process it became very evident that we need to clarify. Once your family is in our database, you will receive a 4-H newsletter by email each month. If you do not or have not been getting this newsletter by email, you need to let us know. This is our basic way of connecting with each family to spread the 4-H news. So if your not receiving the newsletters, let us know. Leaders please check with your members at your meetings, make sure everyone is seeing this news! Leaders do receive a hard copy newsletter to share at meetings each month.

SPRING FAIR - April 7, 2018 at NICC in Cresco. Make Plans! Leaders will get forms in January—so start making plans for presentations, working exhibits, share the fun and clothing selection, fashion revue and clothing challenge.

RE-ENROLLMENT

If you are a member last year, be sure you are re-enrolled in 4-H in the 4-H online system by December 1. This ensures you will be given the subsidies for enrollment fees from the Extension Council, Alumni Committee and Silent Auction.

Your membership is \$5 this year. Thank you to the sponsors who helped reduce the \$30 fee.

COUNTY COUNCIL:

4H County Council members will be manning the Nightmare Before Christmas Trunk at Trunk or Treat in Cresco on Halloween. Stop by and get your Nightmare!

CLOVER KIDS

Clover Kids usually begins this time of year. Until the CYC position is filled, there will be a delay on starting this program. We will keep you informed as to when this program will start once we have all the plans made.. Brochures will be distributed thru the schools as we have done in the past.

CWF - Citizenship Washington Focus State Trip

The 2018 state trip is set for June 15-23, 2018 at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington DC area. Trip is for 9-12 graders.

To learn more go to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>



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MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE—PAUL PATE

Mr. Pate enthusiastically embraces the 4-H mission of "engaging youth to reach their fullest potential."

His office strives to help students learn more about elections and give them the opportunity to "practice" voting. These programs teach lifelong lessons about civic responsibility while instilling an understanding about the voting process. This year's poll questions are relevant, fun and of student interest.

For several years we have encouraged youth participation through the local schools with **The Iowa Youth Straw Poll**. We invite your 4-H Club to participate, too. The statewide poll date is November 1 but that may or may not coincide with your 4-H Club schedule so you can hold the election at your convenience.

Some of your club members may have also participate through their school classroom, but that is okay. The purpose of the **Iowa Youth Straw Poll** is to allow students to experience the voting process. The more experience they have, the more likely they are to be fully-engaged in the future with a sense of civic duty when they become adults.

Here is how it works:

Your 4-H Club registers online to our Secretary of State's office. We will send you details and additional resources.

Click <https://sos.iowa.gov/youth/poll/registration.aspx>

We will send two or three questions for students to vote on. In an election year, voting is on the current candidates. In the off-year election (this year), we present fun, relevant and interesting questions.

After the vote is complete, submit your club's results online and we will post the information on our social media platforms. We encourage you to share your club's voting experience on State of Iowa website and our social media platforms.

We encourage you to share your club's voting experience on social media and to assist you, we will send more information when you register. This project is a "teachable moment." We encourage you to talk with your students about why voter participation is important. Our **Elections101.com** website has additional free curriculum that you can use or modify for your 4-H Club. You can access and use any--or all--of the potential curriculum. Click www.elections101.org

Can we count on you to take the lead with your club this year and use this great opportunity to teach them about our elections and give them an opportunity to "try out voting?"

Thank you for your consideration of this great statewide civic event! And thank you for all you do with the 4-H program to



Leader Corner

BEEF WEIGH IN

The annual market beef weigh in will be held on Saturday, December 30 from 9-11 at the Cresco Livestock Market in Cresco. Weigh in letters with instructions will be sent to those that enrolled in the beef project.



What's Due?

Club Program books—remember the office will make enough copies for all your member families.

Financial reports for your club are due by September 30.

#TrueLeaders

If you missed it our #TrueLeaders were featured on the west windows at the Extension Office during 4-H Week. They have now moved around the corner and are featured on the front window. Drive by and take a look!



New 4-H Volunteer Training - to be held for all new volunteers in January 2018. Plan to attend either Calmar or Mason City. We will talk about this at required Training on November 21.

4H Leader meeting—November 21, 2017

7 p.m. at Extension Office This is a required meeting. Kendra Crooks, Youth Program Specialist will be presenting that evening.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 5 4H Awards Program—Cresco Theater 1:30 p.m.—Free movie !
- 21 4H Leader Meeting 7 p.m.
- 23-24 Thanksgiving—Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 30 Market Beef Weigh in 9-11 Cresco Livestock Market

June

- 20-24 - 2018 Howard County Fair
- 7-8 Intermediate Area Trip
- 13-14 Pinebluff Junior camp
- 20-21 Pinebluff Junior Camp

