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Black Hawk County 4-H Family News for March 2020

Good Stuff!

February was filled with fun for Black Hawk County 4-H'ers! Here are some great highlights from last month.

On Saturday, February 1st, Black Hawk County 4-H clubs took over the UNI Wellness Center! Thanks to all of the families who came out for rock



climbing, swimming, racquetball, basketball and ping pong. There were lots of smiles to go around!

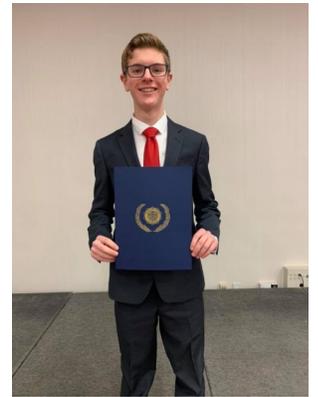


Black Hawk County 4-H was at Hartman Reserve on Saturday, February 8th for some fun and discovery in the beautiful Iowa winter wilderness!

4-H'ers donned snowshoes to walk on the trails and learn about the wildlife that had left their tracks in the snow.



Congratulations to Will Fettkether of the Lester Livewires for recently winning the American Legion State Oratorical Contest! He will represent Iowa at the National competition with an 8-10 minute prepared speech on the U.S. Constitution and then an assigned topic on one of the amendments. Way to go Will!



Important Reminder! All 4-H club members must be enrolled in 4-H Online! Not only does this serve to ensure all medical/contact information is up to date, it is critical for insurance purposes as 4-H'ers attend meetings and activities. Contact Judy (jmuniz@iastate.edu) for assistance.

Important Dates

- Mar. 21st:** [Dog Project Workshop](#), 10am-12pm
- Mar. 24th:** Cedar Valley Family STEM Fair at the UNI-Dome, 4pm-7:30pm
- Mar. 28th:** [4-H Night](#) at Black Hawks Hockey
- Mar. 29th:** Omelet Breakfast 8am-1pm
- Apr. 3rd:** [4-H Night](#) at Black Hawks Hockey
- Apr. 4th:** Swine weigh-in and tagging for the Black Hawk County Fair
- Apr. 4th & 5th:** Region 9 Omaha Zoo Trip



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Let's Talk About March!

March means Spring Break time! Whether your family decides to travel or elects to do a staycation, it is nice to have a break from the routine. Are you looking for some interesting things to do? [The World's Greatest Spring Break](#) is happening in Waterloo March 16th-20th! Check out the list of attractions that have an admission price of \$1 per child and \$1 per accompanying adult!

Here are the announcements, events and timely reminders for what is happening in March and the months to come!

What Are We Barking About? The Black Hawk County 4-H Dog Project, that's what! 4-H'ers that would like to gain knowledge about connecting with their canines, get ideas for dog-related fair projects, or participate in the dog show with their 4-legged best friend should plan to attend the Dog Project Workshop at the Extension office on Saturday, March 21st from 10am-12pm. There will be three activity stations for youth to learn how to make snuffle mats, paracord leashes and/or homemade dog treats. Check out the [4-H Dog Project Events for 2020](#) page for all the details and to register. The fee is just \$5!

It is a Sleeping Bag Safari! Region 9 4-H'ers in 6th, 7th or 8th grade are invited to go on a trip to the Omaha Zoo on April 4th and 5th. Youth will ride on a chartered bus to the zoo, see an IMAX movie, have a ton of fun and sleep in the Wild Kingdom! The cost of the trip is \$145 and space is limited to six 4-H'ers from Black Hawk County. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up!

Have Rabbit, Will Travel? 4-H and FFA Rabbit/Cavy Workshops are being held at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine on Sunday, March 22nd from 12:30-4pm and the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax on Sunday, April 26th from 12:30-4pm. More information [here](#).



No Yolk, Folks! The 26th Annual Black Hawk County 4-H Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser is right around the corner! On March 29th, Black Hawk County 4-H's largest fundraiser takes place and it is time to get crackin'! How can clubs contribute to the success of this event? Three simple ways-

- **Sell tickets!** If each Clover Kid and 4-H'er sells two, that is hundreds of guests...and dollars! If your 4-H'ers need more tickets, let your leader know!

- **Create a silent auction basket!** Each club can put together a fun, themed basket for guests to bid on during the breakfast. These are a big hit and a great way to raise funds.



- **Sign up** for dining room and/or omelet cooking shifts! Each and every Clover Kid and 4-H'er can participate. Clovers and youth under 7th grade are not able to cook, but they have an important role in making sure their guests have a terrific breakfast experience by serving in the dining room, helping in the kitchen, and clearing tables. Visit the [Omelet Breakfast page](#) for more information and to sign up to help!



We have answers to your questions!

Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H [webpage](#), find us on [Facebook](#), or call 234.6811!



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Hands-On Learning for the Whole Family!

CEDAR VALLEY FAMILY STEM FESTIVAL
Brought to you by the Northeast Region of the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020
4:00 PM to 7:30 PM**
UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls

Bring your whole family to the Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival! Experience **FREE** and **FUN** activities at this hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics event being held at the University of Northern Iowa-Dome in Cedar Falls. Free parking West of the UNI-Dome

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Reminder: Swine Weigh-In & Tagging.

4-H'ers that are entering their swine for Fair exhibition **must** weigh-in and tag their animals for



ID purposes on **April 4th**. A tagger is available at the Extension office. Please contact Diane Wolfe at wolfejd@iastate.edu or 234.6811 with any questions.

Save the Date! The 2020 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will be held June 30th-July 2nd at Iowa State University. It is 3 days of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities! Registration will open in March. Watch for updates [here!](#)

The [Animal Science Roundup](#) will also be held June 30th-July 2nd. Youth in 8th through 12th grade can attend this 3-day hands-on learning conference. Participants will learn from the top scientists in the country. Application deadline is April 15th. See this [link](#) for more information.

Strive for Gold! 4-H Junior Camp is June 12th and 13th at Camp Pine Lake in Eldora. It is an overnight camping adventure for 4th-6th graders! 4-H'ers will learn team building, gain camping skills, participate in crafts, Olympic style activities and more! Registration closes May 22nd. See camp details and fee information [here](#).

Horse & Pony Club 2020 Kicks Off! The meetings for the Horse & Pony Club are held each Monday in June and July at Iron Horse Stables in Waterloo, starting on June 1st. Stay tuned for a free clinic for 4-H'ers being scheduled for April! Click [here](#) for the schedule and details.



Fair on the Radar: YQCA Training.

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification is required for all market and dairy animal exhibitors wishing to show at the Black Hawk County Fair or the Iowa State Fair. There is an online training option which may be accessed at www.yqca.com. Please [click here](#) for details on YQCA requirements, training dates, registration and fees. The deadline for certification is June 1st.



Help Wanted!

The Black Hawk County Extension office is looking for a part-time Americorps 4-H Program Assistant and a Summer Program STEM Assistant. The full descriptions of the positions and application instructions can be found [here](#).

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2021 4-H Youth in Action Awards Open.

The National 4-H Council has introduced the 2021 application season for the 4-H Youth in Action program. From now through April 27, youth can share their stories of developing passion, finding purpose, and inspiring others. Youth can [apply online](#) for the 4-H Youth in Action Awards for a chance to earn a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. Take a look at an [inspiring video](#) from Clyde Van Dyke, a 2019 Youth in Action award winner in STEM.



4-H'ers for 4-H. The State Council invites 4-H'ers from across the state to take part in the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, "Count Your Clovers," and help provide support for 4-H members across the state. Funds raised from this campaign provide financial aid support for young people, helps to keep costs low for the State 4-H Conference and supports the State Council's efforts. The goal is to raise \$29,000 this year! See this [link](#) for more information.



How About This for A College Visit? Registration is open for the 2020 Design Camp, *Design Dimensions*, hosted by Iowa 4-H and College of Design at Iowa State University from June 21st to 26th. It is a six-day, five-night summer camp with day camp option for high school students entering 9th through 12th grades and 2019 high school graduates. *Design Dimensions* focuses on 2D, 3D and 4D thinking across disciplines while providing hands-on experience with the latest design technology. Click [here](#) for more information on the camp, fees and registration.

We are here to help!

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Leader Spotlight

Name: Tom Sage

Club/Location: Shooting Sports/Waterloo

Years of Service: 14

How long have you been involved with 4-H?

I have been involved with 4-H since I was 10 at the encouragement from my father and grandfather. It was funny how many 4-H'ers I met and associated with while I was in the Marines.

Have other members of your family participated in 4-H? If so, whom?

Just about everyone in my family has been a 4-H'er in one capacity or another.

What motivates you to be a leader?

I enjoy teaching our young adults some of those life lessons that I know they are going to need. I love the whole concept of "learn by doing"!

Name some of your favorite club activities.

Why are these favorites?

Fair Time has always been special. I love watching 4-H'ers teach another 4-H'ers something and see the reaction of understanding! I know that is not necessarily an activity, but that is what drives me, it makes me smile!

Please share a memorable story from your experience as a leader/mentor!

One of my favorite memories – we had a couple of young boys who would shoot as fast as they could no matter how well they were shooting. Bob, Larry and I had talked about this for a few months and decided we would let the boys use the binoculars and a spare target to "real time" see where they were shooting. Surprising us and their parents, it worked immediately! Not only did it slow them down, their marksmanship improved greatly. They then started asking questions about what they could do better. I think they put the idea of cause and effect into practical use. It then turned into a competition, for them, to see who could shoot more "bulls-eyes". I saw two young boys transform into young adults, it was an awesome experience.



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