



# Osceola County 4-H News

January 2018

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## Osceola County 4-H Clubs

- ✿ Baker Road Runners
- ✿ East Holman Wildcats/Midwest Settlers
- ✿ Gilman Jr. Farmers
- ✿ Ocheyedan Indians
- ✿ Sibley-Ocheyedan Shooting Club
- ✿ Westerners/Those Crazy Kids
- ✿ Lego League
- ✿ Jr. FLL/FLL
- ✿ Clover Kids

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Welcome, 2018! 🍷 Out 2017!

We're busy at the Extension Office, planning all kinds of spring and summer events! Make sure to follow us on Social Media to stay up to date on events, and download the app for our 4-H world at your fingertips!



## Osceola County 4-H

Available for free on iTunes and Google Play today!

## Dates to Remember

**Jan 2**—Winter Wonderland Workshop (Paint & Sip)

**Jan 3**—YQCA Session

**Jan 8**—Cooking Around the World Starts

**Jan 9**—Winter Wonderland Workshop (Barn Wood Signs)

**Jan 11**—Jr Lego League Starts

**Jan 13**—Beef Weigh In

**Jan 16**—Winter Wonderland Workshop (Winter Wreaths)

**Jan 23**—Winter Wonderland Workshop (Pillow Creations)

**Jan 25**—Jr Lego League

**Jan 30**—Winter Wonderland Workshop (Birthday Boards)

**Feb 4**—YQCA Session

**Feb 10**—Dordt Stem Fest

**4-H**  
GROWING TOGETHER

110 CEDAR LANE, SIBLEY, IOWA | 712-754-3648 | MONDAY—THURSDAY 8:00 AM—4:30 PM



We will be starting a bimonthly column with the Sibley Gazette-Tribune highlighting our awesome 4-H Youth in our community. If you have any exciting news that you would like featured in our upcoming articles, please let Ashley know!



## Advocate for Agriculture!

For those that have taken the new YQCA class, you'll know that you play a very important role in advocacy for agriculture!

This year, at non-livestock static judging day, we will be hosting a special communications contest—

**How do you tell you ag story?** As more and more generations continue to be removed from production agriculture, telling our agricultural story becomes increasingly more important. But with busy schedules, how do we have time? Speaking up is the first step. Think back to the last time you were in an elevator. Did anyone speak? Chances are you missed a chance to promote agriculture.

### Where do I start?

Even in a short elevator ride, communication can take place that will help share our agricultural story in just one minute. Creating an "elevator pitch" can help make the most out of a short one-on-one conversation that can be used anywhere which will shape the way a consumer views production agriculture. Elevator pitches should be fact-based and shared with confidence in less than a minute.

### What questions should I consider?

Youth encounter questions about agriculture in a variety of settings that may or may not be phrased in a question. For example, school cafeterias and classrooms are always buzzing with questions, comments and conclusions. Finding the right way to correct the misconception or statement politely can often be challenging.

As the school year come to a close, the focus leans towards shows and fairs. Visitors to the fair can often be confused by the terms associated with livestock such as the difference between heifers and steers. Being available to answer questions and provide information to fair visitors helps make the fair a more educational experience for visitors as well as promote our agricultural industry. In addition to fair visitors, the media is often prevalent at fairs. If being interviewed, take time to think through the question and respond with fact-based information that is personal to your experience. It is important to be honest and if you don't know the answer, it is alright to admit that. The highest priority should be placed on listening so that you are really responding to the question and sharing information that is relevant.

Create your elevator speech and tell your agriculture story on Jul 16th! The top 3 winners win a cash prize, and the top winner will advance to the Iowa State Fair Communications Event!



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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

**ALL 4-H MEMBERS WILL NEED CURRENT YQCA TRAINING.**

**FSQA TRAINING/TESTING FROM PAST YEARS IS NOT VALID**

YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals:

- Swine
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Market Rabbits
- Poultry

**YQCA is available as an online program or FACE-TO-FACE on the following dates:**

**Jan 3, 9-11am—Hospital Ed Room**

**Feb 2, 6-7:30pm—Hospital Ed Room**

**Mar 6, 4-5:30pm—Hospital Ed Room**

**Apr 4, 9-10:30am—Hospital Ed Room**

**May 15, 4-5:30pm—Extension Office**

 To register, contact Ashley or Sandy at the extension office for your registration payment code, and enroll online at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

 Log in, using your 4H online information., and follow the prompts to register for one of the sessions above.  
Pick the age level & group for your child. Then Select the face-to-face option.

Choose IOWA, and choose the face-to-face session that works with your schedule.

**OR**

 You may choose the online option. Taking the online training can be done at your convenience, and the cost per member is \$12.

Face-To-Face training will still be offered for no cost to families, when using the registration codes provided by the extension office.

# Clover Kid Corner



Our Clover Kids Program starts up again this month! The meeting dates are as follows:

**January 13 - Weekend Warriors (all K-3)**

Location: Sibley, Osceola Community Hospital Wellness Room

**January 10—K-1st**

Location: Sibley, Elementary School Lunch Room

**January 17 - 2nd-3rd Grade**

Location Sibley, Elementary School Lunch Room



If you haven't paid yet, please send a check with your child.

Also, if you plan on your child walking home or riding with another family, please send a note.

  	<p><b>JANUARY 2018</b></p> <p><i>K-1st grade: Jan 10th</i>  <i>1st-2nd grade: Jan 17th</i>  <i>Weekend Warriors: Jan 13th</i></p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY 2018</b></p> <p><i>K-1st grade: Feb 7th</i>  <i>1st-2nd grade: Feb 14th</i>  <i>Weekend Warriors: Feb 3rd</i></p>	<p><b>MARCH 2018</b></p> <p><i>K-1st grade: Mar 7th</i>  <i>1st-2nd grade: Mar 14th</i>  <i>Weekend Warriors: Mar 3rd</i></p>
<p><b>APRIL 2018</b></p> <p><i>K-1st grade: Apr 11th</i>  <i>1st-2nd grade: Apr 18th</i>  <i>Weekend Warriors: Apr 7th</i></p>	<p><b>MAY 2018</b></p> <p><i>K-1st grade: May 2nd</i>  <i>1st-2nd grade: May 9th</i>  <i>Weekend Warriors: May 5th</i></p>

Exhibitors may weigh in and exhibit a maximum of 10 calves. Exhibitors are allowed to show TWO pens-of-three and up to THREE individuals. Individuals may be taken out of the pen-of-three. Pen-of-three animals and individuals may be designated at the fair weigh-in

Animals that need to be weighed in are Pen of 4 Beef & Market Beef Animals (Including Return Bottle/ Bucket Calves)

If you are interested in Retinal Eye Imaging for Iowa State Fair, please contact us for information on surrounding counties that are performing this. Osceola County does not offer these services.

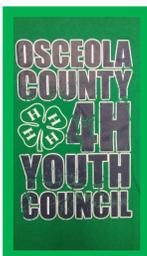


## **BEEF WEIGH IN**

**JANUARY 13TH 8-10 AM**

**SNOW DATE—JANUARY 20TH 8-10 AM**

**CALL 754-3648 TO REGISTER BY JAN 9TH**



We will be meeting again on Jan 7 at 7:30 at the Extension Office to discuss upcoming events and create committees!

Fair Families—We're changing things up for the 2018 Fair! We are moving to using Fair Entry, an online fair program that will make life much easier, and allow for quicker results and programs for your shows!

Take a few minutes and check out this user video on how fair entry works. I will be providing help sheets for you, as we get our fair set up in the system.

[VIDEO](#)

I will be coming around to meetings in January to go through the program



Installation of County Youth Council members (L-R) Tristen Bremer, Natalie Klaassen, Alex McDougall, Trista Helmers, and Tanner Dykstra



**SAVE *the* DATE**

**STEM FEST**

*...Creating opportunities for 4th-8th grade youth in addressing the Iowa Governor's STEM initiative...*

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**  
 Dordt College  
 Science and Technology Center  
 498 4th Avenue NE · Sioux Center, IA

**9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
 Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.  
 Online registration information coming soon!

 **DORDT COLLEGE**

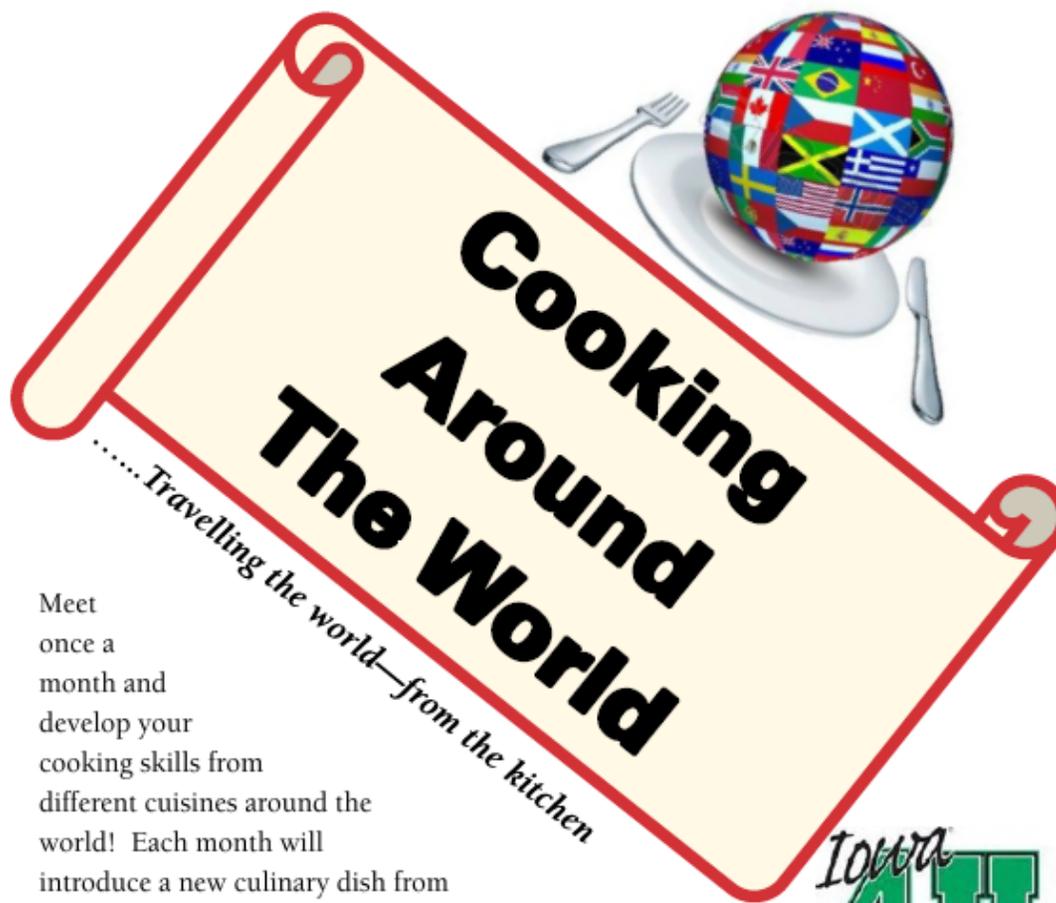
**GREATNESS  
STEMS  
FROM IOWANS**

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Registration for Dordt Stem Fest will open **January 14th** at

<https://form.jotform.com/4Hregion1/dordt-stem-fest-2018>

I am able to take 5 individuals with me, if any youth are interested and need a ride! Please email me at [ak-peters@iastate.edu](mailto:ak-peters@iastate.edu) to let me know if your child will be needing a ride to the event.



# Cooking Around The World

*.....Travelling the world—from the kitchen*

Meet once a month and develop your cooking skills from different cuisines around the world! Each month will introduce a new culinary dish from different corners of the globe. We will create a meal from start to finish and learn new things about the meal's home!



•Monday, Jan 8th @ 3:30 High School FACs Classroom  
• 4th-12th Grades • \$40 to enroll new in 4H •  
• Or \$10 4-H existing Members •  
*(Financial Assistance is Available)*  
*Call 754-3648 for registration details*



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# Winter Wonderland Workshops

Every Tuesday in January! From 3:20-4:30, we will be meeting and creating!

Join us at The Beach House for goods & goodies!

**Jan 2nd—Paint & Sip (Coffee & Hot Cocoa) - Create a beautiful winter wonderland scene & enjoy a hot beverage!**

**Jan 9th—Barn Wood Signs**

**Jan 16th—Winter Wonderland Wreaths**

**Jan 23rd—Pillow Creations**

**Jan 30th—Birthday Boards**

**These sessions are open to all 4-12th graders. Cost is \$5 per participant (FREE for 4-Hers!)**

**All supplies provided. Sign up by calling 754-3648!**

**Deadline to sign up is Friday before project date**



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Interested in joining Lego League, but not old enough to join 4-H?

## JOIN THE JR. LEGO® LEAGUE FUTURE FRANKLINS CLUB!



The Jr. Lego® League Future Franklins Club is for **1st through 3rd graders**. We hold club meetings (the second and fourth Thursday of every month) — where we build Lego® devices, complete a research project and prepare to attend the regional Jr. FLL Expo that will be held in Sibley next spring. Our first meeting of the year will be **January 11 at 3:45 p.m.** at the **Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Library**. Cost to be in the program is \$25 per team member, and we ask that each parent volunteer at least once during the session.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.



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### JANUARY 2018

*Jan 11*  
*Jan 25*

### FEBRUARY 2018

*Feb 8*  
*Feb 22*

### MARCH 2018

*Mar 8*  
*Mar 22*

### APRIL 2018

*Apr 5*  
*Apr 19*

### MAY 2018

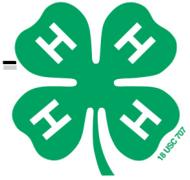
*May 10*  
*May 24*



# 4-H EQUATION

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP OF CARING ADULTS

# Opportunities from the State....



## DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant for Iowa 4-H Club Community Improvement Projects

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.

Funding has been secured to offer DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for the 2017-18 4-H year.

- Applications are due to County Extension and Outreach Offices by Jan. 16, 2018, then forward to State 4-H Office no later than Jan. 30, 2018.
- Decision letters should be sent by mid-April
- If awarded, checks from the Iowa 4-H Foundation will be enclosed with the letter

Award letters will explain needed Report details. Reports for 2017-18 awarded grants are due to the county Extension office no later than Oct 2, 2018. County Extension offices should mail reports to the State 4-H Office.

[More Info Here](#)

## [JoAnn Fabrics in Partnership with 4-H](#)

Customers can get a free 4-H Reward Card that will allow them to receive a 15% discount on their total in-store and online purchases every day! A minimum of 2.5% goes back to 4-H as a donation. 30% of the donation goes to the National 4-H Council and 70% goes to the State 4-H Program.

[More Info Here](#)

## Citizenship Washington Focus

CWF is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 9-12. Registration is now open for the June 15-23, 2018 trip. Teens from around the country gather at the National 4-H Conference Center to learn more about civic engagement and how they can be a strong leader in their community, country, and world. [Check out the 4-H CWF webpage for more details.](#) If you have specific questions, please email [Gail Castillo](#), State Coordinator.

## Culturally-Based Youth Leadership Accelerators

The 2018 Maize Retreat will be held April 13-15, 2018 on the ISU Campus and Clover Woods Camping Center. Youth in grades 8-12 from across Iowa will experience 4-H Healthy Living, STEM, Civic Engagement, Leadership, and Communication and the Arts programs through a Latino and Native American perspective.

[More information.](#)

## [Iowa State 4-H Foundation Scholarship Info](#)

A complete list of scholarships, eligibility, helpful hints, instructions, and applications are available online [here](#).

## Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame (ICVS)

Iowa Commission of Volunteer Service (ICVS) [2018 nomination materials](#), due January 16. Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame is the most prestigious state-level honor volunteers can receive. Nominations are those people who have forever changed their community, the state, the nation, or the world with their volunteer service and action. Chosen honorees will be recognized during National Volunteer Week next April. More information, email [icvs@iowaeda.com](mailto:icvs@iowaeda.com) or call 800-308-

5987

## [Spirit of the Water High School Essay Contest](#)

College credit and cash award opportunity for Iowa high school students grades 9-12. Deadline is February 5 at 5:00 PM.



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