MARCH 2018 4-H NEWS

March Member’s Birthdays

2- Grace Presley
3- Kaelyn Curts
3- Mallory Lang
4- Shayna Fisher
5- Audrey Arnold
5- Caylen Mayer
5- Audrey Boban
6- Fran Payne
6- Justin Robertson
7- Lacey Jackson
10- Jack McMullen
11- Mason Koehler
15- Caroline Bittle
15- Landon McGinnis
15- Rileigh Campbell
17- Dylan Powles
19- Kayleigh Chilton
20- Zachary Zielstra
21- Julia Nightser
22- Hanah Wylie
22- Luke Neuhalfen
22- Alyssa Goy
27- Grant Ramsey
27- Grant McCollester
29- Tye Nebel
29- Lydia Fuoss
31- Martin Seipold

In4mation for your month…

Dear 4-H Family,

MAY 15th is DEADLINE FOR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION!!

Goal setting is a great thing to focus on this month! Use your 4-H calendars to help you determine completion deadlines for each step of your project. Remember, your project goal has 3 main parts: the action (I want to refinish) the result (my grandmother’s oak table) the timetable (by the end of June.) Whatever your goal, make sure you have control over the outcome. For instance, you cannot control what color ribbon you will get at the fair. You can follow the guidelines for putting your exhibit together, and share your goal and plan with the judge. Don’t forget to include leadership, community service and communication in your personal and project goals.

Remember when you were new to 4H, and it was really confusing? As experienced 4-H members and families, we can be the buoy that keeps new members and their families afloat as they learn the ins and outs of the 4-H program. Think back to your first year….What were some frustrating areas for you? What/who helped you out? Volunteer to be a mentoring family and head off some of those difficult moments for the “new kid”. Reaching out to others is always a rewarding experience.

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

Have a great month!

Mills County Extension & 4-H Staff
**LIVESTOCK**

**Animal Identification & FSQA Required by May 15th**

**Animal Identification**
A friendly reminder that 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 done on time.

**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—it **MUST** be done by **MAY 15th**. Without FSQA, you will not be able to show livestock at the fair. Testing is now available. Please call and schedule a time today - 712-624-8616.

*Other FSQA Training Locations & Dates—Montgomery County—March 7th. 712-623-2592 Cass County—April 17th—712-249-1132

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**LIVESTOCK**

**Trowbridge Beef**

**Trowbridge Class—(This Class is now full)**
Classes will be held April 3rd & 10th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Farm practices will be set during class. Cost is $25

Reminder: If you are participating in Trowbridge, you **MUST** attend a FSQA Training or you can test if you are an Intermediate or Senior.

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**Sheep Workshop & Meeting**

**March 18th at 3 p.m. at the Lakin Center**

This event is for those already enrolled in the Sheep Project and also for anyone who is interested in learning more about Sheep, even if they aren’t enrolled in the project area.

-Receive Fair Information - Vendors - Weigh In Information
-Learn about wool & other secondary products that come from sheep. - Bring your Questions - Snacks

**RSVP to the office by March 15th. 712-624-8616**

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**Cat Project News**

To participate in the Cat Project, you should be sure to **enroll in the Cat Project as soon as possible** so that you can receive the information you need to successfully enroll. 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 would need to 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. Now is a great time to catch up on all those maintenance items! It is also a good time to start brushing your cat regularly as they begin to shed their coats for spring. Brushing loose hair out now will help prevent the formation of mats, and also help you bond with your cat. Most cats enjoy gently being brushed. It’s a lot easier than trying to brush out a severely matted coat right before the Cat Show! Watch for more information to come from the Extension Office about preparing for the Cat Show.

Now you have time to get a reliable cat carrier. It is **required** and it’s the only safe way to transport your cat.

If your cat is an outside cat that isn’t used to being handled, it would help if you began to get it used to being held and brushed. This would also help you to decide if your cat would a good candidate for a show cat. Sadly, not all cats are suitable, even if they are calm, wonderful cats at home.

Another aspect to the Cat Show is the optional Cat Cage Display competition. It’s your responsibility to bring a cover for the provided show cage at the Cat Show, but if you want to compete with a CREATIVE cage cover, watch for more information about making one to come from the Extension Office, and start thinking of ideas!

If you have any questions, the best way to contact us is by e-mail **mondaysatthefair@outlook.com** or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-624-8616.

**Kres and Kassidy Monday, Cat Superintendents**
**MILLS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS**

**MON WEDS THURS 8-4:30 TUESDAY 8-8 FRIDAY 8-12**

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**Dog Project News**

To prepare for participation in the Dog Project, you should be sure to enroll in the Dog Project, and ID your dog(s) online (you can show more than one dog). The deadline for ID'ing your dog(s) is May 15th, 2018. You will need current Rabies vaccination information as well as a photo of your dog to complete the ID process. Any dog would need to have been born by October 31, 2017 to be old enough to participate in the Fair. **(PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL ANY AGGRESSIVE DOGS!)**

Please wait until the Dog Project Classes begin before you sign up for Fair/Dog Show classes online. We will make sure you know the correct classes to sign up for.

We hold training classes for all the skills needed to participate in the shows. The Dog Obedience, Showmanship and Agility classes will be held on Thursday evenings beginning on APRIL 26. The remaining schedule is TBD. Start time will be 7:00 PM, all levels. To start, your dog doesn’t need to know any commands, but it is helpful if your dog behaves and listens to you. Our goal in the Dog Project is to teach you how to understand your dog better, communicate with your dog, and to create a team that through patience and practice can accomplish great things.

Since your dog needs to be current on its Rabies and other regular vaccinations to participate, now is a great time to update those items. It is also an ideal time to brush out that shedding winter coat, clip long claws, and treat any flea, tick, or worm infestations.

Watch for email information to come from the Extension Office about equipment needs before the first class and other concerns. If you have any questions, the best way to contact us is by e-mail mondaysatthefair@outlook.com or through the Mills County Extension Office at 712-624-8616.

**Lonny, Kres & Kassidy Monday, Dog Superintendents**

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**Poultry & Goat Workshop March 6th**

**Goat and Poultry Members**– We are all hoping for nice weather, so this workshop can take place! (3rd time is a charm!)

Your awesome Superintendents have a great workshop planned. Come to the Extension office on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30pm. There will be snacks, information, fun, and friends!

- Jill Cuff, Poultry Superintendent- Identification of your birds and fair information.
- Colleen Gray, Goat Superintendent- Goat Classes and fair information.

**RSVP:** 712-624-8616 or emailing tammie@iastate.edu.

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**Rabbit Workshop April 28th**

**Rabbit Members:** Mark your calendars! Workshop will be held **Saturday, April 28th.**

Time TBA.

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.

Watch your email and next month’s newsletter for more information.

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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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**Workshops are a great way to learn something new about your animals. If you want to attend a workshop and don’t see one, call and we can get one lined up.**
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Bucket of Junk Judging

Judging is getting closer. Have you been working on your project???? Judging is March 25th at 2:00 p.m. at East Mills High School. 

RSVP to the office by March 9th and register your project as Visual Arts or Welding. 

This tells us how many judges we need in each area. So far, we only have one person who has RSVP’d………

Can’t wait to see all the neat projects created from “junk”!

SAVE THE DATES

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. More information to come once registration is open. Dates are June 26-28.

Mills County Extension will be hosting a Legislative Forum on Saturday, April 7th at 7:30 a.m. It is an opportunity to meet face-to-face with your state legislators. Be updated, discuss current topics & issues & ask questions. Our state legislators are Iowa Senator Mark Costello and Iowa Representative David Sieck. The Legislative Forum will be held in the Extension Office Conference Room.

Living History Farms, in Urbandale, says “Thank You” to 4-H, FFA, & Scout Members during their Appreciation Day on Sunday, May 6th from 12:00 pm - 4 pm. Free admission to members wearing their uniform, organization jackets, or club/organization t-shirt. Plan now for a fun Sunday Get-Away!

Weigh-In for Goat & Sheep

GOAT: Meat Goat Weigh-In will be held Saturday, April 28th 8:30 - 9:30 am at the Mills County Fair Grounds.

SHEEP- Sheep Weigh-In for Market AND Breeding will be held Sunday, April 29th, 2:00 pm at the Mills County Fair Grounds.

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LIVESTOCK

NEW- Fair Camp Spot Reservation Process

If you are interested in camping during the 2018 County Fair, contact Bob Blum to be put on the Request List. 4-H Family requests will be accepted until March 31st. At that time, a lottery system will be used to select spots if requests exceed the actual number of campsites available.

To be put on the Camp Spot Request List you must text your name, phone number, and if you need 30 or 50 AMP to Bob Blum at 712-520-6663 by March 31st. You will receive notification regarding your request by April 16th.

If spots are still available, after March 31st, then Non-4-H families will be able to request a spot. Questions- contact Bob Blum.
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 are held on Tuesdays beginning in April

**DOG**

Dog Project Superintendents Kres and Lonny Monday 712-629-8171
Practices are held on Thursdays beginning April 26th.

Leadership Schedules and more

**CREW**

CREW will be meeting Tuesday, March 13th at 6 pm. We will begin planning the Jr. Day Camp and discussing an outing during Spring Break. Please RSVP to the office.

**SENIORS**

REMINDER For SENIORS:
Scholarship Applications
Due March 9th. Don’t miss the opportunity. Get them in!

**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**

Teen Club Members– Watch for an email in regards to meeting date in March. We will be discussing and planning events, activities, meetings, expectations, & fundraisers for the next year.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

*County Council is invited to the Youth Committee meeting on March 13th at the Extension Office. Time: TBA. Your input is valuable and appreciated. Please Join Us!

*County Council will be hosting the Jr. Overnight March 9-10. A “Safari Adventure” awaits.....

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A partial list of Fair Events. Complete schedule coming soon…..

Mark your Calendars:

**Wednesday, July 11th**
- Time TBA– Pre-Fair Clean-up

**Thursday, July 12th:**
- 1-8 pm- Static Judging
- 6:30-8 pm- Sheep Weigh-in
- 7:30-9pm– Goat Weigh-in

**Friday, July 13th:** Open To The Public
- 8:30 am– 4-H Dog Show
- 10:30 am– Sheep Show
- 2:30 pm- Poultry Showmanship
- 3:30 pm- Poultry Show (4-H & Open)
- 5:30 pm- Free Barbeque
- 7:00 pm- Share the Fun
- 8:00 pm- Queen Coronation

**Saturday, July 14th:**
- 7:30 am- Horseless Horse
- 8:00 am- Horse Show
- 8:30 am- Goat Show
- 5:00 pm- Dog Agility

**Sunday, July 15th:**
- 8:00 am- Rabbit Show
- 9:00 am- Beef Show
- 7:00 pm- Side-by-Side & 4 Wheelers

**Monday, July 16th:**
- 8:00 am- Swine Show
- 10:00 am- Cat Show
- 1:30 pm- Round Robin
- 7:00 pm– Motocross

**Tuesday, July 17th:**
- 9:00 am- Auction

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**Animal Project Updates**

**BEEF**

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

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

**SWINE**

Swine Superintendents:
Rod Greiner  
712-525-1062  
Jared Mabary

**SHEEP**

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

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.

**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

**RABBIT**

Rabbit Superintendent:  
Lanette McGinnis  
712-520-4111

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ALL LIVESTOCK IDs DUE MAY 15th.

Poultry Broilers and Meat Rabbits are an exception. If in doubt call the Extension.

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SAFARI ADVENTURE

JR OVERNIGHT

What: Jr Overnight hosted by Mills County 4-H County Council
Where: Lakin Center at the Malvern Fairgrounds
When: Begins at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 9th and Ends at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 10th
Who: All 4th-6th Graders are invited Cost: $5 for enrolled 4H’ers
$10 for youth not enrolled in 4-H

Join us for crafts, games, snacks and more………
To register or for more information, contact Tammie at 712-624-8616 or tammie@iastate.edu.

Intermediate Trip

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, experience the home of Jesse James. In The evenings will be action packed with swimming, games to play, bowling, defying gravity and laser tag!

WOWZA! That’s a lot of fun for the low cost of $225, for those who register with payment before March 9th. Those registering after March 9th and before April 1st have a fee of $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. Space is limited, so call TODAY!

Kansas City …… Here We Come!!!

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.

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 for information or to apply.
MONTH IN REVIEW

February was Fabulous!

From the first week of the month until the end of the month 4-H’ers were busy!

-Feb. 3rd was 4-H Night at the Lancers, where members and their families were able to see the Lancers finish with a Victory! Some Mills County 4-H’ers were even able to go in the tunnel before the game to cheer on the players.

-Feb. 13th was a busy night with Youth Committee and CREW. Thank you to those who were able to participate in the Youth Committee meeting. Your voice is important in 4-H planning for our county! And 10 CREW Members delivered 17 tie blankets to Children’s Hospital along with Valentine’s Day cards made at ATTEND THIS! Afterwards, they enjoyed pizza at Zio’s. I spoke to a hospital employee and they really appreciated the blankets and cards. Great Job, CREW!

-Feb. 17th was a beautiful day for sledding at Mt. Crescent. Teen Club members and their families enjoyed the slopes and spending time with friends. Fun was had by ALL!

-Feb. 20th was FSQA Class night. Brady Smith presented important information before the Learning Stations started. 74 youth attended the class! Maddie Hora, Mills County CYC, was also able to be here. If you were there, I hope you took the opportunity to introduce yourself to Maddie. A big “Thank You” to all who helped at the Learning Stations.

-Feb. 25th was the day for the Clover Kids “Bake This, Set This” event. County Council volunteered their time and knowledge as Judges. Silver Creek Go Getters provided activities for Clovers to do before and after judging. The cookies and cupcakes were delish! And the table settings were very creative. Such talent! Thank you to all the participants. And a huge shout out to Mary Bolton for organizing the event. I would also like to thank everyone that help clean up afterwards. Many hands make light work! Much appreciated.

-Also, during Feb. were all the County’s 4-H Club Meetings. And special activities.

Our Vision was happening this month for sure! 4-H’ers are doing great things, along with the adults! Thank you for your part in that! ~~~Tammie
Teen Club is raising funds for their Washington D.C. Trip in 2019. Members are currently selling Glenwood and East Mills Pop-Sockets for $10 each. If you are interested in buying one or know someone who might be, please contact the office and we will put you in touch with a Teen Club Member. Pop-Sockets go on the back of a cell phone or tablet.

Thank You!

Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events

**MARCH**

- 6 – Poultry & Goat Workshop 6:30pm
- 9– Senior Scholarship App. Due
- 9-10– Junior Overnight
- 13– CREW 6 pm
- 13– Youth Committee. Time TBA
- 18– Sheep Workshop 3 pm at Lakin Center
- 19– Senior Scholarship Interviews
- 25– Bucket of Junk Judging 2 pm at East Mills High School
- Teen Club Meeting– Date & Time TBA

**APRIL**

- 3– Youth Committee 6:30 pm
- 3– Trowbridge Class 6:30 Ext. Office
- 7– Legislative Forum 7:30 am Ext. Office
- 10– CREW 6 pm Ext. Office
- 10– Trowbridge Class 6:30 Ext. Office
- 20-22– Intermediate Trip to KC
- 24– Leader’s Meeting
- 28– Goat Weigh-In 8:30 am-10 am
- 29– Sheep Weigh-In for Market AND Breeding 2 pm– 3:30 pm

**MORE...**

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

JULY 7, 2018 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. Details later!