Imagine a world of 4-H where you learn new and different things in different ways. Expand your horizons.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Madison County Extension

MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION

CLOVER CONNECTION
A BIG “COUNTY FAIR” THANK YOU!

I would like to recognize the many dedicated volunteers who make a difference in the lives of Iowa’s youth through Extension 4-H Youth Programs and the Madison County Fair.

THANK YOU to our fair board for providing the venue for our fantastic youth to showcase their talents at the Madison County Fair.

Thank you to Fareway for helping us with prices for the 4-H Foodstand and a huge thank you to HyVee for helping with food prices and their generous donations.

Thank you to the Pork Producers for donating ribs for the 4-H Foodstand Rib Dinner.

Thank you to the Cattlemen, Farm Bureau, and the Fair Board for pouring concrete in front of the 4-H Foodstand.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the countless activities at the Fair, and to the superintendents who volunteer their time.

Thank you to all our trophy and award sponsors.

Thank you to the leaders, who coordinate so much at the fair.

Finally, thank you to everyone I forgot to thank above—without you, we couldn’t have done it. Fair is truly a community activity, and it takes everyone to make it great!

-Jennie Hargrove
Babysitting Basics Class Offered in Truro
On Saturday, September 26th, ISU Extension and Outreach will be hosting a Babysitting Clinic for new babysitters at the Truro United Methodist Church from 9 am—3 pm. This class is open to youth grades 5th and above. The cost is $20. To register or for more information, please call the Extension office at 515-462-1001.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS!

Last Call for 2014 Premium Checks
Several premium checks from the 2014 Madison County Fair have not yet been deposited. If you are on this list, please deposit the check immediately so the Fair Board can balance their books. This is your last opportunity. If you need a check re-cut, contact Dodie Caudle from the Fair Board.

Check 11/03/2014 9651 Katelyn Puderbaugh -77.00
Check 11/03/2014 9638 Marshall Eddleman -29.00
Check 11/03/2014 9647 Olivia McNair -19.50
Check 11/03/2014 9713 Kayle Eivins -18.00
Check 11/03/2014 9683 Sam Vonnahme -13.00
Check 11/03/2014 9615 Zebin Kester -11.00
Check 11/03/2014 9718 Brenden Kirk -8.50
Check 11/03/2014 9617 Jackson Lenocker -6.00
Check 11/03/2014 9668 Jack Hanrahan -6.00
Check 11/03/2014 9661 Haley Brant -6.00
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Check 11/03/2014 9714 Kolton Eivins -6.00
Check 11/03/2014 9629 Wyatt Jones -3.00
Check 11/03/2014 9682 Max Vonnahme -2.00
Check 11/03/2014 9715 Bridger Hutton -1.50

2015 Madison County Post-Fair Pool Party
Thanks to everyone who came!
THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated a manure spreader to be used during the county fair. It could become a very stinky mess without your help! Thank you for helping to keep our fairgrounds a more pleasant place for visitors.

Herdsmanship Winners

Thank you to all of the 4-H and FFA members for their hard work to keep the livestock barns clean for fairgoers. Even though it was hot, you kept up on aisle duty and picking stalls. It makes visitors feel welcome when they aren’t worried about what they’re walking through.

It was a pretty tight race for this year’s awards—and there were two ties! It means that you are all working hard for your club or chapter’s reputation of winning herdsmanship. This year’s winners are:

First Place: Scottish Farm Feeders
Second Place: Shooting Stars
Penn Prize Winners
Third Place: Crawford Hillsiders
Winterset FFA

4-H FOOD BOOTH

Thank you to Mary Gordon, Darla Milhollin, and all of the clubs and volunteers for their time, pies, and brownies. With all of your help we were able to earn funds to support the 4-H Youth Committee, which in turn funds your programs, training, and trips. WAY TO GO!

POP TAB WINNERS

The past several years the Madison County Youth Council has been involved in supporting the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, by collecting pop tabs. These tabs help to raise the much needed funds that the Ronald McDonald House needs to operate. Each year hundreds of families stay at the house at a very minimal cost to them while their loved ones are in the hospital.

This year with the efforts of all of you, we collected 243,063 pop tabs! Great job! It is wonderful to see the county pull together for such a worthy cause.

If your club is looking for a field trip, I would suggest visiting the Ronald McDonald House to see firsthand just what a difference collecting pop tabs can make.

The following prizes, sponsored by the Madison County Youth Council, will be awarded to the top three clubs. CONGRATULATIONS!

FIRST PLACE—Jefferson Lee Jades, 2052 tabs/member
$100 PRIZE

SECOND PLACE—Southwest Jr. Stockmen, 1929 tabs/member
$75 FOR PIZZA

THIRD PLACE—Winterset Lucky Cloverbuds, 888 tabs/member
$50 FOR PARTY SUB FROM SUBWAY

LOST & FOUND

If you lost something at county fair, or if you found something that doesn’t belong to you, please contact Maria at the Extension Office at 515.462.1001 or hargrove@iastate.edu.
**YOUTH 4-H OPPORTUNITIES**

4-H National Youth Science Day

4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is an exciting, interactive learning experience that engages thousands of youth across the country in conducting the National Science Experiment. The national 4-H NYSD event will take place on October 7, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

*Motion Commotion* is a fun activity which focuses on automobiles and the dangers of texting and driving.

Science kits for the 2015 National Science Experiment are available for pre-order from the 4-H Mall. We will also have three kits available for checkout from the Madison County ISU Extension and Outreach Office.

Join the 2015-16 Madison County Youth Council

The Madison County Youth Council is seeking new members in grades 9-12. The Youth Council is for outstanding youth in our 4-H program. These youth help with programming throughout the year and represent their club at the county level.

Applications are available in the Madison County Extension Office, and one is included in this newsletter. Applications are due no later than September 15, 2015 at 4:30 to the Extension Office.

4-H Re-Enrollment for 2015-16

The 2015-16 4-H Year Begins on September 1st. Re-Enrollment begins on September 1 as well! This year, enrollment fees will remain $30, paid to the Extension Office. Visit https://iowa.4honline.com after September 1st to get enrolled for the 2015-16 4-H Year! Remember, all volunteers must also re-enroll!

Don’t Forget…

Record Books are due to the Extension Office by Friday, September 25th. Pages are available at the office, and covers are also available for purchase for $3.00.

**VOLUNTEER 4-H OPPORTUNITIES**

Each year, 4-H Volunteers must complete Annual 4-H Volunteer Training to maintain their volunteer status. If you are a volunteer and you have not completed the 2014-15 training “The Heart of Belonging”, please contact Jennie to set up a time to complete this training. Volunteer who have not completed this training by November 1 will no longer be active volunteers.

This year, there are two Annual Training Options. You can attend one or both. Please choose what is convenient for you.

Choice A: The Heart of Community
January 21st, 2016, 6-8 pm at the Extension Office

Choice B:
February 18th, 2016, 6-8 pm at the Extension 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.
Volunteer Opportunities

Shooting Sports Instructor Course Offered
4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports (SESS) is a youth development educational program that uses the skills and disciplines of shooting to assist young people and their adult volunteer leaders in gaining knowledge and developing life skills.

- Archery • Muzzleloader • Rifle
- Shotgun • Wildlife Skills

- Learn safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline, and concentration
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior
- Foster an understanding of our natural resources and the development of a personal environmental stewardship ethic through participation in shooting, hunting, and related activities.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training is being held September 18-20, 2015 at the Dubuque County Izaak Walton League, Peosta. Adult leaders are needed in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program to be able to offer this opportunity for 4-H youth in your counties.

Please register to complete 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor training and get involved with teaching youth safety, education in Shooting Sports.

Registration: Click Here

Questions: Contact Jones County Extension office, 319-465-3224 or email Jacki Luckstead, luckstea@iastate.edu

New Volunteer Training

Training for New Volunteers will be held on three occasions this year, one of which is in Madison County on Saturday, January 30th from 9 am until 3 pm at the Extension Office.

This free training is required for all volunteers, and is part of the screening/training process. Three different dates have been scheduled to provide training to new and newer clover kids and community club volunteer. Meals and snacks will be provided.

The 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/project volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information.

If you have submitted a 4-H Volunteer Application but have not attended, you must attend a session of New Volunteer Training. There are three options for dates:

Choice A:
Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Time: 9 am – 3 pm
Place: Polk County Extension Office

Choice B:
Date: Tuesday, January 19th & Tuesday, January 26, 2016 (2 part session)
Time: 6 – 9 p.m.
Place: Polk County Extension Office

Choice C:
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2016
Time: 9 am – 3 pm
Place: Madison County Extension Office

4-H PLEDGE

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Madison County 4-H Youth Council
Membership Application

Due to ISU Extension Madison County by September 15, 2015
Senior level (9th-12th Grade) 4-H community club members are eligible to apply.

Name _______________________________ Club _______________________________

Address _______________________________ City __________________ Zip Code ______

Youth’s Cell Phone # _______________ Youth’s E-mail ____________________________

Grade in School _______________ School ________________________________________

Parent/Guardian(s) Names ___________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Phone __________________ Parent/Guardian E-mail __________________

Briefly describe your leadership and citizenship experiences in 4-H.

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Briefly describe your leadership and citizenship experiences outside of 4-H.

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Why do you want to be a member of the Madison County 4-H Youth Council?

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List one specific leadership skill you’d personally like to strengthen during the next year.

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**2015-16 Madison County 4-H**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Regular Meetings:**
- **Youth Council:** Fourth Sunday of Each Month (Grades 9-12)
- **Youth and 4-H Committee:** First Wednesday of Each Month, 6:30 pm at Extension Office

**September 1:** Reenrollment begins on Iowa 4-H Online ([https://iowa.4honline.com](https://iowa.4honline.com))
**September 22:** Launching Leader Ideas Workshop (West Des Moines)
**September 24-27:** AkSarBen Livestock Expo in Omaha, NE
**September 25:** Record Books & Club Officer Books Due to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm
**September 26:** Babysitting Clinic at Truro United Methodist Church, 9 am – 3 pm
**October 4-7:** National 4-H Week (Wear your 4-H T-Shirts to school this week!)
**October 8-9:** Covered Bridge Festival—need clubs to work the Corn Box and to provide youth activities
**October 20:** Club Officer Training with Leaders, 6-8 pm at the Jackson Building on the Fairgrounds
**October 30:** Trick or Treat Around the Square in Winterset—Come by the office to see Cy!
**November 2:** 4-H Awards Banquet, Jackson Building
**December 5:** Cattle Weigh In, 8-10:30 am, Sale Barn

**Late December:** **NEW!!!** Winter Camp for Grades 7-12—watch for more information!

**January 1:** Start submitting your animal ID’s in 4-H Online ([https://iowa.4honline.com](https://iowa.4honline.com))
**January 21:** Annual Leader Training, “The Heart of Community” at 6 pm, Extension Office
**January 30:** New Volunteer Training, 9 am-3pm at Extension Office

**February 18:** Annual Leader Training, “The Heart of Leadership” at 6 pm, Extension Office

**March 5:** Food Safety Quality Assurance Training
   - 8:00-10:00 am: Grades 4-6 Training
   - 8:30 am-9:45 am: Testing for Grades 7-12
   - 10:00 am-12:00 pm: Grades 7-12 Training
   - 10:30 am-11:45 am: Testing for Grades 7-12
March 26: Swine Weigh-In, 8-11 am, Location TBA

March 28-April 2: ISU Extension and Outreach Week

April 23: Sheep Weigh-In, 8-11 am, Fairgrounds

May 15: Animal IDs due in 4-H Online by 11:59 pm (All animals to be shown MUST be ID’ed)

May 15: Clothing Event and Communications Day Entries Due

May 16: Fair Entry Opens for Static Exhibits and Livestock Projects

May 27: Fair Entry Help Session, 3:30-5:00 pm at the Extension Office

June 7: Clothing Event, 1-8 pm

June 9: Communications Day, 8 am – 4:30 pm

June 14: Fair Entry Help Session, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Extension Office

June 15: Fair Entry Closes for Livestock (Due by 11:59 pm)

June 22-25: Taste of Camp at the Iowa 4-H Center (Grades K-8)

June 28-30: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference at ISU (Grades 8-12)

July 1: Iowa State Fair Horticulture and Livestock Entries Due in Fair Entry by 11:59 pm

July 1: Pop Tabs due into the Extension Office by 4:30 pm for the Pop Tab Challenge

July 6: Pre-Fair Meeting, 6:30 PM at Extension Office

July 10: Madison County Fair Dog Show

July 11: Static Exhibit Judging Day

July 13-17: Madison County Fair

July 18: Madison County Fair Livestock Auction

July 18: 4-H Pool Party at Winterset Aquatic Center (tentative)

July 28: Post-Fair Meeting, 6:30 PM at Extension Office

August 1: State Fair Static Exhibits due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm

August 11-21: 2016 Iowa State Fair
# Calendar—August-October 2015

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