Hello from your new CYC!

Howdy everyone! My name is Logan Kinyon and I am your new County Youth Coordinator and 4-H contact! My first day was on November 11th and I have truly hit the ground running from day one! I am so excited to be here and become a part of the Lucas County 4-H Family. I was born and raised in the Creston area. After high school I attended SWiCC in Creston for 2 years and then transferred to Northwest Missouri State University where I graduated with a Bachelors of Agriculture Business in December 2015. I worked in the livestock feed industry for a short time, but left that position to pursue a dream of representing our great state as Miss Rodeo Iowa 2017. Throughout my reign I traveled over 30,000 miles across the country advocating for rodeo, agriculture, and the western way of life, as well as competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in December of 2017 in Las Vegas. After my service under the Miss Rodeo Iowa crown was complete, I held the CYC position in Warren County, where I have been for the last year and a half. As a 9-year 4-H’er who believes in the values, skills, and confidence this program offers youth, I can truly say 4-H changed my life. I am so incredibly blessed to have turned my passion for 4-H into a career.

I can’t wait to learn more about the 4-H program here and I thank you all for welcoming me to play a part in the Lucas County 4-H legacy. Please stop in to say hi if you get a chance! I would love to meet you and hear your 4-H story! If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at lkinyon@iastate.edu or call the office at 641-774-2016.

Beef Weigh-In: December 26th

The 4-H beef weigh in will be held on December 26th from 3-7pm at the Russell Livestock Market. County only beef will have the opportunity to be weighed first, from 3-4pm. All state fair animals will be weighed after 4pm. **NEW THIS YEAR:** each animal will receive 1 ear tag and also be retinal scanned for identification. Tags are $2 each and the cost of retinal scanning is $3 for county only animals and $5 for state fair animals. This will bring the total cost of identifying each county only animal to $5 and state fair animals to $7. Payment must be made in full at weigh-in. The unloading procedure will operate the same as last year: unload your animals, pen them in a holding stall, and move your trailer until your animal is weighed and identified. You may then bring your trailer back around and load your animal. There will be a volunteer helping with unloading and loading. Breeding beef may attend the Market Beef weigh-in for ID purposes. If a breeding animal identifies in December and ALL information is provided, attendance at Breeding Beef Identification day will NOT be required. Breeding Beef Identification day will be held on May 9th from 9AM—1PM. Location is still to be determined.
We pledge our “health to better living” and in order to learn, practice, and advocate for healthy choices we are challenging 4-H clubs to practice healthy choices during their meetings, events and daily lives. We encourage YOUR CLUB to sign up and complete the Healthy Living Club Challenge: Race Across Iowa! New challenges are given each month and clubs complete the challenge to earn “miles” to travel the route across Iowa! It is recommended that each club elects a Wellness Officer to help lead these initiatives during each monthly meeting and plan for future activities. Wellness Officers will be given resources to help them in this role as well as occasional webinars to help them build their awareness and learn ideas and strategies for incorporating healthy living into club meetings. Include this officer’s contact information in the registration form. Find more information and register here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge

Each year DuPont Pioneer offers grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide “seed money” that clubs can use as a starting point on their projects. Grants vary from $50 to $500. Proposals are reviewed by a committee of 4-H volunteers and staff. Clubs looking to complete a large community service projects should consider this funding option! It is ideal for clubs to develop a leadership committee, action plan, and budget prior to completing the application. Here are a few examples of projects that have been funded with Pioneer seed money: restoring a cemetery or historic monument, establishing a native prairie, improving ball parks, and planting trees. Applications for the 2019-20 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants are now OPEN and are due to the state 4-H office by January 30, 2020. Find more info here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants

Healthy Living Club Challenge

Pioneer Seed Money

County Youth Council– what do you want to see?

Are you interested in holding a leadership role in 4-H? What direction would YOU like to see the County Council take over the next year? Come to the Extension office for an informal, discussion-based meeting with the new CYC, Logan on **Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm at the Lucas County Extension office!** All 4-H leaders, parents, and youth interested in joining are welcome! In the past, County Council has meet monthly to plan and implement community service projects, 4-H events and activities, and assist with fair activities. This has been open to current 4-H members in grades 7th-12th. We want to know what YOU want! Come to the meeting to discuss future projects, day and time of meetings, growth of the program, and anything else you wish to bring up! The possibilities are endless for this club! Contact Logan with questions at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016.

New 4-H Member Guide

Is your family new to Lucas County 4-H? Welcome! We are so happy to have you! A BRAND NEW version of the New 4-H Member Guide is now available for online download! This guide provides details on 4-H opportunities, rules, and information on project areas. This document is a great resource and we encourage new families to read through it together! New families are welcome to pick-up this document at the Extension office. A downloadable, online version of the New 4-H Member Guide is also available on our website, on the “Member Info” page here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas/page/member-info

Clover Sprouts

Clover Sprouts meetings will begin in January and will be a little different than last year. Meetings will be held at the Lucas County Extension office on the second Wednesday of every month from January to July. Each meeting will be from 5:30– 6:30pm. **All Clover Sprouts (grades K– 3rd) will meet at the same time!** NO FEES will be collected for Clover Sprouts enrollment this year! However, all Clover Sprouts must be actively enrolled in 4HOnline. We will follow the Chariton Schools for inclement weather decisions— if school or evening activities are cancelled, Clover Sprouts will be cancelled. If you have questions about enrollment or need assistance, please call the office at 641-774-2016.
Iowa 4-H Scholarships

Iowa 4-H members and alumni are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual requirements. There are many scholarships available and all seniors are encouraged to apply! Applicants must enroll as a full-time student to receive scholarship awards. Only one application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for multiple awards, however only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. To be eligible for any of the scholarships, two letters of recommendation are required—one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteers and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. All 4-H scholarships applications are due February 1, 2020 at 11:59pm. Find available scholarships, the application, and additional information here: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1

STEAM Fest– WE NEED YOU!

The Lucas County STEAM Fest spotlighting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math is scheduled for March 26th, 2020 at the Chariton Community Center! Last year, over 750 youth and their parents participated in the hands-on activities related to these topic areas and it was a great success. WE need YOUR help in making this great event a success! Event volunteers are needed to help with set up and tear down, as well as organization. Your 4-H Club could also set up an interactive booth! Any hands-on activity tied to STEAM can be set up, and offer a great recruitment opportunity for your club! To find out how to get involved, contact Ronda Morrett, Youth Outreach Educator, at rmorrett@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016. You can also get signed up to present or volunteer on our website: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas/news/2020-lucas-county-steam-festival-be-hosted-march-26th-5-7-pm

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a talented group of youth photographers working together to make beautiful, powerful, and creative photographs of communities from across the state. It is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work. Each month a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give individual feedback to each photographer after they submit their monthly photograph, and then each photograph will be featured on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting will be open to the public. The top ten Juror’s Choice and People’s Choice photographs will be printed, framed, and shown at statewide gallery exhibitions every month. To register for this FREE program, or for more information visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps
State Recognition – Apps. Due Feb. 1

State recognition offers unique experiences to 4-H members in grades 9-12 through opportunities such as trips and awards. Applications open on Nov. 15 and must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2020.

- **State Project Awards**: Awarded to 4-H’ers who have demonstrated mastery, leadership, communication, and service in their project. Youth may apply for 2 project awards but only receive 1 award per year. Recipients receive a $100 cash prize!
- **National 4-H Conference**: A trip to our nation’s capital, March 28–April 2, 2021. Youth stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. There is $500 cost per participant and 5-6 Iowa delegates will be selected. The trip has an estimated value of $2500.
- **State 4-H Council**: This group of youth work directly with the Iowa 4-H Youth Development staff to represent the program across the state. Applicants must be in grades 10-11 at time of application. Up to 40 will be selected.
- **State Shooting Sports Ambassador**: Youth selected will receive training to become advocates for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Applicants must be in grades 9-11 and have 3 years experience in SESS. Up to 9 youth will be selected.
- **National 4-H Congress**: November 29-Dec. 3, 2020, in Atlanta, GA, youth experience speakers, community service, and workshops. Applicants must be in grades 9-11 at time of application. 20 Iowa delegates will be selected. The cost is $500, with an estimated trip value of $2500.
- **Iowa 4-H Reporter Program**: An opportunity for youth who have an interest in media and the communications project. Selected participants work with professionals from IPTV, WHO Radio, and Iowa Newspaper Assoc. covering the Iowa State Fair. Up to 16 of the applicants will be chosen to participate in July/August 2020.

Please visit the State 4-H Recognition Day website to see a complete list of changes, rules, application process details, and additional information: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities)

Reach out to Logan at lkinyon@iastate.edu with any questions!

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**Calendar of Events**

**DECEMBER**
- 4TH—Pest Control Operators Course
- 9TH—Youth Council Meeting
- 9TH—Wreath Making Workshop
- 11TH—Wreath Making Workshop
- 24TH—Office Closed for Holiday
- 25TH—Office Closed for Holiday
- 26TH—Beef Weigh In

**JANUARY**
- 1ST—Office Closed for Holiday
- 8TH—Clover Sprouts
- 16TH—Annual 4-H Volunteer Training
- 20TH—Office Closed for Holiday
- 30TH—Pioneer Seed Grants Apps Due

**FEBRUARY**
- 1ST—State Recognition Apps Due
- 1ST—Iowa 4-H Scholarships Due
- 12TH—Clover Sprouts
- 26TH-1ST—National 4-H Photo Summit

**MARCH**
- 11TH—Clover Sprouts
- 26TH—Lucas County STEAM Fest
- 28TH—Extension Council Conference

**Weigh In and ID Dates**
- **Market Beef**: December 26th
- **Swine**: April 18th
- **Sheep/Goat**: May 2nd
- **Breeding Beef**: May 9th
- **Poultry**: TBD

**Clover Sprouts Meetings**
- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 11th
- April 8th
- May 13th
- June 10th
- July 8th

**2020 Fair Dates**
- Lucas County Fair, July 24th-29th
- Iowa State Fair, August 13th-23rd

**Annual Volunteer Training**
- Thursday, January 16th at 6:30pm
- Held at the Lucas County Extension office. Supper will be provided, so please RSVP to Logan!