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September 2015

And So Another New Year Begins….

Only one week of August left, then we begin a new 4-H year. What did you learn this year that you can build upon in the new 4-H year? As you finish up your 4-H records for 2014-15, now is a good time to reflect on what you learned last year and use that information to form your goals for 2015-16. 4-H’ers records are due to their club leaders by September 1.

Apply for County Recognition

While you are completing your records and reflecting on the past year, why not apply for county awards? Applications are due September 15 in the Extension Office. Information on the separate awards is listed on each application. Interviews for intermediates and seniors will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, September 27, at the Extension Office. If you are not able to attend the interview other arrangements can be made. Contact the Extension Office for options.

Applying is a simple process. Pick up an application from the Extension Office or download it at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information. More information on county recognition can be found inside this newsletter. Step out of your comfort zone and apply! You have a golden opportunity to practice your interview skills in a safe environment with people who have a sincere interest in what you have learned in 4-H.

Contact the Extension Office for more information.

More Post-Fair Thank You’s

Two more businesses came to mind that should be thanked for perks at the fair.

★ Terra Products, Free meal on Saturday
340 Main Street, Nichols, IA 52766

★ Farm Credit Services – Kalona ice cream bars at the Ribbon Auction
PO Box 350, Dewitt, IA 52742-0350
**County News**

**National 4-H Week**

It's not too early for your club to begin making plans to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2015. What if each club member invited one friend to a club meeting or recruited a volunteer to help your club? Our enrollment would increase by leaps and bounds! Some say 4-H is one of the best kept secrets. Let's not keep it that way! Share why you like 4-H with all your friends!

**It's Time to Re-Enroll in 4-H**

On August 31, 4hOnline will close down for a couple days while it rolls over data on 4-H enrollments, deletes livestock ID information (except for dogs and horses), and makes everyone inactive. Then on September 2, 4hOnline will open again and 4-H’ers and 4-H leaders can begin re-enrolling for the exciting 2015-16 year. Don’t put off re-enrolling in 4-H! Enroll now while it’s on your mind.

Also, as a head’s up, enrollment fees will be $30 beginning in 2015-16. Pay your enrollment fees to your club (unless you are an Independent Member, in which case you can pay them to the Extension Office). Later in the year we will send each club a bill for their members’ enrollment fees.

**Complete Your 4-H Records by September 1**

Have you completed your 4-H records yet? All record keeping forms are available in the Extension Office or can be found at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information) under the “Recordkeeping” heading. If you are having trouble with the formatting of the forms when you download them, contact the Extension Office and we can help. If you need assistance, contact your club leader or the Extension Office. All records are to be given to your club leader for evaluation by September 1.

**4-H Art Show Delayed**

Due to the Muscatine Art Center celebrating 50 years of existence, the 4-H Art Show will be held from January 10-February 7. Stay tuned for more information on when to bring in your items for display.

**County Award Applications due September 1**

Once your 4-H records are complete, why not get recognized for all your hard work and apply for county recognition? Applications for county recognition are due to the Extension Office by September 15. Several awards are not given out because no one applies for them! Please consider applying for county recognition. If you are nervous about the interview, think of it as visiting with a judge at the fair or as another opportunity to practice your interview skills.

The process is as follows:

- **Juniors** (grades 4-6) fill out an application and turn in their 4-H records to the Extension Office by September 15. An evaluation committee will review applications and records for award selection. Junior awards include Citizenship, Leadership, Record Book of Merit, and Junior Spirit.

- **Intermediates** (grades 7-8) fill out an application and participate in an interview. You may bring your records to the interview. The records themselves will not be evaluated, but the member can use them as a tool or reference in the interview. Intermediate awards include Citizenship, Leadership, Record Book of Merit, and the UP Award (Using your Potential). Those who apply for Record Book of Merit must also turn in their records when they turn in their application.

- **Seniors** (grades 9-12) will use an application process similar to state awards that consists of two pages of standard questions with an additional 2-3 pages highlighting activities and impacts. Seniors will also participate in an interview (face to face or via phone if 4-H’er is out of town). Senior awards include Achievement, Agriculture, Aksarben, Citizenship, Education, I Dare You, Leadership, Livestock, Record Book of Merit, and Outstanding 4-H’er. Those that apply for Record Book of Merit and Outstanding 4-H’er must turn in their records when they turn in their application(s).

Interviews are scheduled for the afternoon of September 27, at the Extension Office. Award applications are available in the Extension Office and on our website at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information). Scroll down to the “Recognition” section. Award winners will be announced at the county recognition program in November.

**ATTENTION HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS:** Do you keep pretty good records of your horse project? If so, there is a county award for Best Kept Horse Records. Awards are available for juniors (grades 4-6), intermediates, (grades 7-8), and seniors (grades 9-12). All you need to do is fill out an application available at the above website and the Extension Office, and turn in your current year’s horse records to the Extension Office by September 15.
Learn to Sew
Did you know we have a club that only does sewing? If you would like to learn how to sew, contact the Extension Office and come join the Sew Creative 4-H Sewing Club. We meet on the second Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Extension Office.

4-H Volunteer Leaders

Fall Leader Training
All 4-H club leaders are invited to the Fall Leaders Training on Monday, September 28, at the Extension Office. As in the past, leaders have the option of attending in the morning from 9:30-11:30 am or evening from 6:30-8:30 pm. The agenda includes wrapping up the 2015 fair and preparing for the new 4-H year.

New Leaders for 2015-16
If your club will have a new leader for the 2015-16 4-H year, please let the Extension Office know as soon as possible. This will give us time to get them through the screening process so they can begin their leader duties plus make them aware of training opportunities for new leaders.

4-H Volunteer Training Requirements

New Volunteers
All new volunteer club leaders must attend a New Volunteer Training during the first year of volunteering. One will be held in our area in September. If you have not yet attended a New Volunteer Training and have been a leader three years or less you will need to attend.

- New 4-H Volunteer Training
  Sunday, September 20
  1:00-6:00 pm
  Clinton County Extension Office, Dewitt

Sign-up at this website or stop in the Extension Office: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining)

Required Yearly Training
4-H leaders must attend at least one state training yearly. This year there will be several options to meet this requirement. Topics include either leadership and/or citizenship. The trainings will be held through e-forms so volunteers can watch them at home either the live or archived sessions, a face-to-face version at the spring leaders training, or at the Region 16 Project Conference as part of the adult tract. More will be shared at a later date.

4-H Volunteer of the Quarter
Each quarter Muscatine County 4-H will be announcing a 4-H volunteer who has generously given of their time, energy, and expertise to the program. Volunteers can be nominated by other 4-H volunteers, ISU Extension and Outreach staff, 4-H families and members, or the community at large. Criteria for nomination is simply that the nominee has contributed by way of their time, expertise/talent, or other means of generosity to benefit a 4-H’er or the 4-H program in Muscatine County. The volunteer will be contacted by 4-H staff and notified of their award. Unless requested otherwise, the volunteer will be highlighted in the newsletter, posted on our website, and provided a small gift of appreciation.

To nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer, contact the Extension Office for an application. Nominations are due August 22, November 22, February 22, and May 22.

Beyond the County

Monsanto’s America’s Farmers Grow Communities Now Open
Farmer enrollment for America’s Farmers Grow Communities is now open! Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, this program offers farmers the chance to direct $2,500 donations to rural nonprofit organizations of their choice. Muscatine 4-H was awarded a donation in the past that was used as a start-up fund for our County 4-H Endowment. You can help us receive another donation by encouraging farmers you know to enroll in the program.

To enroll or find a complete list of eligibility requirements, visit [www.GrowCommunities.com](http://www.GrowCommunities.com) or call 877-267-3332 FREE. Enrollment runs from August 1 through November 30 and winners will be announced in January 2016.

4-H Endowment Corner

The next funding cycle for the Muscatine County 4-H Endowment is due on November 22. A request form for funds is available on our website at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/page/4-h-information). Applications are due to the Extension office on the following dates:

- November 22
- February 22
- May 22
- August 22

Questions about the endowment can be directed to the Extension Office or any of the board members listed below.

**Muscatine County 4-H Endowment Board Members**
- Martin P. Brown, West Liberty
- Becky Each, Muscatine
- Doug Hora, Wilton
- Cindy Mays, West Liberty
- Nichole Sorgenfrey, Muscatine
- Marylu Watkins, Moscow
- Mary Maurer, Wilton (Extension Council Rep.)
- Caleb Anderson, West Liberty (County Council Rep.)
- VACANT
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2015 State Fair Results

Muscantine County 4-H was well represented at the Iowa State Fair. Congratulations to the following 4-H’ers for their success at the state level.

Static Exhibits

Ag & Natural Resources
Caleb Anderson, Wapsie Legends, Animal Science, Blue
Grant Paca, Lake 4-H, Child Development, Blue
Elyse Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Crop Production, Red
Keaton Mather, Wapsie Legends, Crop Production, Red
Emily Vance, Wapsie Legends, Environment and Sustainability, Blue

Family & Consumer Science
Faith McKillip, Wapsie Legends, Child Development, Red
Anna Sturmer, Denim & Dust, Clothing and Fashion, Red
Lauren Dirth, Sew Creative, Sewing, Blue
Sarah Schoer, Sweetland 4-H, Sewing & Needle Arts, Blue
Grant Paca, Lake 4-H, Food & Nutrition, Blue
Caleb Anderson, Wapsie Legends, Food & Nutrition, Blue
Jesse Watkins, Wilton Hustlers, Food & Nutrition, Blue
John Brooks, Lake 4-H, Food & Nutrition, Blue
Noah Brown, Wilton Hustlers, Food & Nutrition, Blue
Tyler Hartman, Wilton Hustlers, Food & Nutrition, Blue
Alyssa Harned, Wapsie 4-H, Health, Red
Rachel Moeller, Fulton 4-H, Health, Red
Lilly Wyatt, Independent Members, Home Improvement, Blue
MaKayla Kellor, Wapsie 4-H, Home Improvement, Red

Creative Arts
Alli Youngbaurer, Lake 4-H, Photography, Blue
Caitlin Conaway, Stamped Clover, Photography, Red
Caleb Trosen, Lake 4-H, Photography, Blue
Danielle Schlapkohl, Fulton 4-H, Photography, Blue
Emma Yerington, Sweetland 4-H, Photography, Red
Katelyn Boeding, Lake 4-H, Photography, Blue
Kyle Lund, Wilton Hustlers, Photography, Blue
Lauren Aird, Wapsie 4-H, Photography, Red
Lilly Wyatt, Independent Members, Photography, Blue
Trevor Meyers, Wapsie 4-H, Photography, Blue, PPI Gallery Considered
Lilly Wyatt, Independent Members, Visual Arts, Blue
Sarah Schoer, Sweetland 4-H, Visual Arts, Red
Trevor Meyers, Wapsie 4-H, Visual Arts, Red

Personal Development
Katie Sturmer, Denim & Dust, Citizenship, Red
Joshua Moeller, Fulton 4-H, Communication Posters, Seal of Merit
Brianna Howe, Fulton 4-H, Digital Storytelling, Red

Science, Engineering & Technology
Caleb Anderson, Wapsie Legends, Science, Engineering & Technology, White
Jacob Nichols, Wapsie 4-H, Mechanics, Blue
Cori Bates, Lake 4-H, Woodworking, White
Dylan Longlet, Wilton Hustlers, Woodworking, Red

Communication
Educational Presentations
McKenzie Lofgren, Sweetland 4-H, Int./Sr., Excellence
Spencer Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Jr., Merit
Simon Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Int./Sr., Recognition
Caleb Anderson, Wapsie Legends, Int./Sr., Excellence

Working Exhibits
Tanner Sorgenfrey & Simon Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Int./Sr., Merit
Julianne Maxwell, Wapsie Legends, Int./Sr., Merit

Extemporaneous Speaking
Nolan Osland, Lake 4-H, Merit

Livestock
Breeding Beef
Gracie Danner, Wapsie 4-H, Purple
Payton Rivera, Independent Member, Blue
Sam Burmeister, Lake 4-H, Red

Breed Showmanship
Gracie Danner, Wapsie 4-H, Purple
Tyler Mach, Wilton Hustlers, Blue

Breeding Meat Goats
Montana Herrold, Goshen Gladiators, Purple

Market Meat Goats
Alexa Garvin, Wilton Hustlers, Red
Montana Herrold, Goshen Gladiators, Blue

Horse
Kennedy McNaul, Wapsie 4-H, Horse Showmanship - Exhibitor grade 7, Red
Kennedy McNaul, Wapsie 4-H, Halter Mares (8 yrs. and over), Blue
Kennedy McNaul, Wapsie 4-H, Western Walk/Trot (Horse Only) - grade 7, White
Kennedy McNaul, Wapsie 4-H, Western Horsemanship (Horse or Pony) - Exhibitor grade 7, White
Kennedy McNaul, Wapsie 4-H, Western Pleasure (Horse only) - Exhibitor grade 7, Red
**Breeding Sheep**
Hope Reichert, Lake 4-H, Blue
Hope Reichert, Lake 4-H, Blue
Simon Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Simon Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Simon Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Spencer Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Spencer Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Tanner Sorgenfrey, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Tanner Sorgenfrey, Fulton 4-H, Blue
Trey Burnett, Wilton Hustlers, Blue

**Market Sheep**
Hannah Reynolds, Lake 4-H, Blue
Hope Reichert, Lake 4-H, Blue
Trey Burnett, Wilton Hustlers, Purple
Trey Burnett, Wilton Hustlers, Blue

**Sheep Showmanship**
Hope Reichert, Lake 4-H, Int. Showmanship (Gr. 6-8), Blue
Simon Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Int. Showmanship (Gr. 6-8), Blue
Spencer Reichert, Fulton 4-H, Jr. Showmanship (Gr. 5), Blue

**Breeding Swine**
Annabel Grings, Wilton Hustlers, Purple
Annabel Grings, Wilton Hustlers, Purple
Braydon Herrold, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Brent Herrold, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elyse Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Elyse Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue

**Market Swine**
Braydon Herrold, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Brent Herrold, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elyse Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Purple
Elexa Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue
Elyse Buysse, Goshen Gladiators, Blue

**Swine Showmanship**
Elexa Buysse, Blue
Elyse Buysse, Purple

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Have a great school year!

Save these fair dates!

🌟 **Muscatine County Fair — July 20-24, 2016**
🌟 **Iowa State Fair — August 11-21, 2016**
🌟 **Beef Weigh-In — December 12, 2016**
🌟 **Swine Weigh-In — Stay tuned!**
🌟 **Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In — May 7, 2016**
Calendar

**SEP**

1. 4-H Records due to club leaders
2. 4-H'ers and 4-H leaders can begin re-enrolling in 4-H
15. County Recognition applications due to the Extension Office
20. New 4-H Volunteer Training, 1:00-6:00 pm, Clinton County Extension Office, Dewitt
24-27. Aksarben 4-H Livestock Show, Omaha, NE
27. County Recognition Interviews, 2:00 pm, Extension Office
28. Fall 4-H Leader Training, 9:30-11:30 am or 6:30-8:30 pm, Extension Office

**OCT**

4-10. National 4-H Week