A huge Thank You to all who helped make Muscatine 4-H 1st meal packing event such a huge success. We packed around 2,000 meals for kids around Muscatine County. We could not have done it without all of your help.

Thank you to Muscatine County Council for sponsoring half of this event. And thank you to Pioneer/Corteva for sponsoring the other half of the meal packing.
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. For those who have completed the Face to Face training at the Extension Office PLEASE remember to register online and pay. Failure to register online will result in not being able to show at the Muscatine County Fair or Iowa State Fair. interactive training 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.

Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

Spring Leaders Meeting

Spring Leaders Meeting will be held on April 29th at 6:00 pm. Fair Preparation along with a couple housekeeping items will be the topics. If anyone has any questions please let Lindsay know. Please remember, if you haven’t attended Annual Leaders Training yet this year, you need to do this by April 1st! Training is available online through 4hOnline under trainings.

2019 Equine Extravaganza.

The 2019 Equine Extravaganza is March 22-24, at Ellsworth College, in Iowa Falls. There is Model Horse Show, Demonstrations, Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging and more!

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 Ex-
Sign– Up for Fair Queen

Now is the time to think about running for Muscatine County Fair Queen or you can be a member of the Junior Court. The sponsorship fee is $25 for junior or queen. For more information or to have a registration form mailed to you, contact Stephanie Anderson at 563-260-3591.

Rabbit Workshop

The Rabbit workshop will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 12:30 to 4:00pm 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.

Great Opportunity For Clubs.

Tim Pace is looking for a 4-H group that would like to serve lunch as a fundraiser. He is holding an antique tractor show on June 6th-8th and he is hoping 60-120 people will attend. This is a great opportunity for a fundraiser! If any club is interested please call Tim at 563-260-7889.
**Iowa Sheep Industry Association Scholarship 2019**

A $500 scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors or to students presently enrolled in a two or four-year College. Scholarship is based on individual scholastic performances, leadership, citizenship experiences, and sheep related activities. Provide a verified 3.0 GPA in high school or current college. For more information or for an application, contact the Extension Office. Deadline to apply is April 15. [http://iowasheep.com/index.html](http://iowasheep.com/index.html)

**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](http://example.com) and tell us what kind of 4-H experiences you would enjoy. Spring workshops will be planned based on this feedback.

**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](http://example.com) to learn more about our work in Muscatine County.

**Fruit Tree Pruning and Training Workshop**

March 27, 5:30-7 pm at the Muscatine Arboretum. Learn more: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/news/fruit-tree-pruning-training-workshop](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/news/fruit-tree-pruning-training-workshop)

**Growing Season Kick Off**

March 30, 9-11, at the Environmental Learning Center at Discover Park. Learn more: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/news/growing-season-kick](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/news/growing-season-kick)
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/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/ways_to_give/)

**Master Gardener 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MuscatineCountyMasterGardeners/)

**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.
Island Adventures

**Ages:** Current 1st to 3rd grade  
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm  
**Registration fee:** $20 per camper

Campers will explore and learning about ocean and coastal life, such as otters, manatees, polar bears, whales and campers may even run into a pirate or two!

**The Mad Magician’s Laboratory!**

**Ages:** Current 1st to 3rd grade  
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm  
**Registration fee:** $20 per camper

Campers will learn about different famous magicians, exploring gravity, reactions, and optical illusions while conducting cool science experiments.

**Camp Create-A-Lot**

**Ages:** Current 4th to 6th grade  
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm  
**Registration fee:** $20 per camper

Campers will spend a day of being creative, while learning and having fun. They will explore design elements, art principles and practice using different types of art mediums.

**Slimy, Gooey and Gross**

**Ages:** Current 4th to 6th grade  
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm  
**Registration fee:** $20 per camper

Come and have fun with hands-on activities that teach basic science principles. Explore slimy, gooey and sometimes really gross science.

Campers will need to bring a sack lunch and may have a water bottle to use throughout the day. Snacks will be provided.

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**Location:** Muscatine County Extension Office, 1514 Isett Avenue, Muscatine.  
**To Register:** Call 563-263-5701, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/Muscatine or Email Dana@iastate.edu. Deadline for all camps is March 13, 2019.

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**Experience Required:** Some farm background, or urge to learn more about farming

**Applications Accepted By:**

- E-mail: dsnyder@iastate.edu
- Address: 111 North St. Fruitland, IA 52749

You can either e-mail your resumes to Dominic Snyder or drop them off in person at the farm.

**Job Description**

**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Most of the work will be helping with various research projects on the farm throughout the summer. We have a wide variety of agronomic and horticultural research projects.

Other work may include:
- Taking soil samples
- Planting and harvesting cantaloupe, sweet corn, potatoes, and tomatoes
- Delivering produce
- Gardening
- Mowing
- Tree pruning
- Taking data for research projects

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

College students are preferred, but high school students will be considered. Some background in agriculture is preferred, but not required.

**PREFERRED SKILLS**

Experience operating a tractor, able to work outside for 8 hours a day, horticultural or agronomic background

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

This is an internship that will be focused around teaching you more about agriculture. As an intern you have the option of doing your own research trial, and helping conduct many trials that are already underway on the farm. In this internship you can learn as much as you desire.

**Reviewed By:** Dominic Snyder

**Approved By:** Myron Rees
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 Kent Corporation for donating $10,000 to the new building project! We are very excited about this project and the expanded opportunities it will open up. #StrongIowa Pictured, Jeff Bohling, Kent Corporation Manager of Administrative Services, presents a check to Krista Regennitter, Muscatine County Extension Director.
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