**Calendar of Events**

May 3 ……………………… SESS Club Meeting, Archery Mo County Conservation 12:30-2 p.m.
May 4 ……………………… Monona County 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m., Extension Office
May 9 ……………………… 4-H Cooking Club, 10 a.m. Faith Bible Church, Mapleton
May 10 …………………… Discover 4-H Club, 1-2:30 p.m., Extension Office
May 15 …………………… Livestock Identification Reports due to Extension Office
May 17 ……………………… SESS Club Meeting, Shotgun at Reese Farm 12:30-2 p.m.
May 19 …………………… Scholarship Reception for Graduating Seniors, 6:15 p.m.
May 22 …………………… Fishing Evening, Grey’s Landing 4:30-7:30 p.m.
May 27 …………………… Swine Educational Meeting 10:00 a.m., Extension Office
May 27 ……………………… County Council 4-H Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
May 28 & 29 ………… Lego Camp for 2nd-4th graders
May 30 …………………… FSQA Monona County Fairgrounds, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Animal Showing Workshop after lunch from 12:30-3:00 p.m.

June 1 …………………… Fair Entries Due: Clothing, Communications
June 2-3 …………………… Jr. 4-H Overnight Camp, Nebowa Camp at Blue Lake
June 10 …………………… Special 4-H award applications due
June 16 & 17 ………… Babysitting Class
June 30-July 2 ………… State Youth Conference, ISU Campus, Ames

July 1 …………………… All livestock entries due, Adult & Youth Pride of Iowa entries due
July 4 …………………… 4-H Clothing and Communication Judging, Mapleton
July 6 …………………… Cleanup day at the fairgrounds
July 13 …………………… Cleanup day at the fairgrounds
Congratulations Seniors!

We would like to wish the very best to the graduating 4-H Seniors. We hope your adventures in 4-H have been fun, educational, rewarding and prepared you for future challenges. Congratulations to Candace Seward, Ashton Christiansen, Katelyn Persinger, Whitney Carrier, Shayla Murray, Loren Coberly, Cody Thoreson, Rose MacClure, Abby Menke, Kelda Gigaroa, Brock Nelson, Tessa Rayevich and Anna Jepson. May the 4-H standards and ideals guide you into future success and happiness.

SUMMER CAMPS

Fishing Evening at Grey’s Landing May 22

Let’s kick off summer in the great outdoors! All families with kids in grades 4th-12th are invited to attend the annual fishing evening from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on May 22. Learn how to rig your fishing line, bait a hook, learn about fish native to this area and to Iowa. Eat a grilled dinner and, of course, go fishing! This is FREE to 4-H members and $2 for non-members. Signup today!

SUMMER CAMPS

Lego Camp May 28-29

Explore science, technology, engineering and math through Legos! Have the opportunity to learn about machines and construct and program your own Lego machines. All 2nd-4th graders are invited. The cost is only $30 for both days. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

SUMMER CAMPS

Design and Photography Camp

7th-12th graders will have the opportunity to explore art and design and photography with local artist Jen Seward and photography studio owner Jessica Carrier. Jen Seward is an expert at mixed-media art and canvas painting. Jessica Carrier is a talented photographer with many skills in digital editing.

Camp will be a half-day event sometime in mid-late June. The date will be set very soon. Cost should be approximately $20-25 per person and scholarships are available to help offset fees. If you are interested call the Extension Office to register. Space will be limited!
SUMMER CAMPS

Babysitting Class

Monona County students who are currently in grades 4th-6th are invited to participate in an upcoming babysitting workshop. The class will offer hands-on instruction to help students make decisions about babysitting and become prepared to take on the important responsibility of babysitting. The program will be taught by Cheri Hardison, ISU Extension; and Katie Garred, Burgess Health Center.

Students will gain skills and information about growth and development of babies and children, toy safety, and play ideas, business expectations and arrangements, first aid, and CPR. Babies and toddlers will visit the classes for a time of interaction.

Sign up for one of two days – June 16 or 17, 2015 by calling the Monona County Extension Office at 712/423-2175 by June 1. Classes will be held at the Monona County Extension Office in Onawa from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. There is a $10 fee per person. Lunch and snacks are provided. Class size is limited.

SUMMER CAMPS

Clover Kids Camp in August

The annual Clover Kids day-camp will take place in August this year. This event is always a must-attend for K-2nd graders and always fills up quickly. Date and details will be announced soon!

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Swine Educational Workshop May 27, 10 a.m.

All 4-H ‘ers are invited to attend an awesome educational experience on May 27 from 10:00 a.m.—Noon at the Extension Office. ISU Extension and Outreach Swine Specialist Dave Stender will be presenting an in-depth program. Dave will cover proper record keeping and bio-security measures to protect herd health. Discussion will also involve what you feed your pigs and why.

All special swine project members should attend this meeting.

The workshop is free. Please RSVP to the Extension Office.

COUNTY NEWS

Rabbit Tattooing

Any rabbit that will be shown at the Monona County Fair will need an ear tattoo. This includes 3rd grade Discover members as well as 4th-12th grade members.

If you need someone to tattoo your rabbit(s), contact Bob Hardison at 712-423-3010. Rabbit entry forms for the fair will be due on July 1.
**COUNTY NEWS**

### Livestock ID’s due May 15

Livestock ID’s are due to the Extension Office by May 15, 2015. (blue sheets) This form identifies breeding beef, swine, sheep, goats and horse projects you may want to show at the fair. A fair entry form is ALSO DUE July 1 for all livestock.

Poultry, rabbits, and dogs need only complete a fair entry form due on July 1st.

You may forfeit premium dollars if you miss the May 15th deadline and be disqualified to show if you miss the July 1st entry deadline.

### Animal Health Affidavit Required at Fair Check-In

Raising an animal or animals that will enter the food chain is a large responsibility. As a 4-H’er you have an obligation to be a responsible producer. Every animal is subject to federal regulations including proper drug usage. All livestock will now be required to have a completed Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statement presented for each animal shown. Forms will be available at our office, at FSQA trainings or extension.iastate.edu/monona. Give Melissa a call if you have questions.

### FSQA Certification and Spring Animal Workshop

**May 30** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monona Co Fairgrounds

**Animal Showing Workshop 12:30-3:00 p.m.**

The 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance program is in place for the State Fair and Monona County Fair 2014 for Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, and Rabbits. Juniors all need to come to the training even if they came last year. (This includes bucket calf, breeding, and market beef.) Discover 4-H members with bucket calves, rabbits or chickens, DO NOT have to come. Intermediates and Senior 4-H’ers need to come to the training also unless they took the test and passed it, or may take the test by appointment. If you took the test as an intermediate, you need to take the test when you turn a senior 4-H’er, 10th grade and above.

All exhibitors showing animals, except for horse and dog are required to attend. When 4-Hers meet the 4-H FSQA certification, they have also met the Beef Quality Assurance and Pork Quality Assurance certification as well. If you are an Intermediate or Senior 4-H’er and would like to take the test, you can take it at 8:30 a.m. on May 30. If you would like to take the test any other time, call the Extension Office (712-423-2175) to make an appointment.

You must call ahead to pre-register for any of the FSQA dates.

**Animal Workshop May 30 after FSQA**

An animal showing/grooming workshop will happen at the fairgrounds after FSQA. Get hands-on experience with livestock. Learn the ins-and-outs from County Council 4-H members, livestock superintendents and specialists. You do not want to miss this event! The Monona County Cattleman will be grilling a FREE lunch for attendees.

### Dog Classes Starting In May-Call to Register

Megan and Brenda Wimmer will be starting dog training classes at the end of May/first part of June. Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. is always a popular time. Please call Brenda Wimmer at 712-882-2242 to register. Classes are offered to K-12th graders. K-2nd graders will be required to attend at least 2 classes if they want to participate in the dog show at the fair.
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**Special 4-H Awards Due June 10**

All 4-H’ers are encouraged to apply for special 4-H awards. Applications are due June 10. These include: outstanding junior, outstanding intermediate, Margaret Coberly Award, junior merit, intermediate merit, senior merit, AK-SAR-BEN, Danforth Award, achievement, citizenship, agriculture, and leadership.

An application can be found on the Monona County web site or you can pick one up from the Extension Office. Recognition will be given during the fair with presentations on Saturday afternoon.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**4-H Premium Fund**

4-H families are invited, along with local businesses, to 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 to exhibiting 4-H’ers according to a weighted formula for each exhibit area.

Donor signs will be displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Building and in the Livestock Show Barn during the fair to thank those who contributed. Donations should be made payable to “Monona County Extension.” Please feel free to call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

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**Clothing Events & Communications Judging**

Entries are due to the Extension Office by June 1 for Clothing events and Communication judging. The forms to enter and participate can be picked up at the Extension office or online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/monona/kidsteens.htm.

Now is the time to be thinking about these events and start your planning strategy. Clothing events and Communication judging will be at St. John’s Methodist Church in Mapleton on Monday, July 6th. Don’t miss these great experiences!

**COUNTY NEWS**

**County Fair Entry Forms**

Entry forms are required for many fair exhibits. These include animal entry forms, communications, clothing events and Pride of Iowa. A comprehensive list and link to most forms is available at extension.iastate.edu/Monona/mononacountyfair.

Forms are also available at the Extension Office and check with your club leaders.

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**Club Attendance Records Due July 1**

Club attendance records from 4-H leaders are due by July 1. Members must attend half of the club meetings or community service activities to be eligible to participate at the fair or receive scholarships.

If you have not attended enough meetings, contact the Extension Office to find out about other possible events or club meetings you could attend.
FREE Green 4-H T-Shirts

Thanks to a generous sponsor Flint Hills of Arthur, IA. Every 4th-12th grade 4-H member and club leaders will have a FREE 4-H shirt! The 4-H Youth Committee approved wearing green t-shirts in the livestock show ring at the Monona County Fair.

Keep your white 4-H shirts. Either green or white can be worn on exhibit judging day.

Proudly wear your 4-H t-shirts any time of the year!

Clay County Fair

The Clay County Fair is doing their best to align their rules with the State Fair guidelines. Please advise the new important updates or changes: Poultry are not required to be ID’d; Birthdates no longer required for commercial heifers or prospect calves; Rabbits must be tattooed; Exhibitors’ premium checks will be distributed through the Extension Office, paid from Clay County Fair. For more information visit: extension.iastate.edu/clay/page/clay-county-fair-information

State 4-H Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center

Young people grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

June 21-25—State 4-H “…And My World” Camp; Campers will choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills

July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I; Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.

July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II: Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.

Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs.

Preliminary information on State 4-H camps has been posted to the 4-H Camping website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping with more to come as program details are finalized. Link to the online registration form will be posted in March. Contact Bill Beckley for more information (wbeckley@iastate.edu).

4-H Youth Conference—Registration Due May 30

Register online http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference/ You will find paper copies of registration materials if needed, workshop descriptions, and more!