Hello 4-H Families!

Today marks the first day of the 2020-2021 4-H Program Year! However, due to the transition to 4hOnline 2.0, enrollment is delayed. I will let you know as soon as Iowa 4-H lets me know that the system is up and ready to accept new enrollments and re-enrollments.

In the meantime, I encourage you to think about what project areas you would like to be involved in this year. For this year, each month in the Clover Express, I will highlight different project areas and provide you with links to resources, ideas, information, and organizations that are related to those project areas.

If you would like to explore all of the 4-H project areas visit [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list). Don't be afraid to try something new!

Katrina Bostwick
**COVID-19 Update**

The Muscatine County Extension Office is closed to the public. However, we are still available to help! Please call the office at 563-263-5701 with any questions.

**County Awards Night**

Save the date for the annual Muscatine County Awards Night on Sunday, November 8. More information to come!

**County Awards Applications**

County Award applications are due Thursday, October 1 to Katrina Bostwick at kbost@iastate.edu or the Extension office 1601 Plaza Place Muscatine, IA 52761. Interviews for Intermediate and Senior awards will take place in the afternoon on Sunday, October 11. All 4-H members are encouraged to apply for awards. Step out of your comfort zone and apply! You have a golden opportunity to practice your reflection, writing, and interviewing skills in a safe environment with people who have a sincere interest in what you have learned in 4-H. Please also nominate Muscatine 4-H partners, volunteers, and families.

Find applications here: [www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/content/recognition](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/content/recognition)

**4-H Enrollment 2020-2021**

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 4-H Enrollment year has been DELAYED due to the transition to 4hOnline 2.0. The system is expected to be up sometime this fall. You will be notified once enrollment is open. Thank you for your patience!

**4hOnline 2.0**

4hOnline is getting an upgrade! The site will look different and have a new URL, but you will still be able to use your same login and password information. You will be notified once the transition is complete with the new URL and any instructions on how to use the improved website.

**Record Books**

Don’t forget to turn in your record books! Questions or concerns about record books for this unique year? Contact Katrina at the Extension Office. Forms and information for record books can be found here.

**New 4-H Club Leaders**

Will your club have new leaders for the coming 4-H year? If so, be sure to contact the Extension Office so we can begin the training and paperwork. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer please contact Katrina at kbost@iastate.edu or 563-263-5701.
National 4-H Week is October 4th-10th! This year’s theme is Opportunity4All. Join us in celebrating and promoting 4-H! Stay tuned for more information.

Monday, October 5– STEM Day

Tuesday, October 6– Civic Engagement and Leadership Day

Wednesday, October 7– Healthy Living Day

Thursday, October 8– Communication and the Arts Day

Friday, October 9– 4-H Spirit Day– WEAR GREEN!

Muscatine County 4-H Healthy Living Walk

Celebrate National 4-H Week and Healthy Living by walking! On Wednesday, October 7, walk anywhere you like for 30 minutes and take a picture and share it with Muscatine County 4-H on Facebook. Our walk is in conjunction with Iowa’s Healthiest State Initiative and the Healthiest State 10th Annual State-Wide Walk event. Register here to join the walk! The first 50 4-H’ers who sign up for the walk will receive a FREE pedometer to help keep track of the number of steps you take!

4-H Day of Giving

Join us on Tuesday, October 6 for the Iowa 4-H Day of Giving! “Give. Grow. Iowa 4-H” is a 24-hour online giving day to support the Muscatine 4-H Program! Join others across the state of Iowa to provide the financial support needed to help 4-H continue providing Iowa Youth the opportunity to grow, learn, and do more. Give a gift, large or small and be a part of a collective effort to strengthen the Muscatine 4-H Program and better serve the youth of our county!
4-H Show Iowa Results

Congratulations to all of our 4-H Show Iowa exhibitors! You can see the results here. However, please note that not all results are listed. Due to the power outages across the state, judging has been delayed.

Iowa State Fair Special Edition Livestock Show Results

Congratulations to our Iowa State Fair Special Edition Livestock Show exhibitors! Results from the shows can be found here.

Pass the Pork Program

4-H families with swine projects are able to participate in the Iowa Pork Producers program Pass the Pork. Hogs can be donated to the ISU Meat Lab for processing and will be a part of the Governor’s Feeding Iowans Initiative. Participating 4-’ers will be reimbursed for transportation. To learn more contact Emma Lasco at the Iowa Pork Producers Association 800-372-7675 or elasco@iowapork.org.

State Meat Judging Contest

The State Meat Judging Contest will be held virtually on Saturday, September 26. 4-H members are able to compete either in a team or individually. Find more information here.

4-H STEM Challenge

Want to learn more about science, outer space, or computer coding? Join the National 4-H STEM Challenge “Mars Base Camp”! Check it out here. You can participate with online activities or by purchasing a family-sized kit that includes hands-on learning activities.
**4-H Healthy Living Club Challenge**

The 4-H Healthy Living Club Challenge will be starting in **September and runs through June**! This year, the program will be Winning with Wellness, focusing on the 8 dimensions of wellness: environmental, social, occupational, spiritual, physical, intellectual, financial, and emotional. Club members will learn about their well-being as well as practice healthy habits through fun and interactive activities each month. Family resources will be provided monthly to allow the whole family to practice these healthy habits together at home. This is going to be an exciting year of healthy living! Club leaders or Wellness Officers can register their club and learn more by visiting this webpage.

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**Iowa 4-H Camera Corps**

Do you love to take photographs? Want to learn more about photography and challenge yourself to take more photographs? Join the Iowa 4-H Camera Corps! This state-wide program is for all 4-H’ers. Each month a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give feedback to each photographer on their monthly submission and then each photograph will be exhibited on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page. The top ten photographs will be printed, framed, and shown at statewide gallery exhibitions every month. Learn more and sign up here.

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**#FarmOn Concert**

Check out the recording of the #FarmOn Virtual 4-H Benefit Concert that was on August 27. It’s a FREE concert featuring Justin Moore, Lee Brice, Caroline Jones, High Valley, Peterson Farm Brothers, and more!
Each month, different project areas within 4-H will be highlighted. Each highlight will include things like county events, state events, things to know, resources to learn more, local organizations, and Iowa 4-H resources related to the project area. To see all of the 4-H project areas visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list.

**BEEF**

**County Events:** Beef Weigh-In for Fair; December  
**State Events:** Iowa Beef Blast; December  
Livestock Quiz Bowl; August  
Animal Science Round-Up; June  

**Things to Know:** Show Requirements  
**Resources to learn more:** Beef Curriculum  
Iowa Beef Center  
Extension Beef Experts  

**Local Organizations:** Muscatine Cattlemen’s Association  

**Iowa 4-H Resources:** Project Webpage  
Project Hotsheet

**LEADERSHIP**

**County Events:** Youth Initiative Award; May-Sept.  
**State Events:** Iowa 4-H Youth Conference; June  
National 4-H Conference; April  
State 4-H Council; Nov.-Feb.  

**Resources to learn more:** Leadership Curriculum  

**Local Organizations:** Muscatine Area Council on Youth Leadership  

**Iowa 4-H Resources:** Project Webpage  
Project Hotsheet

**DIGITAL STORYTELLING**

**County Events:** Muscatine Independent Film Festival; November  
**State Events:** 4-H FilmFest; July  
The Film Lounge; Jan-April  

**Things to Know:** Copyright Information  
**Resources to learn more:** Video Lessons  
Filmmaking Studio  

**Iowa 4-H Resources:** Project Webpage  
Project Hotsheet

**WOODWORKING**

**State Events:** Midwest Scroll Saw & Woodworking Trade Show; August  
Scroll Saw Contest; August  
Handworks Convention; September  

**Resources to learn more:** Woodworking Curriculum  
Inside Woodworking Newsletter  

**Local Organizations:** Quad Cities Woodturners Club  

**Iowa 4-H Resources:** Project Webpage  
Project Hotsheet
**Master Gardener**

*Who are Master Gardeners?*

Master Gardeners come from a variety of backgrounds. They are passionate about serving their communities and sharing gardening best practices. Master Gardeners are individuals who have taken the Master Gardener training and share their time and expertise as volunteers in community gardens, city beautification projects, and farmers markets to name a few. It is the acquisition of knowledge, the skill in gardening, and giving back to the community that distinguishes a Master Gardener from other gardeners.

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**4-H ENDOWMENT**

Muscatine County 4-H Endowment provides enhanced experiences for Muscatine County 4-H Members by way of educational trips, conferences, camp experiences and service learning. We also offer many other forms of member and volunteer recognition.

The next funding cycle for the Muscatine County 4-H Endowment is due on November 22.

*Applications* are due to the Extension office on the following dates:

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

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

**Muscatine County 4-H Endowment Board Members**

- Jodi McConnaha
- Chris Wulf
- Doug Hora
- Coralie Voss
- Nichole Sorgenfrey
- Marylu Watkins
- Kelsey Morris

*If you would like to give to the Muscatine County 4-H Endowment you can call the Extension Office for a form to fill out or you can visit [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=95897&audienceID=1](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=95897&audienceID=1)*
Calendar

September
- Sept. 1: 4-H Healthy Living Challenge Begins
- September 26: State Meat Judging Contest

October
- October 1: County Award Applications Due
- October 4-10: National 4-H Week
- October 5: STEM Day
- October 6: Civic Engagement and Leadership Day
- October 6: 4-H Day of Giving
- October 7: Healthy Living Day
- October 7: Muscatine County 4-H Healthy Living Walk
- October 8: Communication and the Arts Day
- October 9: 4-H Spirit Day
- October 11: County Award Interviews

November
- November 8: County Awards Night

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