Dear 4-H Families—

This issue of the Green Gazette is full of information—Read carefully!

April has some fun events coming up, including Family Fun Night, the all-county 4-H volleyball tournament, and a 4-H is Pinteresting workshop. Our county youth council is also sponsoring a food drive club competition—the winning club will receive an ice cream party!

As we look towards summer, there are many camp and conference opportunities available outside of Montgomery County. Remember that our scholarship fund from the County Fair pie auction and bake sale is here to help with just such opportunities—contact the office if you would like more information! We will pay up to half of your registration fee!

There are some changes coming up to the fair schedule this year—see inside to get the scoop.

Finally, I am excited to welcome our new County Youth Coordinator, Chelsea Cousins! Chelsea started work with us on April 4th. Please stop by the office to say hi and welcome Chelsea to Montgomery County! She will also be visiting with clubs in the near future.

—Stephanie
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

4-H Clubs should start their booth planning now! Family Fun Night will take place Friday, April 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the White Fair Building on the fairgrounds. It is an annual event that is a chance for inexpensive fun for the whole family, with booths sponsored by clubs and several community organizations from around the county. Booth games are typically geared for grades K-4. Leaders should have received a letter and booth entry form. Be sure not to miss the fun!

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT!**

The Montgomery County 4-H Youth Council is sponsoring an all county volleyball tournament! Get ready to have some fun and meet fellow 4-Hers from around the county. The tournament will take place on Sunday, April 24th at the Stanton Viking Center starting at 2 p.m. Cost will be $4 per person. Teams will be made up of multi-age participants after you sign up. The winning team wins bragging rights...and a prize! Hope to see you there! ***Money raised will offset the cost of the event and go towards the county council scholarship and other events.

**FOOD DRIVE AND CLUB COMPETITION!**

The Montgomery County 4-H Youth Council is sponsoring a food drive for the month of April! Bring non-perishable food items to your club meeting, and have someone deliver it to the extension office. The club with the biggest item per member average will receive an ice cream party! Food collected will be donated to local food pantries.

**FAIR CAMPGROUND SPOTS**

Are you wanting a spot at the fair campgrounds this year? They are filling up fast! Spots are $75 for the whole week, Sunday July 10 to Sunday, July 17. In order to reserve your spot, you must PAY for it at the extension office. Once spots are filled, we can put you on the waiting list if there are any cancellations. Checks should be make out to the Montgomery County Ag Society.

**FAIR SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Please take note of the following schedule changes that have been approved for the 2016 Montgomery County Fair by the 4-H and Youth Committee:

- Table Setting, Fashion Revue/$15 Challenge/Clothing Selection, and Communication events will All take place on Sunday afternoon, July 10
- Horse show is moved to Thursday night, July 14
- Swine show is moved up to 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15
- Goat show is moved to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15
- There will be NO 4-H Pet Show this year

**OUR VISION**

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
Horse Program News

What a GREAT crowd for the first Horse Project meeting of 2016! We have a group name, suggested by, and voted on by all members present. We will be known as "Horsin' Around in Montgomery County". We will have regular monthly meetings on the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 at the White Fair Building, year round (these meetings will NOT count toward your regular 4-H Club attendance, but WILL count toward your Horse Workshop attendance requirement). Thursday night Workshops will start on Thursday, May 5 and run every Thursday thru July 7. Start time is 7:00 pm. Sunday afternoon Workshops will start on Sunday, June 12 and run every Sunday thru July 10. Start time is 4:00. Members are expected to be saddled and IN the arena at the start time. You can come to as many workshops as you wish, but you will be required to attend a minimum of four. Your superintendents are willing to meet you on other nights and times to help you attend the four workshops. In case of rain, we will have our Workshops in the old show ring in the beef barn.

Please contact one of the following if you have questions: TJ Leonard (370.3700), Tiffany Powell (724.910.1598), Alix Kammerer (621.7147), or Will Sampson (310.2231)

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In

Will be held Saturday, April 30 at the fairgrounds from 9-10 a.m.
As a reminder, meat goats must be born AFTER January 1, 2016. Breeding goats are not required to come to weigh-in.
All sheep/goats that you wish to nominate for the Iowa State Fair will need to be retinal imaged, those being nominated for Aksarben will need to have DNA samples taken.
If you have questions, please call goat superintendents Darcy Dalton or Amy Liddell, or sheep superintendent Darrin Fisher

Swine Weigh-In

A successful 2016 Swine Weigh In is in the books! Thanks to our wonderful swine superintendents Dennis Carlson and Kirk Swanson, and other volunteers it went very smoothly! 105 head were weighed in!

If you have additional pigs that you will need to ID, that you did not bring to weigh in, those will need to be done on 4-H Online by May 15th and pictures will need to be posted of anything NOT weighed in. If you need additional tags, you can pick them up at the Extension Office!

Finally, swine exhibitors please write your thank you notes to Southern Hills Veterinary Services (1677 200th Street Red Oak, Iowa 51566) for providing the Ivermectin for all swine at weigh in, in addition to Montgomery County Pork Producers (Dennis Carlson, 1902 230th Street Red Oak, Iowa 51566) for providing 4 ear tags per exhibitor!

**If you plan to nominate swine for the Iowa State Fair or Aksarben please contact the Extension Office!
4-H is PintereSSING!
April 17th 2-4pm at the Montgomery County Extension office

Looking for a fun exhibit to enter in the county fair? Come make these fun projects with your state 4-H council ambassador Isabelle Perkins! Choose which project you would like to create, purchase your supplies, and make a project with Isabelle’s instruction.

All 4-H’ers and Clover Kids are welcome!

Supplies:

**Letter Project**
- Any size cardboard or wood letter
- Magazine clippings of your favorite team or photos
- Mod Podge
- Paint brush
- Paint

**Tiered Stand Project**
- Liquid Nails glue
- Any assortment of plates, bowls, and cups
- Paint (optional)
FSQA

It’s that time of year again! Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) is a program designed to help youth and their parents better understand what they can do to produce the safest food possible.

ALL youth in grades 4-12 showing livestock are required to be FSQA certified. Livestock includes any animal that could potentially enter the food chain: beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, dairy animals, including all breeding animals.

Certification Options

⇒ Youth in grades 4 -- 6 must attend an annual 2 hour class.
⇒ Youth in grades 7 – 9 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they reach the 10th grade.
⇒ Youth in grades 10 – 12 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 20.

Montgomery County will host three classes in conjunction with Cass County and East Pottawattamie County 4-H. The first two classes have taken place already. The last session will be held on Monday, April 18th at the Cass County Extension, Office in Atlantic. Testing will be from 5-5:45pm and class instruction will be from 6-8 pm. (NO LATE TESTING WILL BE ALLOWED) Click HERE for FSQA manual if you’d like to do some studying before taking the test! Or see http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/4h/FSQAManual2011.pdf

All youth must be FSQA certified by July 1st! Please plan ahead. If you cannot attend one of our trainings, you will need to go out of county.

Please contact the Extension Office BEFORE trainings if any special accommodations are needed! All youth will be required to test/take the scheduled classes.
**PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Bottle Calves Available:** If any 4-H member is looking for a bottle calf for a project I have two! Please contact Greta McCarthy at 712.370.1560 if you are interested.

**Club Service Project Idea:** The Fair Board would like the stands for rabbits and poultry to be painted. Are you looking for a service project and think you can help them out? Contact Kerry Confer at 621-0445

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**2016 West Field 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Jr. Camp June 12-15**

We are very excited about the 2016 West Field 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Jr. Camp for this year at a new camping center, the EASTERN NEBRASKA 4-H CAMPING CENTER near Gretna, just 20 minutes west of Omaha. Our 4-H camp is for all youth from Regions 12, 17 & 18 Counties plus Monona. This new camping center for our camp has bathrooms in the cabins, a zip line course, a huge water slide, swimming in a lake and a challenging high and low ropes team building course along with a group of wonderful camp counselor teens from our counties that will help lead the camping experience. We have shown strong evidence that the camping experience is a life skill building experience for our campers and counselors and a strong tool in creating a significant 4-H experience that affect campers creating memories that last a lifetime and that has an impact on them staying in 4-H. So celebrate with us another year of 4-H camping geared for our youth and Iowa 4-H members in 22 counties of our West 4-H Field Area!

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars! Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and some new activities, including canoeing, camp songs, GAGA Ball, swimming, outdoor camping basics, and campfires! Learn to create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits. Bring a friend with you or make new ones! Camp will run from Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m. until our closing ceremony starting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

4-H camps are open to ALL YOUTH – membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement – so bring a friend to share the experience! The 2016 West Field 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Jr. Camp is open to all youth who have completed grades 5 and 6 or the equivalent in Home Schooling. The camp will be filled at 80 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up. Registration, Parental Permission, Camp Health Info and Permissions Form and Request for providing Medication at a 4-H Event form (if your camper will be bringing any medications with them) are available from the county extension office or downloaded from [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2016-west-field-4-h-5th-6th-grade-jr-camp](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2016-west-field-4-h-5th-6th-grade-jr-camp) in Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF format. **Registration deadline is May 20.** Cost for the four day camp will be $185.00. **Montgomery County’s 4-H Scholarship Fund will cover up to half of your cost—contact the office for an application form!** Please contact David Seilstad, phone: 712/644-2105 or email: seilstad@iastate.edu if you have any questions on this camp or others being offered at the EASTERN Nebraska 4-H Center: [http://4h.unl.edu/4hcampeastern](http://4h.unl.edu/4hcampeastern) You can take a virtual tour of the center, cabins and programming facilities at this website.

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**4-H PLEDGE**

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Montgomery County Club News

LINCOLN HUSTLERS MARCH 13, 2016

The Lincoln Hustlers Club Members and many guests held a potluck dinner in the basement of the Wales Church prior to the meeting.

The Lincoln Hustlers 4-H Club meeting was called to order on March 13, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. by President Isabelle Perkins at the Wales Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cam Pryor. Rollcall was “what are your spring break plans” and was answered by 28 members. 3 leaders and a roomful of guests were present. The Secretary minutes from last meeting were read by Mason Perkins. A motion to approve the Secretary report was given by Hayden VanMeter and seconded by Emily Carbaugh. The Treasurers report was given by Luke Mellott. A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Emily Carbaugh and seconded by Corbin Wolfe.

Old Business: County Council and Region 17 Council reports were given by Isabelle Perkins. A Youth committee report was given by Hayden VanMeter. The club discussed the fair concession stand. The group agreed to have members report back to the youth committee that our club would like the concession stand to stay the same and every club should participate. Beef Expo reports were given by Cam Pryor, Colin and Cloie Bruce, Hayden and Katie VanMeter, and Lainey DeVries.

New Business: Family Fun Night will be held on April 29th from 6-8 P.M. Our club will do an activity and we will discuss it at our next meeting. Our club $15 challenge work shop will be March 26th. Meet at Buffalo Wild Wings at 11:30 A.M.

4-H Pledge was led by Tyler Rines. Leader announcements were made. The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Luke Mellott and was seconded by Katie VanMeter. After the meeting presentations were given by; Carter, Cloie, and Colin Bruce, Emily and Liz Carbaugh, Lainey Devries, Cayden Gillespie, Ali Hoggberg, Reese Jackson, Brooke Janssen, Tyler Rines, Luke Mellott, Delaina Olson, Johnathan Mason and Isabelle Perkins, Cam Pryor, Alec and Clay Selberg, Hayden and Katie VanMeter, Cassie Vrabel, and Tristan and Corbin Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted,
Mason Perkins

GRANT SPITFIRES 3/13/2016

There were 22 members present at the monthly meeting of the Grant Spitfires 4-H Club held on March, 13, 2016 at the white fair building.

Our business meeting included the subjects of:
Swine weigh-in Saturday, March 19
FSQA testing/class in Red Oak on March 22
Rabbit orders due by March 31.
Horse program meeting March 20
Dog classes start April 21
Family fun night April 29
Junior camp counselors wanted
4-H educational tour is on March 23 at Agrivision Equipment Group and Montgomery County Memorial Hospital. Followed by a lunch workshop and fleece tie-blankets for cancer patients.
Our community service project for the month was project suitcase for foster kids.
Madison made homemade slime, Hunter talked about his animals, Josie did magic tricks, and Joshua did a demonstration of karate for their presentations.
Lexi Fridolph, Dariyon, Drake, and Sheanna Brown were meeting hosts.
Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10th at 2pm.
Where: roller skating at Porters Lake.
Submitted by, Drake Brown

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The club had some great activities over their spring break this year, including a woodworking workshop led by Brian Carlson (younger members made birdhouses, older members made bookshelves) and a club tour day. They visited Agrivision and the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital. Following the tour, the club had a food and nutrition workshop with a delicious meal, and made tie blankets.

Remember to send pictures of your club events to the extension office so we can share the great things 4-Hers are doing!

**Dog Classes!**

Are you interested in the Dog project? Get it on your calendar today to join us on Thursday, April 21st at 6:30p.m. at the extension office to learn everything the dog project and classes will entail! Classes will be led by dog superintendent, Jenny Ellis. Bring your shot records to the first meeting or get them uploaded to 4-H Online prior to that!

Weekly classes will then take place each Thursday for 11 weeks after that at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds old white building. Times will be discussed at the first meeting!

**4-H Pledge**

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.
Iowa 4-H Opportunities

- **Job opportunity!** Youth 18 years of age or older are eligible to apply for 2016 summer camp job opportunities at the Iowa 4-H Center. Go to [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping) and look on the right hand side for more details!

- **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference:** Every June, almost 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you’ve completed 8th grade, you’re eligible to attend. You don’t even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show! Contact the extension office if you want more information, or see the link: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

- **2016 Iowa Summer 4-H STEM Camps: More than just Camping: A Learning Experience in the Great Outdoors** For over 100 years, 4-H has helped youth discover and foster this passion for science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) but done it in a context that enhances youth citizenship, leadership, the arts, communication and healthy living. Adventures in nature are only part of the experiences young people will have at our 4 or 5 night 4-H STEM Summer Camps. 4-H STEM Camps offer a hands-on approach to developing the excitement and skills necessary for youth to succeed in a safe and fun setting. The 4-H Camp Program starts youth on the path to becoming informed citizens and the next generation of scientists and engineers that we need for our communities to thrive. Using our research based Experiential Learning Model in a safe outdoor setting allows youth to connect what they are learning to their daily lives. Learn more about the camps available at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping)

- **4-Hers for 4-H Campaign** Each year the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign, directed by the State 4-H Youth Council, raises money to support the 4-H program and 4-H’ers in Iowa. The money raised is used throughout the state to fund financial assistance for 4-H’ers, support the State Youth Conference and to help make improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center. Since it began in 1986, the campaign has raised more than $800,000. The campaign theme this year is "You Grow 4-H." This year’s goal is to raise $31,000. Each club throughout Iowa is encouraged to donate $3.00 per member toward the campaign. The Extension Office will be sending more information to club leaders—be thinking about how much you can donate as a club. Donations are due to our office by May 15!
2016 Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety Course

Page County Extension is sponsoring a Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety Course. This training is required by law for 14 and 15 year olds so they can safely operate a tractor over 20 hp and other farm machinery. To earn a certificate, youth must complete 24 hours of class and driving a tractor. All youth who want to work for farmers that need them to operate equipment must have this certificate.

Open to Ages: 13, 14, and 15 year olds

Location: Page County Fairgrounds, Clarinda

Dates: April 8, 4:00 - 8:00 pm; April 9, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; April 15, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.; April 16, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Youth will need to bring a sack lunch every day.

Cost: $40 per youth, payment is required with registration. Make check payable to Page County Extension.

Course Content: 1. Safe tractor operation
2. Safety on the road
3. Tractor controls and maintenance
4. Safe operation of other farm machinery
5. Tractor driving instruction

Pre-register by April 6 by sending the registration form to the Page County Extension office with a $40 check. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support 4-H Youth Development Page County Extension Program.

Complete and return to the Page County Extension office, 311 E. Washington St., Clarinda, IA 51632 by April 6. Include a check for $40 made payable to Page County Extension. (Tractor Safety)

Name: ________________________________ Phone: ____________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Grade: ______/____/____ Birth Date: _____/____/____

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Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

Montgomery County 4-H Calendar
April 3—County Youth Council 5:00 p.m. at Extension Office
April 17—4-H in Pinteresting! Workshop at the Extension Office
    Horse Program Meeting 2-4 p.m. White Building on Fairgrounds
    Villisca Clover Kids at Enarson Elementary 4:00 p.m.
April 18—FSQA @ Cass County Extension, Atlantic 5-5:45p.m. Testing; 6-8 p.m. Class
April 20—Red Oak Clover Kids 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
    4-H and Youth Committee 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
April 21—Dog project meeting 6:30 p.m.
April 24—All county 4-H Volleyball Tournament @ Stanton Viking Center, 2 p.m.
April 28—Stanton Clover Kids at Viking Center 3:30 p.m.
April 29—Family Fun Night @ White Building on Fairgrounds 6-8 p.m.
April 30—Sheep and Goat Weigh-In at Fairgrounds, 9-10 p.m.

Looking ahead:
June 4—Rabbit tattoo day 8-10 a.m. at the fairgrounds
June 18—Poultry Banding day 9-11 a.m. at the fairgrounds
July 12-17—Montgomery County Fair!

Club Meetings:
1st Wed—East Sunrisers 7pm @ Villisca Middle School
1st Sat—Stanton Strivers 10am @ Stanton Community Room
2nd Sunday—Buckaroos 12 pm @ Extension Office; Pilot Grove Punchers 1pm @ Extension Office; Lincoln Hustlers 5pm @ Wales Church; Grant Spitfires 6pm @ White Fair Building

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