



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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### **4-H Club Information**

\*Has a clover kid group also (for grades K-3)

### **AMES AREA**

**\* Emerald Dragons – Leaders Stewart and Renae Damman 515-292-3341 or [EmeraldDragons4H@gmail.com](mailto:EmeraldDragons4H@gmail.com)**

Emerald Dragons is a 4-H Club that formed in October 2011. Monthly meeting dates vary, usually the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in various locations including family homes. This club will focus on Visual Arts, Science, Engineering, Technology and Personal Development Project Areas. Clover Kids meet at the same time.

**Washington Happenings (meets with Richland Royals) – Leader Deanna Collins 515-292-0414**

The two clubs meet together in Christy Hall in Nevada. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month 4 pm – 5:30 pm. There is recreation and crafts. Project interests include Horse, Photography, Poultry, Dairy, Dog, and Sheep. Service projects involved horse stalls, long term care, Toys for Tots, and the Community Food Bank.

### **COLLINS-MAXWELL AREA**

**Collins Clippers – Leader Dave Struthers 641-385-2132**

Our club has over 20 members. We usually meet at the Collins Christian Church the second Sunday of the month (time may vary). We hold election of officers in October and Family Night take place in November when we install new officers and members. Some of our community service includes upkeep of the perennial garden at Trailside Park in Collins and helping serve at the annual Collins alumni banquet. Other activities in the past have included making a float for Collins Day along with helping with the games, holding a car wash the day before Mother's Day and serving food at the CAPOOT Cornpicking and Plowing day each October.

**\*Indian Creek Circles – Leaders Tara Huntrods and Tawnia Leslie \*Michelle Dunblazier**

We usually meet the second Sunday of the month unless there is a holiday. We do not meet in July, August, or December. Meetings are at the Maxwell Community Center at 3 pm. Presentations are given by club members or special guests. In June, we have a club tour followed by a potluck. Members are able show their animals, gardens, and other projects to their fellow club members. To view more information on our club and meeting details, please visit our local page at <http://www.welcometomaxwell.com/4H>.

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**Leader - Tawnia Leslie [tawnialeslie@gmail.com](mailto:tawnialeslie@gmail.com)**

**Co-Leader – Tara Huntrods [tarahuntrods@gmail.com](mailto:tarahuntrods@gmail.com)**

**Clover Kids Leader - Michelle Dunblazier [queenie08@hotmail.com](mailto:queenie08@hotmail.com)**

### **GILBERT AREA**

**\* Franklin Happy-Go-Luckies – Leaders Sandy & Jesse Goff, Bridget Konz, Bart Borg, Jamie Melody, \* Katie Bents**

Meets the 2nd Sunday each month 2-4:00 at the Gilbert Lutheran Church. Family night held each year on the evening of Sunday before Thanksgiving. 25-30 members in grades 4-12, many from Gilbert school, about half are junior 4-H'ers. Projects: photography, visual art, pets, poultry, food & nutrition. We are family orientated and our parents are usually very involved. Our leaders are:

Sandy & Jesse Goff 515-231-1410 [stokesgoff@gmail.com](mailto:stokesgoff@gmail.com)

Bridget Konz (515) 291-5700 or email at [konzfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:konzfamily@yahoo.com)

Bart Borg (712) 229-3683 or email at [bartborg@murphybrownllc.com](mailto:bartborg@murphybrownllc.com) Jamie Melody email [jamiemelody77@gmail.com](mailto:jamiemelody77@gmail.com)

Katie and Jeremy Bents, [klbents@gmail.com](mailto:klbents@gmail.com)

### **COLO-NESCO AREA**

**Country Pioneers – Leaders: Bob Jamison 641-377-2657 and Ryan McKinney 641-377-2800**

The Country Pioneers meet the 2nd Sunday of each month usually at 4:00 pm in the basement of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Club members give presentations during meetings and also serve as hosts by bringing drinks and treats. We have three potlucks: Father's Potluck in February, Mother's Potluck in April and a Family Potluck/Installation of Officers in November. We have an Achievement Show in June, which helps members get their projects ready for the fair. The club member's give back to the community and one of our favorite projects is delivering fruit baskets with holiday goodies and caroling to the seniors in the Colo area during December. We are involved with the Colo Crossroads Festival by entering a float in the parade, having a ring toss in the park plus hosting a food stand at the annual truck pull as our club fundraiser. The club is also very active during the Story County Fair by helping with hosting the

Community Building and 4-H Hall, working in the 4-H Food Stand, selling livestock bedding and helping with clean up. The club plans several social activities; a swim party in August and Halloween Party in October. Club members are involved in many different 4-H activities such as sheep, cattle, swine, goats, horses, small pets, dogs, cooking, clothing, photography, visual arts, shooting sports, gardening, 4-H camp, and Leadership Team. There are 35-38 members, grades 4-12.

**Country Pioneer Clover Kids - Contact the Story County Extension Office at 515-382-6551**

## **NEVADA AREA**

**\*Fernald Frenzy – Leader Samantha Adams 515-708-3109 and \*Jackie Hawley 515-290-1240**

Activities based on interest of members in grades K-7. Meet monthly.

**\*Grant Guys & Gals – Leaders Joe and Allison Mather 641-483-4170**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, 4pm, at the Extension office. Family participation.

**\* Nevada Brick Builders – Leader Stephanie Badger 515-231-3088**

The Nevada Brick Builders is a club all about building with Legos! We meet in Nevada on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each meeting will have a themed Lego creation assignment. Some themes are: houses, animals, Mixels, micro buildings and many more! Also discussed are the educational and emotional benefits of creating with Legos! There are two service projects planned. Clover Kids and parents are welcome to meet with us!

**\*Nevada Invaders – Contact Mary Wilkins at 515-382-6551**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Group encourages family participation. Members and kindergarten through high school. Activities have included decorating pumpkins, making a holiday creations with residents at Indian Creek Assisted Living, building legos, bowling, and much more.

**Richland Mid-State – Leader Kim Flynn 641-477-8381, Andy Moser 515-382-4347**

The 4-H club meets the second Sunday of the month, usually at the extension office at 5 pm. We do a variety of community projects, but usually just one big one a year, plus a few minor projects. Our biggest project in recent years was updating the wash racks on the county fairgrounds. This year, we participated in a local food drive and cleaned up a cemetery in Richland Township. Our club is very livestock oriented and most of our club activities concentrate on that area.

**Richland Mid-State Clover Kids – Leader Beth Safranski-Derrick 515-382-4956 or email [Bethsd@mail2beth.com](mailto:Bethsd@mail2beth.com)**

**Clover Kids:** Meet the 2nd Sunday of the month from 3 pm-4:30 pm, usually at the meeting room at the Extension office in Nevada. There are some exceptions (field trip; holidays; etc.) We do not meet in July, when they're busy with fair! 20+ members. Meetings cover a variety of topics, often animal-oriented. This year we have a general theme of "History of Agriculture".

**Richland Royals (meets with Washington Happenings) – Leaders Claire Hall 515-382-2488**

The two clubs meet together. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month 4 pm – 5:30 pm at the Extension office in Nevada. There is recreation and crafts. Project interests include Horse, Dog, and Sheep. Service projects involved horse stalls, long term care, Toys for Tots, and the Community Food Bank.

## **Roland-Story Area**

**\* Roland Story LTS - Lynn Houglund 515-328-2735 \* Amy Faga 515-733-4560, \*Carol Petzenhauser 515-388-5536**

**Activities:** county and state fair, educational tours, family activities, officer installation, monthly business meetings with how-to workshops and recreation activities, achievement show to prepare for county fair **Citizenship:** Community Food Drive, host a meeting, lead pledges, serve on a committee, fairground improvement projects, etc. **Leadership:** Club officer roles, teach workshops, organize club activities, etc. **Communication:** Presentations at club meetings, share a project with the club at Club Tour, participate in county level activities such as the Communication Contest, Share the Fun, etc. **Fundraisers:** Roland/Story City celebrations  
**Project areas:** beef, sheep, swine, horse, poultry, dog, gardening, baking, photography, clothing construction, visual arts, science, etc.

## **Home School**

**\*Happy Homebodies – Marcia and Neil Rima 515-382-2084**

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month from 1-3 pm in Christy 4-H Hall from September through May. Homeschoolers from many communities around Story County are involved. Club leaders are homeschoolers whose goal is to meet the unique needs of homeschool families. Entire families are always welcome. Our members participate in a large variety of project areas including: dogs, poultry, and other non-livestock projects like visual arts, photography, home improvement, horticulture, and food & nutrition.

## **Ballard Area**

### **Slater Stars – Leaders Roberta Kling 515-769-2467 Diane Fulk 515-685-2212**

Has yearly club dues, small like maybe \$2.00. Enroll in at least one project and complete records for the year.

They typically meet the third or fourth Sunday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Slater or the Kelley Community Center.

Members give presentations at the club level, often county communication contest.

### **\*Palestine Peppy Pushers – Leaders Pam Kahler 515-383-2250, \*Christa Hartsook 515-460-5034**

**Clover Kids:** The Palestine Peppy Pushers Clover Kids club meets the third Sunday of each month at Nord Kalsem in Huxley. We start at approximately 5 p.m. and meetings last 45 minutes. Each month, we talk about a 4-H project area and then do some craft or service project related to that project area. Contact Christa Hartsook for more information at 515-460-5034 or [hartc@iastate.edu](mailto:hartc@iastate.edu).

**4-H:** The Palestine Peppy Pushers 4-H club was organized in 1938 and has been an active 4-H club in Southwest Story County each year since its inception. It is a coed club, with a membership in 2008 of about fifty-four members, including about fifteen Clover Kids. Membership is made up primarily of young boys and girls from the Ballard School District which is Huxley, Slater, Kelley and Cambridge. The club has been active in a variety of projects and members actively exhibit at the Story County Fair, the Iowa State Fair and several national competitions. Goal setting, responsibility, communication and decision making are all learned through the completion of one or more individual projects each year. Many of our past and present members have competed successfully at the county communications contest and have been chosen to go on to compete at state competition at the Iowa State Fair. These communication skills have also helped a number of our members earn National 4-H recognition. **The club meets the third Sunday evening of each month, from 5:00 to about 7:00 pm at Nord-Kalsem Park in Huxley.** The club's large membership has created an opportunity to elect two complete sets of officers. The senior officers conduct about seventy percent of the meetings and the assistant officers conduct the remaining meetings. While the membership has always been active in both their projects and their many other related 4-H activities, our club has been fortunate to have a strong parent participation group. The leaders have involved about a dozen parents as adult project leaders each year in various project areas they may have special expertise in. The strong parental support has long been a key to the continued success of the club. Several parents of our Clover Kids are responsible for the activities of this special group of future 4-H members. They do special projects as a group; however, they are encouraged to attend regular meetings and all other activities so they feel they are a part of the club's activities. Members are encouraged to volunteer and participate in a variety of community activities. The large membership of our club makes it possible to conduct numerous fund raising activities. To help in fund raising, the club owns and rents out a large pancake grill. Community pancake breakfasts are held three or four times each winter. The club also owns a twenty-six foot concession trailer, selling such items as sno-cones, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, pop and water. Proceeds from our fund raising activities help pay for members' attendance at the Washington Focus trips, summer 4-H camps, club members' participation in 4-H conferences, and club special fun and holiday activities. A large percent of the proceeds have allowed us to contribute to establishment of the Kelly Sports Park, renovation of the Slater Pool and the Slater Community Club's stage shelter, procurement of a permanent sign for the Cambridge annual June Jubilee Days, building of an outdoor amphitheater for Railroad Park in Huxley, and purchase of automated external defibrillators for the Slater, Cambridge and Huxley communities. Each year our club sponsors one Scholarship for a graduating member through the Ballard Dollars For Scholars program. The scholarships are given in the name of Dr. Shannon C. Whipp, a long time donor of firewood to our previous firewood sales. The 4-H program is very strong in the Ballard School District area. A large number of area youth are involved and they do a wonderful job of promoting 4-H in our communities. The 4-H club is extremely visible in our communities and the residents of our communities support our club and its activities in everything we do. Contact Pam Kahler at 515-383-2250 for more information.

## **Project Interest 4-H Clubs**

### **Culinary Club – Leaders Kaitlyn Romitti and Melinda Thach**

Want to explore food and nutrition even more? Come join the Region 8 Culinary Club! We are a club made up of members from Story, Boone, Marshall, and Hardin counties. Our club does many activities including demonstrations by club members and professionals in the field, tours of test kitchens and farmers markets, and, of course, eating delicious food! If you are interested in joining or have any questions, contact either **Kaitlyn Romitti** at [kromitti@iastate.edu](mailto:kromitti@iastate.edu) or **Melinda Thach** at [mrsthach@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsthach@yahoo.com).

### **HyperStream – Contact the Story County Extension Office at 515-382-6551**

HyperStream, a preferred STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) scale-up program through the Governor's scale-up initiative, partners with business and education. HyperStream clubs foster real-world learning through hands-on projects and engaging presentations—all with professional technology mentoring. Members learn a variety of concepts and skills in technology. Members can choose to focus in any or all of these three areas of technology:

- **Robotics:** Members are challenged to understand the purpose and procedures of robotics. Using Lego Mindstorms NXT software and education kits, teams build robots and create coding commands for robots to follow.
- **Game Design:** Teams use the Alice programming system to experiment with programming logic and language. Members blend technology with creativity to create educational game worlds with virtual characters and plots.
- **Multimedia:** Members learn about a variety of mediums as they dabble into fields of photography, photo editing, video production, presentation software, web design and more. Multimedia teams create a collection of multimedia projects wrapped around marketing and product development.

### **FIRST Robotics Team Neutrino #3928 – Leader Jeanne Paskach, 5515-268-9612**

FIRST is an acronym that means For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. Team Neutrino is the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) level of FIRST Lego League. The word coined by the organization cooperation embodies the program. Team Neutrino cooperates and competes. The build season is the first Saturday in January until 6 weeks later for the main robot. Team member will put in close to 120 hours during this 6 week time. The team competes at one or two regionals that are determined yearly. The championship is in April. The team meets year round to share their knowledge and passion of the STEM areas with the community at local businesses, schools, FIRST Lego League events and more. The team is looking at add an FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) team which will not require as many hours as FRC. The FTC team would work from September through December. See [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) for more information on the FIRST organization. See [www.teamneutrino.org](http://www.teamneutrino.org) for information on our specific team.

### **FIRST Tech Challenge – Leader: Jane Runneals**

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### **\*Rabbit Hopping – Leader Kay Morris 515-387-1178 or tkmorrlistwo@yahoo.com**

Rabbit Hopping is a 4-H and Clover Kid club for individuals interested in training their rabbit or rabbits to jump over hurdles that are set up into a course. Rabbit Hopping also gives individuals the opportunity to gain responsibility, communication, citizenship, and team working skills as well an opportunity to learn more about rabbits. As a 4-H'er advances in this area, they gain leadership skills from helping others. Generally club members meet once or twice a month to work with their rabbit either at Christy 4-H Hall or Dueland Pavilion. At the end of May rabbit hopping practice/ meetings change to once a week in order to start preparing for competition at the Story County Fair. This club also organizes a multi-county rabbit hopping show where 4-H youth from all over the state come and participate. Strong youth involvement and parental support has helped rabbit hopping take off in Story County and be a leader in a new area in Iowa.

### **Story County 4-H Shooting Sports – Contact 4-H Coordinator Mary Wilkins 515-382-6551**

Safety and education in shooting sports (SESS) is available to all 4-H'ers in Story County. The group generally meets the first and third Fridays at the Ames lkes or the Extension office in Nevada. Trained 4-H volunteers currently offer the following disciplines: archery, air rifle, and shotgun (in summer). Minimum age for shotgun is 12 years. Parent permission form and attendance with child is required. The group does an annual fundraiser and there is a fee each meeting time (\$2 archery, \$2 air rifle, \$10 shotgun).

## **Start a New Club**

A club has 5 members from 2 families at a minimum and needs 2 volunteer club leaders. Leaders attend one new leader training, then annual trainings. Leaders meet 2-3 times per year with staff for county programming information. All volunteers complete the ISU Extension and Outreach Child Protection and Safety Process (volunteer background checks). Staff can help you get started with resources and support.

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