

## ❖ 4-H & YOUTH\* (cont.)



**June 15-23 Citizenship Washington Focus**  
9th-12th grade 4-H'ers learn essential civic leadership skills and leave with the tools that will allow them to bring about real change in their communities. Learn more and register at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>

**June 26-28 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference**  
Theme: "Your Passport to Adventure." Three days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. For more information, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

**July 19-22, 2018 North Iowa Fair**



**August 9-19, 2018 Iowa State Fair**

## ❖ ON-LINE AG PROGRAMS

Farm Economics: Current Issues  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/feci](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/feci)

## ❖ COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF

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## ❖ EXTENSION HELP NUMBERS

**Family Answer Line** 800-262-3804  
Questions related to home & family.  
TTD: 800-854-1658

**Hortline** 515-294-3108  
Lawn, garden, & landscape questions.

**Iowa Concern Hotline** 800-447-1985  
24-hour financial, legal, & family questions.

**Porkline** 800-808-7675  
Swine production & marketing mgmt.

**Healthy Families** 800-369-2229  
24-hour prenatal health care information.

**ISU Continuing Ed** 800-262-0015  
Off-campus credit courses non-credit conferences.

**Teen Line** 800-443-8336

**ISU Extension Web Page**  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/)

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Crop Advantage-Mason City

Friday, January 12, 2018  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
NIACC, Mason City



# Cerro Gordo County **EXTENSION NEWSLETTER!!**



## Winter 2018 Programs and Services

**Cerro Gordo County Extension**  
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## ❖ AGRICULTURE\*



\*Questions? Call Cerro Gordo County Extension at 641-423-0844.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo)

### Pesticide Applicator Testing locations:

Location	Cost	Phone
NIACC-Mason City	\$10	888-466-4222
Borlaug Ctr, Nashua	\$10	641-435-4864
DMACC, Ankeny	\$20	515-281-8591

### PPAT Continuing Instruction dates for 2018:

Date	Time	Location
Jan. 10	9:30 am	Borlaug Center, Nashua
Jan. 11	9:30 am	Mitchell Co, VFW, Osage
Jan. 12	All Day	Crop Advantage, M. C.
Feb. 2	1:30 pm	Hampton Country Club
Feb. 22	7:00 pm	Methodist Church, Manly
Mar. 13	7:00 pm	Roseville Church, C.C.
Mar. 29	7:00 pm	Mitchell Co. Ext., Osage

[www.extension.iastate.edu/psep](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep)

**Ag Decision Maker** – information for farmers  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/)

**Jan. 1 New Year's Day-Extension Office Closed**  
8:00 am-4:30 pm, Mason City.

**Jan. 6 Women and the Land**  
1– 3:30 pm, Clear Lake Public Library. The program is free and open to the public.

**Jan. 12 Crop Advantage Conference**  
9 am - 4 pm, NIACC, Mason City.  
Pre-register at [www.cropadvantage.org](http://www.cropadvantage.org)



**Jan. 19 GrowingOn 2018**  
9:30 am-12:30 pm, Surf Ballroom, Clear Lake.  
Farm Credit Services.

**Jan. 27 North Central Iowa Beef Conference**  
9:00 am - 2:30 pm, Ellsworth Comm. College,  
705 Ellsworth Ave., Iowa Falls.

**Feb. 13 PAT-Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Management**  
9-11:30 am, Cerro Gordo Extension. For Cat. 1A, 1B, 1C, & 10. \$35 before Feb. 6.

**Feb. 22 Private Pesticide Applicators Recert.**  
7 pm, Methodist Church, Manly.

**Feb. 27 Confinement Site Manure Applicator Recertification**  
1:30 pm, 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Events Center, Mason City.



**Feb. 28 PAT-Seed Treatment**  
9-11:30 am, CGC Extension office. For Categories 4 & 10. \$35 before Feb. 21.

**Mar. 7 Pesticide Applicator Training-Ornamental & Turf Applicators**  
9-11:30 am, CGC Extension office. For Categories 30, 3T, 3OT, & 10. \$35 by Feb. 28.

**Mar. TBA Women, Land & Legacy Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. meal, 6-8 p.m., Extension office.  
Program and date will be planned in January.

**Mar. 21 Pesticide Applicator Training-Certified Handlers**  
9-11:30 am, CGC Extension office.  
For Handlers. \$35 before Mar. 14.



**Mar. 21 M.C. Chamber Ag Breakfast**  
7 am, North Iowa Fairgrounds, Mason City.

## ❖ COMMUNITIES\*



**Jan. 8 Extension Council Organizational Mtg.**  
7 pm, 601 S. Illinois, Mason City.

**Feb. 26 & Mar. 26 Extension Council Meetings,** 7 pm, CGC Extension office.

**Apr. 16-21 "EXTENSION WEEK"**

## ❖ FAMILIES\*



**Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Log On & Learn**  
12-1 pm. Ask a friend to join you for lunch on Wednesdays in January and help each other to better understand financial management while discovering best practices for making plans for the future. Sessions include: Begin by Planning Today, Picture Your Future, Plan for Retirement, Social Security, and Roth IRA vs Traditional IRA. \$5 per session includes training and materials. Register online at [bit.ly/logon2018](http://bit.ly/logon2018).

**Jan. 22 ServSafe AD Training**  
9 am-6 pm, 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Events Center, Mason City. This program provides food safety training for restaurant and other foodservice managers.

**Feb. 6-Apr. 10 Free Tax Preparation**  
CGC Extension. Volunteers will prepare basic taxes for low-income people. Tuesdays by appointment only.

## ❖ HORTICULTURE\*



**Feb. 20-22 Shade Tree Short Course & Iowa Nursery & Landscape Assoc. Conference, ISU**  
[www.cpm.iastate.edu/shadetree](http://www.cpm.iastate.edu/shadetree).

**Feb. 23-25 North Iowa Home Improvement & Landscaping Show**  
North Iowa Events Center, Mason City. Visit the ISU Extension Master Gardener booth.

## ❖ 4-H & YOUTH\*



**Jan., Feb. & Mar. - Monthly Pick a Better Snack Sessions at Jefferson, Hoover, Harding, Newman & Clear Creek Elementary Schools**  
2<sup>nd</sup> graders learn about and sample healthy snacks.



**Jan. 6 Market 124 Painting Workshop**  
10 am – noon, 124 N. Delaware, M.C. \$10/4-H members, \$15/parents or friends.

**Jan. 27 North Central Youth Beef Conf.**  
9:00 am – 2:30 pm, Youth Program, Ellsworth Comm. College, Iowa Falls. Registration forms are available on line or call 641-456-4811.  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin).

**Jan. 28 Required 4-H Livestock Exhibitor Mtg.**  
4-5 pm, CGC Extension office.

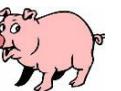
**Feb. 5, 19 & Mar. 5, 19 Clover Kids-Spring**  
6-7 pm, 4-H Learning Center. Free program for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders to explore science, technology, healthy living, citizenship, leadership, communication and arts.

**Feb. 10 Great Escape Lodge in Franklin Co.**  
10 am-2:30 pm, Maynes Grove Park Lodge, Hampton, Iowa. For 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Feb. 12 4-H Required Volunteer Training**  
6-8 pm, Cerro Gordo Extension office.

**Mar. 17 4-H New Volunteer Training**  
9:30 am-12:30 pm, Cerro Gordo Ext. office.

**Mar. Swine Weigh-in**  
Date and location to be determined.



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