Dear 4-H Family,

Happy Fall Y’all! October is a great month to sign up for one of our great 9 4-H clubs here in Mills County! We are very fortunate for the hard work you all do in your 4-H club, and are very thankful for the volunteers and leaders in each club. I’d like to welcome all new 4-H families and members. We are so excited to have you! I look forward to meeting you in the next few months.

Be sure to reach out and get to know new 4-H’ers and families in your 4-H clubs.

National 4-H Week is on October 7th-13th. This week is one of the best times to spread the word about the value of 4-H. Tell other people what 4-H has done for you, and encourage them to attend a meeting with you. Even just wearing your 4-H shirt on Thursday, October 11th is a great way to support our program.

Have a great month and continue doing good things!

Maddie
Mills County 4-H Awards Celebration

Mark Your Calendars!

The Mills County 4-H Awards Celebration will be held at the Lakin Center at 4pm on Sunday, October 28th. We will celebrate all that 4-H has to offer, from clubs, to projects, to the leadership skills that set us apart. We will have an awards program followed by a free dinner, hands on activities, and a bonfire to celebrate all that we have accomplished in this past 4-H year. All family members are invited to attend. Clover Kids will also be recognized at this event. 4-H’ers should wear a 4-H shirt or business casual attire.

Clubs are asked to bring either a side dish or dessert to share. Please check with your club leader about what to bring. Burgers will be provided by the Mills/Montgomery County Cattlemen’s.

County Council is hosting hands on activities starting at 6pm. They are hosting the bonfire behind the Lakin Center, in the grandstand area. Join us for s’mores and celebrating as a 4-H family. Please bring your own lawn chair.

SAVE THE DATES

We want YOU to be a 4-H Volunteer

4-H would not be possible without dedicated volunteers that assist in all 4-H events. Whether this will be your first year, or 30th year as a volunteer, we appreciate all that you do for our 4-H program.

Are you a new club leader or interested in being a volunteer? Sign up for our New Volunteer Training, scheduled for October 16th. Meal will be provided at 5:30, with the event starting at 6pm. Contact the Extension Office for questions or to reserve your place. Space is limited!

Already a volunteer? Save the Date for our Annual Volunteer Training, scheduled for January 2nd. Further details will be coming soon.

4-H FREE Skating Party

Henderson Hornets/Ambitious Andies/Clover Beez 4-H Club is hosting a skating party at Porters Lake (between Essex and Shenandoah) and all Mills County 4-H Clubs are invited to attend, Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. No cost for admission as the HH/AA/CB club is hosting. They will also have some free snacks available, however, Porters Lake does also sell some drinks and snacks if you wish to get something from them. If you plan to attend, please rsvp to leader Mary Bolton at mbolton@netins.net or 712-370-4500 by October 28.

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.
National 4-H Week: October 7th-13th

National 4-H Week is in October! Our goal is to have each 4-H’er or family participate in one of these ways during the week to support 4-H. The possibilities are endless!

- Thursday, October 11th: Wear your 4-H apparel to school, work, athletic activities, anywhere! Show and share your support by taking a selfie of you in your 4-H apparel and tagging us on Facebook. You can be in the drawing for an awesome 4-H prize!
- Have a 4-H memory that you’ll remember forever? Share it on social media and talk about the exciting opportunities 4-H has to offer. You can participate in Give, Grow, Iowa 4-H Day on Tuesday, October 9th. You can help donate to your favorite 4-H program, and share your story on why you love 4-H.
- Enroll in the 2018-2019 4-H year! Register on www.4honline.com. Invite a friend to join with you and attend a club meeting!
- Like our Facebook page, ISU Extension and Outreach Mills County, to keep up to date on 4-H information to see what our youth are doing to make the best better!

FSQA is now YQCA

Even though the Mills County Fair is 9 months away, it’s time to prepare for showing livestock with YQCA! FSQA is now titled YQCA, with the same mission and general guidelines as FSQA. If you plan to be an exhibitor in cattle, swine, goat, sheep, poultry, or rabbit, then you NEED to be certified for the fair or you will be unable to show.

If you tested in FSQA in the past and your certification has not expired, then you do not need to test or take our training this year.

If your FSQA will expire by the 2019 fair, or you are a junior 4-H’er livestock exhibit, then you must do one of these options:

1. Attend our Face to Face YQCA Training on November 18th from 4:30-6pm at the Lakin Center. Dinner will be provided. $5.00 fee to attend. RSVP by November 15th.
2. Take an online test and training, which is $12.00. You may take it anytime.

If you have any questions please contact the Maddie at 712-624-8616. Thank a farmer and 4-H’er today for always providing quality care and feeding the world!
## Calendar of Events!

### OCTOBER
- 2-Youth Committee 6:30pm
- 7-13th- National 4-H Week
- 16-New Volunteer Training Extension Office 6-9pm
- 21-4-H award interviews 3:30-5pm
- 21-County Council Meeting 5:30pm
- 21- CREW Meeting 5:30pm
- 21- Teen Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 28-Awards Night and Dinner 4-7pm

### NOVEMBER
- 4- Skating party 2-4pm Porter’s Lake
- 11– Officer Training 3-4:30 Extension Office
- 14– Teen Club Mills County Courthouse 6:30pm
- **15— 4HOnline Deadline**
- 18– YQCA Training 4:30-6pm Lakin Center
- 18– County Council meeting 6pm
- 18– CREW Meeting 5:30pm
- 22– Thanksgiving, Office closed
- 23– Office closed

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### Leadership Schedules and more

**CREW**

CREW will have the first meeting of the year on October 21st at 5:30pm at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office at 712-624-8616 for questions.

**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 Maddie 624-8616.

**TEEN CLUB**

We will be meeting Sunday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

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

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

*County Council Meeting Sunday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.*

*Remember to bring s’mores sticks for the Awards Celebration Bonfire.*

Contact Maddie Hora for questions at 712-624-8616 or mchora@iastate.edu

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