In honor of your recently completed recordkeeping…

Ditty for the Record

4-H Club News, Franklin County New York
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What do you think of a record sheet,
Is it a task or is it a treat.

A labor required that you fair would shun,
Or a pride and a proof of work well done?

Do you wait and ponder the very last minute
On what the heck you will enter in it?

Or is it a thing that lives and grows
As all through the year the project goes?

I know it is hard for many of you
To put on paper the things you do.

A lot of our Jims, a lot of our Jeans,
At doing a job are kinds and queens,

But you cannot write for a hill of beans
Yet, if each day, as soon as you're through it,
You write up your work at the time you do it,

Why even though you make some slip,
In grammar, maybe or penmanship
I'll bet your leader will slap your back

And say, "By gosh, you're a crackerjack!"

http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/lifesciences/agnic/Youth/literature/poems.html
Mark your calendars everyone and join us for the 2015 Madison County 4-H Awards Banquet on Monday, November 2nd at 6 PM. It will take place at the Jackson Building on the Madison County Fairgrounds. New 4-H families, returning 4-H families, and volunteers are all welcome!

The Fair Board and the Madison County Pork Producers will be sponsoring a meal beginning at 6 PM, followed by the Fair Board’s annual meeting.

Youth Awards to be presented include:
• First Year 4-Her
• Cloverbud participant
• Participation
• Record Keeping
• Secretary, Treasurer, & Historian book
• 4-H Project Awards
• Gold, Silver, & Bronze Project Awards
• Outstanding Up & Coming Cloverbuds
• Outstanding Up & Coming Juniors & Intermediates
• Outstanding Seniors
• Major Life Skills
• Bonnie & LeRoy Songer Memorial Scholarship

Adult Awards to be presented include:
• Friend of 4-H
• Partner of 4-H
• 4-H Alumni
• Volunteer of the Year
• 4-H Family of the Year
• 4-H Volunteer Awards (5-10-15 year)

Club Award:
• Banner Club Award

Don’t miss the opportunity to share in the success of our youth, recognize first year 4-Hers, and show appreciation for all our volunteers!!

Pictures Wanted for Awards Banquet Slideshow!!

Each year volunteers, parents and youth participate in a wide variety of programs and activities through which many different experiences and memories are created. As part of the annual 4-H Awards Banquet on November 2, 2015, the 4-H & Youth Committee as well as the Madison County Extension office would like your help in creating a slideshow of 4-H memories that you (youth or adult) have in pictures. This is a great way to reflect on past accomplishments and look towards the future!!

If you have photos or other electronic visual aids that you would like to have in the slideshow, please bring them into the office on a disk or send them to hargrove@iastate.edu. The recap slideshow will be presented during the program for all to reflect on our successes as we move forward into the future!

You’re Invited!

Awards Banquet

Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM
Jackson Building, Madison Co. Fairgrounds

County Fair Premium $$

The Madison County Fair Association allocates premium money for exhibitors at the Madison County Fair. Premium checks will be distributed after the Awards Banquet.
YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Organize teams now for Beef Scholarship Extravaganza

The 20th Annual Beef Scholarship Extravaganza will be held Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at the Hansen Learning Center in Ames. The event, which is sponsored by the Iowa Cattlemen’s Foundation, tests the knowledge of high school juniors and seniors on all aspects of the beef industry and cattle management issues.

More than $7,600 in scholarships will be awarded to the top four teams in the competition. Teams will work through eleven stations. Participants will receive explanation and feedback about the stations following the competition. Stations will cover the following topics:

- Handling and Health
- Nutrition
- Marketing (Beef cut evaluation)
- Seedstock Merchandising
- Job Interview
- Keep-Cull Replacement Heifers
- Heifers
- Reproduction
- Beef Management Challenge
- Credit and Finance
- Beef Industry Issues and Advocacy

To prepare for the contest stations review the station protocols at www.iowacattlemensfoundation.org/

The entry fee is $200 per team. The fee covers noon lunch and an Extravaganza t-shirt. Scholarship dollars won at the Extravaganza can be used at any university or community college. In addition, if the student will be attending Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Kirkwood Community College, Hawkeye Community College, Muscatine Community College, Des Moines Area Community College or Iowa Lakes Community College, those institutions offer additional matching scholarships to students on the winning teams.

To register and/or additional information contact: www.iowacattlemensfoundation.org/

2016 Citizenship Washington Focus

Looking for an experience of a lifetime? Look no further than the Citizenship Washington Focus trip where you as a 9th-12th grader can travel by charter bus to visit Washington D.C. and the National 4-H Center. Experience leadership and citizenship on a higher level with this epic opportunity on June 10-18, 2016.

Trip highlights include the Flight 93 Museum, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museum, Mount Vernon and the Holocaust Museum. Youth will also meet with the Iowa Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Besides tours and workshops, 4-H’ers will have time for socializing and meeting new friends!

Cost of the trip is $1,570. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions and most meals. Registration and a $510 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Space is limited. Registration deadline is January 4, 2016. To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

New 4-H Club Officer Training

All newly elected club officers are encouraged to attend the 4-H Club Officer Training on October 20th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Jackson Bldg. in Winter- set.

Plan to attend if you are: club president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, reporter or recreation chair. All officers will learn and practice the skills needed for their office position and receive materials to be successful in their leadership role.
Help Needed—
Market Beef Weigh-In
The market beef weigh-in will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 2015 from 8:00-11:00 AM at Madison County Auction in Winterset. We are in need of volunteers to help with the day. People to run gates, taggers and even the retinal imager will be needed to make the day run smoothly. If you only help for part of the morning, that is fine too—everyone’s help is appreciated! Please contact the Extension Office at 515-462-1001.

Horse Educational Classes Offered
4-H Horse Judging classes began Monday, October 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, held at the Foursquare Gospel Church in Winterset. Youth will learn what the judge is looking for in halter and performance classes. They will learn what the Ideal horse conformation is as well as the ideal performance. The class will also meet on November 2, 16, 30, & December 7. If you have questions, please contact Jana Peters at jpeters1826@gmail.com. Hippology will begin in January.

Youth to Represent Iowa
Madison County Youth will represent Iowa at the All American Quarter Horse Congress on October 13. Sydney Hildebrand, Konnor Dimler, Emma Lowden, Alaina O’Connor, & Paige O’Connor will compete in the Horse Bowl Contest which is held during the Quarter Horse Congress, the largest horse show in the United States. This team earned this privilege by placing second at the Iowa Extravaganza which was held back in May at Ellsworth Equestrian Center. Good Luck Girls!
New Volunteer Training
This is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids – both leaders and assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a regional new 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/project volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information. AmeriCorps members are welcome to attend!
January 30, 2016, Madison Co. Extension Office, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
To register, visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining

ENROLLMENT TIME!
The 4-H Community Club program is open to youth in grades 4-12. If you’re a Clover Bud, grades K-3, be sure to continue reading to learn about enrollment opportunities for you!

To enroll or reenroll in the 4-H Community Club, you need to:
1. **Be in 4th-12th grade.** Clover Buds, youth in grades K-3rd, will have the opportunity to be a member of a Clover Buds 4-H Club.
2. **Submit an Enrollment or Reenrollment Form.** This can be done online at [www.iowa.4honline.com](http://www.iowa.4honline.com). (If you do not have internet capabilities, you may come to the Extension Office to fill out online. These forms tell us if you have a new address, the projects you are interested in learning about, what club you belong to and other important information.
3. **Submit the Iowa 4-H Youth Code of Ethics.** By signing this form, you and your parents/guardians agree to abide by the Iowa 4-H Youth Code of Ethics. This form needs to be signed by you and your parent/guardian. This can be done online.
4. **Submit your Medical Information/Release Form.** This form lets us know if you have any medical conditions that we should be aware of in case of an emergency. It also tells us if you are allowed to ride with other members/adults to events or have your picture published. This form needs to be signed by you and your parent/guardian. This can be done online.
5. **Pay your $30 program development fee to your club.** The program development fee is your membership fee for the 2015-16 4-H year. The fee supports state programming, including research-based youth development opportunities, curriculum development, volunteer and county staff training and support, and events such as state fair, conference, and recognition. *Clover Buds—pay a $10 membership fee.*
6. **Notify your 4-H Club Leader.** All reenrollment information and fees are due to your club leader by Oct. 31, 2015. If you do not submit reenrollment information by Oct. 31, you will not be a 4-H member until you do so and will no longer receive 4-H information, including the 4-H Newsletter after November 2015.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Superintendent Meeting

There will be a superintendent meeting on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Extension Office starting at 6:00 PM. All project superintendents should bring their changes for the 2016 fair book to this meeting. Also, if your department needs a judge for this year, please bring suggestions and contact information with you. Last date for submission of fair book rule changes will be October 30, 2015.

WINTER CAMP IN LATE DECEMBER

Watch for details—Winter Camp for Grades 7-12!!!

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP

Christmas is just around the corner and we have the perfect gift idea for your favorite elves. A gift certificate to the 2016 Region 13 Taste of Camp. Camp will be June 22-25, 2016. Children in first through eighth grade are eligible to attend camp. (High school youth may attend as camp counselors.) Adult chaperones are also needed, as our camp keeps expanding!

To purchase gift certificates, stop by the Madison County Extension Office. Certificates are available in any denomination.

THANK YOU!!!

A special thank you to all of the youth and adults that volunteered at the 2015 Madison County Covered Bridge Festival! We had beautiful weather on Saturday and Sunday, and a nice crowd for the two-day event. Kids and adults alike had a great time playing in the corn box, making oobleck, painting activities, and did I mention, playing in the corn box! Thank you!

The Youth & 4-H Committee would like to thank our volunteers for judging this year’s record books! We had 63 record books and 20 club books turned in this year. This group of volunteers also had to make the tough decisions in selecting award winners for this year. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the Madison County 4-H Program!

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/MADISON/4H
Calendar—Oct./Nov. 2015

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2015-2016 TENTATIVE LIVESTOCK DATES

All weigh-ins are held at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

- **Beef Weigh-in:** Sat, Dec 5, 2015 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- **FSQA Training:** Sat, Mar 5, 2016 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. (4th - 6th gr.) 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m. (TEST OUT—7th-12th) 10:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m. (7th - 12th gr.)
- **Swine Weigh-in:** Sat, Mar 26, 2016 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- **Sheep/Goat Weigh-in:** Sat, Apr 23, 2016 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
- **Livestock IDs Due***: Wed, May 15, 2016
- **Fair Entry Opens:** May 16—for Static and Livestock (livestock till June 15)
- **Iowa State Fair Entry** July 1, 2016—Horticulture and Livestock entries due
- **Madison County Fair** July 13 - 17, 2016
- **Iowa State Fair** Aug. 11 – 21, 2016

*Livestock IDs must be submitted for market/breeding beef, feeder calves, cow-calf, swine, market/breeding sheep, dairy cattle, goats, dog, rabbits, and horse.

IF YOU HAVE DATES TO INCLUDE ON THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 515.462.1001.
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Imagine a world of 4-H where you learn new and different things in different ways. Expand your horizons.