



CLOVER EXPRESS



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



September marks the start of a new 4-H year which means 4-H'ers need to re-enroll in 4hOnline. Login to <https://iowa.4honline.com> to update and submit your enrollment for 2017-18. Let's try to have enrollments in by November 15. Leaders, don't forget that you also need to enroll!

You have the ability to pay 4-H enrollment fees in 4hOnline with a credit card. If you choose not to pay by credit card, please pay your club treasurer with a check or cash. You can pay the Extension Office if your club does not have a treasury.

Muscatine County Recognition Night



Sunday, November 5
6:30 pm ~ Muscatine High School Gym
Light refreshments served after the program

Come and help us recognize those who have excelled in their 4-H experience for 2016-17. Don't miss it!



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Fall Leaders Training-Oct. 30th

Fall leaders' training will be held at the Extension Office on Monday, October 30th from 6:30-8:30 pm. The required state training for leaders will be held at this session. In addition, updates for 2018, and more.

New Leaders for 2017-18



New Leaders training in Muscatine County on September 30th has been CANCELLED. Due to the low number of registrations new leaders training has been cancelled. There are a couple of different options if anyone is interested in becoming a new leader.

- Wednesday, November 8, 6:00-9:00 pm, Cedar County Extension Office.
- Saturday, February 3, 9-12 am, Johnson County Extension Office.

Registration is required and can be completed by going to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volmgt> 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.

4-H Art Show is Back



The County-wide 4H exhibit at the Musser Art Museum begins in November and runs through January this year. The items need to arrive at the Extension office the first week in October to be transported to the Art Center.

If anyone has any questions please call Claudia Putnam 319-726-4357

Join a Special Interest 4-H Club

In addition to your regular 4-H club, there are several special interest clubs you might want to try. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to add another club to your 4-H membership.

Sew Creative – This club has been around for a few years. Its main area of interest is sewing. They meet on the second Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Horticulture Club – The Horticulture Club is new and is geared for youth in grades 4-6. It will meet after school at the Extension Office on the first and third Thursdays of September, October, November, March, April, May, and June.

Sci-Tech 4-H Club – If science, engineering, and technology is your thing, give the Sci-Tech 4-H Club a try! This club has been around for a few years, but is always looking for new members (and leaders). They meet one Sunday afternoon.

Exciting News!

Our office has received names of individuals who are interested in becoming Clover Kids. We have enough interest we could have two clubs in Muscatine, one in Wilton and one in West Liberty.

But... to accommodate all inquiries we need individuals to step up and be leaders. The Clover Kids could even be a part of a regular club, if a 4-H club is interested. Should you or someone you know be interested, please contact Dana Yerington, K-12 Outreach Educator.

BEYOND THE COUNTY

America's Farmers Grow Communities-Monsanto Fund

Farmer enrollment for America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is now open until November 1st. Grow Communities gives eligible farmers the chance to win a \$2,500 donation to direct toward a rural nonprofit organization of their choice. Muscatine County 4-H has been awarded a Grow Communities donation in the past and you can encourage farmers in your area to enroll in the program and support 4-H again. In 2018 another \$3 million will be awarded to nonprofits across rural America.

Farmers can enroll by visiting www.GrowCommunities.com or calling toll-free at 877-267-3332. The winning farmers will be announced in January 2018. For official rules and a complete list of eligibility requirements, go to <http://www.americasfarmers.com/community-outreach/grow-communities-official-rules/>.

COMING UP

National 4-H Week – October 1-7

Fall will be here before you know it and along with fall comes National 4-H Week on October 1-7. What will your club be doing to promote 4-H? We are asking that Each club sends a picture of your 4-H Club and a little blurb about what your club does throughout the year to lstecher@iastate.edu so it can be displayed on our Facebook page that would be great!



Fall Horse Awards Banquet

October 22 ~ 1:00 pm

Floral Hall

Muscatine County Fairgrounds, West
Liberty

Bring a door prize!

Free pizza and pop provided!

This event is FREE to all horse project members, but you must put in a reservation by Wednesday, October 18.

Darlene Martin - 563-299-6781 (call or text) or email at demartinmgf15@yahoo.com

Hal & Linda Staley - 319-627-2527

State Fair Exhibits are Back!

4-H static exhibits are back at the Extension Office. We still have a few left so please stop in and pick them up!



New Member Orientation

Are you a new 4-H member and a bit unsure of all the 4-H lingo, expectations, deadlines, and other 4-H protocol? Then stop into the Muscatine County Extension Office and learn all about navigating through the 4-H year. Everyone is invited even if you've been in 4-H for more than one year. Reserve your spot today by calling the Extension Office.

**4-H Member Orientation –
Monday, November 13th
6:00-7:30 pm ~ Extension Office**



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EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Start Your Journey To Become A Master Gardener This Fall.

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. Please Visit website for [Steps to becoming a Master Gardener.](#)

4-H ENDOWMENT CORNER

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

- ✿ Nora Dwyer, *Muscatine*
- ✿ Doug Hora, *Wilton*
- ✿ Cindy Mays, *West Liberty*
- ✿ Nichole Sorgenfrey, *Muscatine*
- ✿ Marylu Watkins, *Moscow*
- ✿ Kelsey Morris, *West Liberty*
- ✿ Mary Maurer, *Wilton (Extension Council Rep.)*
- ✿ Renee Kerr, *Moscow (County Council Rep)*
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Calendar

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week, Bring Art Show items to the Extension Office
- 22 Horse Banquet 1:00 pm, bring a door prize
- 30 Fall Leader's Training 6:30-8:30 pm at the Extension Office

November

- 1 Monsanto Grant Closes
- 5 Recognition Night 6:30 pm at Muscatine High School Gym
- 8 New Leader Training in Tipton. 6:00-9:00 pm
- 13 New Member Orientation 6-7:30 pm at the Extension Office
- 22 Endowment Applications Due to the Extension Office

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