FOR 4-H & CLOVER KIDS

Spring is getting busy!

We had some great day camps in March, over 110 participants at the FSQA training and testing night, and a great communication contest!

Look at all the great opportunities inside! Service projects, workshops, camps, and much more!

See you soon!
Summer Day Camps

Clover Kids that are completing 1st – 3rd grade will be able to participate in summer day camps offered in Ames and Nevada. Registration forms are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/story.

Clover Kid Workshop – Saturday, April 11th, 11 am

Looking for county fair ideas? Clover Kids can join us on Saturday, April 11th at 11 am at Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada and participate in hands on activities. Cost for the workshop is $5 and registration forms can be found at: www.extension.iastate.edu/story. Contact Melissa at mmcenany@iastate.edu with additional questions.

Animal Opportunities at the County Fair

**Bottle/Bucket Calf**
If you are in grades K-3, you are eligible to show a Bucket Calf at the fair. Each child will need to have their own calf to care for and bring to exhibit at fair. Calves must be born between March 1st and May 31st of this year. Weigh in will be held June 6 from 8-10 am at the fairgrounds.

**Clover Kid Dog Show**
There will be a Clover Kid Dog Show again this year at fair. In order to participate, you will need to attend dog obedience classes. There is an informational meeting on May 19 at 6:30 pm at Christy 4-H Hall. You must bring a parent and your dog’s vaccination papers on May 19. Dog Identification Report needs to be submitted online in 4hOnline and is due **May 15th at 11:59 pm.** If you have questions regarding how to identify an animal, please contact Melissa at 515-382-6551 or mmcenany@iastate.edu.

**Clover Kid Lamb Project**
Clover Kids in grades K-3 have the opportunity to participate in the Clover Kid Lamb project. Lambs must be born between January 1st and May 1st of this year and be in the Clover Kid’s possession within two weeks of birth. Weigh in will be held May 2 from 8-11 am at the fairgrounds.

**Clover Kid Goat Project**
Clover Kids in grades K-3 can participate in the Bottle Goat project. Animals must be born between January 1st and May 1st of this year and be in the Clover Kid’s possession within two weeks of birth. Weigh in will be held May 2 from 12-2 pm at the fairgrounds.

**Rabbit Hopping**
Clover Kids now have the opportunity to participate in Rabbit Hopping at the fair. In order to participate, you will need to attend classes to train your rabbit how to maneuver the course. Classes will be held in April and May.

For more information about any of these fair opportunities, please contact Melissa at 515-382-6551 or mmcenany@iastate.edu.
An Alarming Idea Day Camp & Camp in a Can
An Alarming Idea day camp took place on March 18th focusing on electrical engineering and electricity. Participants constructed alarm circuits from lights and sounding buzzers to implementing switches and designing parallel circuits. March 19 was Camp in a Can where participants learned all about birds!

![Students working on circuits](image1.jpg)

Students grades 4th-6th participated in the Alarming Idea day camp, held at the Story County Conservation Center.

Ricochet 2015
On March 16th and 17th, Ricochet, a two-day youth leadership camp was held. Part of the event called for the participants to brainstorm and plan a service day project. Donate to their project:

When: Saturday, April 18th, 2015 from 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. (or bring items to the Extension office by April 17)

Where: PetCo in Ames

What: collect donations of pet food, toys, supplies, and free-will donations to be given to the Story County Animal Shelter in Nevada, IA.

![Ricochet camp participants](image2.jpg)

FSQA 2015

![FSQA participants](image3.jpg)

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Multi Project Workshop
4-H'er's grades 4-12: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 11th for a Multi Project Workshop being put on by Story County Leadership Team. Interactive workshops will be offered throughout the day in various project areas including digital photography, sewing, youth development, canning and more! These workshops will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at the Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada. Cost is $5 per person, but register for as many workshops as you would like! Register by April 6. Please contact Mary Wilkins at mwilkins@iastate.edu with questions or to register. See website for workshop descriptions.
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/

Newly added will be a woodworking workshop on Saturday, April 11 in the basement of the Community Building beginning at 2 pm implemented by the Ames Woodworkers Club. The workshop will focus on lathe or wood turning topics, plain woodworking, and scroll saw topics. Participants will explore each area, then go to the next station. They'll also share some of the products they have created. RSVP is needed to Mary at mwilkins@iastate.edu or 515-382-6551 by April 6. The woodworking workshop does not have a fee.

Regional World of Corn Workshop
Join us on Saturday, April 11th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada to learn more about the "World of Corn". The workshop will consist of a tour of the DuPont Cellulosic Plant and an interactive activity to discover the many ways we use Iowa corn! Please contact 4-H Intern, Sarah Tweeten, at stweeten@iastate.edu with questions or to get signed up for this neat opportunity. 4-H'er's grades 4-12 and their parents are welcome to register. Cost to attend is only $5 per person and lunch is included. Registrations are due by Friday, April 3rd. We hope to see you there! See www.extension.iastate.edu/story for additional details.

Swine Weigh-in
The Swine Weigh-in will be held Saturday, April 18 from 9 am – 10:30a.m. at the Story County Fairgrounds. For the Story County Fair, you may weigh in a maximum of 15 pigs. The maximum weight for derby pigs on April 18 is 60 pounds, with a maximum of 70 lbs for market pigs. Pigs over 70 lbs at the weigh in will not eligible for show at Story County. Pigs will be tagged again this year. If requested, volunteers will come to your home on April 18 to weigh and identify your pigs. Please communicate your request to Mary Wilkins by April 10 at mwilkins@iastate.edu or 515-382-6551.

- We have one platform scale, but would like one more for the weigh-in. If you have one that could be borrowed, please contact Mary Wilkins. All families are invited to bring their own basket to weigh their pigs on the platform scale.
- Purebred breeding gilts do NOT need to come to the weigh-in. Youth/families are responsible for identifying them in iowa.4honline.com on or before May 15.
- State Fair Swine Pigs do NOT need to come to the weigh-in. Pigs must be tagged with a 4-H tag that will collect a DNA sample at the same time. Families will request tags and tagger from the Extension office, tag their own pigs, and return the tagger immediately. Families are then responsible for identifying their state fair pigs in the iowa.4honline.com database.

Story County Summer Day Camps
4-H AmeriCorps Member Chanae Fitzgerald has the Story County summer day camps planned from mid-June to mid-July. Camps will be available for youth in grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. Camps will be held in Nevada and Ames. Topics vary from Growing in the Garden, Art Attack, Sound Systems, and more! Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/story

4-H Partners with United Way of Story County
The Live United Food Drive is May 11-20, and the two Story County clubs who collect the most will each receive a cash prize of $125. Donations will benefit local food pantries. By April 24, let us know your club plans to participate by emailing Mary Wilkins at mwilkins@iastate.edu and Shannon Bardole from United Way of Story County by emailing sbardole@uwstory.org or calling 515-268-5142.
Judging JLEC and Summer Camp
There are two great livestock judging events coming up! The Spring ISU contest is scheduled for April 18 in Ames, and the annual ISU Livestock Judging Camp is scheduled for June 8 – 10 in Ames. See the 4-H website for details at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-judging

7th & 8th Grade Intermediate Kansas City Trip
Join 4-H’ers from 8 counties to explore Kansas City including the Kansas City Zoo, a Royals game, tour Arrowhead stadium, visit Worlds and Oceans of Fun, and more! Early registration deadline is April 24th (first come, first serve). Trip cost is $265 per youth and $100 per chaperone, covering all attractions, hotel, transportation and breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 evening meal. Participants will need to pay for three meals (1 lunch and 2 dinners) and any souvenirs. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/story for a brochure and registration form.

Spring Camp Clean-up Day, Iowa 4-H Center
The Iowa 4-H Center needs some help with spring projects! Spring Camp Clean-up day will start on Saturday, April 25th at 9 a.m. and we’ll plan to go until 4 p.m. Stop in during the day and stay as long as you can. Come as an individual, family, 4-H club, or volunteer group. Projects will range from simple to complex and include: splitting and stacking wood, trimming bushes, painting, staining, raking leaves, cleaning cabins and windows, trail and fence work, picking up trash, and other “spring cleaning” activities. Pack a picnic lunch, load up the crew and come join us as we ready the 4-H Center. Call the camp office at 515-795-3338 or email 4hcentermail@iastate.edu to sign up. Leave a message with your name, contact information, and if you have any special skills or training (i.e. carpentry, plumbing, electrical,) or a preferred activity that you would like to be involved in.

2015 State 4-H Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center
Young people grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

The dates and themes of the three camps are:
June 21-25—State 4-H “…And My World” Camp: Campers will choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills
July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I: Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.
July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II: Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.

Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs. http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping Financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps at the Iowa 4-H Center is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation https://www.iowad4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/summer_4h_camp_assistance/ .
Deadline to apply for financial assistance is April 25.

Nomination for 4-H Hall of Fame
You are encouraged to submit a nomination for the Hall of Fame honor. Think of someone who made a difference in the lives of 4’ers in Story County. The nomination form with information is on the 4-H page of the Extension Website. Nominations are due on April 30 at 5 pm. Questions? Call Carolyn Manning, 515-382-6616.
4-H Horse Project Meeting
Join us on April 30th at 6:30 PM at the ISU Vet School in Ames to learn more about the dental care for your horse. Dr. Joan Howard, DVM, will help you learn about teeth floating, wolf teeth, and general tooth care for your horse. Should your horse have his teeth brushed? What are signs he needs dental care? Attend the meeting to find out what’s best for your horse!

Statewide 4-H Photo Camp at Briggs Woods Park
Young people grades 7-12 in the 2014-15 school year have the opportunity to participate in 4-H PHOTO CAMP at Briggs Woods Park in Hamilton County, near Webster City. Campers will learn all about PHOTOGRAPHY, Photo Shop Elements, participate in a day long hands on photo shoot at a different location and will live in a camp community for three days and two nights. The dates are June 15-17. Cost for this camp is $180 prior to May 1st – Late FEE $200 after May 1st. www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/member-info.

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In
When: Saturday, May 2nd
- Sheep will weigh 8-11 am. ALL sheep (county fair AND state fair) must come to the weigh-in!
- Meat Goats will weigh 12 noon – 2pm. Boer/meat goats that need to come to the weigh-in:
  o Boer/meat goats going in the county fair market meat goat class
  o bottle bucket Boer/meat goats for clover kids
  o ANY Boer/Meat Goat going to the state fair (breeding, meat, male, female) must come to the weigh-in!
The weigh-in is for county fair and verification for State Fair and/or Aksarben. For the Story County Fair, sheep and meat goats will be weighed and tagged at no cost. For the Iowa State Fair, meat goats and sheep will be weighed, tagged, and two retinal scans will be collected. For Aksarben, hair will be collected. Cost to verify sheep or meat goats for the state fair will be $5.00 per head and an additional $5.00 per head if also verified for Aksarben. All information will be recorded and entered into the 4-H online database by staff, then verified by the exhibitor or family by May 15.

Livestock ID’s
- May 15 is the deadline to identify animals for the county fair and state fair. The animals must be identified in the iowa.4honline.com database. Members will enter information directly into the database for breeding beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, county fair breeding meat goats, dog, and horse.
- Animals coming to a weigh-in will be entered by staff, then verified by members by May 15.
- There is no ID process for poultry. Rabbits for state fair only must be identified in the 4-H database by July 1. County fair rabbits do not need to be identified. The bottle bucket id process will be completed at the weigh-in in June.
Directions to identify (or verify) animals will be available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

“30k for 30 years” – 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign
The 2015 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,330.30 for Iowa 4-H’ers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation by May 15. If you have a preference, please communicate it to your club leaders. https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/ways_to_give/4hers_for_4h/

Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-H’ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs. There were 81 counties that participated in last year’s campaign. The State 4-H Council would like to see 100% participation. Last year’s winners are posted on our web page. Thank you in advance for supporting the State 4-H Council Finance Committee and their efforts “to make the best better!”
Dog Classes and Information Meeting
An informational meeting for new participants will be Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm at the Extension office in Nevada. Do not bring your dogs to the informational meeting. Dog classes will begin meeting weekly May 26 until the county fair. Please remember to identify your dog in 4honline on or before 11:59 pm on May 15.

4-H Horse Project Meeting
Come to the Equine Carnival Night in May 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office for lots of games and prizes! Challenge your friends to Jeopardy, enter Model Horse races, play Condition Corner, make a leather craft, horse treats, and more! Bring a friend who loves horses! Also - Dressage and Jumping Clinics will be held on Sunday, May 31st and Saturday, June 20th. Save these dates so you can bring your horse to the Story County Fairgrounds to practice dressage using our fair book pattern and jumping cross poles and hunter hack.

State 4-H Conference
Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you’ve completed 8th grade, you’re eligible to attend. You don’t even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you’d like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We’re doing things a little differently this year and you’ll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series. Please consider registering for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! For more information visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

Financial assistance and scholarships are available to help cover the cost of registration. Deadline is April 25. https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/

Opportunities for 4-H’ers, Clover Kids and their Families
In 1940, the present fair grounds became the home for the Story County 4-H Fair. That has been 75 years of outstanding youth and excellent projects. We will celebrate those 75 years at the 2015 Fair.

The 4-H History Committee would love to hear your story. When you’re exploring your family history, keep the “4-H’ers in Action” photo classes in mind. A “Jack Pot Class” was added this year. A $75 prize given by the Fair Board will go to the best 4-H photo taken at the 1940 Story County 4-H fair. Questions? Ask JoAnn Blanchard (515-290-1294).

We will honor individuals who have shown Grand Champion Market Steers since 1940. It will be part of the 4-H Reunion on July 26. While our list has been growing, we still need a few names and addresses of those in 1988, 1996 - 1999 and 2005. If you know any of these, please share name and address with Michelle Gibson (Phone: 515-450-4329).

The collection of fair books from 1940 to today is nearly complete. Missing books range from 1941 – 1945 plus 1947 and 1958. Record books and Historian books are good places to look. Fair books may be left at the Extension Office for the 4-H History Committee. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. See you at the 75-Year Celebration at the 2015 Story County Youth Fair.
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