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In4mation for your month...

Dear 4-H Family:

The 2018 Mills County Fair was a great success this year! It was a fun-filled time at my first Mills County Fair. Thank you all for making it special for me, and I loved getting to know you as well as seeing all of your hard work pay off.

4-H’ers, be sure to thank the many adults who worked to make the fair a positive event. Fair board, Youth Committee, your 4-H leaders, superintendents and parents are key people to thank. There are also numerous volunteers who often are not recognized for their efforts. We thank all of you!

There were many donations made by businesses and individuals for fair awards. Please make sure you take time to write a thank you note to those who donated your trophy or purchased your animal or pie at the auctions. We are fortunate to have outstanding support by our community.

Make sure to pop by the Iowa State Fair August 9-19 before school starts! We have many Mills County 4-H’ers participating in numerous events at the best state fair in the country! The Iowa State Fair is ranked as one of the top places to visit, and it’s a fair you don’t want to miss.

Your record keeping materials are due to your 4-H leaders by August 26th. The leaders must see them before they bring the materials to the office for Youth Committee. All forms are on the website for your convenience. Call your leader or the office if you have questions, or stop by the Record Book Workshop August 21st. We are here to help you accomplish your goals.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Celebrate your success and plan for a great year ahead. Your efforts today will make a difference in our world tomorrow!

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Fair Volunteers are Greatly Appreciated

Fair would not happen without our army of volunteers. Many people and businesses dedicate their time and expertise, donate trophies, supplies or food, drive trucks, provide breakfast, or just lend a helping hand as needed. We appreciate ALL of our volunteers!

Please make special efforts to thank those businesses and volunteers you know made a difference for you during the fair. For example, the people who voluntarily transport the livestock to their final destinations.

Triple F Farms, Spark Feed, Flat Iron Laundry, Heartland Co-op, Agriland FS, and Mills County Farm Bureau provided a free breakfast to start the busy fair days.

Farm Credit Services, Mills/Montgomery Cattlemen's Association, and the Nathan Mass Family provided food for pre-fair cleanup.

Fair 2018 Filled with Activities

There’s fun for everyone at the Mills County Fair, and this year was no exception! Numerous contests and activities were held. A few of those things were Round Robin, Bomgaar’s Barn, Motocross, lego competition, face painting, pedal pull and much more! The gaga ball pit was never empty during the days of fair!

We had a fantastic turnout at the Free Barbeque which was held in the Lakin Center. It was great to have everyone join together to celebrate the fair by watching Share the Fun, celebrating ISU Extension and Outreach’s 100th year anniversary, and watching the crowning of the 2018 fair queen, Kara Murphy! What a great way to kickoff the fair!

Iowa State Fair and 4-H Hall of Fame

Want more fair fun? Then make sure to visit the Iowa State Fair from August 9th-19th. We hope everyone has the opportunity to see this amazing fair.

4-H and the State Fair work closely together. One very important part is the 4-H Hall of Fame. This program recognizes volunteers and staff who have given much of their time and talents to Iowa 4-H.

This year, Mills County has selected Nathan Mass as our 4-H Hall of Fame inductee. Nathan has been active as a fairboard member, superintendent, and volunteer for numerous 4-H events year round, and is also a 4-H parent. The Hall of Fame ceremony is Sunday August 19th at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Be sure to congratulate Nathan on this high achievement.
Pie Contest and Helping Hands Results

2018 Fair Pie Buyers donated to the Mills County 4-H Endowment. This Fund allows youth to attend camps, events, State 4-H Youth Conference, and more!

Grand Champion Pie– Alyssa and Ashley Goy for Loyal Lassies/Ingraham Straight Shooters.
Reserve Champion Pie– Carson Chilton for Silver Clouds.

Thank you to everyone for baking the pies and continuing to make this a success! We raised $3,275 this year from this contest and the pie auction!

The Helping Hands award goes to 4-Hers who make a difference for others at the fair. This award is in memory of Duane and Ruth Sell. The recipients of the Helping Hands award this year were Taylor Springhower and Justin Wells. Carlie Clemmer and Carson Chilton were also nominated. All nominees were recognized at the livestock auction. Springhower and Wells received the award from members of the Sell family, and area also given a book.

Thank you to this outstanding 4-Hers who were nominated for this. A little kindness goes a long way.

Static Awards

State Fair Award Winners

Ag & Natural Resource: Kari Schuppan, Luke Neuhalfen, Andrew Laramy
Science, Mechanics & Engineering: Dawson Pearce, Camden Jones, Briggs Jenson, Zach Thornburg & Davis McGrew
Photography: Brendan Mass, Kassidy Croghan, Shaelee Stromgren, Alissa Brummer, Isabel Griffin, Haleigh Bainter,
Digital Photography: Taylor Springhower
Visual Arts: Arianna Springer, Madelyn Berglund, Grace Presley, Emerson Griffin
Personal Development: Justin Wells, Levi McDonald, Ahren Marburger, Jack McMullen
Child Development: Megan Wells
Clothing: Delaney McMullen, Taryn Bertini
Consumer Management: Jack McMullen
4-H Poster: Adam Wells
Food & Nutrition: Taryn Bertini, Grace Nightser, Audrey Zielstra, Brendan Mass, Emerson Griffin
Home Improvement: Kayleigh Chilton, Ailey Marburger, Shaelee Stromgren, Jenna Thornburg
Group project: Andrew Laramy, Caleb Andersen, Thoren Wade

Outstanding 4-Her Awards

4th grader awards: Sophia Morrical, Isabella Wake, Alyssa Goy, Livia Jackson, Ella Marvel
Photography: Audrey Zielstra (object or landscape), Taryn Bertini (People)
Visual Art: Arianna Springer, Dawson Pearce
Consumer Management: Jack McMullen
Floral Arrangement: Audrey Zielstra
Horticulture: Brendan Mass, Carson Chilton

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
Herdsmanship and Beef Carcass Results

2018 Fair Herdsmanship Winners were the Silver Clouds 4-H Club. Way to go!

Beef—Tie with Henderson Hornets/Ambitious Andies and Glenwood FFA
Goat—Wabash Wranglers
Sheep—Tie with Balfour Barnstormers and Loyal Lassies/Ingraham Straight Shooters
Poultry—Country Cousins
Rabbit—Silver Clouds
Swine—Lively Oaks

Thank you to everyone who works hard to keeping our fairgrounds clean and safe by working hard in the barns.

Champion Beef Carcass was given to Kassidy Croghan and Reserve Champion is Cody Krause. Thank you to all the participants in this event. They are: Kassidy Croghan, Cody Krause, Logan and Haylee Mae Hughes, Mason Koehler, Sydney and Nathan Rohrberg, Megan Hossle, Lexi Morris, and Alexis and Cole Staudt.

2018 Golf Tournament Held July 28th

The Annual Teen Club Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, July 28th at the Fairview Hills Golf Course in Malvern. Proceeds from this event sponsor the Teen Club trip to Washington D.C. for Citizenship Washington Focus. During this trip Mills County 4-H’ers will meet with Iowa’s federal legislators, attend leadership workshops, tour the city and monuments, and meet 4-H’ers from around the nation!

A special thank you to all of our sponsors, and congratulations to all of our winners. A special thank you to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, who donated their winnings back to the Teen Club!

Overall:
1st–Smith Team 2nd–Morris Team 3rd–Jason Sell Team

Longest drive in fairway:
Men–Brady Smith  Women–Susan Benton

Closest to hole in one shot–Brady Smith

Longest Putt–Jeff Dean

Orange Ball–Brenda Kroger
Record Book Raffle—WIN $$!

This year the Mills County 4-H Endowment Fund is sponsoring a Record Book Raffle that is open to all registered 4-H’ers. Every 4-Her who completes a record book by the deadline date, and ALSO receives a blue or purple ribbon, will be put into a drawing. There will be 3 drawings organized by 4-H age group (junior, intermediate, senior). The 4-Her that is selected in the drawing receives a $100 cash prize.

Make sure you turn in your record book for a chance to win $100!!

Rules:

- Must be present at 2018 4-H awards night to win (October 27).
- Must submit Record Book by the deadline date of August 26.
- Must receive blue or purple ribbon on record book to be in drawing.
- Contact Maddie Hora for questions

Record Book Workshop

The Mills County Extension Office, along with Youth Committee is hosting a Record Book Workshop to help answer any questions and give forms for 4-Hers to fill out. You could finish your record book in just one day!

Make sure to bring exhibit write ups and animal information if you are attending.

August 21st 6:30PM at the Mills County Extension Office.
RSVP to Maddie Hora at mchora@iastate.edu or 712-624-8616

SENIORS...IMPORTANT—You must complete and turn in a record book for at least 2 years AS A SENIOR LEVEL 4-H’er in order to be eligible to receive Mills County 4-H scholarships.

Why do we keep records in 4-H?

Record keeping is a lifelong skill. Your parents have to keep records every day. For example, they have to keep track of your family’s checking accounts, doctor appointments and records, and vet records for your pets.

Recording your goals, what you did to reach those goals, and what you learned through the process, gives you a chance to see what you actually accomplished through the year. When you record these accomplishments over several years, you have written a story about yourself. This is something you will appreciate later.

When young adults who were 4-H’ers talk about their experiences, the majority of the time they will say, ‘I really didn’t like doing the record books in 4-H, but it helped me learn to be organized. I was more prepared for college and my job because I knew how to write goals and explain things.’

Your 4-H records also help you keep track of all you do in school and in your community. When you start filling out scholarship and job applications in high school, you will be glad you have listed your activities each year. You will also be amazed at all you have accomplished!

Okay, so record keeping isn’t the “fun” part of 4-H, but it will be rewarding for you....someday!
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<td>*Yearly Summary (complete pages 1-3 AND option 2 on page 4; do not do options 1 or 3)</td>
<td>*Form complete, including writing reflective summary of accomplishments &amp; activities (option 2 on p. 4) *Handwriting legible or typed.</td>
<td>*Form is mostly complete, but summary could be improved</td>
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<td>*Personal Goal Record Sheet</td>
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<td>*Form Complete. *Goals are out of the control of the 4-Her but DID note if reached or not. *Good goals but missing if reached or not.</td>
<td>*Exact copy of last year’s form. *Illegible. *Goals missing if reached or not. *Goals may be out of the 4-Hers control. *Some areas blank but others filled out.</td>
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<td>4-H Project Record Forms (Generally, 2-3 photos per project area are sufficient. 4-6 photos are acceptable if showing progress of project Write-ups for each fair exhibit should not exceed 2-3 pages summarize, if necessary)</td>
<td>*Forms complete and legible. *Good goals and noted if they were reached or not. *Acceptable to include fair write-ups as a part of the project area. *Limited number of photos. *Complete livestock forms, photography project worksheet, etc.</td>
<td>*Forms are complete &amp; legible. *Goals good but missing if they have been completed or not. *Too many photos. *Missing photo project worksheet. *Fair write-ups are too long.</td>
<td>*Exact copy of last year’s form. *Hard to read. *Goals out of 4-Hers control and missing if they have been completed or not. *Form may be missing some information. *Livestock records incomplete but present.</td>
<td>*Form is incomplete or illegible. *Livestock records are missing from animal projects.</td>
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<td>Photographs, news clippings, 4-H meeting reports, etc. included at the back of the year’s records.</td>
<td>Included good variety of photos and articles showing member’s involvement, leadership &amp; community service captions explain photos</td>
<td>Some photos and Articles included with captions</td>
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All projects must have a Basic, Experienced, or Advanced record sheet included. (You may copy and paste sections of your fair write up into the project record if it helps explain your project goals and how you worked toward them. (Exception: Horse project worksheet already has project record included in the form...do not need separate project record.) You can use the computer forms for the generic project record worksheets (Basic (4H-96A), Experienced (4H-96B), or Advanced (4H-96C). When adding additional information or pictures, please use plain white paper (8 1/2" x 11") and not notebook or ruled paper. PLEASE do NOT include entry tags, ribbons, or other scrapbooking type of items. Put these memorabilia in a separate scrapbook.

If member took more than one exhibit to the fair in one project area, only ONE project record needs to be completed. For example, if 4-H'er took a drawing and a painting to the fair, these two exhibits fall under the project area of visual arts. Member can include write-ups, or (summarize write-ups if a lot of pictures and/or detail were used in the fair write-up) along with the project record.

Example project goal: I will practice two different techniques in art design during the year.

Exhibit goal: I will experiment with acrylic or water color painting techniques and complete at least one picture.

Exhibit goal: I will draw with charcoal pencil and learn basic shading techniques, and complete one sketch before fair.

You are only required to complete one project record along with your yearly summary, personal goal sheet, and a collection of pictures and news articles that tell your 4-H story. (If you don’t write up the project area, you cannot be considered for an award in the area.) Just remember, these records are about your entire project, not just your exhibit at the fair. A complete project includes leadership, citizenship and communication about this project area.

Here is another example from the food and nutrition project area. My goals for this project area could be:

By the end of June, I will learn how to knead bread so the bread turns out tender and has a good consistency. Before fair, I will learn how to follow a recipe and use measuring utensils so that I measure accurately. After I choose my recipes, I will practice each of them at least five times before I take them to fair. I may have chosen to bake chocolate cookies and a loaf of bread for the fair. These are two exhibits that fall under one project area and help me meet the project goals I set.

I took one batch of my cookies to share with the after school group (citizenship), I did a demonstration showing how to make the bread at my club meeting (communication), and I taught my neighbor how to knead bread when she was helping me bake at my house (leadership).

It is important that you WRITE down what you did and what you learned while working on your project. If you don’t write it, the committee will not know what you accomplished.

Keeping records is a skill that you will use throughout your lives. 4-H gives you an opportunity to learn these skills early! If you need any help while working on your records, PLEASE do not hesitate to ask for help. You can talk to an experienced 4-H member, club leader or other adult, or call our office at 624-8616. Our goal is to help you be successful.

HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH
How To Assemble your Record Book

1. **Evaluation Sheet**: This year’s sheet is white. You can obtain a copy of this from your club leader or from the Extension Office.

2. **Personal Photo/Cover Sheet**: This needs to include a picture of you, your name, club and grade level.

3. **Club Program**: This is a listing of necessary club information, members, and club meeting times. You should have received this at the beginning of the 4-H year from your club leader.

4. **Yearly 4-H Summary**: (white 4H-96) This form summarizes your activities in 4-H during the past year. (An excellent record of you throughout your school and 4H years.) Complete the first 3 pages and then only do what’s listed under the 2nd bullet point on the last page.

5. **Personal Goal Record**: (buff-4H-93) Use this form to list your overall goals for the 4-H year. Goals for individual projects should be listed in your 4-H Project Records.

6. **4-H Project Records**: One project record should be completed for each project you are enrolled in. (You are only required to complete 1 project record. Others are optional. Award eligibility only for completed project areas recorded.) There are three levels of the project record:
   - **Basic**-(yellow 4H-96A)
   - **Experienced**-(Tan-4H-96B)
   - **Advanced**-(Blue-4H-96C)

   - Beginning 4-H’ers should use the basic form. All other 4-H’ers can choose which form they would like to use. You can download forms from the on-line (website) @ http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/recordkeeping.htm

**Project Worksheets**: Many of the projects also have a worksheet that you will complete and include with the above forms. These do NOT take the place of the generic 4-H Project Records, but should be submitted in addition to them. Pictures and clippings pertaining to a particular project area should be included behind the project worksheet.

**Please include All Other Pictures and Clippings**: This includes any pictures and clippings of a more general nature. This can be pictures taken at club meetings, club tours, and/or clippings of club meetings that were in the newspaper. If you are adding additional sheets of paper, please use plain white paper only.

**Previous Year’s Records**: These materials are moved to the back of the book. This year’s records are placed on top of the last years.

**Project records and worksheets are available on-line can be found at**: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mills/news/4-h-record-keeping-books-and-livestock-id-forms

**Recordkeeping Reminders**

You **MUST** complete a generic project record worksheet (Basic (4H-96A), Experienced (4H-96B), or Advanced (4H-96C)) along with your feed records and project-specific worksheets in order for your project area to be considered complete and be eligible for record book awards.

You can use the computer forms for the generic project record worksheets (Basic (4H-96A), Experienced (4H-96B), or Advanced (4H-96C)). When adding additional information or pictures, please use plain white paper (8 1/2” x 11”) and not notebook or ruled paper.

Refer to the enclosed recordkeeping requirements sheet for more information on how to organize your book and the different recordkeeping sheets available for each project.

**PLEASE do NOT include entry tags, ribbons, or other scrapbooking type of items.** Put these memorabilia in a separate scrapbook.

4-H Members: Check with your club leader to turn in Record Books by August 26th.
Calendar of Events
August
6– Static Exhibits due to Extension Office 12pm
9-19– Iowa State Fair!
21– Youth Committee 6pm
21– Record Book Workshop 6:30pm
23– Glenwood and East Mills 1st day of school
26– Record Books Due!
28– Appreciation Dinner 6pm

Thank you all for a successful 2018 Mills Co. Fair!

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