Calendar of Events

September 1………………….. 4-H Enrollments for 2015-2016 Year Begin
September 12…………………. 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament
September 12-20……………. Clay County Fair  Visit www.claycountyfair.com
September 20…………………. SESS Club, Archery 12:30-2 at Monona County Arboretum, Onawa
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 4………………….. Herbs In The Hills, Peter’s Park near Rodney
October 4………………….. Hike the Hills, Fowler Park, Smithland
October 4………………….. SESS Club, Archery 12:30-2 at Monona County Arboretum, Onawa
October 4-10……………… National 4-H Week
October 7………………….. Outdoor Adv 4-H Club Meeting 3:30 p.m., WM Elementary
October 10…………………. 4-H Junior Trip to Omaha
October 11…………………. Discover 4-H Club Meeting 2:00-3:00 p.m., Extension Office
October 18…………………. SESS Club, Shotgun 12:30-2 at Reese Farmstead, North of Turin

4-H County Council members
Tira Jessen, Bradyn Neubaum, Kendra Hart and Karisa Leinen at “Camp CY” at the Iowa State Fair
Fair Surveys Online

Please take a few moments of your time to complete both surveys that are available to the public. One survey is focused on 4-H and FFA events. The other survey is focused on the Monona County Fair Association including fair entertainment, vendors, open class exhibits, etc. 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 2016 fair.

4-H/FFA Survey: https://docs.google.com/a/iastate.edu/forms/d/1ulPL19BAoNcEu1VoezMLB_c2hK8giy48mlBF1D5yLlo/viewform

Fair Association Survey: https://docs.google.com/a/iastate.edu/forms/d/1zx7CPHOBJ_ab5FlXVwxKuEsHJJrWrWt67CPlI6GmUzE/viewform

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 2015 Monona County Fair.

https://2015mononacountyfair.shutterfly.com

Congratulations to State Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to all who had 4-H fair exhibits chosen to go to the Iowa State Fair. There were 32 static exhibits shown with 19 blue ribbons, 12 red ribbons and 1 white ribbon. Katherine Pautsch received a Seal of Excellence for her poster communication exhibit. There were also 3 working exhibits, 2 share-the-fun presentations, and 4 educational presentations.

Kira Anderson, Grace and Anna Smith received a Seal of Excellence for their team working exhibit, Cadence Koenigs received Seal of Excellence for her working exhibit. Anna, Katherine and Laura Pautsch and Cadence Koenigs all received individual Seals of Excellence for their Educational Presentations. Natasha Miller and Gracey Lucas received a Seal of Merit for their working exhibit.

Karisa Leinen competed in flags, barrel racing, pole bending and ranch horse pleasure at the State Fair horse show.

Great job representing Monona County!
4-H County Council Trip to Iowa State Fair

The Monona County 4-H Council traveled Des Moines to volunteer at the Ag Commodity Carnival at the Iowa State Fair on August 17. The Council then slept in bunk beds at the Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds that night. The county council members spent their free time exploring all the buildings, displays and food at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Their favorites were the rides, the horse shows, the Avenue of Breeds, the fun products for sale and of course, the food! They had tickets to attend Adventureland, but a rainy/storm day forced the park to close. The group spent the extra time enjoying the State Fair instead.

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YOU Can Be Part of the Monona County 4-H Council

YOU have the opportunity to be a leader for the Monona County 4-H program. YOU have the opportunity to be a part of planning events for Monona County 4-H. YOU have the opportunity to lead events at the Monona County Fair and throughout the year. YOU have the opportunity to participate in exciting events and take a trip with your fellow members beyond Monona County. YOU are the ambassadors for Monona County 4-H.

All 9th-12th graders 4-H members will be receiving an application packet in the mail. Or pick up you application at the office. Please complete and return to Melissa at the Extension Office as soon as you can.

Contact any current County Council member to ask about their experience: Alexa Lloyd, Karisa Leinen, Tira Jessen, Bradyn Neubaum and Kendra Hart.

Thank You Seniors: Candace Seward, Whitney Carrier, Ashton Christiansen, Katelyn Persinger and Tessa Rayevich for your leadership during the 2014-2015 4-H County Council Year. Best of Luck at College! We will miss you!

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4-H Foundation Golf Tournament September 12

The Monona County 4-H Foundation will host a Golf Tournament on September 12, at the Mapleton Golf Course. There will be a 9:00 A.M. Shot Gun Start. We are asking for teams of 4, $200 a team.

golf 18 holes. Call the Extension Office to register. Enjoy the fun and help the 4-H Foundation grow from the proceeds. Funds help support 4-H scholarships for graduates and scholarships for 4-H enrollment fees and camps.
4-H Premium Dollars Distributed Sept 2nd to Clubs

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!

Re-enrollment for 2015-2016 Year Has Begun

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2015-2016 4-H year is open beginning on September 2! It is very important that you let the office know your current e-mail address. Enrollment instructions are included on the outside cover of this newsletter. Every member must be enrolled in 4-H online to be considered a member and be eligible for insurance coverage offered through the county 4-H program.

4-H staff Melissa Beermann can do club visits to help you through the process of enrolling. Please contact her to set up a date to visit your club meeting.

Celebrate National 4-H Week October 4-10

Celebrate the world’s largest youth organization, over 6.3 million strong. Clubs and 4-H’ers can help promote National 4-H Week with window displays, baking goodies for supporters and anything else to show your 4-H spirit. You can put 4-H in the spotlight. Promoting 4-H is an on-going priority; keep up the good County Activities:
October 9: Chamber Coffee at Ext Office
October 10: Jr. Trip to Omaha
October 16: CY Day Friday
Plus: 4-H School visits to 4th-6th grades, Newspaper and Facebook promotions and more!

4-H Adult Nominations

Now is the time for nominations of adult awards.

Adult award nominations can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due to the Extension Office on October 1. You need to fill out a nomination paper for it to be considered, telling why you think the person should get the award. Possible awards are:

*4-H Leader of the Year—To honor 4-H leaders for their service and dedication to the 4-H program and their leadership.

*4-H Alumni—To honor adults who have been 4-H members, for their services to 4-H, community leadership, public service and success in their chosen careers.

*Honorary 4-H Member—To honor adults who have not been 4-H members, for their services to 4-H, community leadership, public service, and success in their chosen endeavors.

*Meritorious Service—To honor an organization or business for exemplary support of the Monona County Youth and 4-H program.
4-H Junior Trip October 10 to Omaha

Jr. Trip is an annual event that happens during National 4-H Week for all 3rd-6th graders in Monona County. Plan to leave the Extension Office on Saturday, October 10th at 8:30 a.m. Travel to Omaha to learn about trains at the Durham Museum—formerly known as Union Station. Next, visit the Omaha Children’s Museum that will include hands-on learning and exploring, plus the haunted house!

The day will wrap up at the SAC Air Museum in Ashland, NE. See fighter jets and equipment from our nation’s military. Return home around 5:45 p.m. to the Extension Office. The cost is $20. Bring a sack lunch and be sure to invite your friends—you do not have to be a 4-H member to attend. Registrations will be sent home from school or stop by the office to sign up. Adult volunteer drivers are needed—please contact us right away if you can help out.

Hike the Hills October 4, Fowler Park

Hike the beautiful Loess Hills during their prime! Explore nature and all the beautiful fall colors first-hand. Learn about navigation and survival in the wilderness.

All 4th-12th grade youth are invited to attend on Sunday, October 4 from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at Fowler Park near Smithland. This event is FREE for 4-H members.

Herbs in the Hills October 4, Peters Park

Nature. Knowledge. Live Music. Food. Enjoy the natural beauty of Peters Park (Rodney Pitts) while learning about herbs. Educational presenters, live demonstrations, displays, food samples, food and craft vendors and make-and-take items will be available throughout the day.

Geocaching, fishing and outdoor games will be available for the whole family. Relax by the lake with a massage as well! Vendor applications are available at the Extension Office. Attendees pay $5 at the gate.

Lego Robotics Club

The Monona Mindstorms Lego Robotics Club is looking for a couple more members to complete the team to prepare for regional FLL (First Lego League) competition in December. Leaders Jen and Ian Hillman of Onawa are excited to welcome new members.

New EV3 Lego Robotics equipment and software has been ordered with support from a grant through Rockwell Collins and will arrive soon. If you are interested in joining contact the Extension Office right away. There are limited spots for the team!

Join over 280 friends by following Monona County 4-H
www.facebook.com/mononacounty4h
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Clover Kids 4-H, Grades K-2

Enrollment for Onawa and Mapleton Clover Kids 4-H is happening now. Forms will be sent home at West Monona, Mapleton and Danbury Catholic schools. Meetings will begin in October. Onawa will meet one Monday a month. Mapleton Clovers will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month. Please complete a medical form and enrollment fee of $15 by September 18.

Whiting Clover Kids will take place in the spring. We are accepting Whiting enrollments now through February. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in leading or helping any Clover Kids or other 4-H club.

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Discover 4-H Club — Exclusively for 3rd Graders

Youth who are in 3rd grade and want to learn about joining 4-H have an opportunity to discover 4-H in a special club called “Discover 4-H” in Monona County. Nikki DeBartolo is the leader. Monthly meetings are held including special presentations, activities and outings—all to give you an idea what the 4-H program is all about. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their youth. The first meeting will be Sunday, October 11, at the Monona County Extension Office from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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4-H Shooting Sports (SESS) Club

Want to have fun learning about safety and shooting a bow and arrow or shooting a shotgun? Jerry Rice, leader of the Shooting Sports Club, has meetings the first Sunday of the month at the Monona County Arboretum from 12:30-2:00 p.m. for archery and the third Sunday of the month at the Reese Conservation Property North of Turin will have shotgun. Fourth-12th are eligible to participate. For more information you can call Jerry at 712-886-5629. The only September will be archery on September 20.

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Pioneer Grant Fall Applications

Is your club looking for “seed money” to do a community service project? Why not apply for a Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. grant? This grant offers support to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide seed money that clubs can use as a starting point on their projects.

Grants vary from $50 to $500. You can find grant applications on the web at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Applications are due to the Extension Office by October 15, 2015. Get motivated and get help from a grant to start a project.
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### 4-H Cooking Club

The 4-H Cooking Club is a specialty club that focuses on learning culinary skills and food and safety through cooking and baking. Brenda Wimmer and Megan Wimmer, co-leaders of the 4-H Cooking Club, would like to invite any youth 4th–12th grade to come to the cooking club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month in Mapleton. For more information, call Brenda at 712-882-2242.

### 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club

The Outdoor Adventure Club is focused on experiences with nature. Camping, fishing, hiking, outdoor navigation (compass and GPS) & survival, sledding and environmental sustainability are just a few of the activities the club has done in the past. We will meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at West Monona Elementary from 3:30-5:00 p.m. If you live out of Onawa you are invited to attend the meeting whenever you can get there. Other outdoor activities in addition to monthly meetings are being planned. Contact leader Melissa Beermann at 423-2175 for details.

### Cheri Hardison Inducted into 4-H Hall of Fame

Monona County Program Educator, Cheri Hardison was inducted into the 2015 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame on Sunday, Aug. 23 at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair. She was presented a certificate on-stage followed by the inductee reception by the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The honorees were selected by their respective counties for their service and dedication to 4-H, contributions to the lives of 4-H’ers and the program. The inductees have demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment and guidance to Iowa’s 4-H’ers through their years of service. “When I look at all of the Hall of Fame inductees, I can’t help but marvel at the ripple effect from their contributions to the 4-H program,” said Albert Grunenwald, executive director of the Iowa 4-H Foundation. “We are honored to be able to recognize the efforts of these special people.”

Cheri Hardison and husband, Bob, manage and live on an acreage near Onawa, Iowa. They have been married 40 years in August of 2015. They are blessed with 3 children, Colton, Carla, and Kelsey, that were all active in 4-H. Cheri was a 4-H member of the Jordan Sunshine 4-H Club in Soldier. She joined as an associate member and continued in 4-H for 9 years. While in 4-H, projects she participated in were clothing, food and nutrition, home improvement, communications and beef.

While going to college at ISU, she was a 4-H summer aide in Monona County for 2 summers which influenced her in choosing her college and career choices. She received her degree in textiles and clothing merchandizing.

Cheri has worked for ISU Extension since 1976 in various roles as County 4-H and Youth Leader, Home Economist, County Extension Director and currently the county Program Educator. During this time she was also a volunteer leader for the Bobcats 4-H club for 15 years. She has had leadership roles and participated with 4-H County Council, 4-H and Youth Committee and 4-H Fund Board.

Cheri values her meaningful life-long relationships and experiences through 4-H with co-workers and volunteers.