January 2015

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2015! I have a good feeling that this will be a GREAT year to be in 4-H. I am really looking forward to the new year ahead and seeing just where it will take us.

We also can celebrate some of the new members that are joining us this year:

Cheyenne Andrews  Dalton Couchman  Devyn Davis
Lanee Davis  Morgan Goretka  Ty Hysell
Taralynn McCaslen  Taylor Morriss  Logan Rogers
Abi Wiltamuth  Maddy Wood

We welcome you all to the 4-H experience.

Our current enrollment is now 119! And we still have several families that still need to do their enrollments or re-enrollments. And remember its not to late to get involved with 4-H, so invite your friends to join in the fun!

Connie Guffey, CYC

***REMINDER*** CLUB ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED TO BE ABLE TO SHOW AT FAIR: YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 5 CLUB MEETINGS OR 4 CLUB MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.
Livestock Information:

All animals will need to be ID’ed in 4hOnline. County staff will enter the information into 4hOnline. Families going to State Fair MUST verify this information in 4hOnline.

All other animals (breeding animals, dogs, and horses) families must enter their own information into 4hOnline.

I am including the 4H202 Livestock Show Requirements with this newsletter for further details.

If you have questions please call me.

For those going to county fair and/or state fair the deadlines are as follows:

- Feb. 1 for Market Beef – if you do not verify the entry online it will lock on Feb 1st and information will be assumed correct. No changes can be made after that.
- May 15th for all other species
- Additional market lambs, pigs, and meat goats submitted to county office.
- July 1 for State Fair Rabbits

2015 Equine Extravaganza

The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza is a newly combined event of the Youth Horse Jamboree (typically held in late March) and the State Horse Judging Contest (typically held in November) that will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. We hope that this will increase participation for all of the variety of equine events that youth can participate in. Look for more information on entry deadlines and processes coming soon.

North Central Beef Conference

The north central Iowa State University Extension & Outreach area is holding their annual Youth Beef Conference

When: Saturday, Jan. 24th
Where: Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls.
Youth are to pre-register by January 16th. More information can be found at:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/beef
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
Kathy Henely, County Executive Director
Molly Spoon, Farm Loan Manager 641-774-2119

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**Reminders:**

**BEEF WEIGH IN**

We made it through beef weigh in, would like to thank everyone that was there to help out. I could not have done this without all of you. I really do appreciate all you do.

**JAN 10TH** 8am -12am in Decatur Co. If you missed our Wayne Co. Weigh in last month there is still a chance to get your market animals weighed in. Decatur Co. will be holding their weigh in on Jan 10th. If interested in attending please let me know so I can send your tags with you and notify them you are coming.

**Fair Premium Checks**

I still have several premium checks from the fair that need to be picked up at the Extension office as soon as possible. I have attempted to make contact with those I am holding checks for but some families do not have current phone numbers on our 4hOnline site.

If you are unsure if I have a check for you please contact me at the Extension office 641-872-1755. If not picked up they will be sent back to the Fair Board.
Keep Iowa Beautiful Scholarships

Keep Iowa Beautiful is offering five, $1,000 scholarships to Iowa high school seniors in 2015! The scholarship is available to students who plan to:

- Enroll in an Iowa college or university
- Major in areas related to community, sociology, or environmental science.

Students must complete the application online at www.keepiowabeautifu.com/grants/byers no later than January 9th, 2015. Award winners will be notified by March 13, 2015.

There will be an award ceremony in the Governor’s Office at the State Capital in April. For questions please contact Martha McCormick, KIB Education Consultant at 515-979-3311 or email NextStepAdventure@mac.com

Wayne County 4-H Scholarship

April 1st 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.

Hixson Opportunity Awards

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Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has announced applications are now available for its 4-H scholarship program. Approximately 80 scholarship opportunities valued at over $73,000 will be awarded. Information and applications for the 4-H Scholarships are now available online through the Iowa 4-H Foundation at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships. All 2015 scholarship application materials must be submitted online no later than 11:59 PM, February 1, 2015 for consideration.

Annual State Volunteer Retreat

The annual State Volunteer Retreat brings together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening, February 6, features hands on activities and ideas. Saturday, February 7, is filled with a variety of workshops and networking opportunities. Workshops are presented by ISU faculty and staff and volunteers. The wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Registration is FREE this year and limited to the first 100 people who register. Registration is filling up fast so don’t delay! Check out the workshop descriptions http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat. Registration deadline is January 23!

2015 4-H Recognition Opportunities

The 2015 4-H recognition materials and applications are available on the Recognition Opportunities public webpage. New for 2015 is 1) the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. Applicants must be currently enrolled and have at least 3 years enrollment in 4-H Shooting Sports; and 2) by filling out a JotForm Cover Sheet a unique link will be sent to the applicant so they may access the application connected with that link as many times as needed until ready to submit. There will be a different cover sheet and link for each opportunity. PLEASE read directions on the webpage and download/print Organizing and Designing your Material for additional directions. 2015 Online applications are to be submitted for consideration no later than 11:59 PM, February 1, 2015 for the opportunities of 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, State 4-H Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4 H Conference, and State 4-H Council. See information for all opportunities at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities. The 2015 4-H Recognition Day will be held Saturday, March 28 on the Iowa State University Campus.
Leaders Corner:

Leaders Training:

Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid lead or assistant lead volunteers are required to attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills. We want to make sure we are giving each of our leaders the tools they need to be successful for your club, and project group. Leader training will be held:

- Feb 9th at 6pm
- Wayne Co. Courthouse meeting room in the basement

Please use the south door on the east side of the building. I will provide refreshments for the training. Hope to see you all there.

Out of County Opportunity:

One Million Pillowcase Challenge

SEW-A-THON

Polk Co. Extension and Outreach Office in Altoona, IA is hosting a challenge to any 4-H members, families & those not in 4-H to come up and help them reach their goal to sew one million pillowcases for a local Des Moines Charities. All materials will be provided for you free of cost and there will be staff members on hand to help walk participants through the process of making a pillowcase.

I have included the flyer I received in this newsletter which will give you information about how to register to attend this event and contact information if you have questions.

SPECIAL NOTE TO 4-H FAMILIES:

It was recently brought to my attention when buying my children’s rabbit feed at Orscheln in Centerville, IA that they are no longer honoring the 4-H 10% discount cards. They told me they received notification from the 4-H National Headquarters that they were no longer going to allow outside entities to use the 4-H name for their own marketing and profits. I know some of you may have already found this out but I wanted to make sure to get the word out to everyone. This was a great savings to many families and I know the program will be missed.
### Calendar

#### JANUARY

1—Office closed for holiday
5—Judges Selection comm. 6 pm Courthouse Mtg. Room
9—Deadline for Keep Iowa Beautiful Scholarship
10—Decatur Co Beef weigh in 8-12 in Leon, IA
12—Benton Battlers club meeting @ 5:30pm
14—Union Hotshots club meeting @ 7:00pm
14—Clio Southwesterns club meeting @ 6:30pm
20—Benton Busy Bees club meeting @ 7:00 pm
21—Walnut Monroe Lonetree club meeting @ 7:00pm
21—Warren Willpower club meeting @ 7:00pm
21—Extension Council Meeting
24—North Central Beef Conf.
26—Last week to verify market beef on 4HOnline and get ID/tattoo info to office for entry.
31—SEW-A-THON at Altoona

#### FEBRUARY

1—Deadline for beef ID entry
1—Hixson Opportunity Award deadline
2—Benton Battlers club meeting at 5:30pm
9—Leaders Training @ 6pm at the Wayne Co courthouse
11—Union Hotshots club meeting @ 7:00pm
11—Wayne Wranglers club meeting @ 6:00pm
11—Clio Southwesterns club meeting @ 6:30pm
17—Benton Busy Bees club meeting @ 7:00pm
18—Walnut Monroe Lonetree club meeting @ 7:00pm

#### MARCH

TBA—Sheep/goat weigh in
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#### APRIL

1—Wayne Co. 4-H Scholarship deadline

#### MAY

15—Deadline to enter all other animals on 4HOnline for identification for county and state fair
Join 4-H Today!

4-H is for anyone 4th grade thru 12th grade who is interested in learning and having fun. The limits of what 4-H has to offer are endless, its up to you what you want to do with your experience and there are adult leaders and volunteers there to help you every step of the way. Already in 4-H? Then invite your friends to join you!

Joining is easy, its all done online at https://iowa.4honline.com. Find a club in your area that fits your interests and begin your adventure.

There is still time to enroll for this year. If you have questions or need help please give Connie Guffey a call at 641-872-1755. Don’t wait! Start Today!

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.