DATES TO REMEMBER

August
2  Iowa State Fair Static Exhibits due to the Extension Office
4  FIRST robotics informational meeting, 6pm at Ext. Office
6  Extension Council Mtg., 7:30p.m. at Extension Office
7  FIRST interest forms due
10 Iowa State Fair Food Exhibits due to the Extension Office
10 Ak-Sar-Ben entries due
13-23 Iowa State Fair

September
3  Extension Council Mtg., 7:30p.m. at Extension Office
8  Science Club meeting, 6pm at the Extension Office
21 County Council Mtg., 6:30p.m. at Extension Office

October
1  Record Books & Award Applications are due to the Extension Office
1  Extension Council Mtg., 7:30 p.m. at Extension Office
7  4-H Science Day activity

Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2015 Marion County Fair. We appreciate all of the Members, Volunteers, Families, and Friends that helped make the fair a success!

Summer Intern Farewell

I loved working with all of you this summer! I have loved seeing familiar faces and friends again, as well as meeting so many new people and making new friends! I have learned new skills that will carry me through the rest of my life. It has been so much fun and I had a blast! I loved seeing all of you at the workshops and seeing you all do so well at the fair this year! I could not be more proud of all that you have accomplished! I would like to thank everyone who helped me with workshops, pre-fair preparations, while at the fair, and for any other reason you can think of. Everyone has been so helpful and kind! Thank you all for everything! I will certainly never forget this summer and I have all of you to thank for that!

- Rachel Morgan

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2016 Marion County Fair Theme
Party til the Cows Come Home
Exhibitors Selected for Iowa State Fair

Front Row: Brett Nace, First Tech Challenge Team; Hunter Bailey, Lake Prairie; Atty Bailey, Lake Prairie; Klage Van Vark, Prairie Pride; Connor Bailey, Friendly Guys & Gals; Jeremy Rawlings, Friendly Guys & Gals; Travis Poffenburger, Friendly Guys & Gals; Carter Bailey, Friendly Guys & Gals; Curtis Clark, Saint Pride; Lydia Dingeman, Prairie Pride

2nd Row: Kortney Vander Linden, Saint Pride; Jenny Petersen, County Crusaders; Ella Jahner, 3Ls; Caleb Book, County Crusaders; Gavin Norton, Lake Prairie; Grant Fuller, Lake Prairie; Mckayla McGill, Friendly Guys & Gals; Bailey Vande Kamp, 3Ls; Kaley Iddings, 3Ls; Olivia Millar, Lake Prairie; Erin Duwenald, Lake Prairie; Emily McGhee, County Line

3rd Row: Jack Lauer, Our Union; Taylor Clark, Our Union; Gracie Stephens, Just Us; Camryn Norton, Lake Prairie; AJ Bull, Our Union; Chase Carter, Friendly Guys & Gals; Cael Roberts, Lake Prairie; Chandler Jahner, 3Ls; Kenzie Smith, Prairie Pioneers; Megan Crozier, White Breast Beavers; Gabe Seuferer, Just Us

Back Row: Reilly Finarty, Hex-a-Poppin’; Hannah Picard, Prairie Pioneers; Paige Beyer, County Line; Loran Sneller, County Line; Colten Stephens, Just-Us; Sam Borgerson, White Breast Beavers; Alli Friday, Our Union; Anthony Zoutte, 3Ls; Carter Cook, Our Union; Paige Anderson, Prairie Pride; Alexa Dingeman, Prairie Pride

* Dingeman, Prairie Pride

IOWA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS
GOOD LUCK TO ALL MARION COUNTY EXHIBITORS

Haley Bacon
Nathan Boldt
Caleb Book
Braede Brown
Tanner Clark
Kennedy Core
Taylor Decious
Kiley Elder
Parker Elder
Hagen Fouch
Mac Harken
Mitch Harken
Max Hinners
Chandler Jahner
Ella Jahner
Bailey Johnson
Kassidy Johnson
Brook Moore
Megan Moore
Jenny Petersen
Ty Schneider
Carson Shinn
Madyson Thill
Riley Thill
Elsie Thoreson
Reece Thoreson
Cade Van Vliet
Chase Van Vliet
Chloe Van Vliet
Ally Vanderhart
Faith Vanderhart
Shaelyn Vanderhart
Kortney Vanderlinden
Lane Vanderlinden
Tessa Vandermolen
Maxwell Wichhart
Club Booth Winners
1st - Lake Prairie
2nd - Prairie Pioneer
3rd - County Line

Decorate-A-Hay Bale Winners
1st - County Line
2nd - County Crusaders
3rd - Just Us

FIRST Robotics
It is time to be thinking about FIRST robotics for the fall. Marion County 4-H offers three levels—Junior FIRST LEGO League (jFLL, K-3rd), FIRST LEGO League (FLL, 4th-8th), and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC, 9th-12th). Each year, the programs release a challenge toward the end of August with some teasers throughout the summer.

Junior FIRST LEGO League
Over the course of about 8–10 weekly meetings, kids will learn about a topic and simple machines then design a poster and LEGO model about what they learned. The model and poster are displayed at an Expo. The title of the challenge this year is Waste Wise. jFLL meetings will be starting mid-fall.

FIRST LEGO League
FLL teams meet at least weekly throughout the fall to learn about a topic, create a unique solution to a problem faced in that topic, and design a LEGO robot to accomplish missions on a challenge mat. In early December, teams present their solution and robot at a championship. FLL is a great way to learn teamwork, communication, and problem solving skills. The title of the challenge this year is Trash Trek. More information about the challenge will be released on August 25th.

FIRST Tech Challenge
FTC teams meet at least four hours a week to work on a full-size robot which completes activities on a field. Through membership in the team, kids learn to communicate and work together. This year, they will also get experience working on an Android platform and writing code using Java, a major programming language. FTC members also have access to many college scholarships.

What to do
Contact the Extension Office or email cbregar@iastate.edu for more information. There will be an informational meeting at the Extension Office on August 4 at 6pm if 5 people RSVP by 8/3.

FLL interest forms and FTC applications will be due on August 7.

Coaches/Mentors Needed
FIRST teams can only exist when they have volunteers to coach them. Coaches do not need to be engineers or computer programmers, they just need to be interested in learning along with the kids. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Extension Office or email cbregar@iastate.edu.

HERDSMANS
CHAMPIONS

SHEEP: Saint Pride
SWINE: Friendly Guys and Gals
BEEF: Saint Pride
GOATS: Lake Prairie
RABBITS: Saint Pride
HORSES: Twin Cedars FFA
POULTRY: Lake Prairie (Held over from last year)

OVERALL
1st: Saint Pride
2nd: Lake Prairie
3rd: Friendly Guys and Gals

Bucket of Flowers
Congratulations and Thank You to all members who participated in the Bucket of Flowers class! This year we had 33 buckets at the fair. It is a great fundraiser for the County Council and they really appreciate it. Nice Job! The total amount raised for 2015 was $527.

AK-SAR-BEN Entries
AK-SAR-BEN Entries are due to the Marion County Extension Office by Monday, August 10th.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Entry forms and rules are available at the Marion County Extension office or online at: www.aksarben.org
THANK YOU NOTES
Don’t forget to write Thank you notes to anyone that supported you at the fair as well as throughout the 4-H year. Make sure you include your trophy sponsors if you won a trophy at the fair and also make sure you get one out to those who purchased your livestock at the fair. I encourage you to **handwrite** all thank you notes and make sure you explain what trophy you received from them or what specific animal they purchased or let them know what they have done for you this year that you have appreciated. A simple handwritten thank you note means a great deal to the people who have supported you!

Iowa State Fair Exhibits
- All exhibits except baked items are due to the Marion County Extension Office by August 3rd.
- Baked items are due to the Marion County Extension Office by August 10th at 4:00p.m.
- All exhibits will be ready for pick-up on August 25th at 8:00a.m.

**Intermediate 4-H Campout**
It is time to start thinking about the **Intermediate 4-H Campout**. You must be a 7th or 8th grade student to attend. The date will be announced soon.

Last year everyone had a great time and we hope to do the same this year!

**Record Keeping**
It is time to start the Record Keeping process if you haven’t already. Record Keeping/Awards Information packets are available at the Extension Office or on the web at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ marion/info/recordkeeping.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/info/recordkeeping.htm). Start it as soon as possible! If you have any questions contact your Club Leader or the Marion County Extension Office.

Completion Awards will be the same as last year. Marion County 4-H is going to move to giving an award to “Outstanding 4-Her”. A member will need to attend 6 regular 4-H meetings, participate in a service project (individual or club) and turn in a completed record book to receive the award. Anyone receiving an “Outstanding 4-Her” award will receive an “Outstanding 4-Her” t-shirt. All first year members will continue to receive the first year pin and third year members will still receive a yard sign.

This change will not affect project awards.

**Attention!**
Wooden Clover Champion Signs are available for pick up at the Extension Office. These signs are the ones that used to hang in the barns above the respective animal of each breed or class. There is a large variety of animals and classes to pick from. If you are interested in a sign please stop by the Extension Office to pick one up.

**They must be picked up by October 1st.**
First come first serve.
This was the fourth year for the Marion County 4-H Bucket of Junk Contest and it was a huge success. We had 8 five gallon buckets of “junk” donated by Vermeer in Pella and Weiler in Knoxville. Each bucket was filled with a variety of scrap metal from these corporations. The first 7 4-Hers into the Extension Office received the buckets of “junk.” This years participants were Gabe Seuferer, Dean Jolly, Ty Schneider, Emma Carlson, Chase Carter, John Fetty, and Davis Montgomery. A special congratulations to Gabe Seuferer on being the overall winner. This year we raised 1,710 dollars, which will be used to help fund 4-H programming. We are looking forward to doing this contest again next year. We will have 8 buckets and it is still a first come first serve bases. Be looking in your January or February newsletter if you wish to participate.

Thank You to Vermeer & Weiler for donating the “Junk.”

Thank you to Mark and Deb Core and Barb Anderson for purchasing sculptures and then giving them back to the families of the sculptors. Marion County 4-H sincerely appreciates the support.

Thank You to Larry Cummings for auctioning them off at the 2015 Marion County Fair!
# 2015 Marion County Fair
## Livestock Sale Results

Thank you to the buyers and supporters listed below:

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**Sale Committee**
Leslie Miller, Mike Veenstra, Larry Cummings, Craig Kaisand, Jason Reed, Casey Gerhardt

**Auctioneer**
Larry Cummings

**Sale Help**
Leslie Miller, Iowa State Savings Bank; Sandy Renard, Wells Fargo; Angie Vos, Farm Service Agency; Tiffany Johnston, Knoxville FFA Advisor; Don Cummings; Garrett Hollinrake, Knoxville Regional Livestock; Molly Kephart, Agri-Vision

THANK YOU to all who helped make the sale successful!
This material has been prepared by Mindy Kephart, Marion County 4-H & Youth Coordinator. If you have questions, please contact the office at 842-2014.