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Story County 4-H Foundation News

Greetings from the Story County 4-H Foundation Board!

The mission of the Foundation is to generate, oversee and distribute Foundation dollars for the support of educational activities which benefit 4-H'ers. We would like to thank all the friends of Story County 4-H who have supported the Foundation through your generous gifts. The Foundation has awarded nine grant requests for a total of $16,090 this past year, and awarded $6,000 in scholarships to graduating 4-H'ers.

We bid farewell and give our thanks to Cindy Dorhout for all her hard work and service given to the board. Thank you! We welcome Cathy Frey to the board. We look forward to supporting the Story County 4-H program in the coming year.

Story County 4-H Foundation Board:

Cathy Frey, Maya Hayslett, Bob Jamison, Jill Janes, Melea Licht, Emily Smalley, Clint Van Hauen, Mary Wilkins, and Eileen Wuebker

Brick Donations – Pathway to Future

The Pathway to the Future program offers another way to grow Foundation funds and recognize people who contribute to the success of Story County 4-H programs. Individuals, families, organizations, businesses and groups may purchase recognition bricks which will be permanently installed at the Story County Fairgrounds.

Clay bricks are available for a donation of $100 and granite blocks for $250. Engraving includes up to 3 lines (14 characters per line) on a brick and up to 6 lines (14 characters per line) on a block. Logos such as a 4-H clover cost an additional $25. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Order forms can be found at our website at:
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/files/documents/brickorderform_july07.pdf or by contacting the Story County Extension Office at 515-337-1601.

Donation Opportunities

Donations to the Story County 4-H Foundation are held in two different funds. The grant fund with the Iowa 4-H Foundation is used for grants to support education activities that benefit 4-Hers. The scholarship fund with the Story County Community Foundation is used for college scholarships to Story County 4-Hers. If you have questions or would like to discuss other donation opportunities contact Eileen Wuebker, Foundation Treasurer at 515-291-9420.

To make a donation please make your check payable to the Story County 4-H Foundation. If your donation is for the scholarship fund, please note this in the memo line of the check. Mail or drop off your donation to the Story County Extension office at 1421 S Bell Avenue, Ames IA 50010.

2024-2025 Grant Recipients

The Foundation awards grant funds to support 4-H youth in various projects and learning experiences. Nine grant requests were awarded this past year. Please encourage Story County 4-H youth to apply. We are here to support their ideas, projects, and learning experiences.

FIRST Lego League (FLL) Club awarded $1475 for start up of Inaugural FLL experience as Team Nautilus

FIRST Team Neutrino 4-H Club awarded $2500 for bussing to attend Houston World Championships

Story County 4-H awarded $740 for County 4-H Awards Program

Story County 4-H awarded $225 for 4-H Club re-enrollment by November 1st Incentive

Story County 4-H awarded $7200 for 2025 summer 4-H Intern

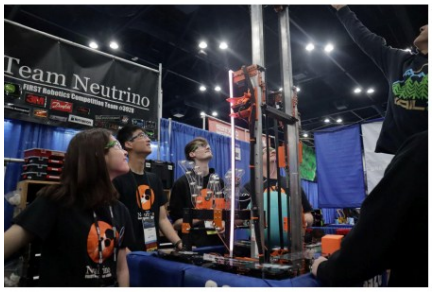
Story County Horse Project awarded $700 for adding permanent shade awning to fairgrounds horse barn

Indian Creek Circles 4-H Club awarded $555 for Leo's Stockings project in Collins-Maxwell

Story County 4-H awarded $1575 for 4-Hers to participate in 2024 Tri-County Camp at a discounted rate

Story County 4-H History Committee awarded $1120 for digital conversion of 4-H records.

Team Neutrino



Team Nautilus

Horse Barn Awnings

Story County 4-H History Committee digital records can be found at

https://storycounty4h.historyarchives.online/home Share a memory with the committee at Story4Hhistory@gmail.com

Tri-County Camp

Scholarships Awarded

The Story County 4-H Foundation was established in 1999 to provide funds and support for the Story County 4-H Program through an endowment fund. In 2011, the board began a scholarship program for 4-H high school seniors and collegiate students. This year we have awarded four $1,500 scholarships to the following deserving 4-H high school seniors.

Deegan Dirkx is the son of Amanda and Kenny Dirkx and a graduate of Collins-Maxwell High School and has been actively involved in many activities throughout his high school career including 4-H, Story County Council, Student Council, FCCLA, FBLA, youth group, cross country, and track. Deegan is grateful to have had the opportunity through 4-H to be creative, present his projects, and meet many people that have helped him in being successful in getting the opportunities that he has. This fall Deegan will attend Iowa State University and will be majoring in the Apparel and Merchandising program with a minor in entrepreneurial business.

Ella Henningsen, the daughter of Beth and Brent Henningsen, is a member of the Franklin Happy-Go-Luckies 4-H Club and Gilbert High School graduate where she participated in basketball, volleyball, tennis, DECA, 4-H, FFA, FCA, Student Council and Key Club. Ella will be attending the University of Iowa to major in Enterprise Leadership.

Gabriel Kramer is the son of Philip and Erin Kramer and a graduate of Nevada High School. He is a member of the Grant Guys and Gals 4-H club and has been involved in various project areas, including photography, food and nutrition, visual arts, sewing, and personal development. Throughout high school, Gabe was involved in many activities such as football, basketball, golf, baseball, National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, drama, choir, band, jazz choir, jazz band, and Science Bowl. Gabe plans to attend Iowa State university next year, majoring in sports media and communication.

Joe Sernett, the son of Suzy and Jeff Sernett, is a member of the Palestine Peppy Pushers 4-H Club and a graduate of Ankeny Christian Academy where he participated in soccer and basketball. In 4-H, Joe participated in the following project areas: photography, food and nutrition, home improvement, woodworking, small engine, animal science, poultry, rabbits, rabbit hopping, dairy goats, and gardening. One of Joe's favorite memories of the Story County Fair is playing dodgeball with his friends in Dueland Pavilion. Joe also enjoys deer and turkey hunting and plans to attend South Dakota State University to study Mechanical Engineering.

Deegan Dirkx

Ella Henningsen

Gabriel Kramer

Joe Sernett

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Donor Recognition

The Story County 4-H Foundation wishes to recognize donors for their long-term support of 4-H through our Donor Club.

Below is a list of donors for the 2024-2025 year. Thank you to these individuals and businesses for their contributions which aid our efforts to support educational activities which benefit 4-H'ers.

JaNelle & Lloyd Anderson
Julie & Mark Barnd
Annette & David Brown
Keri Carstens
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Marcia Thayer
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Mary and Joss Walter
Workiva

2024-2025 Memorial & Honorarium Donations

We are thankful for the generous donations to the Story County 4-H Foundation as a memorial or honorarium. Below are the donations given to the Foundation in the 2024-2025 year. If you would like to make a donation for someone, send a check written to the Story County 4-H Foundation with notation of the memorial or honorarium to the Story County Extension office.

In memory of Vicki Albers
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Brett Anderson
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Lee & JoAnn Blanchard
Claire and Robert Brecht
Lorry and Norman Harrison

In memory of LaVonne Christianson
Jurine Borton Moore

In honor of Mary de Baca
Kathy and Bob Nervig

In memory of Boyd Dohrmann
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Bob Jacobson
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Kevin Jamison
Jurine Borton Moore
Diana and Doug Sampson

In memory of Barb Kalsem
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Joy Kaltenheuser
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Lois Logan
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Dolores Lounsberry
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Ray Lounsberry
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of George Manley
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Sara Rouse
Kathy and Bob Nervig

In memory of Marjorie Sheldahl
Kathy and Bob Nervig

In memory of Gerald Sinkler
Jurine Borton Moore

In honor of Story County 4-H History Committee
Kathy and Bob Nervig

In memory of Trevor Soderstrum
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Art Staniforth
Kathy and Bob Nervig

In memory of Ron Strother
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Steven Tendall
Jurine Borton Moore

In memory of Barb Toot
Joe Toot

In honor of Owen Vukov
Kathy and Bob Nervig

In memory of Marjorie Whipple
Kathy and Bob Nervig