Can you believe a new year is already here! We sure packed a lot into 2019, but I know that 2020 will have so much more.

With this new year just beginning, it seems like the perfect time to look at our goals and think about how to make plans on achieving them. Here is a great way to work on planning out your goals.

Is your Goal SMART?

Specific... What? Why? Where?

Measurable... How do you know you achieved it or not?

Achievable... Is it realistic? Can you control the outcome?

Relevant... Does it pertain to your project or 4-H year?

Time... Is there a deadline or time frame?
Pioneer is proud to offer $5,000 in seed grant money to 4-H clubs across Iowa.

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful.

**2019-2020 Pioneer Seed Grants are due to the Extension Office January 16th**

Pioneer Seed Grant Information for Iowa 4-H Club Community Improvement Project can be found below:

- Brochure
- Information Sheet
- Application Tips
- Application: PDF

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**Calling all Teens!**

Camp Wild is coming up and we are looking for some fun and energetic Camp Counselors.

Camp will be held in Guthrie Center this year and will run from June 4th-6th.

**Requirements:**

- Must be 16 by June 4th

*You will also have to attend 2 TRAINING SESSIONS PRIOR TO THE CAMP EXPERIENCE!!.*

*The training dates will be Wednesday, April 15 from 8-9 pm (web-based training) and Wednesday, May 13 from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, location TBD)*

Applications can be found [here](#) or pick one up from the Extension and Outreach Office.
Time to pull out your favorite treat recipe and your creative table setting skills.

The Clover Kids Set this, Bake this is coming up Sunday, March 26th

More Details to come next Month.

**4-H Night at the Lancers**

*4-Hers, Hockey and Star Wars, Oh my!*

**January 11th** is our annual 4-H Night at the Lancers game.

Not only will it be an awesome game, but it’s also Star Wars night! What could be better than 4-H, Hockey and Star Wars!!

The Lancers have initiated a new ticketing system which will be easier. You can order your tickets here:

[www.fevo.me/4h2020](http://www.fevo.me/4h2020)
Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Overnight for 4th & 5th Graders!

Come to our pajama party with the penguins May 8-9, 2020!

Snooze next to the ocean birds and enjoy behind the scenes tours of the zoo. Registration fee includes the overnight stay, tours, snacks, and breakfast.

*If families choose to visit the zoo on Friday, the campers’ admission is covered!* **Limit of 40 registrants!**

Packets available in the office and an email will be sent out once registration is ready too.

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Camp Wild ~ Save the Date!

June 4 - 6, 2020

Experience the adventure and excitement of three days filled with 4-H camping traditions and favorite activities. Join us for nature hikes, orienteering, canoeing, fishing, archery, swimming, camp songs, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

**Summer Camp for Grades 5, 6 & 7**

At Guthrie Grove Retreat Center – Guthrie Center, Iowa

Registration Opens Soon!

Watch your 4-H Newsletter for More Information
YQCA yearly in Person Training

YQCA is a mandatory yearly ethics training for all 4-H members showing any type of Livestock. This training is Required to be eligible to show at the County Fair and State Fair in all Livestock shows.

The fun, in person YQCA training date has been set for February 25th, 2020 at the Lakin Center.

Dinner and training to begin at 6 pm

Sign up link will be sent out soon!

Call or email Alycne with questions (712)624-8616

Share A Sheep

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at showing Sheep, but don't know where to start.

Or maybe you don't have the room to keep livestock.

Our popular Share A Sheep program is getting ready to kick off again for 2020!

You will learn about grooming, care of the animal, basic lessons in feeding and how to prepare to show.

For more information contact Alycne or Buddi at the Extension Office.

To sign up please follow the link provided

Share A Sheep

Trowbridge

Our very popular Trowbridge class is getting ready to start up again.

For more information or to get on the waiting list, contact Tam-
**Beef Verification**

If you weighed in a Market steer or Heifer, do not forget to go in and VERIFY your animal in 4-H online BEFORE February 1st.

This is for ALL calves weighed in!

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**Fashion Revue**

It’s time to get out your patterns, thread and sewing machine.

Fashion Revue is coming up **Saturday, April 4th**.

We will be adding new “for fun” challenge categories this year. More info to come next Month!

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**Committee Opportunities**

Would you like to help out with the 4-H program, but not take on the responsibility of leading a project?

We are looking for volunteers to help on the following Committees.

**Fashion Revue Committee:** Meeting Wednesday January 29th @6pm

Help plan and implement our upcoming Fashion Revue **April 4th**. You don’t need any knowledge in sewing or fashion, just a desire to help make a fun event for the kids.

**Youth Committee:** Meeting Tuesday, January 28th @ 6pm

This committee is made up of youth representatives from each club and adults. The adults may be parents, leaders, superintendents, or community members. The role of Youth Committee is to help govern and guide the County 4-H program.

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**4-H PLEDGE**

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
New Family Night

Being new can sometimes be overwhelming in a program like 4-H. We are here to help though.

All new families are invited to a special New 4-H Family night here at the Extension office on **Tuesday, February 4th at 6pm**.

Get to know the fun ladies in our office and some of our exceptional County Council Members. We will go over what to expect from our program, fun events coming up and answers to your questions you have.

Dinner will be provided and we will have door prizes too.

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**Record Book Workshop and Online app**

Did you know we now have a Record book App? Come learn more about the Record Book App and how to get started. We will also be going over some Record Book tips to help you get started on this year's book.

**Join us at 6pm on Tuesday, January 21st at the Extension Office**

*Bring your laptop or tablet with you to try out the new Record book App as we go!*

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**Go for the Gold ~ 2020 State Conference**

The 2019-2020 State 4-H Council is pleased to announce "**Go for the Gold**" as the theme for the 2020 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

The conference, to be held **June 30-July 2, 2020**, on the Iowa State University campus is an annual youth conference open to ALL current 8th-12th graders across Iowa.

This conference is planned and organized by our State 4-H Council, a group of 40 leadership-driven high school 4-Hers across the state.

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**4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH**
Meetings & Updates

COUNTY COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Sunday, January 26th @ 4:30 pm

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."

CREW

CREW meeting
Sunday, January 19th at the Extension office.
Time: 4:30 pm

Youth Committee

First meeting:
Tuesday, January 28th. 6pm at the Extension Office

Fashion Revue

Join the Committee and meet with us
Wednesday, January 29th. 6pm at the Extension Office

January 2020

01/07  Annual Volunteer Training & Leaders Meeting 6pm
01/11  Night at the Lancers
01/16  Pioneer Grants Due to Office
01/19  CREW ~ 430 pm
01/21  Record Book Workshop ~ 6pm
01/26  County Council 430pm
01/28  Youth Committee Meeting 6pm

February

02/04  New 4-H Family Night
02/21  Club Dodge Ball Tournament hosted by County Council
02/25  YQCA 6pm

Coming soon

March:
TBD  Junior Overnight

April:
4th  Fashion Revue
25th  Goat and Sheep Weigh in
26th  Clover Kid Set This and Bake this

May:
8-9th  Penguins and Pajamas ~ Omaha Zoo

June:
4-6th  Camp Wild
16th  Static Judging Practice

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