Happy Holidays!!
We are so thankful for each and every one of you! This program is not possible without the amazing families we get to work with everyday! A reminder that you need to complete 4-H enrollment as soon as possible!
Information included inside the newsletter includes, enrollment, beef weigh-ins, YQCA, Youth Beef Workshop, Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship, and State 4-H Program Recognition awards.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Best wishes, Megan and Chelsea

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Enrollment for this year is officially open! As of November 15 we have 207 clover kid and 4-H members enrolled!

Enrollment is required for new and returning members! It can be completed on v2.4honline.com. A step by step help guide can be found on our website.

Enrollment fee for this year will stay the same at $20.00 for 4-12th grade members, no cost for Clover Kid members. You can pay via credit card online or by cash or check to our office. As in years past if you have more than three children in 4-12th grade, you will only pay for three of those children.

All new members have until May 15th to Enroll and pay.

We strongly encourage you to enroll as soon as possible for two main reasons:
1: Stay on the list for communication from extension office and club leaders
2: Liability coverage if something were to happen at club meeting/events

NEW: This year ALL RETURNING members must be enrolled AND paid by December 31st. Failing to do so, will remove your eligibility to exhibit at the 2022 Central Iowa Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Emails will be sent out weekly to members who were enrolled in the previous year who have not reenrolled yet, as well as those who have enrolled but not paid up to December 31st.

After December 31st you will be removed from email list serves from the county extension office and your club leader also reserves the right to remove you from their club communications.

Applications opened on November 20th. I encourage senior 4-H members to check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship webpage for helpful hints and instructions on applying.

Applications are due on midnight of March 1st. Check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship page for a road map to success with instructions and the helpful hints page. Megan sent all enrolled seniors the application link when it opened.
**YQCA Training**

We will have our 1st YQCA training on December 29 at 10am at the extension office. This course is REQUIRED for all 4-H and FFA youth who plan to exhibit a livestock animal at the 2022 Central Iowa Fair and the Iowa State Fair.

You will need to go to this [link](#) to see the helpsheet on how to register.

The cost for the training is: $3.00 for face to face training or $12.00 for web based training.

Contact Megan for a Coupon Code for the face to face training.

Online trainings are not covered this year, it is at your own expense.

**ALL** YQCA trainings must be completed by May 15th to be eligible to show at the Central Iowa Fair and the Iowa State Fair.

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**Marshall County Beef Weigh-ins**

Greetings! Can’t believe it’s now time to start a new season with new babies. I hope you are all out finding just what you need. This that said it’s time to think about beef weigh in.

We have scheduled it for Sunday, Dec. 19th at the fairgrounds from 1 to 3 p.m. We hope this works for all of you. If this is a conflict, please let me know and we will figure it out.

Fingers crossed it will be a nice warm day!

Few things to remember for weigh in. If you have a breed steer, please remember we need to have his tattoo number and its registration number.

Cost per calf to weigh in will be $5 for entering just county and $10 for both county and state fair. Please try and have the correct change for weigh in or if writing a check those can be made out to Marshall Co Extension.

Also a reminder that families are in charge of entering the information into 4-H online before February 1. You will receive a helpsheet on how to do this at beef weigh-ins.

Have a wonderful fall season and we will see you on the 19th of December.

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**Healthy Living Club Challenge**

The 2022 Healthy Living Club Challenge kicks off in January. Clubs, county youth councils, staff teams, and even Extension Councils can take part in offering a meeting environment where healthy choices are the easy choice. This year’s challenge will feature monthly “bonus” activities to learn about the importance of our brain and how that impacts our well-being. Please share this opportunity with your clubs and encourage them to boost their brain health this year by taking part in the 6-month challenge. They can register via [JotForm](#) or visit the [Club Challenge webpage](#) for more details. (The webpage will be updated this week.) Register by December 23 to receive a bag of challenge supplies.
State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

Applications open on January 1st and close on February 1.

Interview selection and schedule are announced in the first week of March. Please review the interview times posted below.

In-person interviews are available Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9 am-3 pm.

- Video interviews will be available on Saturday, March 19, 8 am-12 pm, or Tuesday, March 22, 4 pm-7 pm.

2022 Recognition Preparation Statewide Workshops
- State and National Opportunities for Senior Level 4-H Members Tues, Dec 14, 4PM
- How to Write a State Recognition Application Wednesday, January 5, 4PM
- How to Write a One-Page Resume Thursday, January 13, 4PM
- How to Prepare for an Interview Tuesday, March 1, 4PM

PLANT THE MOON CHALLENGE

What do we need to grow crops on the moon?

Participants from around the country are helping NASA Solar System Exploration scientists answer this question and you can be a part of the science project. The Plant the Moon Challenge is a global science experiment, learning activity and inspirational, project-based-learning challenge to see who can grow the best crops using lunar or Martian regolith simulants.

Interested?? Contact Megan!
Tri-County 4-H Camp planning is starting. Dates are tentatively early August, but have not been confirmed. It is time to start recruiting teen counselors. Counselors must be at least 16 years old by the time of camp. This is a volunteer role. Deadline for applications is mid-February. If you would like to receive a teen counselor application information, please email Annette Brown, camp coordinator, to request a form annbrown@iastate.edu or call 515-432-3882 Ext. 5.

2022 YOUTH BEEF CONFERENCE

Join us, Saturday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the beautiful Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center and Ag & Renewable Energy Center! We will take a closer look at “Branded Beef”, from the latest technologies in identifying our animals on the hoof, to what it takes to produce a specific type of beef on the rail, to marketing new beef products to consumers. You will also get the chance to get your YQCA certifications! To do so you MUST register for the North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference 2022 at: learngrow.io

You don't have to be a beef project member to come join the fun while learning more about raising and producing beef. The cost of attending conference is $10.00 per youth (and adult if eating lunch) Register in 4hOnline under events: 2022 North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference, by January 19.

YOUTH BEEF WORKSHOP

Email Chelsea to reserve your spot ASAP only 8 spots left!
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