



The Clover Leaf

October 2011

Calendar of Events

October

- 1 Record Books, Project and Personal Development Awards, Club Recognition and Teen Council Applications Due
- 2-8 **National 4-H Week**
- 5 **Wear your 4-H shirt to school day**
- 6 Fair Evaluation Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- 6 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- 12 Teen Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- 13 Leaders Training 5:30 P.M.

November

- 1 **New office opens in Mediapolis**
- 3 Awards Interviews
- 3 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- 9 Officer Training 6:00 P.M.
- 10 Fair Sub Committee Meetings
- 12 4H Family and Awards Night
- 16 Fair Sub Committee Meetings
- 17 Fair Sub Committee Meetings

Des Moines County Extension Office is on the move!

The Des Moines County Extension Office will be leaving our current location in Burlington at the end of October. Our new office will be located at **105 West Main Street in Mediapolis**. We will officially start business in Mediapolis on **November 1, 2011**.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - October 2-8

What does your club want to do to promote it? This is a great opportunity to get 4-H in the public eye.

Each club participating in a National 4-H Week Promotional event will receive a prize to be received at Awards Night.

Displays must be up from Monday afternoon October 3rd through Saturday afternoon October 8th.

Please let the Extension office know what you are planning by Friday, September 30. If you have any questions contact Sara at the Extension office.

4-H Enrollment

It is 4-H enrollment time. Current 4-H members are automatically re-enrolled each year. Remember correct information is needed for insurance coverage, to receive the newsletter and other important mailings. Please give information changes to your 4-H leader. **New Members** still need to fill out an enrollment form, health form and Code of Ethics form. Clover Kid Graduates also have to fill out new member enrollment forms. These are available at the Extension Office and online.

Program Activity Fees

The program activity fee is again \$30.00 this year. The Extension Council has agreed to continue paying \$10.00 fee per member and the extra \$20.00 per member will need to be paid through the club. Ask your leader how your 4-H club will be paying this added fee. These are due to Extension office by **December 1**. **One check per club please.**

Judges Training

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach will be holding training for adults interested in becoming a conference judge for youth with 4-H exhibits at county fair. This training will cover positive youth development, how to evaluate, educate and encourage during conference judging and 4-H exhibit expectations and guidelines. This training will be delivered by Iowa State University Extension Youth Program Specialists, current 4-H Judges and youth.

Training for New Judge's will be held on two dates and locations this fall.

Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at the ISU Extension Office - Polk County, 1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona IA. Registration deadline is September 30, 2011 and cost \$15. The training is limited so get your registrations in early. For registration information, visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/judgetrain.htm>

Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds-Activity Building, 2606 E. Burlington Ave., Fairfield, IA. Register by November 4th by contacting the Jefferson Co. Extension Office, at 641/472-4166. Cost for the training is \$20, payable at the door. This cost will cover judge's handbook and name entered in the statewide 4-H Judge's Database.

Training for New 4-H Volunteers and Clover Kids Volunteers

Beginning this fall, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county and regional staff across Iowa will join together to provide first year 4-H volunteers with a newly designed orientation and training program. The program was created by a team of 4-H volunteers, county youth coordinators, and youth program specialists. The new training system supports county and regional staff as they orient and train staff at the county level. In addition, new 4-H and Clover Kids volunteers will participate in a positive youth development training at one of nine locations offered in the fall and spring throughout the state.

REGISTRATION & more information can be found at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/newolregistration.htm>

2012 Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips have returned to report that it has been the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 8 – 16 or June 15 – 23 to attend the trip. 4-H'ers and adult chaperone will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Lincoln's Springfield Home, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshop you'll have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

Cost of the trip is \$1,370. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$350.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration opens October 1, 2011 and closes December 15, 2011.

2012 4-H Youth in Action Award

We are pleased to announce National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual *Youth in Action* award, to be presented at the 4-H *Legacy Awards Gala* in New York City on April 17, 2012! This award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities.

The 4-H *Youth in Action* award is open to 4-H youth and alumni ages 14-19, and applicants should have lead a project, service or event that:

- Identified a problem in their community,
- included 4-H as part of the solution, and made an impact in resolving the issue.

If you know of an outstanding 4-H member that fits this criteria, we are accepting your nominations online at the 4-H.org *Legacy Awards Gala* Website. Once you have nominated a 4-H youth, please encourage them to apply for this distinguished award. Both the nominations and applications can be submitted here:

<http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/>

High School Members Needed!!

4-H members who are in high school are eligible to be on TEEN COUNCIL. The only requirements are to turn in 4-H record books, fill out application form and have an interview with a Youth Committee Member. The new 4-H year is starting and we have lots of new and fun ideas for the fall already. Don't miss the opportunity to build leadership and boost your 4-H resume. Our first meeting of the year will be held on October 12, at 6:30 PM in the Burlington office.

4-H Volunteer Leaders Training

"Health" is an integral part of 4-H and we are reminded of it every time we say the 4-H pledge. Whether you are a novice who wants to learn more or a Master "Clover Chef", join your 4-H volunteer colleagues at the fall 2011 volunteer training. We will "test" our 4-H recipe and check to make sure we are including the essential elements and key ingredients that go into a healthy and robust 4-H program. See what it takes to be a Master Clover Chef – and bring some of your own "secret ingredients" that spice up your club and program to share with others!

This training is part of the statewide 4-H volunteer training and will be held on October 13, at 5:30 PM at the Burlington office.

Please register by contacting the Des Moines County Extension Office by October 10.

4-H Club Officer Training

The 4-H Club Officer Training will be held at the Extension Office on November 9th at 6:00 P.M. This event will be held in the NEW Mediapolis Office. Club Officers will learn the parts of a meeting and the responsibilities of each office. Parliamentary Procedure, guidelines for conducting good business meetings and steps in making a club decision will also be covered. A presentation on opportunities beyond the county will also be covered. Please encourage your officers to attend. Even if you have attended officer training in the past, this meeting is for you. Please RSVP to the office by November 4th if you are planning to attend.

Awards Night / Family Fun Night

This year's Family Fun Night will again be combined with the 4-H Awards Night. The Event will be held at the YMCA/YWCA in Burlington on November 12th at 7:00 PM. Awards will be presented to those hard working 4-H members and adults. All 4-H'ers and families are invited to attend this event (including Clover Kids). It is not exclusively for award winners. Clover Kids members will be recognized and a picture taken. After the awards program, everyone will have access to all of the recreational facilities at the Y. The swimming pool will again be open this year. **Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.** Please make sure your parents are aware of this rule at the YMCA. Don't miss out on the fun that is planned!

Know a Deserving Adult?

If you know of someone you think should be considered for one of the adult volunteer awards, please submit their name to the Extension office by Thursday October 6. Read the descriptions below and call in suggestions for candidates at 754-7556 or 800-914-1914. Awards will be presented at this years 4H Awards & Family Night.

Meritorious Service Award - this award is given to a person(s) who has contributed greatly to the 4-H program. They could be involved in a variety of ways and do not need to be a current volunteer, but should have been involved over a period of time.

Alumni Award - this award is presented to someone who was a 4-H member and has had a successful career in their chosen field and contributed to their community. They do not necessarily need to be involved in 4-H currently or as an adult.

Honorary Member - this award is given to an individual's who was NOT a 4-H member but has become involved in the 4-H program as an adult. They should have been involved over a period of time and in a variety of ways, although they do not need to be a current 4-H volunteer.

4-H Newsletter Now On-Line

As requested, the Des Moines County 4-H Newsletter, *The Clover Leaf*, is now available on-line at the following URL:

www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/kidsteens.htm

Intermediate Clothing Event

On Friday August 5, 2011 thirty-one Intermediate 4H members from 14 counties participated in a one day workshop to improve upon their clothing and fashion knowledge. Additionally they had the opportunity to gain insight on self-esteem and were given the opportunity to show off their clothing projects with a style show.

The participants heard from Sarah Butler, independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics, 4H Judge and former 4H member with a rich history in Fashion Review. Sarah shared the BODX system to determine body types, what our dominant color characteristics are, the 16 point accessory rule and much more on understanding how to make the best choices based on the individual body characteristics we each have.

To close out the morning small group discussions focused on how values affect decisions we make and how that relates to self-esteem.

The day wrapped up with a style show with all participants showcasing their clothing and fashion projects which included clothing construction, clothing selection and the \$15 Challenge.

New friends were made, insight gained and lots of note taking on how to make the best choices for our individual uniqueness, staying true to the 4H motto, "To Make the Best Better". Des Moines County Members Sophia Breuer and Allie Massner participated in the event.

A Family History Class for TEENS

On Monday, October 10th from 5 – 7 PM the Burlington Public Library is offering Keys to the Past. This program is directed at teens to learn the basics of genealogy research. Please join Lynn for food & learn easy tricks to unlock some old family mysteries! You can use what you learn as a 4-H project or exhibit at next years county fair.

Interested youth should sign up in advance if possible, no later than earlier in the day on October 10th.

On the Web

Have you checked out the Des Moines County Extension website? Here you can find all kinds of 4H news, links and forms. All at the click of a mouse. Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/>

Become a friend of Des Moines County Extension Facebook!

Search for Iowa State University Extension, Des Moines County

Fair Sub Committee Meetings

These meetings will be held at the New Mediapolis Office

105 West Main Street

Thursday, November 10

Communications	4:30 P.M.
Clothing	5:00 P.M.
Exhibit Hall	5:30 P.M.
Sheep	6:00 P.M.
Goats	7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 16

Rabbit/Poultry	5:30 P.M.
Dairy	6:00 P.M.
Beef	6:30 P.M.
Bucket Bottle	7:30 P.M.

Thursday, November 17

Dog	5:00 P.M.
Livestock Judging	5:00 P.M.
Cat/Small Pet	5:30 P.M.
Horse	5:30 P.M.
Swine	6:30 P.M.

Fair Premium Match

Any Des Moines County 4-H or FFA member that has bought **start to finish** any livestock feeds for the current county fair year, Sperry Union Store will match all regular livestock show premiums. For more information on this great opportunity please contact the Sperry Union Store, 11721 Locust Street, Sperry Ia, 319-985-2169. Those members who have benefited from this generous donation in the past please be sure to thank Sperry Union Store!!

Special Awards at the Des Moines County Fair

Mediapolis Telephone Co. and Danville Telecom
Electronics Award – Dalton Shadle

Best Horticulture Project sponsored by the Zaiser
Family – Jacey Hicks

Petal Pushers Award for Best Original Art – Mary
Breuer

Best Gladiolus in Memory of Lyle and Marilyn Lucas -
Mikala Denney

Best Self Determined in Memory of Lyle and Marilyn
Lucas - Jayce Malone

Best Leadership in Memory of Lyle and Marilyn Lucas
- Sam DeBerg

Kerr Photography Theme Award by Jeff Kerr– Laith
Smith

Best Picture by a 4th Grader by Jeff Kerr - Mikenna
Crews

Des Moines County Photography by Lane Family -
Monica Edle

Intermediate Clothing Award in Memory of Agnes
Breuer – Sophia Breuer

Club Booth Awards: 1st: Prairie Stars, 2nd: Sperry
Sod Busters, 3rd: Town and Kountry Kids.

Iowa State Fair Participants

Livestock

Market Sheep - Alex Edmonds, Savannah Keitzer,
Katlyn Malone, Curtis Messer, Alayna Vantiger, Emily
Wischmeier, John Wischmeier

Breeding Sheep – Brianna Eberhardt, Alex Edmonds,
Savannah Keitzer, Katelyn Malone, Curtis Messer,
Alayna Vantiger

Sheep Performance – Alex Edmonds, Savannah
Keitzer, Katlyn Malone, Curtis Messer, Alayna Vanti-
ger, Emily Wischmeier, John Wischmeier

Market Beef – Jacob Darbyshire, Kori McLaughlin

Breeding Beef – Kayla Beckman, Jacob Darbyshire,
Kolton Malone

Beef of Merit (Live) – Samuel Lane, Wyatt Orr

Derby Swine – Sammi Beckman, Joshua Denney, Mi-
kala Denney, Andrea Larson, Carolyne Nelson, Wyatt
Nelson, Katelyn Orr, Wyatt Orr, Brady Pfeiff, Dustin
Pfeiff

Market Swine – Sammi Beckman, Joshua Denney, An-
drea Larson, Carolyne Nelson, Wyatt Nelson, Katelyn
Orr, Wyatt Orr, Brady Pfeiff, Dustin Pfeiff

Breeding Swine – Carolyne Nelson, Wyatt Orr

Rabbits – Austin Faeth, Ethan Faeth

Horses – Austin Faeth, Ethan Faeth, Danielle Williams,
Micaela Williams

Communications

Working Exhibits – Grace Breuer, Carly Darnell, Sam-
uel Lane and Savannah Keitzer, Emma Snavelly

Educational Presentations – Sophia Breuer, Ashley
McAninch, Dalton Shadle, Jared Shadle

Share The Fun – Town & Kountry Kids

Exhibit Building

Ag & Natural Resources – Ashley Hedges, Brock
Stover, Alayna Vantiger

Animals – Mikala Denney

Child Development – Brittany Pfadenhauer

Communications Poster – Baret Ertzinger, Savannah
Keitzer, Samuel Lane

Consumer & Management – Sarah DeBerg, Brody Reis

Food & Nutrition – Elizabeth Frevert, Brittany Lanz,
Allie Massner, Abigail Renfro, Aubrey Siegle, Emma
Snavelly, Carlee Whitaker

Health – Wil DeBerg

Home Improvement – Joshua Denney, Hannah
Hillyard, Victoria Ita, Kyler Johnson, Kaci Keitzer,
Abby Maddox, Rory Wagenbach

Music – Baret Ertzinger

Personal Development – Sam DeBerg, Jayce Malone

Photography – Laine Bullinger, Wil DeBerg, Joshua
Denney, Kimberlee Ewart, Rachel Holsteen, Kyler
Johnson, Brady Pfeiff, Daphne Pulford, Chloe Siegle,
Nicole Witte

Science, Engineering, & Tech. – Treyton Hartman, Wil
Breuer, Alden Tucker

Sewing & Needle Art – Abby Eberhardt, Hannah
Gnann, Emma Snavelly

Visual Arts – Mary Breuer, Abbey Coleman, Victoria
Ita, Sammie Petersen



Important
4-H Information Enclosed!



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