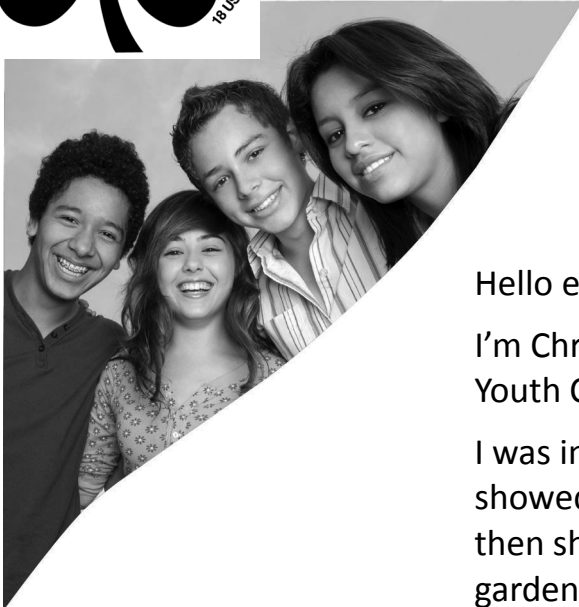


LUCAS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER-FEBRUARY



New 4-H Coordinator

Hello everyone,

I'm Chrys Bregar and am pleased to be the new 4-H County Youth Coordinator for Lucas County.

I was involved in 4-H throughout my youth. My family always showed animals (rabbits when we lived in Pennsylvania and then sheep when we moved to Grinnell) and was involved in gardening. I learned many great lessons through my involvement with my 4-H club and the Poweshiek County Youth Council.

I live in Bussey with my husband, two dogs and two cats. I recently graduated from Central College where I studied leadership, environmental studies, and not-for-profit management. This position is an exciting new opportunity for me and I anticipate many fun and rewarding times as I work with the people of Lucas County to ensure the success of the 4-H youth program.



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4-H is Fun Volunteer Conference—Ottumwa

Looking for an opportunity to network with 4-H volunteers from around Southeast Iowa? Join us for the 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference, Saturday March 31st at the Indian Hills Community College—Ottumwa. This conference is a day packed with information, sharing and fun! Sessions include 4-H Online Fear Factor Challenge, 4-H 101, Tools for Revving up Clover Kids, Essential Elements of 4-H, and more. The cost for the conference if you register before March 1st is only \$10.00 and includes lunch. Conference registration and session descriptions are available at the Extension Office or at www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/

Swine & Sheep Weigh-in Update

Mark your calendars: sheep weigh-in will be Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 am—Noon at the fairgrounds and the swine weigh-in date is yet to be determined. Watch next month's newsletter and future communications for the date.

New this year: Swine and Sheep members must be fully enrolled in 4-H by April 2nd in order to weigh in. (Fully enrolled means you have completed the on-line 4-H enrollment and turned in medical information/release form into the Extension Office)

4-H Shooting Sports Update

The Lucas & Wayne County 4-H Shooting Sports program will have their first meeting of 2012 on February 19th, 2:00 pm at Pin Oak Lodge. Local gunsmith Curt Catron will be discussing gun cleaning and disassembly. Please bring a gun you want to clean and a gun cleaning kit if you have one. Can be a shotgun or rifle, but no handguns. Do not bring any ammo. There will be other activities planned as time allows. Please let me know what you want to see the club do more or less of, or differently or better. Suggestions are always welcome! I can be reached at 641.203.0782 or lucascbb@iowatelecom.net

Skylar Hobbs, Lucas & Wayne County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



Hurry to Re-Enroll in 4-H: April 2nd Deadline

Thanks to the more than 160 individuals who have re-enrolled in Lucas County 4-H via 4-H Online (note: 4-H enrollments will be done online only this year).

For more details on how to do this, refer to previous 4-H newsletters or go to www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas and find the web article with the Join 4-H Now graphic. Once you have done the on-line portion, it will say you are “pending”. You will not become “Active” until the Extension Office has received your medical information release form, (please print off and turn into the office). Club and Project Leaders, you are also encouraged to enroll as a volunteer leader, following the same process as above.

April 2nd will be the deadline for re-enrolling in Lucas County 4-H. If you are not re-enrolled by this time, youth will not receive correspondence from the Extension Office (such as 4-H newsletter, project specific notices, etc...) and will not be eligible to weigh-in sheep and swine. If you have any questions about enrolling, please don't hesitate to contact the office—we are here to help.

Iowa 4-H Clubs Overnight at Science Center

Join other 4-H clubs for a special night of fun and education at the Science Center of Iowa, April 27th. You'll have a chance to explore our travelling exhibit “Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science”, attend a late night IMAX about Mummies, travel to Egyptian Skies in the Star Theater and sleep inside the museum. In the morning you'll be able to explore SCI before anyone else gets the chance and you can stay at the Science Center all day for free. For more information contact the Extension Office—registration deadline is April 2nd.

ISU Veterinary 4-H Workshop

Iowa State University's Veterinary Student Mixed Animal Recruitment Team (VSMART) will once again be holding a Veterinary 4-H Workshop Saturday, February 25th, 2012. They will be offering a variety of veterinary disciplinary stations, including anatomy, pathology, radiology, and more. The workshop is open to grades 7-12 with cost \$10 and participation will be limited to the first 100 registrations. Contact the Extension Office for registration details. Registration deadline is February 11. E-mail kvaughn@iastate.edu with any questions.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Updates

THANKS

Thanks to the Russell Livestock Market and all of the volunteers who assisted with Beef Weigh-in. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated!

LEADER TRAINING

The annual Lucas County 4-H Leader Training will be Tuesday, March 6th, 7:00 pm at the Extension Office.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The next youth council meeting will be February 28th, 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.

Updates

Fair King/Queen Contest

If anyone is interested in the fair King/Queen contest, information and applications are available at the Extension Office. Contact Kim Etter if you have any questions.

Fair Fundraiser

Lucas County Fair Association is having an "OUR KIDS" & "OUR FAIR" entertainment fundraiser February 11th at Carpenter's Hall. Free will donation soup supper starts at 5pm with live auction at 7pm. All proceeds go to pay for entertainment for the 2012 Lucas County Fair.

Wood for Pit

Ken Pierschbacher, meat superintendent, is looking for anyone interested in cutting wood for the county fair meat pit. Youth are able to get Silver Cord hours for this. Anyone interested please contact Ken at 641.774.4501 or 641.203.0420.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



ISU EXTENSION & OUTREACH CALENDAR

February 11	Lucas County Fair Association Fundraiser, 5:00 pm, Carpenter's Hall
February 19	4-H Shooting Sports, 2:00 pm, Pin Oak Lodge
March 1	Most 4-H scholarship applications due Registration deadline for 4-H is Fun Volunteer Conference
March 6	4-H Leader Training, 7:00 pm Extension Office
March 8	Clover Sprouts, 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
March 24	New 4-H Volunteer Training, Fairfield
March 31	4-H is Fun Volunteer Conference, Ottumwa
April 2	4-H Re-enrollment Deadline!!
April 5	Clover Sprouts, 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
May 5	Sheep weigh-in, 9 am—Noon

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