In4mation for your month…

Dear 4-H Family,

The 2014-2015 4-H year has been completed. I know you have all worked hard to share your accomplishments through your 4-H records. Although completing your record books probably doesn’t rate in the top 10 fun things to do, it is enjoyable to read and reflect on all that you have achieved throughout the year. Thank you for taking on this task, and working to meet your goals.

Thank you to all of our leaders and volunteers for the time and skills you shared with us. You have continued to provide guidance and support to our 4-H members and their families, helping them achieve their goals throughout the year. The 4-H program cannot succeed without you!

Congratulations to all of our Iowa State Fair participants! Just participating at this level is an accomplishment of which you should be proud.

National 4-H Week is October 5-9. Between now and then, talk to your friends about joining 4-H, and invite them to attend a meeting with you!

We are looking forward to another great year in 4-H! Let’s make great things happen!

Note- Club meetings may vary from normal schedules in August and September. Please contact your leaders to check on time and dates. All schedules should be back to normal by October.

September Birthdays

Arnold, Jessica  9
Bainter, Emileigh  22
Barnes, Elias  4
Barrett, Ann  12
Begbie, Bash  24
Crawley, Peyton  27
Dean, Molly  3
Embree, Jackson  28
Fairchild, Laura  30
Hall, Izabella  13
Karpin, Simone  7
Kenkel, Josie  4
Lambert, Luke  8
Liddell, Madisen  6
Little, Dru  6
Poorker, Joseph  15
Schuppan, Kari  7
Streight, Kayla  23
Tibbles, Larissa  30
VanSlyke, Andrew  5
Wells, Megan  4
Wietzki, Kathryn  11
Zielstra, Audrey  8
Family Fall Fun Day at Pony Creek Park

Mills County Extension and Mills County Conservation are hosting a fall fun day for our 4H families to kick off the new 4H year. We will enjoy a beautiful afternoon together on September 20th. Bring the family and join other 4H families from all over the county. We will have a great fall kick off!

3-4:30pm - Open Fishing and Canoes - (bring your poles and bait)

4:30-5:30pm - Hay Rack Ride

5:30-6:30pm - Bonfire & Hotdogs - You’re welcome to bring stuff for s’mores! We will have some great opportunity for camp songs and games

RSVP YOUR FAMILY FOR THIS GREAT EVENT SBOWDEN@IASTATE.EDU OR 712-624-8616

Mills County Awards Program

Mark your calendars!

Mills County Awards Program will be held at the Malvern Community Building at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 24th. We will have a cookies & lemonade celebration. (We ask that each club bring 2 dozen cookies to share). This is a celebration of our past 4H year and we welcome all families to join in this event. Club pictures should be taken on that day. We ask all 4Hers to attend this event and celebrate the success of their 4H family, regardless if they are being awarded themselves. This is a great event for all!

4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week Celebration in Mills County

National 4-H week is October 5th-9th. This is your week to shine! Be thinking of creative ways to let people know about the great 4-H Program we have in Mills County!

National 4-H Week is a good time to be promoting 4-H. Begin planning now for promotional activities in your communities, schools, townships and neighborhoods. Make window displays at a local business, wear your 4-H T-shirt to school, you can make posters to hang in school or a local businesses, or write a letter to the editor about the benefits of 4-H.

All Mills County 4-Hers are encouraged to wear a 4H shirt ON Tuesday, October 6th. Let's share how special 4-H is with all of our friends and make a difference!

Bring a new friend to 4-H, if they contact me by October 15th and tell me you referred them, your name will be put in for a $10 I-Tunes prize drawing!!!

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

JUNIORS

New Member/Junior Halloween Party October 18th

The New Member and Junior 4-H Halloween Party sponsored by the Mills County Council, will take place upstairs at the Malvern Community Building on October 18th, beginning at 2 p.m. until 3:30 pm.

All 4th-6th Graders are invited to come and have fun and games as well as some kind of scary gooey treat! Come in costume and bring a friend!

INTERMEDIATES

Leadership Applications online for 7th-9th Graders

CREW is a great opportunity for those who are in 7-9th grades to go beyond the club level to meet kids throughout the county, plan events for others, and learn how to become a leader. To be a part of CREW, please complete an application by October 12th.

The schedule this year begins in September. A complete schedule will be available on the website soon. Other events could be added or changed, but one thing remains - we are about leadership! Send in your application today!

Planning fun events this year!!!

Next meeting is September 1st at the Glenwood Lake Park at 6pm.

SENIORS

County Council Applications for 10-12th Graders

If you are a high school sophomore or older, the Mills County Youth Council offers you an opportunity to grow and apply your leadership skills. Call the office for details, or go on-line to get an application. Applications are due to the office by October 15th, and interviews will be held October 24th.

If in doubt - try out! This group does lots of great stuff and has fun every time! We will require meeting / events participation of 80% or higher for members.

Join us in planning with the Junior Halloween Party on October 18th. 402-618-0776- RSVP for next meeting dates by calling Maddi Sieck. She and brother Evan Seick are your Leaders.
Region 17 4-H Leadership Council Applications Due

High school age 4-H members who are interested in helping develop 4-H and youth programs on an area level are encouraged to apply for the 2015 Region 17 Area 4-H Leadership Council.

Teens who apply should be interested in the following areas:
- Meeting new friends from other counties
- Developing leadership skills

- Helping their county strengthen and grow the 4-H Program
- Getting ideas to take back to their county

If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, contact the Extension office or check the website to find the application form with the County Council Form. 3 youth from Mills County can be chosen. Email it to sbowden@iastate.edu.

New 4H & Clover Kids Leaders Meeting

We are excited to host a special meeting for NEW/ER leaders and all of our Clover Kids Leaders.  (If you are taking on a new position or role in your club, please feel welcome to join in.)

We know that many of you are becoming 4H leaders this year, or developing a Clover Kids program.  We want to give you some great information to help you get started.

David Seilstad will be coming to Mills County to help with this, along with an experienced Clover Kids Leader.  The intention is to share and help as you develop your own club’s programs for the new year.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30pm at the Malvern Community Building.  We will do our best to equip you for the year to come.

If you have a new leader’s notebook already, please bring that with you.  If not, please let us know you need one when you RSVP for this great event.

Please call 712-624-8616 or email Stephanie at sbowden@iastate.edu and we will get you and your club off to a great start!

Leader’s Meeting- Ya’ll come...

Leaders Meeting/ Youth Committee/ County Council September 15– 6:30pm  RSVP 624-8616.
Bring your club’s record books and enjoy a snack as we cover new changes within 4H, enrollment and workshops.
This year we will continue having families do online enrollment.  We will have several days that they can come into the office to do theirs if they’d like.  Also, we can try to make arrangements to allow clubs to do theirs at our office if needed.  We will be updating our Volunteer information.
New leaders are also invited to a special training for them on Tuesday, September 22nd.  Don’t miss this event!

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.
State Fair Results

4H State Fair Qualified Exhibits

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Breeding Swine Results

- Matt Neuhalfen: Blue
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Market Swine State Fair Results

- Matt Neuhalfen: Blue
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Swine Showmanship

- Matt Neuhalfen: Blue

Special Awards in Animals / Horticulture were:

- Molly Rutz: Best of Breed, Best of Variety Rabbit
  Best opposite Sex of Variety Rabbit

- Carmen Pavlik: 1st Place in Class- 4
  2nd Place in Class- 3

Rabbit Results

- Chrissy Vinton: 2 Blue, 4 red
- Nathan Vinton: 3 Blue, 1 Red, 1 white
- Jeremy Rutz: 4 Blues
- Molly Rutz: 1 Purple, 1 Blue

Horticulture Results

- Nathan Vinton: 1 Red, 1 White, 1 Blue
- Carmen Pavlik: 7 Purple, 6 Blue, 5 Red

Communications Awards

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Special Awards Presentation

Luke Stortenbecker won a Judge’s Choice Award for his Visual Arts Exhibit.
2015 Iowa 4-H Hall Of Fame
Inductee James Paul

On August 23rd, James Paul was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair. Congratulations, James. The following is an excerpt from the presentation for his service.

James Paul began his career as a Henderson Hornets 4-H member in 1966. He learned organizational and leadership skills while serving as secretary and president of his club. He enjoyed showing beef, swine, rabbits and photography at the county fair.

As a youth, James understood the importance of going the “extra mile”. He ran for a county office position and was selected as treasurer of the county council. He participated in Citizenship Washington Focus and exhibited beef at the Iowa State Fair. Because of these experiences and a desire to give back to youth and the 4-H program, he made the decision to serve on the Mills County Fair Board as a young adult. While serving on that board, they needed an assistant superintendent for the ag and horticulture project area.

A more experienced board member suggested that ‘someone like James’ should fill the vacancy. Even though he did not have a lot of experience in this area, and this was not one of his projects when he was in 4-H, James agreed to fill the position. He credits Harold Seipold, the lead superintendent at the time, as teaching him all about horticulture, as well as modeling how to serve as a positive mentor for youth. Mr. Paul has now been providing guidance and encouragement for youth for the past 30 years. He organizes workshops and challenges that motivate the youth to experiment in growing a variety of crops and produce. He has assisted well over 1,000 youth and adults, helping them to develop skills, a love for gardening, and a desire to go the extra mile.

James farms in Mills County. He and his wife, Harva, have three children who were active 4-H members. They have all made entries in the Horticulture department at the Iowa State Fair. James and Harva are financial supporters of the Iowa 4-H Foundation and the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation.

Mills County is honored to induct James in the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.
### Project Areas, Events and More Coming Soon!

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| Shooting Sports is a project area. If you are interested in learning more about archery, rifle or shotgun, please contact me. We are looking for participants in this program.  
  [sbowden@iastate.edu](mailto:sbowden@iastate.edu)  
  712-624-8616 | FSQA is Food Safety Quality Assurance- if you are planning a livestock project this year, you will need to participate in this program.  
  MARK your calendars now!  
  December 29th 6-8pm at the Mills County Community Building.  
  RSVP your name, species and years of experience to 624-8616 | 4-H Club Officers Training will be completed within the clubs this year. Videos on You Tube are available and we will provide all clubs with necessary materials.  
  We hope that you can look to your parents to assist with this as well.  
  Remember that the training on running a business meeting may seem unnecessary to the 4Hers, but as adults we know how important it is to understand!  
  Life skills 101! |

### Leadership Schedules and more

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| CREW will be meeting September 1st for a fun evening at the Glenwood Lake Park 6pm.  
Anyone who is going to be 7th-9th Graders welcome to join. Hoping for a large crew this year.  
Call Stephanie if you are interested in joining! 624-8616 | Clover Kids is a great place to start and this year, we have lots of options. There are Clover Kids groups in Glenwood and Malvern. If you are interested in joining or helping with a Clover Kids Club, please let us know.  
We will let you know if there are special Clover only activities. A Clover Kids Newsletter will begin in October, so if you need something shared in it, please email Stephanie at [sbowden@iastate.edu](mailto:sbowden@iastate.edu) | If you are planning on signing up for County Council this year. You are invited to come and see what it’s all about.  
RSVP to Maddi 402-618-0776  
The group will be hosting the Mills County 4H Halloween Party on Sunday, October 18th  
Maddi & Evan Sieck are your leaders of County Council 402-618-0776 |

### 4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events 2015-…

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