The Clover Leaf

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Des Moines County 4-H Website
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It’s That Time of Year Again!

It is 4-H enrollment time! Families are able to go into 4HOnline to enroll/re-enroll for the 2018-2019 4-H year. The credit card payment option, in 4HOnline, has bee activated for enrollment/re-enrollment payments again this year. Families need to go to 4honline.com to sign in and re-enroll. To do this you must have your family email address and password available for use.

Clover Kids and New Members also need to fill out the new member enrollment in 4HOnline as well. All you need is an email address on file with the Extension Office and we will send you the help sheets to begin the process or go to: iowa4honline.com, select ‘Iowa,’ then select ‘I need to setup a profile.’

It is important that every family go online to re-enroll as this IS NOT an automatic process. We would like the process completed by February 15th, 2019.

As of January 31, 2019, I am proud to say that the Des Moines County 4-H program has 370 youth enrollments and 67 adult enrollments. These numbers are surpassing our enrollment at this time last year!

Keep those enrollments coming in as 4-H GROWS Here in Des Moines County!!!
**Program Activity Fees**

The program activity fees are $35.00 this year. The Des Moines County Extension Council has graciously donated $10.00 per member and the Des Moines County 4-H Foundation is covering an additional $15.00 per member. The remaining $10.00 per member will need to be paid through the club. Ask your leaders how your 4-H club will be paying this fee.

**The club program activity fees are due to the Extension Office, when received, but no later than May 15, 2019. No Exceptions!!! Leaders...please make out one check to the Des Moines County Extension Office.** The due date is important to insure that all of our members are covered.

Don’t forget, if you are a Des Moines County Farm Bureau family you are eligible for the $10.00 per member benefit that Farm Bureau offers our 4-H members. To receive this benefit, it is the family’s responsibility to contact your local Farm Bureau office to request it.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Des Moines County 4-H Community Dinner and Live Auction**

**Thursday evening, March 14, 2019, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Barn on the Ridge 14133 Irish Ridge Road Burlington, Iowa 52601

Join us on Thursday evening, March 14, 2019, for the 6th Annual Des Moines County 4-H Community Dinner and Live and Silent Auctions at Barn on the Ridge, 14133 Irish Ridge Road, Burlington, Iowa.

Two Bud's BBQ is on board to serve up their delicious pulled pork and baked beans with 2 Chicks Catering serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, fruit/fruit salad, buns, and homemade desserts will be donated by all the 4-H clubs across Des Moines County. Take out orders will also be available this year. Tickets are $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for school age children. **NEW to this year...Reserved seating for a table of 10 is available for $150.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Des Moines County Extension Office at 319-671-7165 or outside the West Burlington area at 800-914-1914.**

Steffes Group will be on hand to auction off the 2018 Des Moines County Scavenger Hunt Momma Pigs, a BBQ Party Basket for 40, along with other auction items that are coming in daily. If interested in donating, please contact Mary at the Des Moines County Extension Office for more information.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards offsetting the 4-H enrollment fees of our Des Moines County 4-H members and supporting the 4-H program as a whole.

The hope is, that one day, all youth interested in joining 4-H will be able to do so at no cost to them or their family.

With your support of our 4-H Community Dinner, this vision can become a reality!
2019 Duds to Dazzle Clothing Workshop

The Des Moines County Clothing Committee invites you to attend the 2019 “Duds to Dazzle” Clothing Workshop open to all 4th - 12th graders in Des Moines County and surrounding areas. The committee strongly encourages those interested to bring a friend as well as a parent, leader, or an adult mentor to this exciting opportunity sponsored by the Des Moines County Extension and Outreach 4-H program. The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at the Des Moines County Extension Office in West Burlington. Lunch will be provided.

The workshop will travel to downtown Burlington to hear presentations given by Original Cyns and Gypsi in what is trending for 2019. In the afternoon, participants will break off into teams and given a textile to repurpose using only items in a sewing kit and craft closet (that will be provided)...hence the title of the workshop: “Duds to Dazzle!” Participants will end their day by creating jewelry out of leather. Feel free to bring some spending money, as the group will have the opportunity to shop while in downtown Burlington.

Registration deadline for this FREE workshop is February 8, 2019. To register, contact the Des Moines County Extension Office at 319-671-7165 or outside of the West Burlington area at 800-914-1914. Non 4-H members must complete a medical release form prior to participating in the workshop.

If you are interested in Apparel, Merchandising, and Design, this workshop is for you!

4-H Club Finance Meeting

A 4-H Club Finance Meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, March 11, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Office in West Burlington. Finger foods will be served.

Janet Smith, Region 20 Director, and Teresa Friedel, Des Moines County Bookkeeper, will preside over the meeting and explain the procedure of transferring funds from club ownership to county holding. Cherry Sandeen, Region 20 Youth Program Specialist, and Mary E. Steffener, Des Moines County Youth Coordinator, will be in attendance as well. I would like a representative, preferably the organizational leader, from each club in attendance.

The implementation of this transfer of funds needs to be in place by June 30, 2019, so attendance is highly recommended!

Please call the Extension Office to let us know who from you club will be attending.

Regional STEM Trip to Ames

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019, will be the Regional STEM Trip to the Campus of Iowa State University in Ames. More information will appear on the Des Moines County 4-H Facebook page, Des Moines County Extension and Outreach webpage, and in the March edition of the Clover Leaf when available.
Spring 4-H Leader's Training

I invite each of you to the Des Moines County Spring 4-H Leader’s Training on Tuesday evening, March 19, 2019, at the Extension Office in West Burlington. A complimentary meal will be offered to thank each of you for your support of Des Moines County 4-H and to thank you for volunteering your time “To Make the Best Better!” Supper will be served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. with the business portion of the night to follow. We will discuss the 4-H year, highlight 4HOnline and FairEntry, discuss program fees, update you on YQCA, and much, much more.

Please call the Extension Office to place your reservation no later than March 12, 2019, so that the menu can be finalized and publications ordered if needed.

Remember…the Spring Leader’s Training is about you! Call to register today!!

2019 "Speak into the Mic" Communication Workshop

The Des Moines County Communications Committee is going to hold a “Speak into the Mic” Communications Workshop on Saturday, March 23, 2019, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Des Moines County Extension Office in West Burlington. This workshop is open to all 4th - 12th graders in Des Moines County and the surrounding area. Lunch will be provided.

Communication is a part of our everyday lives; whether at home, school, work, or with family or friends. Communication is an essential part of who we are as human beings. In this workshop, we will take communication to a whole new level.

During the morning session, youth participants will be educated on the three parts of a presentation: introduction, body, and conclusion; youth will then team up to plan, prepare, and give Educational Presentations using the props provided; and learn what it takes to prepare a Working Exhibit. The afternoon session will focus on Extemporaneous Speaking. Youth, of all ages, will incorporate what they learned in the morning and apply that knowledge when preparing their mini Extemporaneous speeches.

Registration deadline for this FREE workshop is March 23, 2019, and the cost for the day is $10.00 to attend the workshop. To register, contact the Des Moines County Extension Office at 319-671-7165 or outside of the West Burlington at area 800-914-1914. Non 4-H members must complete a medical release form prior to participating in the workshop.

This is the perfect workshop, for those planning to give Working Exhibits in April, to get up in front of an audience and get the butterflies out.

New Regional 4-H Photography Workshop

Calling all 4-H photographers and want-to-be photographers! Washington County 4-H, with our neighboring 4-H programs, are offering an all-day Photography Workshop at the Washington County Extension Office March 30 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pre-registration required with $15 fee. Don’t let the fee discourage you...Scholarships are available upon request to help offset the $15 fee. Registration form available at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/ or can be found in this newsletter on the next page. Limited space available. 4-Hers must dress for all weather conditions with shoes safe for outdoor photo assignments. 4-Hers will also need to bring: sack lunch, charged camera, printed 4” x 6” photograph. Parents are welcome to be learners on the side only.
LEARN BY DOING. This photography workshop will have you DOING and LEARNING with other 4-Hers from southeast Iowa from professional photographers!

Breakout sessions will be divided into beginner and advanced levels.

Topics will include: Focus, Image Sharpness, Backgrounds, Lighting, Exposure, Cropping Basics, Careers in Photography, How to tell a story in your photo, Presenting images at the fair, Photo mounting practice AND MORE!

4-H’ers must:
- Bring a charged, digital camera (AND camera manual if you have it)
- Bring printed 4” x 6” photo to practice heat press mounting
- Bring sack lunch (Morning snack provided)
- DRESS to be outdoors in whatever the weather conditions for photo assignments.

Cost: $15 with scholarships available upon request

Participating Counties:
Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Washington

Parents are welcome to stay but as silent participants. This day is for youth to ask, experience and learn at their level and experience. Any weather cancellations will be posted to the “Washington County 4-H—Iowa” Facebook page or listen to the radio 106.1 fm.

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Registration form and $15 payment due by March 15 to local Extension Office. Limited space. First come, first serve basis.

Name: ___________________________ Grade: _____ Years in Photography Project: ______

Food Allergies (for snack purposes): ___________________________ ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Adults Planning to stay: ___________________________ For Office Use Only Payment: ______

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Des Moines County Fair Working Exhibits - April 7, 2019

The Des Moines County Fair Working Exhibits will once again be held in conjunction with the Day of the Child at Westland Mall on Sunday, April 7, 2019, from noon to 4:00 p.m. with our 4-H members being staggered throughout the day. A schedule will be comprised once we know the number of working exhibits that are entered.

Each working exhibit will last approximately 20-30 minutes, depending on the crowd. Please have enough supplies for 50 participants. Members will not be penalized if you run out of supplies before the end of your time.

Once registered, you will be emailed an entry form to bring with you the day of the event letting us know what equipment: table, access to electricity, etc. you will need. The form will also ask what you are trying to convey through this presentation. Please know, peer judging will take place as well.

Ribbons and placings will be awarded at the 2019 Des Moines County Fair during Communication Night on Friday, July 26, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with premiums paid as usual, after the fair.

If you are interested in doing a Working Exhibit this 4-H year, please call the Extension Office at 800-914-1914 to get registered today.

Attendance at the 2019 “Speak into the Mic” Communication Workshop will help get the butterflies out!

4-H/FFA Rabbit Hopping and Agility for 2019

Attention: Rabbit Project Members - the Des Moines County 4-H Program will again have a rabbit hopping and agility opportunity for you in 2019. In rabbit hopping & agility, you train your rabbit to hop a course full of jumps and agility pieces like hoops, tunnels, a teeter-totter, etc. In our first year there were 2 exhibitors with 3 rabbits and this year we hope to have more. This is what we learned last year:

- It was so much fun.
- Rabbits are really, really smart.
- Rabbits either like to hop or they don’t. (Started with 4 rabbits and had a drop-out)

So if you would like to be a part of the rabbit hopping and agility fun, just call Mary at the Extension Office and sign up. Your cost will be $15 for the specially-made harness and leash (you get to pick the color). Mary will need to know the breed of your rabbit(s) so the harness can be made to fit properly.

Plans are to start practice in the spring. We will have a Bunny Boot Camp where you will be given training rules to start working with your rabbit. You will also get to take a portion of the jumps and agility pieces so you can practice at home. Last year we met together 6 times in June/July so most of the training is done at home at your convenience as everyone has busy schedules. We will have rabbit hopping & agility demonstrations and competitions at the fair that you can participate in which are lots of fun!

Join us...You will be amazed at what your rabbit can do!
Attention: Swine Exhibitors

The Des Moines County Swine Committee has decided that there WILL NOT be an organized swine weigh-in held in Des Moines County again this year.

All 4-H and FFA pigs must be identified by ear notch, ear tag, sex, and color by the individual themselves. Paperwork must be turned in to the Extension Office by April 26, 2019. Each exhibitor is limited to identifying a maximum of 12 pigs.

Production market barrows and gilts are to be weighed by the individual anytime between April 6 and April 13, 2019. Ear notch, ear tag, sex, and color need to be identified and paperwork turned in by April 26. Any barrow/gilt weighing over 65 pounds will not be eligible for the Production Barrow or Gilt Class.

Any combination of gilts and barrows may be identified on the identification form and turned into the Extension Office by April 26. It is not mandatory to have a production market barrow or production gilt entry to show.

You may identify five (5) divisions in FairEntry by July 1 and exhibit four (4) pigs in either the individual market gilt class, individual market barrow class, production market barrow class, production market gilt class, or commercial gilt class. Exhibitors may sell two (2) pigs in the auction. The extra pigs may be removed when released or when transportation is available.

Individuals may pick up the tags, both county and state fair tags; a tagger; and identification forms from the Extension Office on or after Monday, April 1st. It is important when you come to pick up tags that you know if you are exhibiting at the county level and/or the state level to insure proper tags are sent with you.

Reminder to All 4-H Exhibitors

Numerous publications can be found at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Store for you use. Here a list of the following used in Des Moines County on static judging day:

Food and Nutrition:

Food for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference Guide: https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434
Preserve the Taste of Summer : https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ProductListKeyword=canning&S=0&A=0&F=5
Numerous Canning publications can be found at this site.

Gardening and Horticulture:

Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit: https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394
Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibits: https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/400

I hope this information helps in preparing for the 2019 Des Moines County Fair!!!
Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

Once again, the 2019 Southeast Iowa Final Drive is proud to announce a scholarship opportunity for any graduating high school senior who is a member of 4-H or FFA in any of the six participating counties, which include: Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine and Washington. The applicants must have exhibited livestock in one or more of the following species: Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine. Applicants DO NOT need to be a livestock exhibitor at the 2019 Southeast Final Drive in order to receive one of the following scholarships.

A $500 Scholarship will be awarded in each species in honor of the following youth:

- Beef – Danny Campbell Memorial Scholarship
- Goat – Kayla Atkins Memorial Scholarship
- Sheep – Ben Moehle Memorial Scholarship
- Swine – Ty Warth Memorial Scholarship

Applications may be downloaded from the Southeast Iowa Final Drive Facebook Page, picked up at any of the participating county extension offices, or by contacting Sheila Darbyshire (319-931-7998) or Mary Steffener (319-931-3259). Applications must be returned by July 15th, 2019.

The scholarship winners will be recognized and receive their scholarship as part of the opening ceremonies of the 7th Annual Southeast Iowa Final Drive on Sunday evening, July 28, 2019, during the Des Moines County Fair.

Seniors...get your applications turned in today!

✅ 4-H & FFA Exhibitors

Running out of movies to watch, games to play or chores to do (maybe that last one's a stretch)!

✔ Complete your YQCA training today so you don't have to be stuck on a computer when the weather is warmer this spring/summer. You will need to complete this training by July 1st if you plan to exhibit the following animals at the Des Moines County Fair:

- Pigs
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Market Rabbits
- Poultry

Contact Mary at steffene@iastate.edu or respond to this post to obtain your coupon code and help sheet.

Coupons are sponsored by F&M Bank & Trust!
SAVE THE DATE

The following dates have been scheduled to provide various opportunities to our 4-H’ers. More information on times and venues will be available in future editions of The Clover Leaf…

**January 2019:** YQCA Coupon Codes will be available to all Market Livestock Exhibitors

February 16, 2019: “Duds to Dazzle” Clothing Workshop

March 13, 2019: STEM Trip to Ames. More information will be released when it becomes available

March 23, 2019: “Speak into the Mic” Communication Workshop

March 30, 2019: Regional Photography Workshop

April 6-13, 2019: Production Swine Weigh-in. Families will weigh their own swine on or between these dates

April 7, 2019: Working Exhibits during Day of the Child at Westland Mall in West Burlington

May 4, 2019: Sheep and Goat Weigh-in

May 15, 2019: ALL Animal identification, those that did not attend a weigh-in, is due in 4hOnline

June 20, 2019: Communication Event for Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speaking

June 26, 2019: Clothing Event for Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, and $15 Challenge participants

July 1, 2019: FairEntry deadline for ALL Clothing, Communications, and Livestock entry for the 2019 Des Moines County Fair

July 15, 2019: FairEntry deadline for ALL Static exhibit entry for the 2019 Des Moines County Fair

July 22, 2019: Static Judging

July 24-30, 2019: Des Moines County Fair

August 2 and 5, 2019: State Fair selected exhibits are to be brought to the Extension Office

August 8-18, 2019: Iowa State Fair

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