THANK YOU!

The fair is over and a new 4-H year is upon us. Before we move full swing into the new year however, I want to take a minute to say thank you for making the fair so great and such a wonderful experience for all involved. The kids were awesome (as always). To the 4-H Leaders, parents and grandparents who spend countless hours helping their 4-H’ers prepare and get their projects to the fair THANK YOU! It really is the highlight of a lot of 4-H and FFA member’s summer and it truly is a “family affair.” It certainly would not happen without the countless volunteers who spend so much of their own time to make the fair happen, so if a 4-H leader, fairboard member, superintendent, or anyone helped you along the way, please take the time to send them a thank you and let them know how much you appreciate their help. A lot of you commented positively on the new additions and changes to the fair & fairgrounds this year. That is the result of the hard work & many volunteer hours spent by the fairboard and superintendents.
IOWA STATE FAIR HERDSMANSHP

The Jasper County beef exhibitors received all purples for their herdsmanship efforts in the beef barn. Exhibitors in the other livestock barns also represented Jasper County well by receiving purples and blues. Keep up the awesome work!

PARADE FLOAT WINNERS

Congratulations to the following clubs for placing in the float decorating contest for the Jasper County Fair Parade...
1st place World Changers
2nd place Poweshiek Partners
3rd place Killduff Hotshots

COUNTY FAIR HERDSMANSHP

Congratulations to the Newton FFA for winning the Overall Heardsmanship Award. Keep up the great work!

STATE FAIR SPECIAL AWARDS

Marissa Vos was recognized by the Iowa State Fair for her Sewing & Needle Arts Project. She received the “Outstanding Sewn Garment” Award, sponsored by “Threads” magazine for her blue flowered summer dress.

CLUB DISPLAY WINNER

Congratulations to the Lynn Grove Hustlers for winning the 4-H Exhibits Club Display award.

CONGRATULATIONS STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITORS

AG & NATURAL RESOURCES
Alyssa Bassett
Luke Zaabel
Emily Zahirunes
Beula & Kirsten Lee

CREATIVE ARTS
Christine Nikkel
Caleb Ness
Payten Konek
Codi Holdeman
McCade Gowdy
Megan Townley
Daphne Hackert
Holden Lefleur
Meghan Kinnamon
Kori Jack
Christine Nikkel
Meleisha Vos
Lauren Zaabel
Abigail Adkison
Justin Hall

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
Alyssa Bassett
Marissa Vos
Luke Zaabel
Lauren Zaabel
Charlize Birkenholtz
Kathryn Van Manen
Emma Anderson
Justin Hall
Lauren Zaabel
Sarah Ness
Jaclyn Michener
Samantha Adams
Sara Dudley
Jenna Smith
Amelissa Brown
Marissa Vos

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Emily Zahirunes
Marissa Vos
Lauren Zaabel
Luke Zaabel

SCIENCE ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
Mallory Bell
Meghan Kinnamon

CLOTHING EVENT
Emily Zahirunes

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION
Blase Byrd
Alyssa Bassett
Emily Zahirunes

SHARE THE FUN
Addison Ross
Codi Holdeman

WORKING EXHIBIT
Marissa Vos
Jaclyn Michener & Samantha Adams
Daphne Hackert & Mariah Vos
Carlee Zahirunes & Maddylyn Orr

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
Emily Zahirunes

4-H Empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.
RE-ENROLLMENTS (Sept 1 – Nov 1)

For the 2016/2017 4-H Year enrollments will again be done on-line. 4hOnline will be opened for re-enrollment beginning Sept. 1st. Enroll by Nov 1st to ensure that you are receiving the newsletter and any other information you may need. IMPORTANT- We cannot make your account active until we have received payment, so after you have enrolled on-line please get your enrollment fee paid to your leader. If you need help with any of this you can call the Extension Office at 641-792-6433. **RE-ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOV. 1ST.**

ENROLLMENT FEES

FEES- The State 4-H Fee is $30 again this year, however, thanks to the Jasper County Extension Council, and a donation from the Mavis Geisler Penquite Charitable Organization, half of each 4-H'ers fee will be paid. This will make the total due from the 4-H'ers $15 per year and this is due with your enrollment on or before November 1st.

PROJECT HOT SHEETS

Check it out! The project Hot Sheets are on the Extension Website and are designed to inform 4-H'ers & leaders about the different project areas. They are done and most of them are posted on their respective project webpages. There are still a few webpages under construction but those should be finished shortly. Click on http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects and then click on the project areas listed in the right hand column. When you reach the specific project page, the Hot Sheet show up as a pdf file in the right hand column under [TIPS].

READING AWARDS

4-H'ers can apply for the 4-H Reading Award by contacting the Extension Office and filling out a 4-H Reading Activity form. For this award you just need to have read 6 books and then fill out a short description of the book, characters, & the author’s name. The form can also be found on our website @ www.extension.iastate.edu/jasper. Click on 4-H & Youth, then Jasper County 4-H & Youth, then scroll down to recordkeeping tips and templates.

COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council will meet Sunday Sept. 18th at the Extension Office at 4:00 p.m. to “Kick Off” our new 4-H year. We have several members returning and hope to add some new faces to our group. If you are in grades 9th through 12th and would like to join us contact Stacey at the Extension Office for an application, or you can pick one up & fill it out at the meeting.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO WIN A PIZZA PARTY?

For National 4-H week, October 2 - 8 lets promote 4-H by having a “Window Decorating Contest” and the winning club will receive a Pizza Party (or $50 to put towards a pizza party).
Guidelines are:
1. Contact one or more businesses located in your club's community to see about decorating a window for the contest. Clubs can have more than one window. We really want to spread the word about 4-H!
2. After receiving permission decorate the window(s) with the following:
   - Use the theme Join 4H Today or Sew It Grow It Show It
   - List your club name and leader contact info and/or the ISU Jasper County Extension contact info (www.extension.iastate.edu/jasper 641-792-6433)
   - Make it known it is National 4-H week

NEW 4-H JUDGES TRAINING

Join the ranks of 4-H judges or learn more about judging exhibits by attending a new 4-H Judges Training on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 9:15 to 3:30 pm at the Polk County Extension & Outreach Office, 1625 Adventurland Drive, Suite A, Altoona, IA. To register go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/judgestraining. Cost is $45 for a full day or $24 for a half day. After successfully attending the six hour training your name and content area will be entered into the state wide 4-H Judges database. For more info contact Marisue Hartung at mhartung@iastate.edu or 641-752-1551.

STATE FAIR PROJECTS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP

The state fair projects are back in the office and need to be picked up. Please stop in as soon as possible to get your projects. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 4:30 and Fridays from 7:30 to 1:00. If you need to make other arrangements to pick up your project(s) contact Stacey at the Extension & Outreach Office.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
(Pictured are family member of Clarence Brand attending the 4-H Hall of Fame ceremony in his honor.)

In 1962, Clarence Brand began serving as leader and assistant leader for the Lynn-Grove Hustlers 4-H Club. During his time as leader, Clarence organized; the monthly meetings, helped the club to make new signs to hang at the Jasper County & State Fair, set up the club tour schedule as well as all of the special events the club took part in throughout the year.

Clarence’s love for agriculture started at an early age. He loved being around livestock, especially cattle. He had a special passion for raising cattle on his farm North of Sully, so it was only natural for his children to show cattle in 4-H at the county and state fair. After retiring from leadership, he helped his grandchildren and local youth with their 4-H projects. He rarely missed the Jasper County & Iowa State Fair and he enjoyed traveling to other county fairs to check out the cattle being shown.

Clarence & his wife Vera retired from farming in 2010 due to health reasons and in 2011, Clarence passed away. His work ethic, leadership, & service to others, along with his love for 4-H through those he directly led will be passed on for generations.

NEW SPECIAL INTEREST CLUB LEADERS NEEDED

Are you a caring adult who enjoys mentoring youth? Do you have a passion to share your knowledge about either dogs or any other interest? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for leaders or co-leaders for our Canine Connection Club or other special interest clubs. If you are interested in this opportunity or know of someone who might be please contact me (Stacey) at the Extension & Outreach Office at 641-792-6433.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
CLOVER KID KICK-OFF

Calling all students in K-3rd grade!!
Jasper County Super Clover Kids Kick-off
Informational Open House & Sign-up
Clover Kids is a 4-H Program for youth in grades kindergarten through third grade.
Clover Kids is fun and full of hands-on activities.
Date: September 15, 2016
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Place: Jasper County Extension Office
550 N 2nd Ave W – Newton
The cost for a year membership is $15.00 to cover supplies.
Questions: Contact Kara at the Extension Office 641-792-6433.

MEAT JUDGING TEAM NEWS

Members of the Jasper County 4-H Meat Judging team recently competed in the State Meat Judging Contest at Iowa State University. The Junior Team consisting of Jenkin Fulmer, Justin Vande Lune, Kennadi Fulmer, & Teddy Vande Lune won the junior div. Individual results in the top five included, Justin Vande Lune - 3rd place, Luke Zaable - 4th place, Jenkin Fulmer 5th place. Congratulations! 😊

Jasper County Meat Judging members include: Logan Zaable (Sr Division), Luke Zaable (Jr Division), Justin Vande Lune (Jr Division), Teddy Vande Lune (Jr Division), Jenkin Fulmer (Jr Division) and Kennadi Fulmer (Jr Division)
GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HEIFER

Congratulations to Dalton Shanks on exhibiting the Grand Champion Market Heifer at the Iowa State Fair. Dalton is a member of the Hominy Ridge 4-H Club in Baxter. Keep up the great work!

4-H LEADER’S MEETING

I am working on reservations for a room at DMACC for our fall Leader’s meeting. If you are a 4-H Volunteer, be watching your email for further information. I am currently looking at the week of October 17th – 21st. 😊 We will be sharing success stories, concerns, and ideas for the upcoming 4-H year, as well as a county fair overview. New volunteers seem to benefit from hearing from and networking with seasoned volunteers, and it is always good to hear how each club is doing and how we can assist you. 😊
RECORD BOOKS

The end of the 2015-2016 4-H year is just around the corner, which means that your 4-H records will soon be due.

All 4-H’ers should keep records of their 4-H work. Records should not be considered an extra task, but rather a part of the project(s).

A good 4-H record keeps members and leaders informed of progress, it reflects accomplishments, it teaches skills that everyone uses at some point in life.

Record books are due to the leaders on Sept. 8th and to the Extension Office on Sept. 12th. You must turn in a Project Award Application (enclosed with this newsletter) with your book. If you are not applying for an award in a specific project area check the box at the bottom that says “Participation Only.” If you need help with any aspect of your record book please let your leader or myself (Stacey) know. If I can’t help you I will contact a member of the Youth Committee who I know would be more than happy to help.

Remember that these awards are Project Area awards and not Exhibit awards. The difference being that the project area is the goals you set, what you learned in a specific area as you worked towards your goals and what steps you took to achieve these goals. The exhibit it the “finished product” that you take to the fair and the awards for these are the ribbons, trophies, and recognition you receive at that time.

Juniors (4th – 6th grade) will need to fill out the “Basic 4-H Project Record Form” for each project area they are applying for an award in. Intermediates (7th – 8th grade) need to fill out the “Experienced 4-H Project Record Form” and Seniors (9 – 12th grade) will fill out the “Advanced Project Record Form.

LIFE SKILL AWARD- applications are due on September 12th. Please find enclosed an explanation of the available Life Skills Awards that 4-H’ers may apply for.

Intermediate and Senior 4-H’ers may apply for Life Skill awards in TWO areas only (see form).

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Recordkeeping Award Program will be held on November 8th, at DMACC in the auditorium, at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Even if you don’t turn in a record book but would like to see what it’s all about, or to support your fellow 4-H members who did, please plan to join us. Refreshments will be provided. 😊
1. **Title Page** – A new title page is made each year. The title page introduces you. Include the following items:
   a. Current photo
   b. Your name
   c. Club name
   d. Years in 4-H
   e. Grade in school
   f. 4-H age category (Jr. Int. Sr.)

2. **4-H Yearly Summary** – The summary helps you summarize your participation in 4-H projects, local group involvement and at community, county, area, and state levels. (Participation Summaries will still be accepted for older members.) Pictures and clippings related to club events may be placed here.
   Examples: club meetings, camps, float, county and state fair non-project activities

3. **Project Records** – One form is needed for each project in which you are enrolled. Place inactive projects in the back of the book. Computer forms may be used.
   *Each project area should be separated with a “tab” divider, and arranged and “tabbed” by year, with the most recent material on top in each area.
   Example: Food & Nutrition
   2002 – 2003
   2001 – 2002
   *Goals are required for each project area.
   Minimum requirements are as follows: Juniors – one Basic
   Intermediates – two Experienced
   Seniors – three Advanced
   *Financial statements are required for intermediate and senior members.
   Junior members must include income and expenses on livestock projects.
   *Project related photos, clippings, and exhibit information should be placed after the forms.

**Record Keeping Tips:**
1. Be Neat.
2. Check spelling, grammar, and math.
3. Be sure to tell what you learned in each project throughout the year.
4. DO NOT include the following items: fair ribbons, feed tags, 4-H newsletter, club programs, LS 106’s, or fair book.
5. Goals are what you want to learn in each project.
   - Include three parts.
   - ACTION – how you are going to do it.
   - RESULT - what you will do
   - TIMETABLE – when you plan to have it completed.
   - Do you have control over all 3 parts of the goal?
   - Examples: I want to learn how to make chocolate chips cookies to serve at the March 4-H meeting.
     I want to train my dog to sit before county fair time.
     NOT : I want to win a blue ribbon at fair.