January 2015

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Clover Calendar

January
5 Youth Development Committee Meeting
18 Swine Workshop

If clubs are in need of program before or after club meetings please, contact the extension office. We would be happy to plan an activities.
2nd ANNUAL
CLOVER RUN/WALK
5K
APRIL 18TH, 2015

Benefitting
MARSHALL COUNTY 4-H

Mark your calendars for Marshall County 4-H to host its Second Annual 5K on April 18th 2015. This is a 5K Clover Run/Walk that will help fundraise money for our Marshall County 4-H youth scholarships, youth development, and Central Iowa Fair activities. The race will take place at Central Iowa Fairgrounds. Be a Sponsor! Donations can be made by check to “Marshall County Extension.” For more information about the race please contact Caleb Carver by phone at (641) 752-1551 or e-mail ccarver@iastate.edu, or Cassie Sawyer at (319) 551-6572 or cassie_sawyer@live.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

Club News

1,000 Gifts to 1,000 Children over the past 10 years!

For the past 10 years Clemons Clippers has partnered with Ellen Harbaugh and friends to participate in what is called a "Books and Beasties" service project. Each year Clemons Clippers has wrapped 100 gifts that include 3 books and one stuffed animal to be received by children associated with Child Abuse Protection Services and Youth and Shelter Services of Marshall County during the Christmas Holiday Season.

Clemons Clippers is proud to be a part of this service project and thrilled to of reached the 1,000 gift milestone this year! A huge Thank You to

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
County Council Spotlight:

Genesee Merical
Co-chair - Marshall County 4-H Council
Favorite Project: Horses
Why do you enjoy 4-H?
I like being involved in community activities
4-H Club: Wolfe Ranch Rough Riders
Year in School: 8th Grade
School: East Marshall

Pictured: Genesee Merical (Left) & Jacob Stalzer (Right)

Jacob Stalzer
Co-chair - Marshall County 4-H Council
Favorite Project: My dresser that I did this year
Why do you enjoy 4-H?
It is fun and you get active with other people
4-H Club: Haverhill Hustlers
Year in School: 9th Grade

Marshall County 4-H County Council
Meeting Time: 1st Sunday of each month, 5:30pm at the Extension Office
Advisors: Sara Duncan and Emily Ketelsen
Annual Family Bowling Night: Sunday February 22 from 1-3pm

Join Today!
- Build Leadership Skills
- Have an Active Voice
- Make Friends
- Go on Trips
- Get Scholarships
- Plan Events
- Have Fun

For more information contact:
Sara Duncan at 641-486-5678 or sara@jayduncan.com
Emily Ketelsen at 641-752-1551 or emilyket@iastate.edu
Horse Project News

What: Bits and Bridles Workshop

When: January 17, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Where: Activity Building at Central Iowa Fairgrounds in Marshalltown

Who: Marshall County 4H Members, Horse project

We invite ALL livestock and non-livestock 4H members to come out and learn a little more about horses.

We will be covering what bits and bridles are legal in the show ring for Western, English, Driving, and Games. For those who will be exhibiting horses at the Central Iowa Fair in July 2015 please bring information on your horse. We would like to know the age and breed of your horse and what classes you plan to show. Please bring your headstall you use to ride and/or show. We want to take a look at your equipment and help to ensure it is legal. If it is not, we will work with you to find what will work for you and your horse and be proper. If you are new to horses or showing, this is the perfect opportunity to learn what you need for your horse.

Refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact Erin Calkins. eacalkins@msn.com or 641-485-8548
Great job at weigh in for all the market beef projects. Looks like you are all off to a great start with your projects! Thank you for your patience and for helping out and getting this done. Keep up the good work. Remember if you had a breed steer and forgot to bring the sire registration number you have until Jan. 15th to get this information into the Extension Office. Please do not forget to do this. If you have any questions give us a call.

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Now is the time to start making plans for your poultry project for the 2015 Central Iowa Fair. Production hens (egg layers) should be purchased by at least the end of February. Breeding birds can be purchased any time now. You can also use breeding birds from last year’s chicks, just remember, you must have owned them from less than 10 days old. Broilers don’t need to be purchased until around the 1st of May. Breeding and Production birds need to be purebred, broilers and prized poultry can be crossbred. If you need help deciding on a breed or where to purchase birds, or have any questions about your project, please give me a call. Chellney Newhouse, 641/691-5075 or

We have exciting changes taking place on our swine show department! We are going to be putting on a workshop for ANYONE who might be interested in showing pigs or just wants to learn more about our program. We are adding new classes & will discuss some new avenues & possibilities for people who might not have facilities or space for pigs but are interested in showing. Once we have a date set for sometime this winter, we will publish it in the newsletter, so be on the lookout! And as always, if anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Lisa Peterson or Tom Hemesath. Thanks! - REGISTER BY JANUARY 15, 2015!

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.
Beef it UP!
4-H Beef Workshop
For 4-H’ers and their families in Boone, Hardin, Story & Marshall Counties
Parents are encouraged to attend

WHEN: Saturday, February 28, 2015 – Registrations due February 18, 2015
TIME: 9:00 – 12:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - Check in
Workshop from 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m
Sandwich, chips and a drink will be provided at the end of the workshop

WHERE: Iowa State University, Meat Lab, Room 133

WHO: Open to 4-H’ers and their parents/guardians (must have a minimum of 15 participants)

COST: $10 covers supplies and meal

Come and learn about:
- Quality Grade and Yield Grade – what’s the difference between prime, quality and select and why it is important?
- Look at beef carcasses in the cooler
- Test your meat cut identification skills
- Why is Food Safety and Quality Assurance so important?

Attire: Closed Toed Shoes, no dangling earrings, dress in layers as we will be going into meat coolers

Inclement Weather: If event is cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be no snow date offered and all money will be refunded. Each registered participant will be contacted individually.

For more information, call: Mary Clancy, ISU Extension, Boone County, 515/432-3882. Details regarding parking and other items will be sent to each registered individual by February 19th.

Return the bottom portion of this form with $10.00 per person to Boone County ISU Extension, 603 Story Street, Boone, IA 50036-2833. Make checks payable to Boone County ISU Extension. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

Registration for 4-H Beef Meat Workshop on Saturday, February 28th, 2015 – Due February 18th, 2015
Participants Name/s ___________________________ Grade/s ____________
Parents are encouraged to attend

Address ___________________________ City ___________ Zip code ___________

Home Phone (____) - __________ Parent’s mobile phone (__________________) __________

Parent or Guardian Name ____________________________

Total Number Attending ____________________________ X $10 ________ Total Payment ________

Enclosed find my registration fee. I understand this will be returned to me if the class is cancelled due to inclement weather. Please register by February 18th, 2015.
Dog Obedience

To all dog obedience project 4Hers and prospective dog obedience 4Hers.

The new year is just around the corner and with it, there are some new things to come at the fair. I have been working with the dog obedience project since 2012 and we seem to do the same thing each year. I have had conversation with the 4Hers who attend the dog obedience from May until the fair and there seems to be interest for change. I want to start slow with the change but would like to share some future goals. The first change is to add Rally-O to the current class list. What is Rally-O? Fun! There are ground-level signs in the show arena and you follow the directions on each sign. Directions include turns, sits and downs where you walk around your dog, serpentine patterns, and much more. It takes dog obedience to a new level. As for future goals, I would like to eventually add dog agility. For those of you who have rabbits, it’s basically the same thing but with dogs (and bigger obstacles).

What will it take to make these changes? You! I need feedback on the interest in both Rally-O and Agility. We will continue to hold the regular dog obedience class but with the addition of Rally-O, we will need to begin some lessons earlier in the year and/or have more classes each week. I already know I have access to indoor facilities so weather won’t be a big concern. To be able to add agility in the future, we will need equipment and obstacles which means fundraisers or workshops to build them. I have a few ideas for fundraisers, including a booth at the Heart of Iowa Kennel Club show the last weekend in April. I would like to hold a dog project meeting sometime after the first of the year so we can discuss these changes and goals. As soon as I get some feedback, I will let you know a time and place. Please contact me, Erin Calkins 641-485-8548 or eacalkins@msn.com.

Club News

Haverhill Hustlers 4H club spent Dec 14th helping make others in the community know they are being thought of this Holiday Season. These amazing kids along with their parents baked over 600 cookies for the residents at the Marshalltown Veterans Home (unfortunately due to a flu outbreak they were unable to personally deliver the cookies). The 4H kids then went out and did some Giving Tree shopping. The great acts of kindness that these remarkable kids and families have shown over this holiday season and throughout the year reminds us that we have a very promising future with these kids leading the way. We are very grateful to be able to work with such wonderful kids and families.

Thanks – Cassie Sawyer & Brittany Tow
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