



# CLOVER CONNECTION



## AUGUST

29—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



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## SEPTEMBER

- 18—County Council Applications Due
- 20—Early Achievers 4-H Mtg
- 26—State AgOvation Competition
- 26—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 1pm

## OCTOBER

- 4—County Council Mtg
- 4—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
- 4—Skating Party 1-4pm
- 4-10 — National 4-H Week
- 5—Record Books Due
- 6—Give. Grow. Iowa 4-H
- 7—Healthy State Walk
- 7—4-H Spirit Day—Wear Green!
- 11—Sac Green Team Mtg
- 19—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 6:30pm
- 24—OA Richland Robins Mtg 3pm
- 30—STEM Day
  - Odebolt—11am-1pm
  - Arthur—2-4pm

## NOVEMBER

- 1—Schaller Shamrocks Omelet Brkst
- 1—County Council Mtg 4pm
- 1—Awards Event 5:30pm
- 8—OA Richland Robins Mtg 3pm
- 8—Sac Green Team Mtg 5pm
- 16—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 6:30pm
- 26—Turkey Trot
- 26 & 27—Office Closed for Holiday

## From the Desk of Steph Erpelding

Another 4-H Year has gone!

The excitement of fair is over and our 4-H year is coming to an end. The weather is starting to get cooler and for most of us life is slowing down, hopefully! The time has given me the chance to reflect on the past year - all of the great things that have happened with our youth in Sac County 4-H.

Completing a record book makes for an easy way to reminisce about last year's events! Record books are due **October 5th** to the Extension Office. There is still plenty of time to turn in a record book! Watch the facebook for a "how to" video!

Through 4-H, you have the opportunity to work with caring, committed adult volunteers. These opportunities for positive youth development, reduce the likelihood of youth to engage in risky behaviors such as underage drinking, smoking, bullying, and vandalism. The 4-H promise to kids and parents is: Fun, Friends, Choices, Great Trips, and Events, A safe place to learn and do new things, Leadership, Citizenship, Communication skills, Service opportunities, Scholarship opportunities, Adults who care, and Hands-On experiences. Let's share our 4-H stories with others and get them to join the #1 county 4-H program in the State!

Is it worth it? You BET!

*Steph Erpelding*





## 4-H Endowment



There are 3-\$250 club grants available from the 4-H Endowment. For the 2019-20 4-H year the Endowment will be paying \$10 per member towards their program development fee. Thank you to all of the clubs for donating a basket or item for the Silent Auction at the fair! A total of \$905 was made from the auction!

## Healthy Living Club Challenge 20-21

The 4-H Healthy Living Club Challenge will be starting in September and runs through June! This year, we will be Winning with Wellnesses we focus 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. We are looking forward to an exciting year of healthy living. Registration opens **August 1st**, and if you register by the 15th you will receive a challenge resource kit to help with the monthly challenges. Club leader or Wellness Officer can register their club by visiting our [Healthy Living Club Challenge webpage](#).

## County Council Applications Due

Sac County 4-H Council applications are due to the Sac County Extension Office by **September 18th**. County Council is for 4-H members in high school looking to provide leadership to the county 4-H program. The county council sponsors activities such as Junior 4-H Lock-in, Leadership Camp, penny wars, helps to write comments at the fair and much more! We are looking for fun and energetic people to join the team! Applications are available at the Sac County Extension and Outreach Office or on our website: [www.extension.iastate.edu/sac](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sac). More details at the first council meeting!

## Clover Kids Information

- \* Clover Kids is coming back to Sac County this year! However, we will not be in the school BUT we will still have just as much fun!
- \* Currently we are not taking any registrations until after our new registration program is up and running which could start October 1st!
- \* Clover Kids will include a Clover Kid crate with monthly lessons to start in October and run until April 2021!
- \* Clover Kids is open to those kids in K-3rd grade!
- \* Steph Erpelding will be checking in with the kids once a month for about 20-30 minutes and she has some fun things to do on the zoom!
- \* The check-in's will be in each school group!
- \* If you had a Clover Kid last year watch your email for the sign-up information! If not, watch your child's book bag or this Facebook page!

## Ida/Sac Skating Party

We will hold our annual Sac/Ida Skating Party **Sunday, October 4 from 1-4pm** at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove. This is free to all 4-H'ers compliments of the Sac County 4-H Endowment with no cost to parents, grandparent, kids who want to watch. Cost is \$4 for siblings and friends not in 4-H! This is open to all 4-H families! Don't forget to bring money for the snack bar! There will be door prizes! Due to COVID — masks are recommended and Sac County is limited to only 75 people in the door so you **MUST** rsvp! RSVP to Steph at [erpeldin@iastate.edu](mailto:erpeldin@iastate.edu) and if something "comes up" PLEASE call me to take you off the list!

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## Awards Event

The OA Richland Robins will be hosting the Awards Event on **Sunday, November 1st** starting at **5:30pm** at the Odebolt Community Center. This will be a red carpet event so please dress up and let's have some fun!! I am working on the final plans but as you can see the evening will begin at 5:30pm with the awards, supper will follow and a few minute to win it games will end in hopes to have everyone on the road by 7pm! There will be an RSVP to this event as it will need to be a catered meal. More details to come!

## Record Books

Record Books are due to the Sac County Extension Office by Monday, October 5. Please take a look at the forms on our website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/sac](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sac). Make sure you have everything in the record book by going thru the checklist that has been provided on our website! Also if you are completing forms for livestock **YOU MUST** have a livestock project worksheet and either the basic, experienced or advanced project record completed also. Leaders **MUST** sign the awards sheet to confirm that everything is in the record book! No 4-H story is required this year but if you want to add it in, feel free to!

## 4-H Online Enrollment

4Honline will be switching to 4Honline 2.0 this October. This transition will push back online enrollment for 2020-2021 until it is ready. Please keep an ear out for more information to come in the following weeks. Any enrollment fees will still be the same and paid by the 4-H clubs. As you re-enroll be sure to update & double check any changes in contact information so you don't miss out on any upcoming events or club communications. When you attend your 4-H Club meetings you will be expected to sign-in as we need to keep track of meeting attendance for insurance coverage.

## Give. Grow. Iowa 4-H

Save the Date for Give. Grow. Iowa 4-H for October 6th! This is Iowa 4-H Giving Day! Sac County is participating in this statewide event with our own challenge! Here is link to donate—<https://www.iowa4hgivingday.org/organizations/sac-county-4-h-endowment>. You can donate now! Thanks to Gail and Dave Huser as they are doubling your donation with a matching gift of up to \$1,000! No donation is too small! Give to the Sac County 4-H Endowment so we can give to our 4-H'ers! Thank you!

If you want to give statewide please help my (Steph's) team and contribute to Communications and the Arts at <https://ia4hfoundation.org/communications-the-arts/>

## 4-H Window Decorating

For National 4-H Week there will be another Window Decorating Contest held! Please fill out the form on the [Sac County Extension Website](http://Sac County Extension Website) and send to Steph at [erpeldin@iastate.edu](mailto:erpeldin@iastate.edu). Windows must be decorated by Monday, October 7th! Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place at the Awards Event! Be creative and have fun! Please send pictures of the windows to Steph's cell phone in case of rain!

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Imagine a world of 4-H where you learn new and different things in different ways. Expand your horizons.



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