



# MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

- Ronda MacClure, Whiting
- Andrew Christiansen, Ute
- Dave Hoagland, Mapleton
- Judy Mulder, Mapleton
- Amy Card, Onawa
- Leland Hathaway, Turin
- Shelbi Vermeys, Mapleton
- Rick Watson, Onawa



**NANCY MCGRAIN**  
**COUNTY EXTENSION**  
 County Youth Coordinator  
[nmcgrain@iastate.edu](mailto:nmcgrain@iastate.edu)



**MELISSA BEERMANN**  
**COUNTY EXTENSION**  
 4-H Program Assistant  
[mbeerman@iastate.edu](mailto:mbeerman@iastate.edu)

## EXTENSION COUNCIL

- Geri Johnson, Onawa
- Lisa Bruning, Castana
- Laura Neldeberg, Whiting
- Sandy Bubke, Mapleton
- Robert Haack, Whiting
- Sandy Smith Moorhead
- Cheryl Warner, Onawa
- Brian Hobbs, Whiting
- Leland Hathaway, Turin

## Calendar of Events

- August 3-5.....4-H Robotics Camp, West Harrison in Mondamin
- August 4.....Intermediate/Sr. Trip to Wild Water West, Sioux Falls
- August 11-21.....Iowa State Fair Visit [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)
- August 19-20.....Back to School Overnight Camp, 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. on the 20th
- September 1.....4-H Enrollment for 2016-2017 Begins**
- September 10-18.....Clay County Fair Visit [www.claycountyfair.com](http://www.claycountyfair.com)
- September 25.....Herbs In The Hills, Peter's Park near Rodney
- Due October 1.....4-H Project Award Applications  
 4-H Adult Leader/Volunteer Nomination  
 4-H Club Mini Grants  
 4-H Community Club Challenge reports  
 4-H Completion list  
 4-H Club Historian Book
- October 2-8.....National 4-H Week**



**Congratulations to the 2016 Monona County Fair Senior Showman Champions. 1st Place Alvin Pegram, 2nd Place Kendra Hart and 3rd Place Dolly Krohn.**



---

## FAIR NEWS

# 2016 Monona County Fair Wrap-Up

Our fair keeps getting better! The amount of volunteers and community support, 4-H and FFA members is growing. Several project areas have increased in the numbers of entries. Fun, inexpensive family events like BINGO, Ag Olympics, 4-H Game Alley, Glow-Run and Teen Dance

are all leadership opportunities for our youth and they draw the crowds!

**Thank you** to all 4-H'ers, families, volunteers, leaders, superintendents & fair board members for making the fair a great learning environment with the best community support we can ask for.

---

## FAIR NEWS

# Congratulations to 4-H'ers and Families

The Extension Staff would like to congratulate all of the 4-H and FFA members that participated in the county fair with static exhibits in the 4-H building and showing livestock. The barns were well kept and everyone did a great job of exhibiting and showing pride in your projects.

The fairgrounds looked great thanks to the fair board members and volunteering 4-H Club members, leaders and parents. We are already looking forward to next year.

***Thank You!***

---

## FAIR NEWS

# Herdsmanship Contest

4-H clubs are judged twice daily in the livestock barns. They are judged on their courtesy, sportsmanship, how well kept the pens and alleyways are, livestock having proper food/water, organized tack, clean and groomed animals. We are proud of our 4-H'ers for never receiving below 80 points for any animal at any time.

The winning club must have at least 3 members showing livestock. **Stop by the Extension Office to pick up your plaque and traveling trophy.**

Some members, however, did not clean out their pen at the end of the fair. This is necessary and part of your duties as an exhibitor at the fair. Families did return to the fairgrounds after the fair to finish cleaning - thank you very much for your help.

This year was a very tight race! (All scores are out of 100 points possible)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - 95.47 Whiting Badgers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 95.2 LEGO League

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 95 Westwood FFA

94.41 – East Monona Explorers

94.28 - Mapleton Starspinners

93.41—Outdoor Adventure Club

93.15—Onawa Bobcats

93.10 – Franklin Go-Getters

91.48—Mapleton Majors

---

## FAIR NEWS

# Congratulations to State Fair, Clay County Exhibitors

Congratulations to all who had 4-H fair exhibits chosen to go to the Iowa State Fair and represent our region at the Clay County Fair in Spencer. Good job representing Monona County! **Exhibitors—please make sure your Iowa State Fair exhibits are dropped off at the Extension Office by August 4.**

Check out all the amazing exhibits and events at the Iowa State Fair August 11-21. [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)

The Clay County Fair is September 10-18 Visit [www.claycountyfair.com](http://www.claycountyfair.com) for details.



---

## FAIR NEWS

# Send Thank You's for Awards & Trophies

It doesn't take long to write a few words of thanks to express your appreciation for others' thoughtfulness. Send Thank You's to donors of trophies or special awards if you haven't already done it. Address labels

are on the bottom of the trophies or in award envelopes. Businesses and individuals appreciate your courtesy for their support to the 4-H program.

---

## FAIR NEWS

# Fair Surveys—Your Opinion Matters

Please take a few moments of your time to complete the fair survey that are available to the public. The survey includes questions regarding 4-H and FFA events, entertainment, vendors, open class exhibits, and more. Monona County Extension Staff, 4-H Council and fair board members review all of the survey results. We appreciate your honesty as all surveys are anonymous.

We will make changes, improvements and adjustments as needed for the 2017 fair.

### 2016 Monona County Fair Survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddcs7A1IHRp6oVlixK1XJhwT2kzIX\\_aGsoTGv4hcnZAvr92A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddcs7A1IHRp6oVlixK1XJhwT2kzIX_aGsoTGv4hcnZAvr92A/viewform)

---

## FAIR NEWS

# Fair Photos

All photos taken by Monona County Extension have been uploaded to Shutterfly— an online photo sharing site. You can visit the site and download or order prints for yourself.

Do you have some photos to share? We would love to share even more photos with our 4-H family. Contact Melissa to learn how to share your photos from the 2016 Monona County Fair.

<https://mononacountyfair2016.shutterfly.com/>

---

## FAIR NEWS

# 4-H Premium Fund

Thank you to all 4-H families, local businesses and organizations that support the 4-H premium fund. This fund offers positive reinforcement to all county fair exhibitors for their hard work and dedication to all project areas. The money collected is distributed according to a weighted formula for each exhibit area.

Once every exhibit from the Monona County Fair has been entered, total premium dollars will be calculated. Each 4-H club will receive a check for their members' premium. Your club treasurer will then distribute individual premium checks to each member. Please deposit or cash your premium checks within 30 days. Thank you!



## SUMMER CAMPS

### Wild Water West Trip August 4

Take a ride to one of the best water parks around— Wild Water West in Sioux Falls, SD. All 6th-12th graders are invited to the August 4th trip. We will leave Onawa at 9:00 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. We will visit Falls Park then spend the afternoon at Wild Water West. The cost is \$25 to attend. Bring your own sack lunch, swim suits, towels, sunscreen and extra money if you want other snacks.

**Register at the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, August 2.**

Scholarships are always available through the Monona County 4-H Foundation to cover up to 1/3 of the cost of 4-H trips and camps.



## SUMMER CAMPS

### Back to School Overnight Campout August 19

This annual event is growing every year. Join your fellow 4th-8th graders sleeping overnight at Nebowa Camp on Blue Lake. The special feature this year will be by the ISU Insect Zoo. Do insect art, watch cockroach races and find out how much fun those “creepy-crawly” insects can be and why they are important. Go fishing, canoeing, gaze at the stars, play games and more!

You are certain to make lasting memories at this camp! The fee for 4-H members is \$15 and non-members are \$20. Meals and snacks included.

Camp starts at 8:00 a.m. on August 19 and ends at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 20.

Don't wait to register!

## COUNTY NEWS

### 4-H County Council Trip to Des Moines

The Monona County 4-H Council will be taking a trip to volunteer at the Iowa State Fair. New this year—they will be completing a 6-hour intensive challenge course at the high and low ropes courses at the Adventure Learning Center. The course will teach communication, and leadership skills and help overcome fears. They will also explore the Iowa State Fair and stay at the Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The county council members will spend day 3 having fun at Adventureland.

Thank you to everyone that gave money to the Whipped Cream Pie in the Face fundraiser and purchased 4-H Bracelets. Thank you to volunteers that got slammed with whipped cream pies: Monona County Board of Supervisors Mike Collison, Retired Police Officer Farrens, Fair Queen 1st runner up Laura Pautsch, Fair Board President Dave Carlson, Fair Board Members Casey Simpson and Rick Watson, Westwood FFA instructor Dan Witten, Co Council President Karisa Leinen, Extension Staff Nancy McGrain, Keith Baker and Melissa Beermann.



Join over 660 friends by following Monona County 4-H

[www.facebook.com/mononacounty4h](http://www.facebook.com/mononacounty4h)



## COUNTY NEWS

### 4-H Bracelets For Sale

The Monona County 4-H Council is still selling 4-H bracelets. They are a fundraiser to help fund their trip to Des Moines. Bracelets are only \$3 each.

Contact any 4-H Council member or the Extension Office to buy yours before we are sold out!

## STATE NEWS

### Specialty License Plate to Support Agriculture

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has recently partnered with the Iowa FFA Foundation and the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation to create a new specialty license plate to support agriculture. Proceeds from this new Ag Tag will benefit Iowa 4-H, Iowa FFA, and Iowa Ag in the Classroom programs. The logo and license plate mock up are shown here so you can see what it will look like. For more information and to order online you can visit [www.IowaAgTag.org](http://www.IowaAgTag.org).



## NATIONAL NEWS

### Nominate County Leaders for National Recognition

4-H Families: Give us a call or stop by if you would like to nominate a club leader, superintendent, youth committee member or volunteer. Nominations can be accepted for Volunteer of the Year (served less than 10 years at local, county or state level)

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award (served more than 10 years at the local, county, district or state).

Nominations will be accepted at the Extension Office until August 19.



**Save the Date! National 4-H Week is October 2-8**