August 2021

The Important Stuff!
Thank you to all that participated in the Black Hawk County 4-H and FFA Fair! It was wonderful to see all of the youth, families, volunteers, and visitors enjoying their fair experience. The September 4-H News edition will showcase the accomplishments of our Black Hawk County 4-H'ers, photos, and highlights from both the county and Iowa State Fair! It is hard to believe it is the middle of August already, but the time is near to get ready for school and for 2021-2022 4-H enrollment. Mark your calendars for September 1st! As we finish up vacations and Iowa State Fair trips, we hope everyone travels safely and has fun out there!

The Good Stuff!
Did you know that the Black Hawk County 4-H and FFA Fair was featured on KWWL and in the Waterloo Courier in July? Take a look at the KWWL coverage here and the piece from the Courier here!
Let’s Talk About August!
This is our time to regroup, make plans, and get excited about a great 2021-2022 4-H season! New and existing members can enroll (or re-enroll) in 4HOnline starting September 1st. As a reminder, enrollment in 4-H is required for youth to be covered by insurance as they attend meetings, events, and activities. Speaking of those, keep an eye on your email, the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage or Facebook page for the latest news and updates! As always, if you have questions about 4-H enrollment or meetings, reach out to your leaders or 4-H staff. We are here to help!

Are You Ready for County Council?
It’s that time of year again - applications are open for 4-H County Council! County Council is open to any 4-H member that is in 9-12th grade. Throughout the year, 4-H County Council events focus on: strengthening one’s own leadership skills, strengthening the county 4-H program, fundraising for 4-H fair premiums, and planning 4-H events at the county level. By applying and accepting a position on the 4-H County Council the applicant agrees to opt in, communicate clearly, and be a leader in the Black Hawk County 4-H program. This year County Council members have the opportunity to participate in the Northeast Area 4-H County Council Retreat on September 19th to meet and connect with County Council Members from 6 counties! Applications are due by 4:30 PM on September 1st.

Applications can be completed online at https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5dQyDYCaHlu9JYy. Hard copies of the application can be picked up at the Extension Office. If you are a previous County Council member, you will need to submit an application for the new year, so we know that you are still interested and committed!

Still Counting! The 2021 Black Hawk County 4-H Broiler Chick project has donated an amazing 656 pounds of chicken to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank so far! Thank you to the Black Hawk County 4-H members and families that raised and donated their broilers this year. Another donation will be made in September, so stay tuned for an update next month!

Your Input Matters! Did your family fill out a 2021 Black Hawk County 4-H and FFA Fair survey? If you did not have a chance to fill one out, you still have time! This year, we have an online option. You can find it here. We will have the survey open until August 31st. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and suggestions with the 4-H staff and Black Hawk County Fair Board.

⇒ Reminder...please pick up your Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair projects at the Extension office!

We have answers to your questions!
Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage, find us on Facebook, or call 319.234.6811!
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