Dear 4-H Families,

Heartfelt thanks to our precious 4-H families who have reached out to our family these past weeks during the sudden illness and passing of our beloved grandson Fisher Anderson. Your caring, consideration and patience are appreciated way beyond words!

Most Sincerely,

Patty Warren & Family

SHOOTING SPORTS

SESS: Safety and Education In Shooting Sports

Are you interested in learning or being more involved in shooting sports? Well you’re in luck!! On Sunday Feb. 16th @ 2:00 at the Pin Oak Lodge located on Highway 14 south of Chariton there will be a kick off meeting. Come explore what it’s all about and let the leaders know what you are interested in learning/doing. This meeting is sponsored by Wayne & Lucas Counties as a joint project club effort. For more info. Call 641-203-0782 or email lucasccb@iowatelecom.net.
FSQA Training Set

When: Thursday March 6th
Where: Wayne HS Lunchroom
Time: registration begins at 6 pm, sessions will start promptly at 6:30 pm

Who needs to attend - all 4th-6th graders that may show cattle (market/breeding/dairy), sheep (market/breeding), goats (meat and dairy), swine (market/breeding), rabbits and poultry.

7th - 12 graders may attend the training or take the exam. The exam will be available at club meetings (listed on calendar, pg 7) or an appointment can be made with the Extension Office.

Summer camp is in the works!
A REGIONAL SUMMER CAMP IS IN THE WORKS - STAY TUNED!

EQUINE NEWS

2014 Iowa Horse Jamboree will be held March 29th & 30th at the Jeff & Deb Hansen Ag Student Learning Center (located south of ISU campus in Ames). Registration deadline is March 1st - Horse Jamboree entries are done online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/horse-jamboree

2014 Iowa Horse Fair will be held at the Iowa State Fair Grounds April 4th-6th. See calendar of events at: iowahorsecouncil.org/2014-iowa-horse-fair/

Miss Rodeo Iowa Clinic will be March 1st & 2nd in Winterset. Learn leadership & public speaking skills, equine science & more. Go to: www.missrodeoioawa.org for more info

BEEF EVENTS

THE 2014 BEEF EXPO is coming to the Iowa State Fair Grounds on February 9th-17th.

For more information go to www.beefexpo.com
**OUR VISION**

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE

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**LIVESTOCK INFORMATION**

**FSA Youth Project Loans**

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is $5,000.00.

**Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a US citizen
- Be 10 to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA’s general eligibility requirements
- Reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

**WHO DO I CONTACT?**

USDA, Farm Service Agency  Corydon, IA  641-872-2670
Sheryll Jones, Farm Loan Officer  Randall Nelson, Farm Loan Manager

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**SHEEP / MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN**

**May 3rd**  9am - 11am @ fair grounds. All market animals must attend; county only animals are FREE. State Fair animals ($5/hd) - all animals must be tagged and retinal imaged (meat goat does may use a tattoo as id). Ak-Sar-Ben animals ($5/hd) - all animals will have DNA pulled

**REMINDER:** All reproductively intact sheep and goats, except wethers, require scrapie tags. This includes ewes, rams and does. ALL SHEEP TAGS AND STATE FAIR GOAT TAGS MUST BE IN THE ANIMALS EARS BEFORE WEIGH-INS. All county fair goat tags must be in to be shown at the fair. If you need more information contact the Extension office.

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**SPRING FLING GOAT SHOW**

The 2nd Annual Spring Fling Goat Show will be held at the Wayne County Fair Grounds May 10th. Check in is from 9-10 with the show starting at 11:00. Registration forms may be printed off by going to the web site at www.abga.org.

If you think you might be interested in showing goats as a 4-H project this would be an excellent time to see what it entails. You are welcome to come and spectate & talk to exhibitors.
2014 “BUCKET OF JUNK” 4-H FUNDRAISER

Calling all Wayne county 4-H clubs! The 2014 Wayne County 4-H fundraising effort this year will be consisting of “Bucket of Junk” sculptures as each club is called upon to assemble one five gallon bucket of iron and metal miscellaneous junk to make a “Creation of Artistic Interest”. Then said “Creations” will be auctioned off at the fair as a fundraiser to help pay for 4-Her’s enrollment fees as well as fund activities for our 4-Hers. Some iron/metals have been donated to the cause by interested residents and offers of Assistance with assembling/welding of the sculptures has been offered as well! Please contact Patty @ Extension for details.

ANOUNCING NEW “ADULT” CONTEST DIVISION: As interest has sparked among the “non” youth of our county we are now extending our contest to all interested parties who are willing to fashion “something” of interest to be sold for the sake of raising funds to support our counties youth. HATS OFF TO ALL CONTESTANTS!!!

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

April 15th is the deadline to apply for the Wayne County 4-H Scholarship. 1—$500 and 2-$250 scholarships will be awarded.

To be eligible you must be a graduating high school senior or college freshman, be a member of a Wayne County 4-H club during your senior year of high school, planning on attending college or vocational school during the next year. Scholarship is awarded one time.

To apply you must complete a personal information form, write briefly about 4-H participation, 4-H achievements, 4-H leadership experiences, and how 4-H has benefitted you and affected your career choice, include one reference letter from a 4-H leader and a copy of high school transcript. Please call the Extension office for more information.

$SMART KID ESSAY CONTEST

In support of Money Smart Week, the Iowa Bankers Association and Iowa Credit Union Foundation are sponsoring the annual Money Smart Kid Essay Contest in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The winner will help promote financial literacy. One student will be named this year’s Money Smart Kid and will receive a $1,000 college Savings Iowa account, which is Iowa’s 529 college savings plan. Finalists may be selected to read their essays at one or more Money Smart Week event. Students in grades 7-11 may enter the contest by answering this question: Any investment has a certain amount of risk and an expected return. Describe to a potential investor how investing in you (such as paying for more education) will produce a return? Deadline is March 14th. Go to www.moneysmartweek.org/ms_kids_contest. Scroll down to MSW Iowa tab for application.

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.
**4-H BENEFITS**

The 2012 4-H study of positive youth development from Tufts University reports that 4-H youth make more healthy choices.

- Young people in 4-H are committed to improving their communities.
- They are also 2.3 times more likely to exercise and be physically active.
- The report also sites that 4-Hers are shown to have had significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers and are 3.4 times more likely to delay being sexually active.

4-HERS EXCEL IN SCHOOL AND THE SCIENCES!!

- Young people in 4-H report better grades, higher levels of academic competence, and an elevated level of engagement at school.
- Are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college.
- Are more likely to pursue future courses or a career in science, engineering or computer technology.

**DID YOU KNOW? A CHILD WHO PARTICIPATES IN ARTS & CRAFTS IS MORE LIKELY TO ..........**

According to Michigan State University research a child who participates in arts & crafts has a much greater chance of owning a patent or business when they grow up. The most interesting finding was the importance of sustained participation in those activities.

If you started as a young child and continued in your adult years, you’re more likely to be an inventor. Musical training also seems to be important as 93% of STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) graduates reported musical training at some point in their lives as compared to only 34% of adults. Also those who had been

Exposed to metal work and electronics during childhood were 42% more likely to own a patent than those without such exposure.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
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**MAY**

3 - Wayne County sheep/goat weigh in 9 am @ fair grounds  
10 - ABGA Spring Fling Goat Show At WC Fair Grounds  
15- Livestock entries due in 4-H Online

**JULY**

1—State Fair Entry Deadline  
22-28 Wayne County Fair
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