Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

December 2: County Youth Council Meeting; 6:00 PM @ Extension Office
December 12: 4-H and Youth Committee Meeting; 5:30 PM @ Extension Office
December 16: Beef Cattle Weigh-Ins; 2-3:00 PM @ RO Livestock Market
December 17: Stanton Clover Kids—After School @ Viking Center
December 19: Red Oak Clover Kids; 5:00 PM @ Extension Office
December 20: Fair T-Shirt Design Contest Entries Due!
December 24-25: Office Closed
January 1: Office Closed

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE—

Starting Friday, December 7th, the Montgomery County Extension Office will be open from 8:00 AM—Noon every Friday. Monday through Thursday hours remain the same with the office open from 8:00 AM—4:30 PM.

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RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-2019—
DECEMBER 15TH DEADLINE

A large majority of returning 4-H members have not re-enrolled for the 2018-2019 4-H year! **The deadline for re-enrollment is December 15th.**

If your family already has a profile, you will use the same profile. Please do not make a new profile. If you need to add a new family member, use your same family profile but add a new member.

**When re-enrolling, please make sure all contact information is up to date! This is our only way to communicate with you—if your email address or home address is incorrect, you will not receive the Green Gazette or other important information/reminders throughout the 4-H year.**

Tip sheets to help you with the re-enrollment process can be found on our website! Please contact Celine at the Montgomery County Extension Office if you have any questions.

BEEF CATTLE WEIGH-INS

Beef Weigh-In will be held on December 16th from 2-3:00 PM at the Red Oak Livestock Market. If you are unable to attend, you MUST contact the office for alternate options at other county weigh-ins.

**Market Beef:** Must be weighed in and verified by the 4-H’er on 4hOnline by February 1st. State Fair and AKSARBEN animals must be retinal scanned at the time of weigh-in ($5 per animal fee). Animals must receive a 4-H ear tag at weigh-in.

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**Breeding Beef:** Do not need to be weighed in, but must be entered by 4-H’er into 4hOnline by May 15th or they are not eligible for County or State Fair.

**FFA Beef:** All weigh-in rules remain the same, contact the Extension Office if you have questions!

COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

County Youth Council will meet next on Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM at the Montgomery County Extension Office.
2019 4-H FAIR T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The Montgomery County Youth Council is hosting a t-shirt design contest to update the Montgomery County Fair 4-H t-shirt. Digital files may be emailed to cmbeggs@iastate.edu or hand drawings may be mailed or dropped off to the Montgomery County Extension office on or before December 20th.

The County Youth Council will vote on the winning design at their January meeting. The designer selected will receive a free t-shirt for their efforts.

T-Shirt designs MUST include the following:

- 4-H Logo (Clover)
- Montgomery County (in writing)

* New t-shirts will ONLY have printing on the front of the shirt!

**Extension Personnel and T-Shirt Printers have the right to modify the design for easier and more cost-efficient printing.
CLUBS RACE ACROSS IOWA—HEALTHY LIVING CHALLENGE

Participate in the 2019 Race Across Iowa—4-H Healthy Living Club Challenge! This challenge encourages clubs to introduce a variety of healthy living practices into their monthly club meetings. By completing the challenges each month, clubs earn “miles” as they race throughout all 20 regions of the state. This 1,400 mile route fulfills the definition of a challenge, but by working together as a team and setting goals each month, your club will surpass the final mile before the end of June!

Learn more about this challenge or sign up your club here! (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge)

Club Reporters, make sure you send your monthly reports to cmbeggs@iastate.edu to be included in the Green Gazette!

GRANT SPITFIRES – NOVEMBER CLUB REPORT

There were 13 members present at the monthly meeting of the Grant Spitfires 4-H Club held on November 2, 2018 at the Gold Fair Building in Red Oak. Our business meeting included the subjects of County 4-H Awards Night on November 19th, County Council’s t-shirt design contest, and our annual soup supper fundraiser on November 3rd. This month the club also completed the Share Program community service project. Our next meeting will be held on December 2 at 6:00 pm at the White Fair Building.

STANTON STRIVERS – NOVEMBER CLUB REPORT

The Stanton Strivers meeting was called to order November 18th at 2 pm at Mamrelund Lutheran Church, with 25 of the 31 members present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the group, Roll Call was favorite Thanksgiving Food.

We baked 20 pies for the residents of Stanton and will be delivering them. The Grinch will be in Stanton at the Viking Center on December 1st from 10-12 and we will be hosting a “Hot Chocolate Bar”.

Club decided what to do for Christmas party- Ugly Sweater Contest, $5 grab bag and will have a pizza party.

We also talked about February Fundraiser- Superbowl Subs- we will be selling subs for delivery/pickup on Superbowl Sunday- order forms will be ready in December.

Michelle Sandin/Katie Hart explained the Treasurer changes that will be taken place.

Presentations were given by Allie Sandin and Andrew Johnson.

4H pledge was led by club. The next meeting will be December 2nd at 4PM- meet at the Stanton Care Center and meeting/Christmas party following at the Stanton Fire Station.

STENNETT PANTHERS – OCTOBER CLUB REPORT

The Stennett Panthers met at Bellevue Berry Farm. There were 8 members that attended. No official business was conducted.

The next meeting will be November 25th at the Extension Office.
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

Celebrate the 60th year of CWF in 2019 by joining the Iowa 4-H CWF Trip held June 14-22, 2019. All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the trip. There are 48 seats for teens. The trip will cost $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals. Look for updates and registration information to on the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage, (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf).

Registration is due January 15, 2019.

Scholarships and fundraising tips are available.

APPLY FOR SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications for the 4-H scholarship program are available now through February 1, 2019. 4-H members are strongly encouraged to read and follow the helpful hints and instructions that are on the 4-H Foundation Scholarship webpage. Applications can be submitted online here! (https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1) Remember, one application allows you to be considered for ALL available scholarships.

STATE RECOGNITION APPLICATIONS OPEN

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition, and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador and State 4-H Council are open now! The application will close on February 1, 2019. Learn more about State 4-H Recognition Day here. (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities)

DUPONT PIONEER SEED GRANT APPLICATIONS

4-H clubs can apply for “seed money” from DuPont Pioneer in the form of grants up to $500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are due to the state office by January 30th, 2019. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant webpage. (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants)