Dear 4-H family,

February has been FUN! We are so excited that Brooke McKibban, 4-H County Youth Coordinator, has joined our staff and is getting connected to you all through project meetings, 4-H events, and social media engagement! Brooke is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and is attending select events as she completes her teaching contract with the Fort Dodge Community School District. She will join us full-time in June. Brooke was able to attend the 4-H Frosty Fun Winter Retreat at Twin Lakes Christian Center on February 19. Webster County youth joined other 4-Hers from Buena Vista, Hamilton, Humboldt, and Pocahontas. The 4-Hers got to know one another through teambuilding activities and recreation. They were able to climb an indoor rock wall and try their balance ice-skating on an outdoor lake rink. And of course lunch was delicious! More fun to come in 4-H!

Contact Brooke at: mckibban@iastate.edu
515-576-2119

Webster County 4-H
Search @websterco4h
Beef Project
- Participants will meet at 7pm on Thursday, March 3 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium (west side).

Cat & Pet Project
- Cat and Pet project meetings begin at 7pm on Thursday, April 7 & Tuesday, June 7, Fairgrounds Auditorium (lunchroom).
- Bring you cat/pet in a cage or travel container
- Must attend at least one meeting to exhibit at fair.
- Donations for Almost Home requested

Clover Kids
- Clover Kids Livestock Club will begin meeting on Monday, March 7 at 6pm at the Fairgrounds Auditorium (lunchroom). Snacks & activities provided!

Dog Project
- Participants will meet at 7pm on Tuesdays, March 8, 15 & 29 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium (west side).
- Must attend at least two practices to exhibit at fair.
- Bring you hearing protection, safety glasses, and a mask. Wear closed toe shoes and make sure long hair is pulled back.

Goat Project
- Participants will meet at 7pm on Monday, March 14 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium (west side).

Iowa Central Community College Presents:
Music & Theatre Department’s Spring Musical
Webster County 4-H, Webster County 4-H Foundation & Iowa Central Community College are offering FREE tickets to this musical production of Disney’s The Little Mermaid. Please contact ISU Extension and Outreach – Webster County to request a special voucher that can be redeemed for theatre tickets at the ICCC bookstore. Extension# 515-576-2119 or email webster4h@iastate.edu

Horse Project
- Participants will meet at 7pm on Thursday, March 24 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium.
- Info Meeting, project schedule, rules & expectations

Poultry Project
- Participants will meet at 6pm on Wednesday, March 30 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium (east side).

Rabbit Project
- Participants will meet at 7pm on Thursday, March 17 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium (west side)
- Rabbit Hopping practice will follow

Rifle Discipline
- Practices will take place from 9:30-11:30am on Saturdays, March 12 & April 9.
- Practices at the Rifle and Pistol Club of Fort Dodge.
Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series

Iowa 4-H is offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series! The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15–20 minute Zoom sessions that will dive into topics that you can apply into your role as an Iowa 4-H volunteer with your clubs or programs. The sessions will be held via Zoom at Noon the first Friday of each month, January through April 2022. As volunteers you are encouraged to join the lunch & learn sessions if it works in your schedule.

Below are the dates and topics for the four sessions.

March 4th@ Noon (Noon-12:20) March Lunch & Learn Series: Accommodations 101 - Information & tips on making 4-H accessible for all.

April 1st@ Noon (Noon-12:20) April Lunch & Learn Series: Preparing Youth for the Fair

Information to join via Zoom: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to start or join. https://iastate.zoom.us/j/97461926125?pwd=WXU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMWIwbzdSekFiQT09Join from dial-in phone line: Dial: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 974 6192 6125 Participant ID: Shown after joining the meeting International numbers available: https://iastate.zoom.us/u/acvizWWgrX

Vibrant Club Resources - Extension Store

The following publications may be good resources for club meetings. You can find them at the following link: Extension Store (iastate.edu)

4H 2610 Communications – Reader’s Theatre Guide
4H 3532 Kindness Rocks – Vibrant Clubs
4H 2440 Four Steps to a 4-H Thank You – Vibrant Clubs
4H 3521 Horse Facts Game Show – Vibrant Clubs
4H 3515 Horse Communication – Vibrant Clubs
4H 3522 Horse Bingo – Vibrant Clubs
4H 3524 Trail Mix Parli Pro – Vibrant Clubs

NEW Coop Foundation Scholarships

NEW Cooperative Foundation is once again awarding a minimum of eight $2,000 scholarships. Students must be a dependent of a NEW Cooperative member or full-time employee. They must be enrolling in an agriculture major at a four year university, or a two year college with an agriculture short course program. This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The 2022-2023 scholarship program description and application are available at Scholarships - NEW Cooperative Inc. https://www.newcoop.com/scholarships/ All applications must be submitted by March 4.
IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

June 28—June 30

“Build the Future”

Youth participants will get to attend workshops throughout campus, hear from keynote speakers, participate in team building activities, network with others from around the state, participate in service-learning opportunities, and more!

- Specialized tracks—Animal Science Round Up and Career Pathways Academy—or join general conference sessions
- Career Pathways Academy is a year long immersive college and career preparedness program that begins at the conference
- Animal Science Round Up Applications —Due March 15
- General registration for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and Career Pathways Academy track will open March 31 in 4honline
- $180 Registration Fee—Register for a County Interview on Sunday, April 3 or Monday, April 4 to earn funding from the Webster 4-H Foundation—Watch facebook for more details soon!

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hymouthconference

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Webster County 4-H
Beginners Sewing Class

No sewing experience is needed, you just have to be interested. 4-H members will learn basics of sewing and make a fun lanyard.

March 12th, 2022
10 a.m to noon
Tillies Quilts- 17 South 12 Street Fort Dodge
Cost $5 and all supplies will be provided

Space is limited!
Register via 4-H Online by March 10th
(Log-in and find events tab to register)

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In today's world, food safety is one of animal producers' biggest responsibilities. With over 15,000 Iowa 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock projects, about 17 million pounds of meat is produced each year. In an effort to be better, teach better, learn better, and grow better, FSQA transitioned out and was replaced with YQCA per state requirements. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

The goals of YQCA are to:

- Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects
- Ensure a safe food supply to consumers
- Enhance the future of livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry
- Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors

**4-H members planning on exhibiting the following are REQUIRED to be YQCA certified to exhibit at the county fair and State Fair.**

- Beef/Bucket Bottle/Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Sheep
- Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Rabbit
- Poultry

YQCA is available as an online program for youth and can be completed in the convenience of your home. Please note, no in-person training will be offered this year. Complete the YQCA training online at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) and log-in using your 4-H Online log-in. This certification is good for one year and must be completed annually.

There is a **$12 fee per child** for this training to be paid online when you register for the course. Materials and modules are organized by age. Youth are welcome to use a laptop at the Extension Office and internet if needed; please make an appointment to ensure availability. Financial assistance is available upon request.

The training must be completed by **June 1, 2022**. Once you have completed the training, please email the certificate to **webster4h@iastate.edu**. Visit the following link for instructions on completing the online process.

Please contact the office with any questions.
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