**February Member’s Birthdays**

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**In4mation for your month…**

Dear 4-H Family,

There is a lot of information about trips, camps, and project workshops in this letter. Please read it carefully and take action NOW so you don’t miss out!

The cold winter days can seem endless, but they give you a chance to start thinking about what projects you could work on for 4-H. Projects are a good way to pass the time while discovering a new skill that is fun. If there is something you would like to learn, let us know and we can try to arrange a workshop. Examples might be sewing, photography, woodworking, glass staining, and more.

One place to exhibit the projects you work on this winter is at the Mills County Fair which will take place July 12 to July 17, 2018.

With the addition of the Lakin Center building, and a desire to try to improve the fair for 4-H’ers and the general public, the schedule has been significantly revamped. Change CAN be good! Input was gathered from 4-H families, leaders and fair board members.

PLEASE look carefully at the days and times of the shows and events before making arrangements for time off of work, vacation plans, etc. A full schedule will be sent out to you by the end of February. At the end of fair, we will ask you to evaluate how things went, and provide suggestions for changes for 2019.

**Thursday, July 12**—(fair is open to 4-H’ers/FFA members only for Static Judging)

Judging will take place in the afternoon and evening. Weigh in - Sheep and goats

**Friday, July 13**—8:30 a.m.—Dog Show, 10:30 a.m.—Sheep Show,
2:30 p.m.—Poultry Show, 8:30 p.m.—Swine weigh-in

**Saturday, July 14**—7:30 a.m.—Horse Show, 8:30 a.m.—Goat Show, 9:00 a.m.

Beef brought into the fair, Beef weigh in at 1:00 p.m. , 5:00 p.m.—Dog Agility, 2:30 p.m.—Communication and Clothing

**Sunday, July 15**—8:00 a.m.—Rabbit Show, 9:00 a.m.— Beef Show

**Monday, July 16**—8:00 a.m.—Swine Show, 10:00 a.m.—Cat Show

**Tuesday, July 17**—9:00 a.m.—Livestock Auction, 11:00 a.m.—Clean up
EVENTS

FSQA Training

FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) Training or testing is required for all 4-H’ers who show livestock at the fair. FSQA helps you learn how to raise your animals as a safe food source (called FSQA certification) (horses, cats, pets and dogs are NOT included)

Training - February 20th — 6 p.m.
At the Lakin Center — Mills County Fairgrounds

All 4th – 6th grade 4-H’ers, showing livestock, must attend the FSQA Training on Feb. 20, but it is open to all ages of 4-H’ers.

Older 4Hers can also come and test. Come in to the office to test on any Tuesday in February, 9 a.m – 7 p.m.

(This is the final year that previous tests will be recognized. After 2018, FSQA becomes YQCA and a new requirements for annual training.

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

Trowbridge Beef & Share a Sheep

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 FSQA Training.
Mills County’s FSQA Training is Feb. 20th.

Intermediate Trip to Kansas City April 20-22

Ready to get out of town for some fun and friends? All 7th and 8th grade 4-H’ers are invited to experience three great days in the Kansas City area with other 4-H’ers from southwest Iowa.

Check out the Money Museum to see where cash is king, tour Kauffman Stadium, home of the KC Royals, and 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, and spend the evenings swimming, playing games, bowling, defying gravity and playing laser tag.

Whew! That’s a lot of fun for a 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!

LIVESTOCK

Share a Sheep Informational Meeting-

If you are new and interested in sheep, don’t own one or maybe can’t have one at your home- please RSVP and join us at the first meeting. You will learn about the Share a Sheep program. We will meet February 27th at 6:30pm, at the Extension office in Malvern. You will also need to attend Sheep weigh in on Sunday, April 29th, when you receive your lamb. This is a perfect beginners class. Sign up today! 624-8616

INTERMEDIATES OUT OF STATE EVENT

MILLS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS
MON WEDS THURS 8-4:30 TUESDAY 8-8 FRIDAY 8-12
**LIVESTOCK**

**Dog Project News**

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). That way, you will be on the Dog Project list and will receive helpful and informative e-mails. We offer training for all the skills needed to participate in the shows. The classes usually start at the beginning of May, on Thursday nights, and continue weekly until the Fair. We teach beginner and advanced obedience, agility and showmanship. 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 isn’t to win trophies at the fair, but 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.

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

Kres and Lonny Monday, Dog Project Superintendents

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**Poultry & Goat Workshop February 6th**

Goat and Poultry members – you are in for a treat! Your awesome Superintendents have a great workshop planned. Come to the Extension office on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm

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

If you are experienced, or if this is your first year, come and see what they have to offer.

RSVP by calling 712-624-8616 or emailing tammie@iastate.edu.

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**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

**NEW Gain a Goat Program!**

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.

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
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 will open online March 1st. Check out the March 4-H Newsletter for instructions on how to register. Registration Deadline will be 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.

Bucket of Junk Judging
Judging for Bucket of Junk 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.
Can’t wait to see all the neat projects created from “junk”!

NEW—Changes to 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.

If spots are still available, after March 31st, then Non-4-H families will be able to request a spot.
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.
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 in May.

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**Leadership Schedules and more**

**CREW**
CREW will be getting together on February 13th to deliver tie blankets and cards to Children’s Hospital. Then on to Zio’s for pizza! Must RSVP to attend and we will need parents to assist with transportation. You will need money for your supper.
Watch your email for further details.

**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 going sledding at Mt. Crescent on February 17th. Hope you all will be able to come!

**COUNTY COUNCIL**
*County Council is invited to the Youth Committee meeting on February 13th at 6:30. pm at the Extension Office. Your input is valuable and appreciated. Please Join Us!

*County Council will be helping with Judging at the Clovers “Bake This! Set This” on Sunday, February 25th.

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

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4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
"Red, White & Blue – This Fair’s For YOU!"

2018

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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**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.
All livestock IDs due May 15th.
Poultry broilers and meat rabbits are an exception. If in doubt call the Extension.

Animal Project Updates

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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 Superintendent:
Jill Cuff 402-650-4237

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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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.

CLOVER KIDS

Bake This! and/or Set This!
Sunday, February 25, 2018
2:00 p.m.
Lakin Center
Mills County Fairgrounds

Bake This!- Each Clover member can bring a plate of 6 cookies or a plate of 6 cupcakes to be judged. Bring the recipe as well.

Set This!- Pick a theme and set a Casual Table or a Formal Table. Choose to participate individually or with a Team Member.

Contact your leader or the Extension Office for more information.
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – All registrations due February 15, 2018

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Mills County 4Hers took part in the annual Bake This Competition on January 21st. The creative and tasty treats were delightful and the contest difficult, but thanks to Loretta Ramsey and Kelly Stortenbecker, the superintendents of the contest, the event went off perfectly. Judged by Liz Baldwin and Joann Kohn, the youth were given a great conference judging experience. In the Junior Division, Kayla Streight took 1st, runner up was Jayme Vinton with 3rd place going to Sofia Morrical. In the Intermediate division, 1st place went to Sawyer Patzer, runner up was Megan Wells and 3rd went to Ann Barrett. Senior contestants were few, but their desserts were delish! 1st place was Breanna Epperson and runner up was Zach Zielstra. Others competing in the Bake This contest were Ailey Marburger, Audrey Boban, Audrina Johansen, Livia Jackson, Adam Wells, Max Parker, Rileigh Campbell, Audrey Zielstra, Maddie Epperson, and Shade Pickard. The desserts were amazing! Quite the variety with something for everyone. The audience enjoyed some incredible desserts as they enjoyed the awards.

For the Workshop Extravaganza, great workshops and activities were available for the youth. CREW Intermediate Leadership team offered Snowman Magnet Maze, Snowflake Art, Tie Blankets & Valentine’s Day Cards for Children’s Hospital. Wabash Wranglers hosted a Woodworking activity and the Silver Creek Go Getters provided an adorable Snowman Craft. Alli Brooks set up a display and provided information on “Set-This”. The Chia Pet activity, offered by Extension staff Buddi Thompson and Shirley Miller, was a busy place. Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who provided activities or helped in other ways. Because of all of you the event was a SUCCESS!!!

ISU Extension Mills County 4H is a great opportunity for youth from 4th-12 grades to experience 4H and the many projects it offers, as well as some opportunities for youth in K-3 through our Clover Kids Programs. If you are interested in joining, please call the ISU Extension office in Glenwood at 712-624-8616.
### Mills County 4-H Calendar of Events

**MARCH**

- 6 – Youth Committee 6:30pm
- 9– Senior Scholarship App. Due
- 9-10- Junior Overnight
- 13– CREW 6 p.m.
- 19– Senior Scholarship Interviews
- 25– Bucket of Junk Judging 2 pm at East Mills High School

**FEBRUARY**

- 3– Region 17 at Lancers
- 6– Poultry & Goat Meeting 6:30pm
- 13– Youth Committee 6:30 pm
- 13– CREW deliver blankets to Children’s Hospital
- 17- Teen Club to Mt. Crescent 11 am
- 20– FSQA Training 6-8 pm
- 23– Betterment Banquet, Bella Terra
- 25– Clover Kids- Bake This, Set This 2 pm; COUNTY COUNCIL helping
- 27– Share a Sheep Meeting 6:30 pm
- 28– Clover Leaders Meeting 6 pm

### MORE...

**2018 Mills County Fair**

**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!