New Year, new faces!
Welcome to the 2020-2021 4-H year! This season has been one for the books, but 4-Hers are resilient and resourceful and I can’t wait to see what the new year has in store!

My name is Jenna Keene and I am your new Sioux County Youth Coordinator! I grew up on a farm outside of Hartley, Iowa, where my parents and brother still farm. I hold a Bachelor’s degree in History and Geography from the University of Northern Iowa and a Masters in Secondary Education from Creighton University.

In the last 10 years I have worked in, and then managed a bakery in Omaha, Nebraska; taught middle school Social Studies and English in Bellevue, Nebraska; and most recently, taught high school Social Studies in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While I loved my time as a baker and as a teacher, I was ready for a new adventure— and that’s what brought me to Sioux County!

I am so excited to get started! My goal as a leader is to empower those around me to pursue their passions, engage with the world around them, and live better stories- all of which are things I’ve seen the 4-H program do in my own life, and in the lives around me. I am excited to be back in Northwest Iowa and I am so looking forward to getting to know the youth and families in Sioux County!

Jenna

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Even in a year full of unknowns, you showed up and made us proud! There were 1,835 total entries in the 2020 Sioux County Youth Fair. 1,427 livestock entries, 378 static exhibits, 6 communication entries, and 24 clothing projects.

Great work Sioux County 4-Hers!

2021 Sioux County Youth Fair | July 12—16
High School Leadership Opportunity

Are you looking for a way to serve your community? Do you want to help plan events and develop leadership skills? Are you interested in mentoring younger members in your 4-H club? If so, the 4-H County Youth Council might be the place for you!

County Council is open to all Sioux County 4-H members in grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining, complete the 2020-2021 County Council Application or contact Jenna at keenej@iastate.edu or call the office at 712.727.4230.

Sioux County 4-H app available!

The free Sioux County Iowa 4-H app is now available on all of your Android and iOS devices. The app provides quick links to everything you need to know about the Sioux County 4-H Youth program, including the Scoop, fair book, 4HOnline, FairEntry and much more! To download the app, search for Sioux County (IA) 4-H wherever you get your apps!

Enrolling for the 2020-2021 4-H Year

4HOnline 2.0 is coming!

Please bear with us as we wait for the new system to get up and running. Be on the lookout for more enrollment information in upcoming weeks or talk with your club leaders about getting enrolled for the year!
Welcome to a new year of Clover Kids! My name is Phyllis Van Gelder and I am the new K-12 Program Coordinator. I live in Orange City, and hold a Master’s degree in Education and an Early Childhood endorsement. I have 20 years of teaching experience in K-8 classrooms in British Columbia, Canada and Northwest Iowa. My love for children, nature, and science form a wonderful intersection for the 4-H exploration model of learning. I am excited to begin this year with activities that will allow your child to learn and explore the world around them in an interactive and engaging manner. The year will begin with Grab and Go activities and transition to in person meetings as conditions allow. I am looking forward to a fun-filled year!

For more information on Sioux County’s Clover Kids program:

Call 712-737-4230 or email Phyllis Van Gelder at pvangel@iastate.edu

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:00 to 4:30 | Friday 8:00 to 12:00