ISU Extension and Outreach rolled out a new design for monthly 4-H Newsletters! The goal is to streamline the “look” for Iowa 4-H across the state. All the same important information will be found in this newsletter! Don’t let the new look throw you a curve ball! If you have any questions navigating the information included in the Green Gazette, please contact Chelsea Cousins at ccousins@iastate.edu or 712-623-2592.

4-H Families,
The 2016 Montgomery County Fair is right around the corner! This newsletter is full of upcoming dates and important reminders. Please read carefully.

Fair Books are finished! Fair books will be distributed at June 4-H Club meetings.

Montgomery County Exhibitors will be using the Fair Entry system again this year. Fair Entry will be open from June 1st to July 1st. ALL entries/projects need to be submitted to Fair Entry by July 1 at 4:30 PM. There will be 2 Fair Entry Help Sessions held for new families and exhibitors that need assistance. For complete details, refer to page 2.

Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitors, pay special attention to the information and dates for Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Banding this month. *Change to 2016 — ALL rabbits must be tattooed. Meat rabbits must be tattooed by Curtis Woods.

We are excited to share a new opportunity regarding Clover Kids participation in working livestock exhibits during Fair. Please refer to the Animal Share Program on page 4 for complete details. 4-H mentors needed!

Summer Day Camps are open for registration! Registration deadline is June 3rd. Day Camps are open to ALL youth in Montgomery County. Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate. Volunteers needed - please contact the Extension office if you’d like to volunteer!

Best, Chelsea

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Welcome Erin DeKay — 2016 Summer Assistant!

Erin DeKay is the 2016 Summer Assistant! She joined ISU Extension and Outreach Montgomery County on May 23rd and we couldn’t be more excited to have her on board. Erin graduated from Stanton Community High School in 2014 and was an active member of the Stanton Strivers 4-H Club for nine years. She was involved in static, livestock, and communications exhibits throughout her years in 4-H. She is currently a junior at Iowa State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science with an interest in Ag Communications. After graduation Erin hopes to work within the swine or cattle industry to promote awareness of animal agriculture. Join us in welcoming Erin back to Montgomery County for the summer. Stop by the office or shoot her an email to welcome her! Erin’s email: cosw_eedekay@iastate.edu.

Fair Entry

Fair will be here before we know it! It’s time to get your entries submitted! Montgomery County will be using the Fair Entry system again this year. As a reminder, Fair Entry works side-by-side with 4hOnline. All livestock information verified or entered on 4hOnline will be in the Fair Entry system. You will simply be confirming the animals you want to bring to the 2016 Montgomery County Fair. Fair Entry is also where you select divisions and classes.

Fair Entry will be available online to submit entries from June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2016 at 4:30 PM. No late entries will be accepted. Beef Exhibitors—pen fees are due to the Extension office no later than July 1st at 4:30 PM.

*Change to 2016—ALL static exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry by July 1st. This will require you to identify the project you plan to bring. When you arrive at judging day, you will simply pick up a completed and printed tag to attach to your project. No more waiting in line to fill out tags!

Be sure to go all the way through the Fair Entry process to submit entries. You will receive a confirmation email notifying the entries have been submitted. Once Extension staff approves the entries, you may login and enter more exhibits to be approved until July 1st at 4:30 PM.

Help sheets will be sent to each family including instructions on submitting entries to Fair Entry. Help Sheets are also available on 4hOnline and the Montgomery County Extension website. Please note — FFA members will have a different set of directions than 4-H members. There will be two Fair Entry Help Sessions held on:

- **Saturday, June 25th** from 8:00 AM-10:00 AM
- **Wednesday, June 29th** from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Please DO NOT wait until the last minute to submit your fair entries. The “help sessions” are open to all 4-H exhibitors and families. Extension staff will assist exhibitors in submitting entries. However, please do not expect Extension staff to do it for you. Help Sessions are geared towards new families and exhibitors without internet access.

If you cannot make one of the Help Sessions, but need assistance, please feel free to stop by the office Monday—Friday from 8:00 AM—4:30 PM. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me at ccousins@iastate.edu, give us a call at 712-623-2592! We are happy to help!
MEAT RABBIT ORDERS AND TATTOO DAY

If you have not paid for your meat rabbits, please do by Tuesday, May 31st (cash or check made out to Curtis Woods will be accepted).

Exhibitors are required to pick up rabbits on Friday, June 3rd at 6 PM at the Extension Office. The lottery system will be used again this year for selecting rabbits. If you cannot pickup your rabbits, be sure to delegate a family member or friend to pickup for you.

Rabbit Tattoo Day will be held Saturday, June 4th from 8 AM to 10 AM at the Fairgrounds. *Change in 2016 — ALL rabbits must be tattooed! Meat rabbits must be tattooed by Curtis Woods, Rabbit Superintendent, on June 4th. All other rabbits need to be tattooed by owner or attend Rabbit Tattoo Day. Tattoo identification is required in Fair Entry.

Don’t forget to identify your participation in the rabbit project in 4hOnline by June 22nd! Submit all rabbit entries to Fair Entry by July 1st.

POULTRY BANDING DAY

Banding Day will be held June 18 from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Fairgrounds. Poultry branding is required for any meat production poultry. This includes market broilers! Identify breeding poultry in 4hOnline by June 22nd! Submit all poultry entries to Fair Entry by July 1st.

HORSE UPDATE

You MUST attend a MINIMUM of THREE meetings in order to show at the Fair. This requirement was approved at our first Horse Project meeting by all in attendance and has also been approved by the Youth Committee. Meetings are every Thursday night at the arena from 7 to 8 or 8:30 PM thru July 7th. If you are unable to attend on Thursday nights, please contact one of the superintendents to set up a time that will work for you so you can meet the minimum requirements.

Please keep up with our Facebook Page (Horsin’ Around in Montgomery County Iowa) for workshop schedules, spur-of-the-moment workshops, and miscellaneous horse health, riding, and care tips. Superintendents: TJ Leonard (370.3700), Tiffany Powell (724.910.1598), Alix Kammerer (621.7147) or Will Sampson (310.2231).

FSQA

All youth in grades 4-12 showing livestock are required to be FSQA certified by July 1st! There are no more trainings available by Montgomery County. However, we will be holding a testing only day for exhibitors that need to test. The testing day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Extension office. Registration is required. Contact Chelsea at ccousins@iastate.edu or 712-623-2592.
**SUMMER DAY CAMPS**

Check out the fun, hands-on summer day camps available! Mark your calendars and register by June 3rd! Day Camps are open to all youth—so bring your friends and share with non-4H families! *See attached flyers for registration.*

June 15: Digging Up Dinosaurs: K-3; 9 AM to 3 PM
June 22: Planet Energy; 4—6 grades; 9 AM to 3 PM
June 29: Farm Adventures; 3-6 grades; 9 AM to 3 PM

*ATTENTION Parents - If you’d like to volunteer for a day camp, please contact Erin DeKay at the Extension office at 712-623-2592.

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**CLOVER KIDS AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR**

Calling all Clover Kids! We invite any child who has attended a Clover Kid event (afterschool program, day camp) in the past year to participate at the 2016 Montgomery County Fair.

*NEW this year — Animal Share Program! The Animal Share Program is a great way for Clover Kids to get started in a livestock project area. Clover Kids have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning and exhibiting age appropriate livestock. Appropriate animals for this age (K—3rd grade) are goat, lamb, rabbit and poultry. Clover Kids can select up to 2 working livestock projects and be paired with an experienced 4-Her who participates in the specific project selected. 4-Hers will share their animal with a Clover Kid and teach him/her about the health, nutrition and environmental needs of the selected animal. 4-Hers will act as a “mentor” in the show area and assist the Clover Kid while exhibiting. There will be a special Clover Kids Livestock Show on Saturday, July 16th at 3:00 PM.*

Clover Kids are also invited to participate in the Static Showcase, Table Setting, Fashion Review, $15 Challenge, Clothing Selection and a Scavenger Hunt!

For more information, pick up a Clover Kids 2016 Fair Guide from the Extension office or request a digital copy from Chelsea at ccousins@iastate.edu.

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**4—H MENTORS FOR ANIMAL SHARE PROGRAM**

We are looking for experienced 4-H members in the area of goat, sheep, rabbit and poultry to volunteer as a 4-H Mentor for the Animal Share Program. You will be required to meet with your paired Clover Kid during the week of fair to teach the Clover Kid about your animal. We will provide a brief training for 4-H Mentors. If you volunteer as a mentor, it is required you assist the Clover Kid during a Clover Kids Show on Saturday, July 16th at 3:00 PM. Contact Chelsea for details at ccousins@iastate.edu. Great opportunity 4-H members!
Congratulations to Kendra Top, daughter of Arlin and Lora Top, is the 2016 recipient of the 4-H County Youth Council Scholarship.

Top is a senior at Southwest Valley High School and an active member of Montgomery County 4-H. She belongs to the East Sunrisers 4-H club. The $100 scholarship will be used for post-secondary education. Top plans include attending Northwest Missouri State University as an education major.

CONGRATS MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H SENIORS

Colin Bruce | Lincoln Hustlers
Marcel Confer | Stanton Strivers
Jessalyn Davis | Buckaroos
Devin Druienga | Stanton Strivers
Dustin Isaacson | Stanton Strivers
Brooke Janssen | Lincoln Hustlers
Brady Johnson | Stanton Strivers
Tony Klocke | East Sunrisers
Jake Lindgren | Stanton Strivers
Isabelle Perkins | Lincoln Hustlers
Clay Selberg | Lincoln Hustlers
Kendra Top | East Sunrisers
Hayden VanMeter | Lincoln Hustlers
Rob Vial | Grant Spitfires
Cassie Vrabel | Lincoln Hustlers

SENIORS! — PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

Please fill out and return the following information:

Name__________________________________________
Parents’ Names___________________________________
Hometown ________________________________________
Club _____________________________________________
Favorite 4-H Activity _____________________________
Future Plans_____________________________________

Please fill out and return this form AND a wallet-sized senior picture to Erin DeKay at the Extension Office by Monday, June 13th! Thank you!
COUNTY FAIR DEADLINES

All market beef, breeding beef, sheep, goats, swine, horses, and dogs should have been entered/verified on 4hOnline by May 15th!

Rabbits and Poultry are due June 22nd on 4hOnline! Be sure to enter in the project area on 4hOnline so you are included in the project area communication (emails, important deadlines, etc.).

All fair entries must be submitted in the online Fair Entry system by July 1st at 4:30 PM!

Beef Exhibitors—be sure to have your pen fees turned into the Extension office no later than July 1 at 4:30 PM.

IOWA STATE FAIR

Beef, swine, sheep and goats were required to be nominated during weigh-in’s for the Iowa State Fair. Those animals nominated will now be required to submit additional paperwork. Dogs and horses were required to be entered online by May 15th. All other animals such as rabbits must have their information on 4hOnline by June 22nd.

ALL Iowa State Fair entries are due to the Extension office by July 1, 2016. Please note this will be an additional entry to the Montgomery County Fair Entry process. Check with the Extension office to get fully enrolled for the Iowa State Fair! ENTRY FORMS are available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair.

2016 Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book – NOW POSTED!

The 2016 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Premium Book is now posted at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock. This is THE site for all things livestock related to the State Fair!

AK—SAR—BEN LIVESTOCK SHOW

All market beef, swine, sheep and goats were required to be nominated during weigh-in’s for the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show. June 15th—breeding beef nominations due to the Extension office. July 1st—final day to order/enter market broiler chicks for Ak-Sar-Ben. August 8th—final day to submit all entries to the Extension office for Ak-Sar-Ben.

FAIR BOOKS ARE FINISHED!

Fair books are ready for pick up at the Extension office! Leaders - please pick up your books and distribute as soon as possible. The fair book can also be viewed and downloaded online at Extension office website and 4hOnline. Please be sure to read over each of your project areas. Several changes were made to the schedule for 2016 — read carefully!

2016 FAIR THEME — DIVE INTO NEW DEPTHS!
FAIR QUEEN

The Montgomery County Fair Queen, sponsored by the Montgomery County Fair Board, will be crowned on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:30 PM at the Fairgrounds Auditorium. To qualify, contestants must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the State Fair (Aug. 11, 2016), have not been married, be enrolled in school (or be a high school graduate), and be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community. Candidates must be in attendance on Sunday, June 26th judging at 4:00 PM at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Lower Level Conference Center in Red Oak.

The Fair Queen is a very important part of Fair, as she is visible throughout the week, attends Fair events, hands out ribbons and has numerous photo opportunities. The Fair Queen also represents Montgomery County at the Iowa State Fair in August. Stop by the Extension office or contact us for an application.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FAIR

All 4-H and FFA members who need special accommodations during judging times can fill out a request form at the Extension Office or on Fair Entry when signing up projects by July 1, 2016. All special accommodation requests need to be submitted no later than July 1st at 4:30 PM to the Extension office. Information needed: 4-H member name, 4-H club, special accommodation request and details, member signature and parent/guardian signature.

BEST OF THE SOUTHWEST SHOOTOUT

Exciting Opportunity for County Fair Champions in the following species: Market and Breeding Beef, Goats, Sheep and Swine. The Best of the Southwest Shootout will be held Saturday, July 30th at Westfair in Council Bluffs. This is an invitation only event for the following counties: Adair, Adams, Cass, East Pottawattamie, Fremont, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Taylor, Union and West Pottawattamie.

In each county, the following Grand Champions will be invited: Breeding Heifer, Breeding Doe, Breeding Ewe, Breeding Gilt, Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Lamb and Market Hog. If the Champion chooses not to participate, the Reserve will be invited. If the reserve declines that county will not be represented in that area. Same Animal/Same Showman.

Your Montgomery County contact person is Dennis Quist.

2016 IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration is open through June 1 for the regular registration fee of $175. We will accept registration for a late fee of $200 through June 10. A registration link can be found on the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference web page:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.
2016 SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Registration Fee: $20 per camp—including supplies, snacks and insurance. Youth need to bring a lunch. Financial assistance is available. Contact the Extension office at 712.623.2582 to obtain an application.
Registration due by June 3rd to Montgomery County ISU Extension and Outreach, 400 Bridge Street, Suite 2, Red Oak, IA 51566. Upon registration, a completed health form is required for all non-4-H participants.

Digging Up Dinosaurs: K-3; June 15 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.
Explore the mighty dinosaurs traveling back millions of years ago to the days when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Discover how dinosaurs lived and how big they were. Enjoy dinosaur crafts and become a paleontologist as you discover fossils.

Planet Energy: 4-6 grades; June 22 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Youth will work with members of a team to design, create, build, and test wind-powered devices. Youth will visit a local farm to explore wind as a potential energy source in their community and how wind turbines power a farming operation.

Farm Adventures: 3-6 grades; June 29 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Meet at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Slip on your boots and join us for a fun, educational and hands-on day camp at the VanMeter Farm. Learn about farm safety, livestock and crop production right here in Montgomery County. Youth will explore a local farm operation and discover a variety of interesting facts about cattle, corn, soybeans and farm equipment.

Registration is not final until payment has been received.

Name:________________________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________
City:________________ State:________ ZIP:________________
Day Camp(s):_________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name:________________________ Email:_________________________
Grade:_________________________ 4-H Participant:________ Non-4-H Participant:________

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. 4H0003B Apr. 2015 The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.
2016 Iowa 4-H Summer STEM Camps

More than just Camping: A Learning Experience in the Great Outdoors

STEM Survival Camp - Sunday, June 5-Thursday, June 9, 2016 (5th-7th grades)
Location: Iowa 4-H Center - Madrid, Iowa
Learn the skills you will need to survive a zombie apocalypse, including archery, rock climbing, shelter making, and more. By the end of the week, you will be able to handle whatever situations life may throw at you.

Science Explorers Camp - Sunday, June 26-Thursday, June 30, 2016 (5th-7th grades)
Location: Iowa 4-H Center - Madrid, Iowa
Learn about how local plants thrive, how birds fly, why Iowa soil is black, and how people have lived off of Iowa’s land. By using nature, historical artifacts, and technology, campers will look at various parts of the world to gain a better understanding of the world.

DaVinCi Design Camp (6th-8th grades) - Sunday, June 26-Thursday, June 30, 2016
Location: Iowa 4-H Center - Madrid, Iowa
Gets youth immersed in activity through real life design and simulation forming teams to tackle challenges and collaborate with teams. Campers at Design Camps will also get involved in traditional outdoor activities, including hiking, wall climbing, archery, and more.

Design Dimensions Camp (10th - 12th grades) - Sunday, July 10-Friday, July 15, 2016
Location: Iowa State University Campus & Iowa 4-H Center - Madrid, Iowa
This camp will teach youth what it is like to be in college by visiting Iowa State’s College of Design and taking part in college-structured courses while learning about the principles of design and space.

There are state and country scholarships available. Contact the Extension office for more information.
Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

May 30: Extension office closed for Memorial Day
June 1: Babysitter Workshop 9 AM to 3 PM at MCMH
      Fair Entry OPENS
      Deadline to register for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
June 3: Meat rabbit pick up 6 PM at the Extension office
      Deadline to register for Summer Day Camps
June 4: Rabbit Tattoo Day 8 AM to 10 AM at the Fairgrounds *All rabbits must be tattooed.*
June 5: Youth County Council meeting 5 PM at the Extension office
June 12-15: Camp WILD—Jr. Camp
June 15: Digging Up Dinosaurs Day Camp
      Red Oak Clover Kids 5 PM at the Extension office
      4-H and Youth Committee 7 PM at the Extension office
June 16: Stanton Clover Kids at Viking Center 3:30 PM
June 16-17: Fremont County Horse Camp-contact Tiff at 742.910.1598 for info
June 18: Poultry Banding day 9-11 AM at the Fairgrounds
June 21: FSQA Testing Only 1-4 PM at the Extension office *pre-registration is required*
June 22: Planet Energy Day Camp
June 23-25: Page County Horse Camp-contact Tiff at 742.910.1598 for info
June 25: Fair Entry Help Session 8-10 AM at the Extension office
June 29: Farm Adventures Day Camp
      Fair Entry Help Session 6-8 PM at the Extension office
June 28-30: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference—Dive into New Depths

Looking ahead:
July 1: FAIR ENTRY CLOSES AT 4:30 PM—Entry fees to the Extension office
July 11: Fair Setup Day 8 AM at the Fairgrounds
July 12-17: Montgomery County Fair!
July 18: Fair Clean Up Day 8 AM at the Fairgrounds

Club Meetings:
1st Wednesday: East Sunrisers 7pm @ Villisca Middle School
1st Saturday: Stanton Strivers 10am @ Stanton Community Room
2nd Sunday: Buckaroos 12 pm @ Extension Office
            Pilot Grove Punchers 1pm @ Extension Office
            Lincoln Hustlers 5pm @ Wales Church
            Grant Spitfires 6pm @ White Fair Building

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montgomerycountyfair.fairentry.com

For “All Things Fair”, please visit:

extension.iastate.edu/Montgomery