Dear 4-H Family,

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. A volunteer is someone who gives of their time and expertise without monetary compensation.

Mills County Extension staff thank all of you for contributing your time and talents to the 4-H program. Mills County 4-H leaders and youth have proven their dedication to our community. Our 4-H leaders, fair superintendents, fair board members, project leaders and Youth Committee members dedicate countless hours to help youth find success. 4-H could not happen without you!

Make sure you thank your leaders for their time and commitment to you and the 4-H program.

Also, a reminder that things are getting busier and I know many of you are working on projects. Be sure that you are watching for any project information, updates, deadlines and workshops.

Finally, let us thank each of you. You each volunteer within your club and in your communities. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

Have a great month and continue doing good things!

Mills County Fair is July 12-17 this year. It comes quickly!

April Member’s Birthdays

1 Roenfeldt, Lauren
4 Abler, Aaron
4 Abler, Andrew
6 Wray, Brodyn
7 Hilsabeck, Kasey
7 Reyes, Vivien
10 Olerich, Luciann
11 Stearns, Mackenzie
12 Patzer, Sawyer
12 Thornburg, Jenna
12 Thornburg, Zachary
14 Boban, Blake
14 Marburger, Madilynn
16 Crouch, Kaden
18 Springer, Arianna
26 Lynn, Bentley
27 Springhower, Taylor
27 Brammer, Hannah
LIVESTOCK

Animal Identification & FSQA Required by May 15th

Animal Identification
Reminder: you must identify your livestock in 4honline if you are planning to bring them to the Mills County Fair. This MUST be done by MAY 15th. If you have questions on what you may need to do, please contact your superintendent or the Mills County Extension Office 624-8616. There is no exception to this rule, so please be sure it is completed by May 15th.

FSQA
If you are showing livestock at fair, you must be certified in FSQA—Food Safety Quality Assurance. Juniors must take the class, and there are only a few dates left. Intermediates and Senior 4Hers can test but it MUST be done by MAY 15th. Without FSQA, you will not be able to show livestock at the fair. Testing is available. Please call and schedule a time today - 712-624-8616.

*Other FSQA Training Locations & Dates—
Cass County– April 17th– 712-249-1132

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Goat Workshops

Goat Members– SAVE the DATES!

- **Goat Showmanship:** Thurs., May 24th at 6:30
- **Goat Grooming:** Fri., June 15th at 6:30

Both workshops will be held at Marcia Strand’s
RSVP: 712-624-8616 or email tammie@iastate.edu.

Sheep Workshop & Meeting

Tuesday, April 24th 6:30 p.m.

For ALL Sheep Project Members.
Share a Sheep Members MUST attend this meeting.
-Receive Fair Information
-Weigh In Information
-Bring your Questions
-Make a lead for your lamb
-Learn about wool
-Snacks provided

RSVP to the office by Monday the 23rd.
712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu

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WEIGH-INs - Goat and Sheep

**GOAT:** Meat Goat Weigh-In will be held Saturday, April 28th 8:30 - 9:30 am at the Mills County Fair Grounds. RSVP to Tammie at 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu

**SHEEP:** Sheep Weigh-In for Market AND Breeding will be held Sunday, April 29th, 2:00 - 3:30 pm at the Mills County Fair Grounds. RSVP to Tammie at 712-624-8616 or tam-

Share a Sheep

The 1st meeting for Share a Sheep will be held Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30. This meeting will coincide with the “Sheep Project Members Workshop”.

The schedule for Share a Sheep practices will be determined on the 24th.

Please note Share a Sheep Members are required to attend this meeting/workshop. If you have a conflict, contact Co-Superintendent Buddi Thompson, 712-624-8616.
**Dog Project News**

Now is the time to enroll in the Dog Project, and ID your dog(s) in 4H online (you can show more than one dog). The **deadline for ID'ing your dog(s) is May 15th, 2018**, but we are asking you to enroll by May 1st. We will have a workshop for first year dog project members, or those wanting a refresher about the project on **April 26th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Extension office—**NO dogs**.

The Dog Obedience, Showmanship and Agility classes will be held on Thursday evenings beginning on **May 3rd 7:00 PM**, all levels. To participate in the dog show at fair, you MUST attend one of the first two practices on May 3 or 10.

If you have any questions, the best way to contact us is by e-mail **mondaysstothefair@outlook.com** or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-624-8616. (see practice dates under dog project) **Lonny, Kres & Kassidy Monday, Dog Superintendents**

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**Cat Project News**

To participate in the Cat Project, **enroll in the Cat Project as soon as possible**, so that you can receive the information you need to successfully participate. To enroll: in 4Honline find the Cat Project under the Pet Project section. You may show more than one cat. You also are **required to ID your cats by May 15th, 2018**. Your cat must have been born by March 31, 2018 to be old enough to participate in the 2018 Cat Show at the Fair.

Also, your cat needs to be up-to-date on Rabies and other basic vaccines, and be free of worms, fleas, ear mites, etc. to participate.

If you have any questions, contact Superintendents Kres or Kassidy by e-mail **mondaysstothefair@outlook.com**, or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-624-8616.

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**LIVESTOCK**

**Rabbit Workshop April 28th**

Rabbit Members: Workshop will be held **Saturday, April 28th from 1-3 p.m.** at the Rabbit Building on the fair grounds.

Lanette McGinnis, Rabbit Superintendent, will be presenting information on Showmanship, Fair, and more. Tattooing will also be available, if your rabbit is in need of one.

RSVP to Tammie at 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu.

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**Gain a Goat Program**

**SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE. Call TODAY!**

Do you want to learn about Goats and show one at the fair, but you can't keep one at your home? Colleen Gray, Goat Superintendent, has made arrangements with goat producer, Fred Goodman to start the Gain a Goat program. Fred is providing the goats and housing them for you. Registration fee for this project is $50. To learn more about the program call the office, 624-8616.

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**Horseless Horse**

The Horseless Horse project is an excellent option for 4-H’ers to experience and learn about horses without actually having to own a horse. Leader, Tanya Whitehill, invites members to her farm to learn about horses through hands-on experience. Learn all about horses, what to feed them, parts of the horse, and how to groom them. Participants will learn the proper way to show a horse at halter. Participants set up times to practice with Tanya beginning in mid to late May at her farm. If you are interested Horseless Horse project, call 712-624-8616, by May 1st.

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**MILLS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS**

MON WEDS THURS 8-4:30 TUESDAY 8-8 FRIDAY 8-12
Spaces still available…. Help us fill the bus, Register Today!

KANSAS CITY …… Here We Come!!!

Mills County 7th & 8th Graders are you ready to get out of town for some fun?

Well, now’s your chance to board a bus and join other 4-H’ers from Southwest Iowa for 3 exciting days, April 20-22, in the Kansas City area!

Check out the Money Museum to see where cash is king, tour Kauffman Stadium, home of the KC Royals, explore downtown KC and the Crown Plaza. You will witness the creation of marbles….you won’t believe it until you see it! That’s not all….See a show at the Planetarium and experience the home of Jesse James. The evenings will be action packed with swimming, games to play, bowling, defying gravity and laser tag!

Registrations are being accepted through April 9th! The fee is $250. (Remember, you can use your Mills County 4-H Activity Scholarship of $100 toward the trip.) Please RSVP to the office and we will send you the form to complete. Call TODAY!

Graduating 4-H Members
We want to honor you at fair! Please complete and return the informational sheet you received in the mail, and include a senior picture. This information will be used for the “Graduating 4-H Members of Mills County” display board. Deadline to turn in the informational sheet and picture is May 1st. This will give Mary Bolton time to get the board ready for Fair. If you are in need of another informational sheet, please contact Tammie at 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu.

TEEN Club Events
Mark your calendars and help support the Teen Club as they raise funds to go to Washington D.C.

June 25th, 5-9 p.m.– Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Council Bluffs.

July 28th– Golf Tournament at Fairview Hills in Malvern. Ways to be involved: Register a Team, Donate a Hole Prize, Sponsor a Hole, or Donate an Auction Item.

For more information, contact Tammie at 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu.

Clothing and Communications Contest will be held Monday, July 2nd at the Lakin Center, starting at 5 p.m. Events include the following: Fashion Revue, $15 Challenge, Clothing Selection, Educational Presentation, & Extemporaneous Speaking. More details to come......

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IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE ~ 2018
June 26-28

Registration is open! Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days! 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! If you’d like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. Registration fee is $180 until June 1. Remember, you can use your County Scholarship towards this conference. Join the adventure and register today!

Registration link: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

FOR 5th, 6th & 7th Graders—June 11-13

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend Camp Wild, at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2018.

Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs, crafts, and campfires. Bring a friend with you, and make new ones while you are there too! Camp will run from Mon., June 11 at 11 a.m. until our closing ceremony, starting at 3:15 p.m. on Wed., June 13. Registration is NOW OPEN on-line at [http://bit.ly/campwild18](http://bit.ly/campwild18).

Registration Deadline is May 15th. Register before May 1st to secure your spot and receive our $200 registration early bird price. Cost is $220 after May 1st and before May 15th. Check with the Extension Office about financial assistance for attending camp! Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation, with an April 25th deadline for application. Visit [www.iowa4hfoundation.com](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.com) for information or to apply.

4-H Senior Activity!

Join the Region 17 4-H council for some fun at The Amazing Pizza Machine!

We will be meeting Saturday, April 28th at the Amazing Pizza Machine in Omaha! From 1:00 – 4:00 pm and all senior 4-H members in Region 17 are invited!

At this event, 4-Hers will be able to enjoy:

- Unlimited buffet and beverages!
- Two hours of unlimited rides!
- Two hours of unlimited games!

The cost to attend this event is $30, and should be paid to the West Pottawattamie County Extension office on or before April 20th. Contact your local extension office for information about financial help. Checks should be made out to ISU Extension.

Extra money will be required for laser tag, and those attending will be responsible for their own transportation. 4-Hers should bring along change to pay for lockers for personal items.

For more information about this event, email Jennifer Vincent at jenvin@iastate.edu

West Pottawattamie Extension 1705 McPherson Ave Ste. 200, Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Project Updates, Events and more!

**SHOOTING SPORTS**

Archery on 4th Sunday of the month at 4pm at Boban Residence. Call the Extension office for more information 712-624-8616

We joined with Fremont County for another great year of Rifle, shotgun and muzzle loader. Call for more information. 624-8616.

**HORSE**

Horse Superintendent
Bob Blum. 712-624-8434.
Practices begin on Tuesday, April 24th. Warm-up starts at 6:30 p.m. & Practice starts at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be held every Tuesday through the first week of July. Practices are held at the Fairgrounds.

**DOG**

Dog Project Superintendents
Kres and Lonny Monday
712-629-8171
Email: mondaysatthefair@outlook.com
First year dog project member meeting April 26, 7:00 p.m., Extension office, Malvern
Practices are held on Thursdays, all levels beginning at 7:00 p.m.:
May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
June 7, 14, 21, & 28
July 5
July 12– Mock Dog Show

Leadership Schedules and more

**CREW**

CREW will not be meeting in April. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8th at the Extension Office at 6:00.
See you then!

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

There are openings on Youth Committee for adults and also youth in High School. If you are interested in joining and helping make decisions for our 4H program, please call Tammie 624-8616.

**TEEN CLUB**

We will be meeting Sunday, April 22nd at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.
RSVP to Tammie– 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

*County Council Meeting Sunday, April 22nd at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office.

*County Council is invited to the Youth Committee meeting on May 1st at the Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Your input is valuable and appreciated. Please Join Us!
Contact Maddi Sieck or Evan Sieck for more information.

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Animal Project Updates

**BEF**

Beef Superintendents:
- Brady Smith
  - 712-309-5956
- Jeff Dean
  - 527-9403

Trowbridge Project Leaders:
- Mary & David Trowbridge
  - 712-629-7665

**POULTRY**

Poultry Superintendents:
- Jill Cuff
  - 402-650-4237
- Amanda Klein

POULTRY IDs REQUIRED!
**BY MAY 15 DEADLINE**
EXCEPT BROILERS which must be ID’d by June 15

**SHEEP**

Sheep Superintendents:
- Andrew Hilton  712-310-4883
- Buddi Thompson  402-709-2649

Sheep Workshop:
April 24, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

Sheep Weigh-In, for Market AND Breeding, will be held
April 29th, 2:00 p.m. at the Mills County Fair Grounds.
Looking for sheep to purchase? Call a Superintendent for suggestions.

**GOAT**

Goat Superintendents:
- Colleen Gray
  - 712-212-6515
- Paula Barrett

Meat goat weigh-in will be held April 28th 8:30– 9:30am at the Mills County Fair Grounds.

Workshops:
- May 24, 6:30 p.m.
- June 15, 6:30 p.m.

**RABBIT**

Rabbit Superintendent:
- Lanette McGinnis
  - 712-520-4111

Rabbit Workshop - April 28th from 1-3 p.m., Rabbit Bldg on Fair grounds

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STATE 4-H SUMMER CAMPS

**Shooting Sports Camp**
Youth who have completed grades 4-8 (2017-2018 school year) will explore the Safety and Education in Shooting Sports (SESS) program by trying new skills, meeting new friends and making connections with County Shooting Sports Clubs. Opportunities to develop skills in:
- Archery
- Air Rifle
- Smallbore
- Shotgun
- Muzzleloader
- Wildlife

An Official Iowa Hunter Safety Course Class Day will be provided by DNR at camp. Youth must be 11 or older to complete the Iowa hunter education requirements and pass the online portions of the hunter education course prior to coming to camp. The online Hunter Safety Education course is available at DNR IA Hunter Ed Course.

**Date:** June 8-11, 2018  
**Location:** Pictured Rocks Camp, Monticello IA  
**Cost:** Registration $250  
Contact Patty Gibler @ 515-294-5939 | gibler@iastate.edu

**STEM Survival Camp**
Would you know how to survive in the wilderness? Can you sleep outside overnight, start a fire, cook your own food over a fire or spend 4 days without TV? Learn how to handle being outside, enjoying nature, and learning new skills by immersing yourself in a safe, yet challenging environment where you can practice:
- Archery
- Shelter making
- Outdoor cooking
- Low ropes challenge course
- Creek stomping
- Fire making

**Date:** June 17-20, 2018  
**Who:** 4th-7th graders  
**Location:** Cloverwoods (formerly 4-H Center), 1991 Peach Ave, Madrid, IA 50156  
**Cost:** Registration $250  
Contact Patty Gibler @ 515-294-5939 | gibler@iastate.edu

**Global Explorer Camp**
Challenge yourself as you learn about arts, traditions, and games from around the globe. Make a colorful Mexican flag, learn the Albanian dance performed at weddings from junior counselors visiting from one of Iowa’s Sister States: Kosovo, play international games such as GaGa ball, make hummus or salsa and taste food from around the world. Campers will also get to participate in traditional camp activities such as archery, a ropes course, teambuilding games, and of course s’mores around the campfire! The last day will wrap up with fun festivities such as Water Olympics and a Pledge Challenge.

**Date:** June 29-July 1, 2018  
**Who:** For youth that have just completed 5th grade through those just completing 8th grade  
**Location:** Clover Woods (formerly 4-H Center), 1991 Peach Ave, Madrid, IA 50156  
**Cost:** Registration $250  
Contact Patty Gibler @ 515-294-5939 | gibler@iastate.edu

**Design Dimensions Camp**
Focus will be on 2D, 3D, and 4D thinking across disciplines while providing hands-on experience with the latest design technology. Discover how to create and manipulate structures and objects, print 3D designs, paint with encaustic wax and so much more.

Spend nights at the 4-H Center in Madrid, Iowa with access to traditional camp activities. Days will be spent at Iowa State University College of Design. Transportation, meals, and lodging will be provided.

**Date:** July 8-13, 2018  
**Who:** For students entering 9th through 12th grades and 2018 high school graduates  
**Location:** Cloverwoods (formerly 4-H Center), 1991 Peach Ave, Madrid, IA 50156  
Contact Patty Gibler @ 515-294-5939 | gibler@iastate.edu

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## Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events

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### MORE...

**2018 Mills County Fair**

“Red, White & Blue – This Fair’s For You!”

- **July 12th-**
  - 4-H & FFA Static Judging
- **July 13-17-**
  - Open To the Public

**JULY 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** - Mills County Fair Board is sponsoring the Nebraska Bush Pullers at the fairgrounds for a pull. Get it on your calendar as this is one event you won’t want to miss.