



MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Calendar of Events

- 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 at Onawa Harvest Festival
- 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 4.....Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, WM Elementary 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- October 6.....Onawa Chamber Coffee for National 4-H Week 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- October 6.....CyDay Friday downtown Onawa at U.S. Bank 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- October 7.....4-H Junior Trip to Sioux City Drop Zone, Sioux City Museum
- October 9.....Emerald Ash Borer Training 2:30-4:00 p.m., Extension Office



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GROWING TOGETHER



Youth got to experience a rare occurrence at Solar eclipse camp August 21. They had a full day learning about the sun and solar system. Special thanks to our partner Monona County Conservation.



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COUNTY FAIR NEWS

2017 Monona County 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/>

STATE FAIR NEWS

Congratulations State Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to all who had 4-H fair exhibits chosen to go to the Iowa State Fair. There were 30 static exhibits shown with 17 blue ribbons and 12 red ribbons. Katherine Pautsch received 2 Seal of Excellence awards for both of her posters.

Fashion Revue

Results not yet posted

Educational Presentations

Seal of Merit: Zach Craig, other results not posted

Working Exhibits

Results not yet posted

Share the Fun

Participation to the Smith Family



Congratulations to Caleb Clemon for receiving a 3rd place purple award with his commercial heifer and a blue award with his market beef. Dolly Krohn received a blue for her duck and a red for her egg layer. She also received a purple with her poultry presentation and Senior Showmanship. Great job representing Monona County!

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4-H County Council Trip to Iowa

The Monona County 4-H Council traveled Des Moines to volunteer at the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Iowa State Fair on August 10-12. The Council then slept in bunk beds at the Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The county council members spent their free time exploring all the buildings, displays and food at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Their favorites were the cowboy shootout show, the Avenue of Breeds with the big boar and big bull, the fun products for sale and of course, the food—especially the free coffee samples! Friday of the trip was spent at Adventureland riding the “Monster” roller-coaster, “Space Shot” and more. Thanks to Heather and Russ Rosburg for volunteering to help chaperone the group.





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Apply to 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. You can also pick up an 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: Bradyn Neubaum, Nick Warren, Aric Christiansen, Cody Rosburg, Alex Menke or Sydney Davis.

**Thank You Seniors: Karisa Leinen, Kendra Hart, Ashley Savery, Courtney Terry, Makenzie Struble for your leadership during the 2016-2017 4-H County Council Year.
Best of Luck at College! We will miss you!**

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Re-enrollment for 2017-2018 Year Has Begun

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 4-H year is open beginning on September 1. **Enrollment instructions are included in 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.

Enrollment fees of \$10 can be paid directly to your club leaders.

Contact Melissa or Keith if you need to re-set your password or need assistance with re-enrolling.

Very Important: If you do not remember your login info, DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT IN 4-H ONLINE! Call the office for assistance.

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LEGO Robotics Team-Enroll Today!

The LEGO Robotics team is excited to take another team to the regional First Lego League competition in December. They just received this year's competition kit and will begin meeting weekly to prepare their EV3 robot for competition. Use EV3 Lego Robots and software to program an autonomous robot. Explore a real-world problem, and create the solutions with your team. Build technology skills, team work and make close friends during the season. **If you are interested in joining contact Melissa at the Extension Office right away. There are limited spots for the team!**

2016 Lego Robotics Team "Coders"

They won the 2016 Top Robot Design Award at regional competition in Sioux City.





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National 4-H Week October 1-7

Celebrate the world's largest youth organization, over 6.3 million strong. Promoting 4-H is an on-going priority. Be sure to wear your 4-H shirts during the week, hang posters at local businesses or on lockers at school. Don't forget to show thanks to leaders and local volunteers. Let them know you appreciate them. Join us for Onawa Chamber Coffee on Friday, October 6 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and also for CY Day Friday on October 6 for lunch at U.S. Bank in downtown Onawa.



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4-H Junior Trip, October 7

Join your fellow 3rd-6th graders for the annual Fall adventure! This year the plan is to travel to Sioux City. We will explore the hands-on activities at the Sioux City Public Museum and visit the Bouya Cabin - the oldest building in Sioux City built in 1932.

We will end the day at Drop Zone. Experience the fun and exercise by jumping on the trampoline, try the Ninja Course, Dodgeball, Volleyball or Slam Dunk Basketball. We also get to do Laser Tag.

Plan to bring a sack lunch. Registration is \$23 and is due to the Extension Office no later than September 28. Parents must go online to complete a waiver for the Drop Zone PRIOR to September 28. Go to www.dropzone.fcc.

Friends that are non-4-H members are invited. The non-members fee is \$28. The 4-H enrollment fee is only \$10 again this year so be sure to tell your friends to save money on the trip by enrolling in 4-H!

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4-H Adult Nominations

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.

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New 4-H Dog Club

All current dog participants and other youth interested in learning about dogs are invited to join the new 4-H dog club. Dog superintendent Megan Wimmer will be leading the club and plans to offer citizenship opportunities while teaching members about dog breeds,

Grooming, obedience and more. Megan also has plans to begin dog agility training in the spring so it can be offered as a class at the 2018 Monona County Fair. Call Megan Wimmer at 712-423-2175 if you are interested or have questions.



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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.



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Emerald Ash Borer Workshop in Monona County

Emerald Ash Borer is confirmed in over half of Iowa's counties. Is Monona County next? Monona County Extension and Outreach will host an informational meeting concerning EAB, an exotic, destructive insect of ash trees. You will learn how to identify EAB, identify an ash tree, see signs of EAB infestation, whether to treat your trees and more.

Session is presented by Dr. Donald Lewis—Iowa State University Professor and Extension Entomologist, Iowa Department of Agriculture EAB Coordinator Mike Kintner and Lindsey Barney—District Forester with the Iowa DNR. The session is free but you need to RSVP by October 8 to 712-423-2175.



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