National Volunteer Week is April 8th-12th. Our many 4-H volunteers are truly the reason why the Muscatine County 4-H program is so successful and we appreciate all who give of their time and talents.

I encourage all of our members and parents to reach out to a volunteer you know to show your appreciation!

Thank you Volunteers!
**COUNTY NEWS**

**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 at The Muscatine County Extension Office. 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.

**Livestock Information**

**Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-in**

May 4th ~ 7:30-9:30 am
Large Show Ring, Fairgrounds, West Liberty
NOTE: Dairy goats do not need to be brought to the weigh-in. They do need a tattoo and birthdate and are to be ID’d through 4-H online by May 15th.

**County Fair** - All lambs and meat goats need to be brought to be tagged. Market sheep and market meat goats will be weighed and tagged.

**State Fair** - All State Fair sheep (market, commercial, and purebred breeding) must have a state 4-H tag, be weighed, and have retinal images taken. State Fair meat goats (market wethers and breeding does) must have a state 4-H tag (or tattoo for does). Market wethers will be retinal imaged. Cost for animals retinal imaged for State Fair is $5.00 per head.

**Aksarben** – All animals for Aksarben must have a 4-H tag and will have hair pulled for DNA sampling. There is an additional $5.00 charge for animals identified for Aksarben. (Aksarben is a regional livestock show held in September in Omaha, NE, for 4-H members only). Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.
Exciting News!!

If you are in K-3rd grade and would love to get a jump start on your 4-H Experience. Muscatine has a Clover Kids Club that will begin on Tuesday April 23rd 2019 from 6:30– 8:00 pm at the Muscatine County Extension Office. Come join in on all the fun that Clover Kids experience through STEM activities, crafts, games and much more!

To sign up please contact Dana 563-263-5701 or dana@iastate.edu or Lindsay lstecher@iastate.edu

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. Clubs can split the days if more than one would like to do this.

What is a project?

Workshop!

Are you unsure what the word project means? Are you unsure of what to do for a project? We will talk about project areas, projects that have previously done and answer any questions you have. Come to the Extension Office on April 27th from 9 am-11:00 am! If you have any questions please contact Lindsay at lstecher@iastate.edu or 563-263-5701!
Other Important Information

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.

Livestock ID’s Due May 15th

Reminder: Livestock ID’s are due in 4hOnline no later than 11:59 pm on Tuesday, May 15. To do this, login to 4hOnline at https://iowa.4honline.com.

After you click on the Edit button next to the 4-H member’s name, look for the Animals/Livestock link towards the top of the page. Clicking on that link will take you to the animal ID page. Select a species from the drop down menu and fill in the requested information. DON’T FORGET TO HIT SAVE!

Animals that must be identified in 4hOnline are beef, bucket calf, dogs, goats (meat & dairy), horse, sheep, and swine. Rabbits that will be entered in the 4-H show at the Iowa State Fair must have a tattoo in their ear and be identified in 4hOnline by July 1.

Summer Horse Show Dates.

Dates for the summer horse shows held at the horse arena at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds have been set.

- May 19th- Fun show with timed events only. Show starts at 9:00 am
- June 9th- Regular Show starting at 9:00 am
- July 7th- Regular show starting at 9:00 am
- August 18th- Timed events, show starting at 9:00 am

These horse shows are open to all 4-H and FFA members regardless of where they live and are provided as an opportunity for kids to practice their horsemanship skill and learn from each other.

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Obedience classes will begin on Sunday May 12th from 6:00-7:00 pm at Rock’n Boot Ranch. 2505 Bayfield Road. Muscatine, IA 52761. Classes will be held on Sundays until the start of fair. Because Classes will be indoors, they will not be canceled due to rain.

Please remember you will need a copy of your shot records before you’re able to participate in class.
**Horse Opportunity**

Horse Trainer Clinton Anderson is bringing his Walkabout Tour to Des Moines, Iowa, May 18th and 19th. He will be demonstrating his training techniques at the Iowa State Fair Grounds. Topics include colt starting, trailer loading, building a spooky horse’s confidence and more. If anyone would like to attend this, please contact Lindsay for a FREE ticket.

**Iowa 4-H Animal Science Roundup**

Animal Science Roundup is June 25-27 at ISU in conjunction with 4-H Conference and will feature seven species this year – beef, dairy, horse, meat goat, poultry, sheep and swine. Applications and promotional materials can be found on the 4-H Animal Science Roundup webpage. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 15.

**Farmfluencer**

National 4-H is introducing a new global video contest where youth can submit a two minute video about where the future of farming is going. Youth can enter for the chance to win $5,000. Find out more details on the Farmfluencer webpage.

**2019 Fairbooth Theme**

_"A Universe of Possibilities"

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
June 25-27, 2019
**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. 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.

**Spring Plant Sale**

Co–Sponsored by the Muscatine Master Gardeners, Muscatine Garden Club and the Iris and Daylily Society. Perennials, Iris, Daylilies, and other beautiful plants will be offered. Master Gardeners invite and welcome anyone interested in attending. Saturday, May 11th, 2019. 9 am to Noon and the Muscatine Environmental learning Center, Discovery Park Pavilion.

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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 May 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/)
Broiler Derby Participants
2019 Information Sheet

Included in this packet are your record forms for the Broiler Derby Class. Review rules concerning poultry entries in the Poultry Division listing of your 2019 fair book. (Your poultry class is Broiler Derby Class 161). The chicks (all cockerels) will be a Cornish cross, from Schlecht Hatchery. There will be a minimum order of 5 chicks per participant, and will be shown in a pen of three at the fair. Orders need to be placed and paid for at the Extension Office (563-263-5701) by May 15. Pick-up will be around June 13, at the Osland’s (563.340.9121), 1958 Tipton Road, Muscatine. Chicks will be about $3.50 per bird ($17.50 for every 5 birds). At the time of the fair the birds will be about 38 days old. If interested in a workshop by Mike Edmonds or housing questions call Rylan Teel at 563.607.2052. If extra birds are purchased you may enter them in the 4-H pen of three, Market class 120 or 130. Example: If you buy eight birds, enter three in the Broiler Derby class 161 and three in the 4-H market class.

This project paid premiums out to the top four classes last year due to high participant numbers. The Champion and Reserve Champion Broiler Derby winners will be able to participate in the Ribbon Auction on Saturday at the fair.

To participate in this class, you must:

- Enroll in the poultry project by May 15.
- Order your broiler chicks by May 15, by contacting the Extension Office.
- Complete this Record Form.
- Keep a journal of your project and include pictures.
- From the chicks you ordered in May, you must enter your pen of three in the fair before June 15 in the web-based FairEntry program.
- Write a one page (or more) report on a chicken subject of your choice.
- Scoring:
  - Record form and interview 50%
  - Live standards 50%

Instructions:

1. County fair entries will be made online this year from May 15-June 16 through the FairEntry website. More information on how to make fair entries online will be available at a later date. Your class is Broiler Derby Class 161.

2. Take pictures to include in your project record.

3. Bring your completed project record form, journal, and one-page report to the to the Extension Office on Monday, July 15, by 4:00 p.m. Do this so the report can be judged otherwise you will be in jeopardy of not getting your report points.

4. Bring your pen of three broilers to the poultry show at the fair. Check-in time is before noon on Friday, July 19. The broilers will be weighed to complete this part of the requirements.

5. An interview will be conducted between Noon and 2:00 pm before the poultry show. The Poultry Show begins at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 19th.

6. Helpful Information

Dan Putnam of Letts has volunteered to serve as a mentor for this project. You may contact him with questions and concerns by home phone 319.726.4357, or by e-mail at dacputnam@yahoo.com
Exciting News!!!

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 the Muscatine County Farm Bureau for their $5,000 donation to the Muscatine County Extension office remodel project!!! We are very excited to be their new neighbor soon. #StrongIowa#ThankYou

Pictured: Doug Nolte, Muscatine County Extension Council Member, Krista Regennitter, Muscatine County Extension Director, Bill Petersen, County Farm Bureau President
April-
1st Master Gardener/ Scholarship Applications Due
15th– Iowa Sheep Scholarship due
23rd– Clover Kids begin 6:30-8 pm at the Extension Office
27th– What is a project? Workshop. 9-11 am.
29th– Spring Leaders Meeting at 6:00 pm.

May
4th– Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh in.
12th– Dog Classes Start 6:00 pm
15th– Broiler Derby order deadline.
15th– Livestock ID’s are due pm 4-H Online

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