Special thanks to Channel Seed for donating the Ag Olympics T-shirts for our 2 winning teams!

PREMIUMS

2013 Premium checks, Swine checks, and Carcass premium checks will be sent out August 7, please contact the Extension Office if you don’t receive it by Aug. 16!

Premium checks are only good for 30 days from the print date! Please remember to pick up your check and CASH it right away! Failure to pick up your check or cash it within 30 days may result in loss of premium money!

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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.
4-H Exhibits advancing to the Iowa State Fair

**Patriotic Panthers 4-H:** Caylee Swearingen, Hedrick, with “White Flower” Photograph in Photography; Hollie Loper, Richland, with “Letter Knick Knack Shelving” in Home Improvement; Maci Gambell, Hedrick, with “Country Fence Post” photograph in Photography; McKenna Gambell, Hedrick, with “Fenced In” Photograph in Photography; Rachel Wonderlich, Ollie, with “T-Shirts for Third World Children” in Citizenship.

**Liberty Leaders 4-H:** Adam Grove, South English, with “Honey Oatmeal Bread” in Food & Nutrition; Audrey Grove, South English, with “Pool Safety” in Health and “Refinished Footstool” in Home Improvement; Elleh Driscoll, South English, with “Colors” in Visual Arts; Grace Shemanski, Keota, with “Hot To Handle” poster in Environment and Sustainability and “Two Chair Bench” in Home Improvement.


**Keswick Klover Leaves 4-H:** Ethan Danner, Washington, with “Cinnamon Raisin Bread” in Food and Nutrition; Alexis Leer, Keswick, with “Sun Dress” in Clothing and Fashion.

**Lafayette Feeders 4-H:** Gretchen Greiner, Ollie, with “Swine Poster” in Animal Science; Jillian Schulte, Keota, with “Toy Auger” for Self Determined.


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**Exhibit Building Awards & Clothing/Communications Awards**

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KEOKUK COUNTY EXPO

For more information on the Keokuk County Expo please visit their website at: [http://expokeokukco.com/](http://expokeokukco.com/)
4-H Livestock Exhibits

Keokuk County 4-H will be represented at the Iowa State Fair by various livestock exhibitors.

**4-H Horse & Pony Show**
Mateer Strong will be exhibiting on August 6 starting at 2:00 PM & August 7 & 8 starting at 8:00 AM.
Emma Bair will be exhibiting on August 6 starting at 2:00 PM.

**4-H Breeding Swine Show**
Luke Bombei will be exhibiting on August 12 starting at 8:00 AM.
Jacob Bombei will be exhibiting on August 12 starting at 8:00 AM.

**4-H Market Swine Show**
Luke Bombei will be exhibiting on August 13 starting at 8:00 A.M.

**4-H Breeding Beef Show**
Lexie Moore will be exhibiting on August 13 starting at 8:00 AM.

**4-H Market Beef Show**
Clayton Moore will be exhibiting on August 14 starting at 8:00 AM.
Clay Harper will be exhibiting on August 14 starting at 8:00 AM.

**4-H Dog Show**
Jade Aller will be exhibiting on August 18 starting at 9:15 AM.

4-H Communications Exhibits

Keokuk County will have 4 communications presentations at the State Fair. Those competing and the dates/times they will exhibit:

**Working Exhibits - August 10 at 9:00 AM**
Grace Shemanski - “DIY Harmonicas”
Tiana Slaney & Jenna Swanson “Perfect Bow”

**Share The Fun - August 9 at Noon**
Khloe Snakenberg - “Rocky” singing solo

**Working Exhibits - August 14 at 1:30 PM**
Faith Oostra - “Sun Glow Bracelets”

4-H Communications exhibits are presented in the 4-H Building on the Iowa State Fair grounds. Working exhibits are throughout the building and the share the fun acts are on the main stage as soon as you enter the building!

Please submit any pictures from the Iowa State Fair to Shelly at skoehn@iastate.edu by Aug. 26 to be published in the September Newsletter. Please also submit results as they happen so we can update our facebook page with results!!

**WHAT IS 4-H?**
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h)
County Youth Council ‘13-’14

It’s that time again to start thinking about applying for Youth Council. If you are in 9th - 12th grade you may apply to be on council for the upcoming year.

EACH CLUB IS ASKED TO SUBMIT 1 APPLICANT FOR COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL SO THAT EACH CLUB IS REPRESENTED.

Applications can be found online at www.extension.iastate.edu/page/member-info
You may either print out the application and mail or bring into the office or you may email it to skoehn@iastate.edu as an attachment. Applications must be received by October 1 at 4:30 pm.

County Youth Council meetings are held on Sunday afternoons or Wednesday nights (typically).

Thank You Notes needed...

Please remember to thank all of your trophy & carcass contest sponsors!

This year their addresses were attached to each trophy for your convenience! Thanking our sponsors goes a long way, so please take a few minutes to recognize them! Even though Expo is over please do not forget to thank the Expo Board Members, Superintendents, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, and your families because without them Expo would not be possible!

If you need an address, please contact Shelly at the Extension Office by phone or email.

Bratney Robotics Challenge

The Keokuk County 4-H Lego Studs Robotics team will be competing at the Iowa State Fair’s Bratney Robotics challenge on Monday, August 12 in the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds.

The Bratney Robotic Challenge is a real time robotics design challenge! Here’s your chance to show off your robot designing and programming skills. "Real time" means your club arrives at the event not knowing what the challenges will be. The morning of the event we will hold a Challenge Release where the details of each robotics design challenge are revealed. Your robotics club will receive two challenges; one using the LEGO Mindstorms© NXT platform, and a surprise junk drawer challenge. After the Challenge Release it’s time to go to work! Your club works as a team to design a robot to meet each of the challenges. At the end of the working period, enter the Challenge Field and set loose your robots to the cheers of spectators!

Awards Night

Save the Date: November 23

Dinner: 6:00 PM
Awards presentations: 6:30 PM

NEW - Please submit pictures for a slide show our youth council will be working on to present at awards night.
Submit by photos of clubs, community service, club events & activities, 4-H members in action, Expo, and fun 4-H photos to Shelly Koehn by email at skoehn@iastate.edu by October 1.
2013 Expo Evaluation Meeting

All 4-H/FFA Members and parents, 4-H Club Leaders, FFA Advisors, Expo Board Members, and Extension Council Members please plan on attending the 2013 Expo Evaluation Meeting scheduled for:

**September 25 starting at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office**

We will be discussing changes to the rulebook and schedule for the 2014 Expo. If you have any ideas or concerns please plan on attending! All discussion items will be presented to the Keokuk County Extension Council as suggested changes and will be pending upon their approval.

2013 Fall Leader’s Training/Meeting

**September 25 at 5:30 PM at the Keokuk County Extension Office**

Keokuk County will be hosting a 4-H Volunteer/Leaders meeting on September 25 at 5:30 PM at the Extension Office. Topics to be discussed include: 4hOnline, Recruitment, National 4-H Week, Yearly Club Calendars, & more!

The required leader’s training will be held during the spring leader’s meeting.

Please RSVP to Shelly at the Extension Office either by phone or email at skoehn@iastate.edu if you are planning on attending, by Sept 20! If you are not planning on attending, please contact Shelly to find out how to complete your training and what county information was presented!

**ATTN: CLOVER KIDS LEADERS**

Please plan on attending as we will be discussing 4-H items that will be related to your clover kid groups. Please note this is not the required training for volunteers, that meeting will be held in the spring. If you need ideas or agenda topics for your club meetings, please contact the Extension Office.

Regional State 4-H Leader’s Training

**Regional new/experienced volunteer training is designed for** 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids – both leaders and assistants. New volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a multi-region volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer. The 6 hour training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help them be more confident and capable in their roles working with youth. The training includes breakout sessions for Clover Kid volunteers and club volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information.

Region 15 (Iowa, Keokuk, Johnson, Washington): **November 2 at the Iowa Co. Extension Office**

**COST IS FREE!**
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## August Calendar of Events

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**August 4 - Hoof Beats 4-H Meeting**

August 6 - National Night Out on Sigourney Square

**August 7- Patriotic Panthers 4-H Meeting**

August 8-18 - Iowa State Fair

**August 11 - Riverside 4-H Meeting**

**August 14 - Stick To It 4-H Meeting**

**August 18 - Liberty Leaders 4-H Meeting**

**August 18 - Keswick Klover Leaves 4-H Meeting**

**August 18 - Lafayette Feeders 4-H Meeting**

August 20-23 - Pick up Iowa State Fair Exhibits at Extension Office

**August 21 - First Lego League Find out Night (5-6PM) & Coaches Meeting to follow**

**September 2 - Extension Office Closed for Labor Day**
Last year, farmers like you directed $5,895,000 to nonprofit organizations in their communities. More than 1,200 donations went to vital community services such as fire departments, food pantries and schools. So, please help improve your community by enrolling today. Go to GrowCommunities.com to enter online or call 1.877.267.3332 to enter by phone. The Monsanto Fund will select one winner at random from each of the eligible 1,289 counties and winning farmers and recipient nonprofit organizations will be announced in January 2014.