Dear 4-H family,

Hope everyone is continuing to stay safe and healthy!

We are looking forward to a new 4-H year! This year may look a little differently, but please know that we are following guidelines from Iowa State University and the CDC to ensure the safety of our 4-H members, volunteers, and staff.

A friendly reminder, enrollment will be a little later this year due to statewide 4HOnline upgrades. The new system upgrade is called 4-H Online 2.0. Please see more details inside the newsletter. The estimated timeframe to enroll and re-enroll is mid-October. Please watch your email and Facebook for updates.

Continue to spread the word about 4-H and encourage your friends and/or family members to join!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for this year, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me by phone, email, or stop in at the office.

Thank you!

Lindsay Kavanaugh  
County Youth Coordinator
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Here are some of the updates we are looking forward to:
• Mobile-friendly, so you can connect with 4-H Online when it’s convenient for you!
• Accessibility for any member who uses assistive technology.
• Updated technology on the back-end of 4-H Online
• Updated credit card processing systems for dues and event registrations.
• Ensuring 4-H Online, YQCA and FairEntry “talk” to each other seamlessly
You should continue to expect the same features from 4-H Online as well:
• Collect needed health information on our members for their safety
• Track important data for our federal partners
• Sign-ups for clubs, project areas, and events
• Keep track of animal identification information
As with many major technology transitions, not everything has gone as well as the state would hope. They do not think the system is working optimally enough to open it up for enrollment. Their goal is to have it ready as soon as they can in October.
In the meantime, youth CAN participate and attend 4-H club meetings and activities. They may be asked to sign in so that families are covered by 4-H’s insurance company. Thank you for your patience, and we will provide an update when enrollment is open!

4-H Newsletters
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Overnight Camp Experience
Hamilton, Humboldt, Webster, and Wright Counties have been fortunate to experience overnight camping in a variety of formats over the years within each of our county 4-H programs. We were looking forward to continuing this tradition in October 2020 at a new location – Camp Sacajawea in Boone, Iowa. One of the essential elements of the Iowa 4-H program is providing a safe environment. We want to keep youth, staff, and other stakeholders safe within our program, and out of an abundance of caution, our overnight camping experience for October 2020 is being put on hold. We are not sure when things will return to “normal,” but we will let you know when this exciting event can be put on your calendars in the future.
We look forward to the future of overnight camping experiences and continuing to keep all young people, volunteers, and staff safe.
If you have specific questions about the overnight camping experience, please email Lindsay (lindsayk@iastate.edu).
Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to make the best better!

Record Books
With all the changes beyond our control these past several months, we want to help celebrate each young person’s accomplishments and make Webster County 4-H a successful experience for everyone. The goal of record books is to simply teach our youth how to keep records and help them recognize their success. This includes allowing a young person to decide what complete looks like for their records.
• Specific details are still being finalized, but there will be two options this year, both will be accepted for record books and record book completion for the 2019-2020 4-H Year.
• Complete the record book as 4-Hers have in the past (forms found on the website)
• Complete a new version/system of a record book. Please see our website for the forms (an example of the cover sheet is found on page 6 of this newsletter). This new system created by a couple state staff members to make the process very simple for 4-Hers
  -This form is a typeable document that will be found on our website or 4-Hers may print off a hard copy to write on.
  -It’s very simple and easy to follow and allows all 4-Hers to find successes in the 4-H year, plan for the upcoming 4-H year, and master their own form of recordkeeping.
• If a 4-Her would like to apply for a county project award, the process remains the same. They can complete the Basic, Experienced, and Advanced recordkeeping forms. Records books are due to the office by September 30 if applying for a county award.
Any questions about the record book process, please let Lindsay know.
2020 State Fair Results
The following represented Webster County at the Iowa State Fair. We are extremely proud of our 4-Hers!

Emma Alstott: Clothing Selection, Participation; Educational Presentation, Merit.
Maggie Anderlik: Market Beef, 1 Purple, 1st in Class, Champion Hereford Market Beef.
Jaedyn Condon: Breeding Beef, Blue.
Katie Delaney: $15 Challenge, Participation, Top 5 Class Award.
Isabel Gruver: Educational Presentation, Merit.
Sasha Hess: Educational Presentation, Excellence.
Sylvia Hess: Educational Presentation, Merit.
Ignatius Kirby: $15 Challenge, Participation.
Ava Larson: Swine, 3 Purple, 1 Blue, 2nd in Class, 3rd in Class.
Kara McGonegle: Educational Presentation, Excellence.
Victoria Pavik: Fashion Revue, Participation, Top 5 Class Award.
Nathan Rethwisch: Educational Presentation, Excellence; Extemporaneous Speaking, Excellence.
Alyssa Spech: Extemporaneous Speaking, Merit.
Liberty Suchan: Market Beef, 1 Blue.
Spencer Suchan: Breeding Beef, Blue, 3rd in Class.
Ryan Wicklein: Breeding Beef, Purple, 1st in Class.
Jillian Woodruff: Swine, 1 Purple, 2 Blue, 1st in Class.

Congratulations!

2021 Fair Dates
The fair is scheduled for July 14-18, 2021.
We are looking forward to it!
A couple more volunteers are needed to help plan the fair (new ideas are always welcome) and/or help during the week of fair. If interested, please contact Lindsay at the office.

Photography Rule Update for 2021
During a traditional year, any photography exhibit brought to the fair must have been taken since fair ended the previous year. For example, this year the photographs must have been taken since July 15, 2019. However, since we didn’t get to have the judging portion in 2020, the time frame will be extended for next year to allow 4-Hers to bring these photography exhibits as well as any photos taken this year.

For 2021, all photography exhibits must have been taken since July 15, 2019. Any questions, please contact Lindsay at lindsayk@iastate.edu

Monsanto
Local farmer, Dave Carlton, recently directed a $2,500 America’s Farmers Grow Communities donation, sponsored by Bayer Fund, to the Webster County 4-H program. Our program is extremely thankful and grateful for this generous donation.

- The America’s Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by Bayer Fund, partners with farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits to help their communities.
- Through the program, farmers enroll for the chance to direct a $2,500 donation to a local eligible nonprofit organization of their choice.
- The America’s Farmers programs have given more than $57 million to rural America since 2010.

Each August, farmers can enter for the chance to direct a $2,500 Grow Communities donation to a local eligible nonprofit of their choice (schools, food banks, youth agriculture programs, etc) that reflect the spirit and support the vibrancy of rural America. “Farmers truly understand the needs of their communities and where the opportunities to strengthen them exist. We partner with them to identify the nonprofit organizations that benefit from Grow Communities donations,” said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president. “Each donation shines a light on the organizations that are making a positive difference in rural communities across the country. Bayer Fund is proud to partner with farmers to give back in rural America.”

To learn how you can be an America’s Farmers Grow Communities recipient, visit www.AmericasFarmers.com.

The America’s Farmers Grow Communities 2021 program will kick off on August 1, 2020, and farmers will once again have the opportunity to enroll for a chance to direct a donation to a local eligible nonprofit of their choice.
WEBSTER COUNTY 4-H

RIFLE DISCIPLINE

4-H Safety and Education in Shooting Sports (SESS) uses skills and disciplines of shooting to assist youth and their leaders in obtaining knowledge and developing life skills.

- Learn safe and responsible use of firearms including sound decision, self-discipline, and concentration
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior
- Encourage understanding of our natural resources and the development of a personal environment stewardship ethic through participation in shooting, hunting, and related activities.

2020-2021 Schedule
Meetings are held from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on:
Saturday, September 12
Saturday, October 10
Saturday, November 14
Saturday, December 12
Saturday, January 9
Saturday, February 13
Saturday, March 13
Saturday, April 10

Location
Rifle & Pistol Club of Fort Dodge
300 S. 13th St. (brick building behind Funeral Home)

Items Needed
Hearing protection, safety glasses, and masks
Completed and signed waivers
Wear jeans, closed toed shoes, and hair pulled back

Leaders
Thank you to our leaders! Please contact with any questions: Guy Miller (515-571-0520), Matt Lundberg, and Richard Eslick
Webster County Record Keeping & Awards

Celebrate your hard work and achievements in Webster County 4-H from the 2019-2020 year!

Now is the time to put all of your information together for your record keeping. The purpose of 4-H recordkeeping is to teach you how to keep records, which is an important life skill. Recordkeeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. Visit our website to view details, suggestions, and the forms needed for your record book. There is also a new format available called “My 4-H Tracker.” This is very simple way to keep track of your records and goals throughout your 4-H years. More details and the fillable form are found on our website:

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/webster/page/4-h-club-resources

Listed below are the award criteria. Eligible 4-Hers and their families will be invited to the fall awards banquet and will be recognized (details pending based on Covid guidelines).

The tentative date for the awards banquet will be held on Sunday, November 22 at the Starlite Village in Fort Dodge.

Club Level Awards-
Record keeping systems are due to your club leaders by your September club meeting to be considered for club level awards. These are then turned into the Extension Office by your club leader to be considered for county awards.

Junior Achievement (Completed 4th-6th grade)
-Completed a record keeping system and turned into your club leader
-Completed one or more presentations during the year for your club
-Completed 3 project areas in your record keeping (may or may not have exhibited at the fair)
-Participated in 75% of your club’s meetings or activities

Intermediate Achievement (Completed 7th-8th grade)
-Completed a record keeping system and turned into your club leader
-Completed one or more presentations during the year for your club
-Completed 3 project areas in your record keeping (may or may not have exhibited at the fair)
-Participated in 75% of your club’s meetings or activities

Senior Achievement (Completed 9th-12th grade)
-Completed a record keeping system and turned into your club leader
-Completed one or more presentations during the year for your club
-Completed 3 project areas in your record keeping (may or may not have exhibited at the fair)
-Participated in 75% of your club’s meetings or activities
-Citizenship and/or leadership contributed must be recorded in your record keeping information (these do not need to be 4-H related)

Officer Awards
-Completed officer training materials and were returned to the office by the winter deadline
-Satisfactorily carry out the duties of the office
-Turn into the Extension Office club records which support work as a club officer– secretary, treasurer, and historian books

County Awards-
Record keeping system is turned into the Extension Office by September 30 for review.
-To apply, must be at least intermediate age
-Submitted at least two years of records for the project area (current year and previous year)
-Included expenses and more than just the summary
-Goals and growth in the project areas are reviewed by the evaluating committee
-Citizenship, leadership, communication, and expenses for the project are reviewed
-Can only receive the county award once in 4-H career
Check out our website for more details on a new style of record books accepted this year. This is super simple and is a great way to keep track of your year’s progress as well as set goals for upcoming years. Click on “My 4-H Tracker.” [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/webster/page/4-h-club-resources](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/webster/page/4-h-club-resources)

**My 4-H Tracker**

Name: __________________________
Club: __________________________
Grade as of September 1: ______ Years in 4-H: ______
4-H Program Year: ______

**Reflections on My 4-H Year:**

Who helped me?
Click or tap here to enter text.

What was the most fun?
Click or tap here to enter text.

What was my favorite project?
Click or tap here to enter text.

What did I learn from the most?
Click or tap here to enter text.

How can I use what I learned in other parts of my life?
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**Tracking Through the 4-H Year:**

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**Things I want to do next year in 4-H:**

In my club:
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In my projects:
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Other things I would like to try in 4-H:
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Ideas based upon Youth Planning Calendar and Youth Participation Summary – Basic, University of Minnesota Extension. [https://extension.umn.edu/projects-and-money/4-h-record-keeping](https://extension.umn.edu/projects-and-money/4-h-record-keeping)

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/disabilities](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disabilities).
NEW FOR 2021!

We are upgrading to a new Fair Entry system. This system will be accessible and convenient to 4-H families! The benefits include:

- Login with your 4HOnline Account
- Access on any mobile device
- Paper free entries - Submit fair entries at home
- Pay fair entry fees online
- Access all fair results

More information **coming soon**! Contact 576-2119 or indsayk@iastate.edu for more information!

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