



# MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## Calendar of Events

- August 8-10.....Conservation Camp at the Arboretum 1-3:00 p.m. Daily
- August 10-20.....Iowa State Fair
- August 13.....4-H Foundation Golf Tournament, 11:00 a.m.
- August 21.....Solar Eclipse Camp
- September 1.....4-H Enrollment for 2017-2018 Begins
- September 8.....Application Deadline for Master Gardener Program
- September 8-10.....Onawa Harvest Festival
- September 10.....SESS Club Meeting 1-2:30 p.m., Archery
- September 9-17.....Clay County Fair
- September 28-Oct 1.....AK-SAR-BEN—Now in Grand Island, Nebraska
- 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 1-7.....National 4-H Week**
- October 6.....CyDay Friday
- October 7.....4-H Junior Trip (tentative)



# 4-H

GROWING TOGETHER



**What a successful fair! Thanks to everyone that volunteered at and supported 4-H at the fair.**

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COUNTY FAIR NEWS

## 2017 Monona County Fair

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 county

council and they draw the crowds!

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

COUNTY 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!**

COUNTY 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 3.**

Check out all the amazing exhibits and events at the Iowa State Fair August 10-20. [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)

The Clay County Fair is September 9-17. Visit [www.claycountyfair.com](http://www.claycountyfair.com) for details.

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## 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 working hard all week in the heat.

The winning club must have at least 3 members showing livestock. Clubs with scores posted but ineligible from placing include MVAO FFA, SESS and Mapleton Majors.

**Stop by the Extension Office to pick up your plaque and traveling trophy.**

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

- 99 MVAO FFA
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—96.42 Westwood FFA**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—96.33 Mapleton Starspinners
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—96.24 Onawa Bobcats
- 95.81 – Outdoor Adventure Club
- 95.78 – SESS (Safety Education Shooting Sports)
- 95.31 – East Monona Explorers
- 94.82 – Whiting Badgers
- 93.88 – Mapleton Majors
- 92.56 – Franklin Go-Getters



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## COUNTY 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.

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## COUNTY 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 2018 fair.

### 2017 Monona County Fair Survey:

[https://docs.google.com/a/iastate.edu/forms/d/1XkpF0xUG31qDvgr\\_Pa5teMqDR-MvgfQ55jJmga2MZFM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/a/iastate.edu/forms/d/1XkpF0xUG31qDvgr_Pa5teMqDR-MvgfQ55jJmga2MZFM/edit?usp=sharing)

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## COUNTY 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 2017 Monona County Fair.

<https://mononacountyfair2017.shutterfly.com/>

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## COUNTY 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 based on premium points for the individual class or department.

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!



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## Conservation Camp at the Arboretum

Youth in grades 3-5 are invited to attend a mini-camp at the Monona County Arboretum August 8-10.

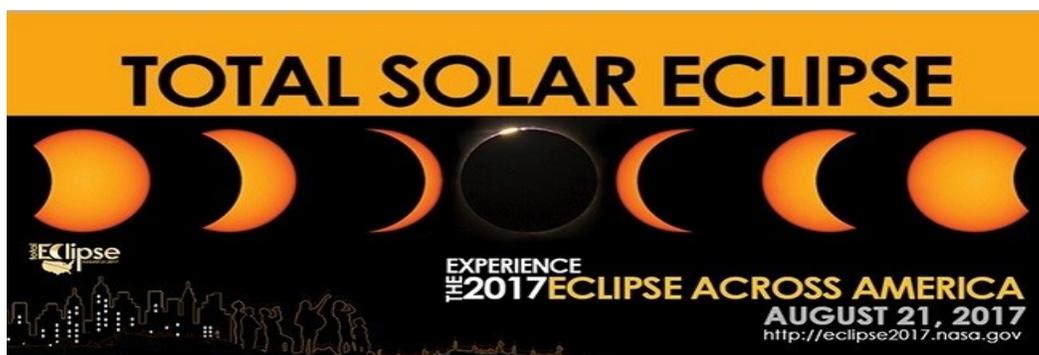
Three mini-sessions will be from 1-3:00 p.m. daily. Explore Plants and Animals of the Loess Hills on August 8, Water Critters on August 9th and Kitchen Science on August 10th. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate with children when possible. Be prepared with: water and a snack, sturdy shoes and sunscreen.

Contact Andrea Porter, Naturalist, at (712) 433-2400 or [mccbnat@mononacounty.org](mailto:mccbnat@mononacounty.org) to sign up today!



COUNTY NEWS

## Solar Eclipse 4-H Camp August 21



On August 21, a solar eclipse will cross the continental United States. In Iowa, People will be able to experience a partial eclipse with more than 90% of the Sun in the Moon's shadow. Iowa 4-H has partnered with the Iowa Space Consortium to provide Solar Eclipse Camp. A full day camp is scheduled for August 21 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Monona

County Arboretum. Make Eclipse Viewers, Sun S'mores, Eclipse Chalk Art, track the sun and view the solar eclipse with special eclipse glasses.

Kids in grades 4th-8th are invited to register—limited to only 20 youth. Camp will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

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## 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 August 10-12. 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 and water balloon fundraiser.

Thank you to volunteers that got slammed with whipped cream pies: Fair Board Vice President Curtis Sturgill, Fair Board Member Mike Wooster, Retired Extension Council Chair and Teacher Bob Haack, Extension Staff Nancy McGrain, Keith Baker and Melissa Beermann.

Thanks to all County Council members for their hard work this past year!



## COUNTY NEWS

# Master Gardener Program—Half Price for 2017

The Monona County Extension Council has offered support to Master Gardener participants for the 2017 Fall Session. The regular fee is \$195. Monona County participants can take the course for only \$95 in 2017. The Master Gardener program will hold its core training sessions this fall for individuals interested in becoming Master Gardeners. The Master Gardener program is looking for people who are passionate about volunteering and gardening. No previous garden knowledge is required. The program equips volunteers to grow in knowledge about gardening best practices, contribute produce to food banks to enhance food security and make Iowa's fairgrounds and main streets beautiful. "Master Gardeners provide information and education to Iowans," said Susan DeBlieck, ISU Extension and Outreach Master Gardener assistant coordinator. "They are excellent community resources who help make the state a better place to live."

The ISU Extension and Outreach Monona office will hold training sessions on September 19-November 14 at the Monona County Extension Office. The training will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. There will also be a training session held on the Iowa State University campus on Saturday, October 7 and 21.

After completing the course, Master Gardener trainees start their work as volunteers within the community, volunteering 40 hours in their first year. Gardeners then volunteer in future years for 20 hours per year while building their gardening know-how by participating in ten hours of continuing education.

Those interested in the course please contact Melissa at (712) 423-2175 and can apply at <https://mastergardenerhours.hort.iastate.edu/application-form.php>. Applications for the Master Gardener Program are due by September 8 to participate in 40 hours of Master Gardener training. Training fees are only \$95 for Individuals. Those not interested in becoming a Master Gardener volunteer can still receive training. The ProHort program allows individuals to gain knowledge while earning a certificate of completion. Cost for the ProHort program is \$550 and does not include any volunteer requirements.

Master Gardeners [donated nearly 120,000 volunteer hours](#) during 2016, providing the equivalent of \$2.6 million of labor to help beautify Iowa and address ongoing food security issues.



## STATE NEWS

# 4-H Alumni Opportunities at the Iowa State Fair

The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be showcasing alumni fair exhibit photos in their booth at the Iowa State Fair. 4-H Alumni can share photos of our county fair, or Iowa State Fair static or livestock exhibits. They would love to have photos from as many counties and eras as possible. Submit photos and a caption to [iowa4h@iastate.edu](mailto:iowa4h@iastate.edu).

4-H Alumni and friends are encouraged to register with the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The first 5,000 who register will be eligible for special benefits on August 11 and the top three counties will win money from the Iowa 4-H Foundation sponsored by DuPont Pioneer. Register by visiting <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/alumni>.



**Save the Date! National 4-H Week is October 1-7**