Dear 4-H family,

Happy New Year!

Setting goals and thinking about new project areas are great ways to start the new year! 4-H offers countless opportunities, so make it a resolution to try something new and step outside your comfort zone this year. You may gain new skills and friendships along the way!

Please remember to re-enroll (members and volunteers) on 4HOnline. If you have any questions, please contact the office. This is the last newsletter that will be mailed to inactive members.

County interviews are coming up at the end of January. More information is found in the newsletter.

Welcome to our 4-H family:
Erin Ford– Outdoor Adventure Project Leader
Rebecca Wacholtz– Sewing & Quilting Project Leader
Amie Kallansrud– Clover Kids Leader

Lindsay Kavanaugh
County Youth Coordinator

SonRays Club singing Christmas carols at Bickford Cottage
Club Leaders
Thank you to our clubs for making Christmas cards for our Foundation donors! The cards looked great!
Also if your club plans on doing any winter recreation activities (skiing, snowboarding, sledding, ice skating, etc.) all of the participants (4-H’ers, non-4-H’ers, parents, and volunteers) need to complete the Winter Recreation Waiver. You will also need to acquire Special Event Insurance for all of the participants (4-H’ers, non-4-H’ers, parents, and volunteers). If purchasing the insurance not through the office/you, make sure you send a copy of the confirmation for insurance. Please contact Lindsay for more information or questions.

Beef Project & Weigh-In
If you weighed in market beef, you have one more step to complete. Market beef must be identified in 4HOnline by January 31. More information is found on your 4HOnline homepage.
Thank you to our outstanding helpers/volunteers who helped during the beef weigh-in at the Gowrie Livestock Office: Vern Bauer, Aaron Martin, Stephanie Martin, Sharon Fevold, Crystal Summers, Bailey Walrod, Russ & Julie Tucker, & Darla Vohnname. Also, thank you to the Webster County Cattlemen for covering the cost of the ear tags.

AKSARBEN Changes
Ak-Sar-Ben has changed their process. Families must contact AKSARBEN directly for ID and fair entry information. Extension Offices are no longer involved in this process.

Archery Discipline
The first beginner’s practices of the month will be held on January 7 and January 21 at 7:00 p.m. Advanced practice for archery discipline will be held on January 14 and January 28 at 7:00 p.m. All practices will be held at the indoor range which is located at 1020 Central Avenue (entrance is in the alley). Parking is available in the city parking lot.

Cooking/Baking
The first meeting will be held on January 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. This meeting will include discussion about the different techniques and recipes the participants want to learn about or cook.

Junior Lego League
Back this year is Junior Lego League for 2nd and 3rd graders! Participants will meet at the Zion Lutheran Church in Gowrie the second Thursday of each month starting in January. First meetings are January 15 & 29 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/H7TBE

Outdoor Adventure
We are excited about our new project area and partnership with Webster County Conservation! The group will meet on Saturday, January 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Moorland Pond.

Poultry
New, current, or prospective 4-H poultry project members and families are invited to the first poultry meeting and soup supper. Come to the Extension Office on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. Soup will be provided. Please bring drinks and dessert to share.

Rabbit Hopping
Practice will be on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the east auditorium of the Fairgrounds.

Rifle Discipline
Rifle discipline will be held on Saturday, January 12 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Rifle & Pistol Club of Fort Dodge.

Soldier Garden Project
Youth interested in learning about the Soldier Garden at the Fort Museum are encouraged to join the Solider Garden Project. A meeting about the project area is scheduled for January 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Topics for the meeting include ideas for this year and how to achieve new goals for the members.

Goat Project Donation
Thank you to Farm Credit Services for generously donating $3,000 toward our 4-H Goat/Sheep Project. Funds will go toward updating the goat/sheep barn at the Webster County Fairgrounds with new concrete and pens.
County Interviews
Any 4-H’er in 6th-12th grades are encouraged to attend county interviews: Sunday, January 27 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. *Or* Monday, January 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. (both at the Extension Office)

County interviews provide our youth the opportunity to interview for opportunities including:

County Council Candidate- Any 4-H member who is in 8th grade or older may apply to be a candidate. After interviews, candidates receive a list of point opportunities to qualify. New members are installed during the fair. County Council members serve a valuable leadership role as they attend monthly meetings, carry out the awards banquet, install officers, and much more.

Intermediate Trip to Kansas City*– 4-H members in 7th-8th grades may interview for this five county area adventure held in June. Those who apply must be selected for this trip as numbers are limited for each county.

*Cannot attend both the intermediate trip and the Omaha Zoo trip in the same year.*

Omaha Zoo Trip*– 4-H members in 6th-8th grades may interview for this trip held in April. Spend the night at the Omaha Zoo, see how they feed the animals, and much more!

Junior Camp Counselor– Junior camp is held in June at the State 4-H Camp in Madrid. 4-H members in 10th-12th grades can interview to be a counselor. A second process will be held in April when the exact number of counselors is known. There is no cost to be a camp counselor.

State Conference & Animal Science Round-Up– Held on the ISU Campus on June 25-27. This is for all youth who are in 8th grade and older. The Webster County 4-H Foundation pays part of the fee for 4-H members who have gone through county interviews.

Important Details:
• This is a very relaxed interview in which 4-H’ers complete an application and are asked questions about 4-H, goals, school, and community activities.
• Please dress as you were going to an interview (no jeans or t-shirts) and no gum.
• Each 4-H member will have two, 5 minute interviews with Youth Committee members. If you do not have to wait in line, the entire process should not take more than 60 minutes. Each year is different on the waiting period.
• County Council members will be present to assist in answering questions.

State 4-H Recognition Day
Any 4-H’ers in 9th-12th grade are encouraged to apply for State 4-H Recognition Day. Please see link below for more information. Several great opportunities to apply for including State 4-H Council, Shooting Sports Ambassador, State Project Award, and more! I’m happy to help any 4-H’er with the application process or review their information before it is submitted.

• Application deadline: 11:59PM February 1, 2019
• Interviews: March 30, 2019, 9AM-3PM, ISU Campus
• For more details and the application process, visit: https://tinyurl.com/ybymswel

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant
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. Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 16 and then we will forward to the State 4-H Office no later than January 31. More information is found at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants

Landus Scholarship
High school seniors pursuing a career in agriculture, life sciences, or ag-related fields are invited to apply for the Landus Cooperative 2017-2018 Excellence in Agriculture scholarship. This scholarship awards five $2,000 scholarships for any accredited post-secondary program. Find applications, requirements, and more information online at:
http://www.landuscooperative.com/about/resources/ or at any Landus Cooperative location.

Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the office of any Landus Cooperative location no later than January 31 to be considered for the awards.

Inclement Weather
In the event of inclement weather, cancellations and postponements will be posted on the Webster County 4-H Facebook page and broadcasted on the Fort Dodge radio stations.

2019 Webster County Fair
The Webster County Fair is scheduled for July 10-14. County Council and Youth Committee selected the 2019 fair theme: “Fair is Out of This World”
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Deadline to register is January 15, 2019. Trip cost is $1850. This includes all lodging, travel, tours, and a majority of meals. 48 delegate spots are available. A $650 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration. The remaining balance is two payments of $600 each due on March 1 and April 15, 2019. Visit the CWF webpage to find the online registration link & use a credit card for deposit payment. If you prefer, a PDF registration form is located on the site to complete and mail in with your deposit. The CWF website also has information on possible sources of financial assistance. If interested in local support, please contact the office.

To indicate interest in chaperoning, please return the chaperone application by January 15, 2019.

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

Please contact: Gail Castillo, CWF Trip Coordinator gail@iastate.edu or 641-425-6914.

Flea Market– Food Stand Workers

January– No Flea Market

Saturday, February 9– Badger Builders

Sunday, February 10– Help Needed! Sign-up here: www.volunteersignup.org/WR7QW

Kitchen Hours:
Saturday: 6:30 a.m.– Start making breakfast
7:00 a.m.– Kitchen opens
4:00 p.m.– Kitchen closes
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.– Start making breakfast
8:00 a.m.– Kitchen opens
3:00 p.m.– Kitchen closes

- Enter through the back kitchen door (north side)
- Please wear a 4-H t-shirt and closed toe shoes.
- No jewelry
- Pull hair back and wash hands when you arrive at the food stand.

Volunteer Spotlight

Name: Matt Lundberg

Volunteer Position: Co-Aerospace Project Leader,
Shooting Sports Rifle Instructor

1. How long have you been a 4-H volunteer?
4 years

2. What do you enjoy most about your 4-H role?
I enjoy getting 4-H members involved in shooting sports and helping them improve their skills. I also enjoy helping 4-H’ers build their rockets and seeing the excitement when they finally launch them.

3. What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time, I like working on projects around the house and spending time with my family.

4. What is on your bucket list?
I would like to visit Alaska to see the Northern Lights.

5. What’s one thing most people don’t know about you?
I met my wife through 4-H and my parents also met through 4-H.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Celebrating the 60th Year of CWF!
Learn about civic engagement through seminars and tours while surrounded by United States history.

June 14-22, 2019
Learn more at:
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf
Parents – will you consider being a chaperone?

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Fluid Art Workshop

Have some fun and make really cool art with me, Alexis

When: January 12, 10-12 AM
Where: Extension office

Anyone can enter, RSVP at the office by Jan. 7th

Cost is 7 dollars paid when you show up RSVP in the extension office ASAP

515-579-2119
**WEBSTER COUNTY 4-H NEWS**

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