Hey there fellow 4-Her’s and Clover Kids!

We have a lot of new and exciting opportunities coming to Story County in the month of March. From leadership programming like Ricochet to the county-wide Communications Contest there is bound to be something going on this month that will interest you!

If you are planning to exhibit livestock at the county fair, be sure to attend the training on March 24th to get FSQA Certified. See page 4 for more information on this event.

Come visit us at the office or feel free to give us a call with any questions that you may have about our upcoming events. We are always happy to help.

We hope to see you soon!

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I Pledge
My Head to clearer thinking
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service
My Health to better living
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.
Updates:

Reminder - Communication Contest Entries are being accepted until March 5. Registration forms can be found at: www.extension.iastate.edu/story. Communication Contest will take place March 28th at the Collegiate Methodist Church in Ames.

- All Clover Kids can participate in a poster show and tell. Clover Kids can make a poster on any topic related to Clover Kids. Posters should be 14” x 22” (1/2 sheet of poster board) in size. Please include a 4-H emblem on your poster.
- 3rd Grade Members can give a 2-5 minute presentation or demonstration, after the poster show-and-tell. This will give you a chance to practice for next year! Try and pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid. Maybe your Clover Kid group learned about birdhouses. You could give a presentation about how you make a birdhouse. You may bring props and do the presentation with one friend who is also a Clover Kid.

The Clover Kids will begin presenting at 6:00 pm.

County Fair Information will be available soon! Watch your mail for an update in early March.

Fair Project Word Search

Can you find all 10 different fair projects?

- Pets
- Flowers
- Food
- Animals
- Science
- Photography
- Sewing
- Music
- Vegetables
- Art

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Communication Contest
The event will take place on one day, March 28, 2015. (Exception: Share The Fun is not part of this event.)
Entries due March 2nd. The contest will take place at the Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames. Volunteers are needed to help host each contest room. Whether exhibiting or just looking for something fun to do, this is a great opportunity to see, hear, and do great things at the communication contest!

Saturday, March 28
8 am – set-up
9 am – orientation with judges
10 am– beginning judging of presentations, working exhibits, posters, extemporaneous speaking & writing
12:30-1:00 pm lunch for judges
1 pm resume judging
5 pm supper break for staff
6 pm clover kid presentations & posters
6:30 pm awards

Spring 2015 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Community Improvement Projects
It’s time for DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Spring 2015. Applications should be turned into County Extension Offices by March 15. You can find information, tips for applicants, and applications for these grants on the Iowa 4-H website at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Grants will be awarded for anywhere from $50 to $500 but typically will not exceed half of the cost of the total project as groups are encouraged to work at obtaining local support as a match. Successful projects are those that enlist partnerships with other community entities, demonstrate engagement by the full 4-H club, and make a positive impact on the community. Send questions regarding the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants to Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu.

Ricochet Adventure
Story County 5th through 8th graders, are you looking for a fun way to gain leadership skills? Register today for Ricochet 1: An Extreme Leadership Adventure, an exciting Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth leadership experience, scheduled for March 16 and March 17, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days at the Collegiate United Methodist Church 2622 Lincoln Way in Ames. Youth will explore leadership attitudes, leadership information, communication skills, decision making skills and stress management skills through interactive games, activities, and a panel of community members. The group will use what they learn to identify a community need and develop a service project to address the need. For questions, contact Mary Wilkins at 515-382-6551 or mwilkins@iastate.edu. For registration information, see http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story

An Alarming Idea Day Camp
Story County ISU Extension and Outreach is offering a one-day youth camp Wednesday, March 18th for youth currently in 4th-6th grade. The day camp will get youth involved in learning as they discover how engineers work with electricity, circuits, and the science behind designing alarm systems. Check in will begin at 8:45a.m with the camp running from 9:00a.m.–3:00p.m. Camp will be held at the Story County Conservation Center in Ames. Cost is $25 for 4-H members and $30 for non-members. Questions may be directed to Chanae Fitzgerald, 4-H AmeriCorps Member, at 515.382.6551 or by email at chanaef1@iastate.edu. Registration is available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/content/summer-day-camps.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS.
4-H Day Camps: Winging It
Story County ISU Extension and Outreach is hosting day camps March 19 and March 20th for youth currently in 2nd and 3rd grade. The day camp will give youth the opportunity to discover how birds live through various hands on activities. The day camp offered on March 19 will be repeated on March 20. Registration is limited to twelve participants each day. The day camps will be held at the Story County Conservation Center. Participants will check-in at 8:45 am and sign-out at 4 pm. Cost is $25 per 4-H Clover Kid member and $30 per non-member and will require an Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form. Registration and health form can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/story. Registrations with payment are due on or before March 13. Questions can be directed to Amanda, 4-H Intern, Story County Extension and Outreach at 515.382.6551 or by email at acstrief@iastate.edu.

FSQA Program & Testing
FSQA training and testing will be Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 p.m. in Christy 4-H Hall. If you are unable to attend and need certification, please contact Mary Wilkins at 515-382-6551 or email mwilkins@iastate.edu.
- Re-enrolled 4-H members can check their fsqa certification status in the 4-H online database. Exhibitors with swine, beef, sheep, dairy cattle, bottle bucket calves, poultry, rabbits or goats (dairy or meat) must be FSQA certified. These animals may be exhibited in a market or breeding class. In either case, FSQA certification is required. FSQA certification is required for county fair and state fair.
- FSQA IS NOT FOR CLOVER KIDS.
- GRADES 4-6 – Must attend the annual FSQA Program, no test out option
- GRADES 7-9 – Attend program annually or test out. GRADES 9-12 – Attend program annually or test out (swine producers turning 18 will need to complete the National Pork Board Adult PQA). Tests are 20 or 30 questions (multiple choice and true/false). 70% is passing. Tests may be taken up to three times that evening. Tests may also be taken at the Extension office by scheduling an appointment. FSQA books are only available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/FSQA.htm.

Story County 4-H Horse Project Meeting
4-H Horse Project Meeting will be held Thursday, March 26th - 6:30 PM at the Extension Office in Nevada. Do you have questions regarding the horse ID Registration, Lease Agreement and Photos required for online enrollment? These forms are very important for showing at county and state fair. Meet Dr. Caston from ISU Veterinary School who will discuss what to look for when considering a horse for purchase. What issues might affect the uses for your horse? What information is helpful for you? Join us on the 26th to find out!

Money Smart Kid Essay Contest
Are you smart about money? If so, you might want to enter a contest! The winner receives $1,000 for college, and finalists are recognized, as well. Even if you don’t win, it’s a great chance to build your financial awareness.
Who: Iowa students in grades 7-11
When: Entry deadline March 27, 2015
What: Write a 300-word essay to answer this question: What is the biggest obstacle to saving your money? What technological and/or banking solutions might help you and your friends begin to save?
Visit http://www.MoneySmartWeek.org to learn more.

Tri-County Junior 4-H Camp Planning Meeting
Tri-County Camp Planning meeting will be March 30th, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Boone County Extension Office. 4th-6th graders are invited to determine a theme, plan some theme-based activities, and decide on some meal plans. Tri-County Junior Camp will be August 5-7 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with activities, supervision, providing a safe environment, and supporting teen counselors in cooperation with Annette Brown, 4-H Youth Development Specialist/Tri-County Junior Camp Coordinator. Application deadline is May 1. Adults must attend training August 4 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center.

Application forms for teen counselors and adult volunteers are available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/4h. Send completed applications to the Boone County ISU Extension Office, 603 Story Street, Boone, IA 50036, fax to 515.432.3883 or email to annbrown@iastate.edu.
2015 Equine Extravaganza
The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza is a newly combined event of the Youth Horse Jamboree (typically held in late March) and the State Horse Judging Contest (typically held in November) that will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. We hope that this will increase participation for all of the variety of equine events that youth can participate in. There are a couple of blocks set up at the AmericInn and Super 8 in Iowa Falls. Be sure to ask for the Ellsworth College 4-H Horse Event block to reserve. Entry deadline April 1. Visit [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/horse](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/horse) for more information.

Iowa Dairy Goat Association’s “Share-A-Kid Program”
The IDGA Share-A-Kid Program provides the opportunity for youth, ages 10 to 17 and residents of the state of Iowa, to own a registered dairy goat kid. Applicants submit essays and other supportive material to win a doeling. Doelings are donated by IDGA members and a selection committee determines the winners. Winners are expected to display their goat at a county fair or youth show, to keep in touch with the donor, and to submit an article about their doeling to the IDGA newsletter. As needed, winners receive a follow-up visit after the doeling goes home, and can be mentored by an IDGA member. Entries for the 2015 IDGA Share-A-Kid Program are accepted from January 1 to April 1, 2015. Entrants must be between the age of 10 and 17, a resident of the state of Iowa, and a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. Application information can be found at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/dairy-goat](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/dairy-goat).

Winner’s Circle Scholarships
College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA). The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two- or four-year post-secondary institution this fall or current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry. Winners will be announced during the 2015 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on August 22, an event sponsored by IFAA. IFAA scholarship funds come from a percentage of Sale of Champions proceeds, as well as Winner’s Circle Club donations. For information on the 2015 IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships available go to [http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships).

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- [Undergraduate Scholarship Application](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships) – Due April 1, 2015

If you have questions, contact Harold Hodson, 515-290-8875, [boars@swinegenetics.com](mailto:boars@swinegenetics.com) or Tracy Tarlton, 515-979-1013, [t_tarlton@yahoo.com](mailto:t_tarlton@yahoo.com).

Multi Project Workshop
4-Her’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, canning and more! Keep your eyes peeled for additional information on this event regarding workshops, location, etc. Please contact Mary Wilkins at [mwilkins@iastate.edu](mailto:mwilkins@iastate.edu) with questions.

Regional World of Corn Workshop
Do you know how Iowa's corn is used? Many people think of grain for livestock, but did you know corn is used in over 4,000 everyday household items? Corn is also used for energy and can be used to produce clean burning ethanol to fuel our cars. Join us on Saturday, April 11th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to learn more about the “World of Corn”. The workshop will consist of a tour of the DuPont Cellulosic Plant, Lincolnway Energy and more! Additional details are to come, however feel free to contact 4-H Intern, Sarah Tweeten, at [sweeten@iastate.edu](mailto:sweeten@iastate.edu) with questions or to get signed up for this neat opportunity. 4-Her’s grades 4-12 and their parents are welcome to register.
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!

SESS Instructor Training, Iowa 4-H Center
Online registration is now available for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop! It will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center on May 1-3, 2015. All volunteers MUST have successfully completed the background screening process through their county extension office before participating in the training. Early Bird Registration ends March 31, 2015 and will cost $250. Late Registration will take place from April 1-10, 2015, and will cost $275. Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun, and Wildlife will be offered if minimum registration numbers are met. Visit the website (http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/shootingsports/training) for information, tentative agenda, and online registration.

2015 Omaha Zoo Trip
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sleep near wild animals? 5th and 6th grade 4-H members from five counties (Boone, Greene, Hardin, Marshall & Story) are invited to participate in a campout at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday, May 29th through Saturday, May 30th. 4-H'ers will sleep near the animals and experience the Henry Doorly Zoo in a fun new way! They will experience the Lozier IMAX Theater. The screen is as tall as four giraffes and as wide as seven rhinos. There are six speakers that each weigh as much as a Siberian Tiger. You won’t want to miss this! For registration information, please contact your local ISU Extension Office. For trip questions, please contact Natalie Hedlund at natm@iastate.edu or (515) 432-3882. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/story for registration information. Cost is $105. Registrations due by April 1.

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 have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! We'll also have a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI: Crops.

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. Please visit: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/documents/filelibrary/funding_opportunities/other_financial_aid/FoundationYouthInst_App_A96E7DE5D13EA.pdf for further details. Deadline is April 25.
“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!”

Resources
Iowa 4-H, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/
4-H Weekly News webpage, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news
4-H Club Resources, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/programs/4hclubs
4-H Exhibit Judges Information webpage, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/iowa-4-h-judges
4-H Project Information, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4-h-project-hot-sheets
4-H Record Keeping, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/page/4-h-record-keeping
4-H Volunteer Training, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining
4honline help, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

On February 22nd Dr. Joe Cordray provided a tour of the ISU Meat Lab, processed a pork carcass, and discussed nomenclature of pork products with Story County 4-H’ers. The next swine project meeting is tentatively planned for 2 pm on Sunday, March 22 at the Story County ISU Extension and Outreach office in Nevada. Participants will have the opportunity to visit with Bart Borg, Director of Feed Operations, from Murphy-Brown LLC.
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