Happy New Year & Welcome New 4-H’ers!
A new year brings new 4-H members to our 4-H family. Please welcome the following members to Muscatine County 4-H!
- **Denim & Dust** – Slusser Brook
- **Fulton 4-H** – Abigail Witkoske
- **Goshen Gladiators** – Adyson Bell, Tully Griffith, Porter Maurer, Miles McConnahe, Jordyn Schmidt, Landon Wainwright & Zoey Wertzbaugher
- **Independent Member** – Rodney Kaufman
- **Lake 4-H** – Essie Buster & Audrey Miller
- **Stampeding Clovers** – Dale Paulson, Wyatt Skidmore, & Amelia Velez.
- **Sweetland 4-H** – Chloe Gundrum, Hadley Hines, Oliver Noll, William Noll & Sadie Voigt
- **Wapsie 4-H** – Katherine Barten, Taylor Garcia & Addison Guerra
YQCA Training

4-H’ers who plan to show beef, a bucket calf, swine, sheep, meat or dairy goats, poultry, or rabbits (not pet rabbits) at the Muscatine County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair must be Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified. One FSQA class has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Extension Office.

In addition, YQCA-Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. YQCA can be taught face to face or members can do interactive training online; however, there will be a $3.00 charge for face-to-face training or $12 per member for online.

4-H members can check to see when their FSQA certification expires by logging in to 4hOnline, click on the Go to Family button, then scroll down to see your member’s name. If you have been FSQA certified your expiration date will be listed below your name.

If 4-H members want to test out for three years they may do so online at the age of 12 or 15.

Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

Market Beef Verification

4-H’ers who weighed in market beef, remember that you need to login to your 4hOnline records and verify that the information on your market beef animals has been entered correctly. To do this, follow these easy steps:

1. Login to 4hOnline
2. Click on the “Edit” button next to your name
3. Click on the “Animals/Livestock” button toward the top of the page.
4. Click on the “Edit/View” button next to each beef animal listed.

If all the information is correct, click in the box next to the statement “I verify the information for this animal is accurate” and hit save. If the information is incorrect, do not hit save. Contact the Extension Office and inform them of the correction. Your records will be corrected, then you can go back in to 4hOnline and verify your animals.

The deadline for verification is 11:59 pm on February 1. If your animals are not verified by that date, the information entered will stand “as is”.

Rabbit Workshop

The Rabbit workshop will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at the Ag Learning Center. Anyone may attend, even if they are from a different county or state. There will be a speaker and a practice show.

Horse Helmets

We have been cleaning out our office and found some horse helmets that we would love to go to a 4-H’er who needs one. Having a helmet on during horse shows are MANDATORY. If anyone is needing a Horse Helmet please stop by the Extension Office and pick one up.
New Leaders for 2018-19

There are a couple of different options if anyone is interested in becoming a new leader.
Tuesday, February 5th, 5:30 pm, Muscatine County Extension Office.
Registration is required and can be completed by going to https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining
and scrolling down to the red box on the right. Click on “Registration for New Volunteer Training” and then click the registration link for the date/location you plan to attend.

Muscatine County Cattlemen Scholarship

The Muscatine County Cattlemen’s Association is announcing that they will be awarding up to three - $1000 scholarships to qualified applicants for the fall school year of 2019. Applicants must be a current paid member of the Iowa Cattleman’s Association through the Muscatine County Cattlemen’s and submit a 500 word essay. Contact the Extension Office or Monica Danner at 563-210-9909 or mdanner81@gmail.com for complete requirements and an application. Deadline for applying is January 14, 2019.

Muscatine County Extension Summer Intern.

Muscatine County Extension and Outreach is now accepting applications for a 2019 4-H Summer Program Assistant – learn more!

Citizenship Washington Focus

What does it mean to be a good citizen or a leader? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country, and world? Explore these topics at Citizenship Washington Focus! CWF is more than just another DC field trip. 4-H’ers learn essential civic leadership skills and leave with the tools that will allow them to bring about real change in their communities.
Eligible youth are currently in grades 9-12 where they travel to Washington, DC with 4-H teens from across Iowa to the National 4-H Conference Center. There they will meet up with teens from across the nation to learn the meaning of social action and tour the Washington, DC area.
Trip dates are June 14-22, 2019. Cost is $1850, with a non-refundable deposit of $650 required at the registration deadline of January 15, 2019.
Want to learn more about CWF? Check out the webpage at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

DuPont Pioneer Land Grant

The objective of the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. 4-H clubs are to come up with a project that will benefit their community, then fill out an application and return it to the Extension Office by January 16. Grants will range from $50 to $500. After the service is complete, the recipient clubs are to submit a report to the Extension Office no later than October 2, 2019. An information sheet, application tips, and application form are available at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/filespioneerinfo.pdf
Apply for State Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has announced applications are now available for the 4-H scholarship program. Over 90 scholarship opportunities valued at over $90,000 will be awarded.

Former and current 4-H members graduating from high school or currently attending college are eligible. Iowa 4-H members must meet individual scholarship requirements as determined by the donors. Applicants must enroll as a full-time student to receive scholarship awards.

Three scholarships are specific to Muscatine County.

Hills Bank & Trust Company Leadership Grant Program – must apply as a high school junior
Information and applications are available online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships. Applications must be submitted online no later than 11:59 pm, February 1, 2019. Only one application is needed for

Please Complete This Survey

Muscatine County 4-H member survey – we want to hear from YOU! Parents and leaders – please help us gather information from 4-H members. Visit this survey link and tell us what kind of 4-H experiences you would enjoy. Spring workshops will be planned based on this feedback.

Open Position

Louisa County Extension has an opening for a Program Assistant I educator to work with low income families on nutrition education in Louisa & Muscatine Counties. This is a 30-hour a week position with some benefits. Application deadline is January 14. Learn more!

Stakeholders Report

The Muscatine County Extension Council, county staff and ISU Extension and Outreach staff work together to provide research-based learning opportunities for our citizens. Through this partnership, we carry Iowa State University’s land-grant mission across Muscatine County. View our 2018 Stakeholders Report to learn more about our work in Muscatine County.
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 February 22nd.

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
- Cindy Mays
- Doug Hora
- Coralie Voss
- Nichole Sorgenfrey
- Marylu Watkins
- Kelsey Morris
- Alli Youngbauer

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/en/ways_to_give/

Other Information

SAVE THE DATE

Art of Gardening – March 9, 2019

Art of Gardening is an annual symposium coordinated by Muscatine County Master Gardeners and Muscatine Community College. The event features educational opportunities for the home gardener, novice to advanced! Registration will open in late December – watch for more information on the Muscatine Extension Facebook page.

Calendars Available

The 2019 ISU Extension and Outreach Garden Calendar is available in our office. This year the calendar, titled “Gardens Through the Seasons”, uses stunning photography to showcase gardens throughout the year. You can purchase the calendar online or in our office for $7. The calendar has a large grid with space to create a gardening journal to record the progress of your own garden. Monthly tips provide timely cultural information for fruits and vegetables, lawn care recommendations, tree and shrub guidance, and other information.

Master Gardener Scholarship

Muscatine County Master Gardener scholarship application open. High School seniors who reside in Muscatine County are invited to apply. Deadline is April 1, 2019.
4-H Day with the Quad City Storm

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Game time: 2:10 pm

TaxSlayer Center, 1201 River Drive, Moline

Calling all 4-H members, family, and friends! Join us for a fun afternoon with the Quad Cities Storm Hockey Team. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit the Muscatine and Scott County 4-H programs!

For tickets to benefit your local 4-H program, please follow these instructions to purchase:
→ Visit: https://tito.me/quadstorm4h
→ Click “Buy Tickets”
→ Select the ticket price and section you would like to purchase.
→ Everyone who purchases tickets through this process will be seated together!
→ Enter your payment and ticket delivery information.
→ Click on “Which county are you supporting?” and select the appropriate county so the donation is credited to the proper account. You can use your 4-H club as the group name.
→ On Tuesday, February 12, you will receive an email with your tickets.
→ PRINT YOUR TICKETS and BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE GAME!

Tickets must be ordered online by Friday, February 8, for this promotion.

For more details, click “More Information” at the link or contact the County Extension Office—563-263-5701 or LStecher@iastate.edu.

Muscamine County | www.extension.iastate.edu/Muscamine
We have exciting news to share! We’re moving! The Muscatine County Extension Council has purchased a building to become the future home of the Muscatine County Extension Office. We believe the property, located at 1601 Plaza Place, Muscatine, will be the ideal space and location for the Muscatine County Extension Office. Our anticipated move in date is September 2019. We would like to invite you to be a part of this exciting project! Currently, the Extension Council is raising funds to help with the remodel of the building. Learn more!

THANK YOU to Farm Credit Services of America for donating $10,000 to the new building project! Pictured, left to right, back, Mary Maurer and Jody Riibe, Extension Council Members, Matt Kohl, Jason Pruitt and Shelly McDermott, Farm Credit Services, Krista Regennitter. Left to right, front, Lindsay Stecher and Aracely Martinez, Muscatine County Extension Staff.
January
14th-A Program Assistant I Educator Application Due
15th– Register for Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
16th– DuPont Pioneer Land Grant applications are due

February
1st– State Scholarship Applications are due
5th– New Leaders Training @ 5:30
17th– 4-H Hockey Night
19th– YQCA training at the Extension Office @ 6:00pm

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