Calendar of Events

January
1  Office Closed - New Year’s Holiday
3  Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
17  Teen Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
21  Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day

February
7  Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
16  Clothing Workshop - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
18  Teen Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

March
7  Youth Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
14  Community Dinner and Auctions - Barn on the Ridge beginning at 5:00 p.m.
30  Regional Photography Workshop - Washington Co. Extension Office from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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 December 31, 2018, I am proud to say that the Des Moines County 4-H program has 345 youth enrollments and 61 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 our 6th Annual Des Moines County 4-H Community Dinner and Live Auction at Barn on the Ridge, 14133 Irish Ridge Road, Burlington, Iowa.

The Des Moines County Pork Producers are on board to serve up their delicious pork loins pared with cheesy potatoes, corn, rolls, homemade desserts (donated by all the 4-H clubs across Des Moines County), iced tea, lemonade, and water. Take out orders will also be available this year. Tickets are $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for school age children. 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, athletic tickets, and a couple loads of gravel with trucking included, just to name a few items that have been donated for the evening.

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!

Join us for the fun!!!
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth (grades 9-12) celebrating 60 years of CWF in 2019! Each summer teens gather at the National 4-H Conference Center to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world.

Objectives for the program are: to strengthen communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level; to understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders; to exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds; and to experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop or our nation’s Capital City, Washington D.C. These objectives are met through pre-trip education, speakers, workshops, daily excursions to view national sites, a day at the Capitol with elected officials, and a delegate designed and implemented action plan. Plus Citizenship Washington Focus brings together 4-H members from across the country.

CWF is scheduled for June 14-22, 2019. Deadline to register is Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Space is limited to the first 48 delegate registrations. Trip cost is $1850. This includes all lodging, travel, tours, and a majority of the meals. A $650 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration. The remaining balance is two payments of $600 each due by March 1 and April 15, 2019.

Contact the Des Moines County Extension Office if you are interested in this trip as financial assistance is available from the Des Moines County 4-H Foundation.

Registration can be found on the CWF webpage at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

Des Moines County Teen Council Fundraiser

The DMC Teen Council has partnered with the Sweet Spot, to offer a 6 pack of cupcakes, and Stargazer Bakery, to provide a candy option, delivered by Valentine’s Day, for $15.00. Orders can be placed from December 21, 2018, January 31, 2019, by contacting a Teen Council Member or by calling Mary at the Extension Office.

The 6 pack Valentine’s Day Cupcake and Candy options are as follows:

**Chocolate-Chocolate Lovers**: Chocolate cupcakes with Chocolate Buttercream frosting

**The Decadent Lover**: Chocolate cupcakes with Cheesecake frosting

**The Sweet and Salty Lover**: Salted Caramel cupcakes

**Heavenly Lover**: White cupcake with Vanilla Buttercream frosting

**Savory Lover**: Red Velvet cupcake with Cream Cheese frosting

**Cupid Lover**: Strawberry cupcakes with Vanilla Buttercream frosting

**Dream Lover**: A six pack with each of the above cupcakes included

**Half pound of Assorted Candies**: This sweet tooth savory consists of Chocolate fudge with nuts, Peanut Butter Fudge, Mint Fudge, White Chocolate Fudge, Caramels, and Toffee

**Fudge Sampler**: Tell someone how much you love them by ordering the rich flavors of Fudge; Chocolate with nuts, Mint, Peanut Butter and White Chocolate.

All products are made from scratch and from Farm Fresh Eggs!!! Checks can be made out to: The Sweet Spot

Please join us in support of this partnership and fundraiser for the DMC Teen Council! Thank you!!!
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!

Hope you can join us. You will be amazed at what your rabbit can do!

4-H Healthy Living Club Challenge

RACE ACROSS IOWA

Challenge Kick Off: November 1st - May 31, 2019

Clubs take part in the challenge by introducing a variety of healthy living practices during club meetings each month. Completing the challenges earns the clubs "miles" as they race across Iowa throughout all 20 regions of the state. This 1,400 mile route destination sure fulfills the definition of a challenge, but by working together as a team and setting goals to incorporate healthy living practices each month, we hope to see you meet or surpass the final mile by the end of June!

If your club is interested in this challenge, please call the Extension Office for more information.
Iowa State Fair Changes:
Breeding Beef: Required to have two (2) forms of identification...Tattoo & Registration Number, Vaccination Number, or 4-H Tag
Horse: Halter Horses must be owned
Swine: Declared Weight System will be used. Also, if tagged with USDA tags, notches are not required
Meat Goats: Birth Dates are Required for all breeding animals and animals must arrive show ready, no clipping
Sheep: New Pedigree Wether Dam Class

AkSarBen Changes:
4-H Youth participating in AkSarBen this year will see some changes. This year all families are responsible for identifying and entering their animals. The County Extension Offices WILL NO LONGER be handling information for this show. Please visit http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/p/events/403 for complete guidelines.

YQCA:
New for the 2018-2019 4-H year...All youth exhibiting livestock must be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified. This is an annual certification. Online classes open on January 1st and must be completed by July 1st. Coupon Codes will be mailed out to each family, to offset the cost of the online course, thanks to the generosity of F&M Bank & Trust. YQCA Help sheets will be included in the mailing.

There are four (4) ways to obtain your coupon code and help sheet:
1. Stop by the Des Moines County Extension Office Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or on Friday between 8:00 a.m.-noon.
2. Call Mary at the Des Moines County Extension Office at 319-671-7165 or outside the West Burlington area at 1-800-914-1914.
3. Call Mary on her cell phone at 319-931-3259. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail!
4. Email Mary at steffene@iastate.edu

The Coupon Codes are not only for our Des Moines County 4-H members, but our Des Moines County FFA members as well.

On behalf of the Des Moines County 4-H and FFA Programs, we would like to take this opportunity to thank F&M Bank & Trust for their generous donation, in offsetting the cost of the YQCA program, and for their continued support of the Des Moines County Fair and youth of our area!!!
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. Travel with us to see what’s trending downtown and create items to become your own trend setter.

March 2019: Regional Photography Workshop. Judges will be on hand to explain the Rule of Thirds and work with 4-H’ers to gain knowledge in the photography field.

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 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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