Welcome to the Black Hawk County 4-H News: Fair Edition! This month, the newsletter is all about preparing for the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair, important deadlines, and all the fun things that are happening at the fair for 4-H’ers, their families, and the public! We are looking forward to getting back to a more familiar fair experience for everyone involved. As always, a priority is keeping our youth and all fair visitors safe and healthy while they are enjoying the event. We will be following CDC and local health department guidelines, as well as Iowa 4-H guidance throughout Fair Week. We look forward to showcasing all of the amazing things that our Black Hawk County 4-H’ers have accomplished this year! See you soon!

The Good Stuff!
It was great to see Mary Esther and Ron Pullin honored as recipients of the Waterloo Courier’s 8 Over 80 awards for 2021! To many Black Hawk County 4-H youth and families, the Pullins are familiar faces. Mary Esther and Ron have devoted decades of volunteer time to Black Hawk County 4-H and we are very thankful for this and the expertise they have shared with the youth and other volunteers in this county. Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen congratulated them at the recognition ceremony on June 16th and we would like to do so as well. Congratulations Mary Esther and Ron!
Let’s Talk About Fair!
It is all about the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair this month! We have all the information you need right here, but you can also 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 how to get ready for Fair, project areas, deadlines, or how to register for programs, reach out to your leaders or 4-H staff. We are here to help!

First Things First—Deadlines!

Special Projects and Presentations due in blackhawk.fairentry.com!
Includes:
- Crop & Garden Plot
- Fashion Revue
- $15 Challenge
- Clothing Selection
- Working Exhibit
- Educational Presentation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Share the Fun

ALL LIVESTOCK AND NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS must be entered into classes in blackhawk.fairentry.com!

Your exhibit cannot go to State Fair (if eligible) if you do not enter it in blackhawk.fairentry.com on or before July 19th!

Please start entering your exhibits now! If you have any questions about project areas/classes or have system issues, please call 319.234.6811 to chat with Judy or Diane. They can also be reached at jmuniz@iastate.edu or wolfejd@iastate.edu.

We have answers to your questions!
Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage, find us on Facebook, or call 319.234.6811!
Did You Know? For each non-livestock exhibit that 4-H’ers enter in Fair Entry, an entry card is generated. When they check in, those cards are matched to their exhibits and contain the information needed for judging. This also allows those exhibits to be eligible for State Fair (if applicable). 4-H’ers are encouraged to enter any and all of the exhibits they think they want to show in Fair Entry. There is no penalty if they decide not to bring every one of them (there will just be extra cards). However, if they bring an exhibit that they did not enter in Fair Entry, they will have to fill out a generic exhibit card when they check in and proceed to judging. 4-H’ers can still receive a ribbon for their exhibit, but it cannot be considered for State Fair. Our advice? Make sure all exhibits are entered in Fair Entry on or before July 19th! :)

Time is Running Short. 4-H’ers, if you are in high school, this is for you! You can find more information about scholarships and awards here. If you have any questions about eligibility or the application process, please call Diane or Judy at 319.234.6811.

Fair Royalty! The Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair Queen and King Contest is now open! Contestants must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 12, 2021. They also must be an active member of at least one service organization in their community (not limited to 4-H or FFA) and have participated in the Black Hawk County 4-H/FFA Fair. For the full contest rules and application, please see this link!

Questions About Fair? 4-H’ers that are looking for more information about project areas, what the judges are looking for, exhibit forms, food safety guidelines, exhibiting tips, goal sheets, etc., can visit the 4-H’ers Fair Info page on the Black Hawk County Extension website. To find it, click here or go to the 4-H & Youth tab and click on the Black Hawk Fair button!

Helpful hint: You can also use this page to quickly find information on 4-H events, day camps, clubs, and more.

Searching for Something?
Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage, find us on Facebook, or call 319.234.6811!
Trademark Reminder. If you are planning to use an Iowa State trademark in your 4-H project for the county or state fair, you must receive permission. Here is how!

Food & Nutrition Exhibitors! Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs safety guidelines must be followed or your exhibit could be disqualified during judging. To get your recipe approved or ask questions, contact AnswerLine. Tell them you are calling in reference to a 4-H exhibit. Calls are answered Monday through Friday, 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm. You may email answer@iastate.edu or call 800-262-3804. Keep it safe, 4-H’ers!

Fuel for Fair! We all get hungry at the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair. Here is where you can find the food!

4-H Food Stand
Open Wednesday through Saturday during Fair Week!
Breakfast: 9:00-11:00am
Lunch: 11:00-1:00pm
Snack bar hours:
Wednesday, July 28th: 1:00-7:00pm
Thursday, July 29th: 1:00-7:00pm
Friday, July 30th: 1:00-5:00pm
Saturday, July 31st: 1:00-3:00pm

Check out the Fair Schedule for information about other food events during Fair Week!

Stay Tuned! The 4-H Food Stand will have different breakfast and lunch specials each day! These will be posted on Facebook, under the Black Hawk Fair button on our website, at the 4-H Food Stand, and other locations around the Cattle Congress grounds.

Did We Mention Coffee? For those that need a little boost in the morning, the 4-H Food Stand will have coffee available during breakfast hours while quantities last!

Step Up To A Challenge (Project)! Challenge classes are open to all 4-H’ers and the public! Take a look at this page for more information on the challenges and the rules for entries.

TGIF! On Friday, July 30th, youth will have a great opportunity to have fun learning all about science, technology, engineering and math at the STEM Fair in Estel Hall from 1:00-4:00pm.

Later that evening, things get musical with the country concert kicking off at 6:30pm!

Answers at Your Fingertips!
Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage, find us on Facebook, or call 319.234.6811!
Workshops for All! Did you know that there are some great workshops happening in the Clover Area in Estel Hall during Fair Week? Join us for paper painting on Wednesday, Make-Do cardboard creations on Thursday, bleach-dye t-shirts on Friday, and string art on Saturday! For all of the information on check ins, show and workshop times, livestock clinics, and family activities during Fair, please see the FAIR SCHEDULE! It can also be found on the next page :) 

Helping Hands Needed! There are so many educational and fun things to do and see at the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair. We can always use help from volunteers that are willing to share their time to support our 4-H youth, families, and visitors as they experience the fair. Would you like to get an inside look at the non-livestock judging process by being a Comment Writer (see right) or make sure our hardworking 4-H’ers have fuel for their day by assisting in the 4-H Food Stand? If so, please contact Abby Rippe, Volunteer Coordinator, by emailing ajrippe@iastate.edu or calling 319.234.6811. She will be happy to fill you in on all the opportunities!

Speaking of Helping Hands...4-H clubs, we have some special spots for you too! Please sign up to be 4-H hosts in Estel Hall and to take a turn in the 4-H Food Stand. You can find links to sign up at the bottom of the 4-Her’s Fair Info page. We love seeing our 4-H’ers in action and appreciate all they do!

We are looking forward to a fantastic fair this year! See you there!
MONDAY, JULY 19
9:00am Crop Judging

TUESDAY, JULY 20
8:00am Garden Plot Judging
Judging @ Orchard Hill Church, C.F.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21
12:30-4:30pm Communication Event
3:00-7:00pm Photography Judging
5:00-7:00pm Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, $15 Challenge
5:00pm Lions Club & Danforth Award Interviews

The following events are at the Cattle Congress grounds:

MONDAY, JULY 26
5:30pm Fair Clean Up-Estel Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 27-Pavilion
Challenge Projects-
Food items judging at 4:30pm
All other items to Estel Hall
Noon-5:00pm Static Judging
12:30pm Working Exhibits
5:30pm Free Hot Dog Supper
6:00pm State Fair Communication
Winners announced, County Council Introductions, King & Queen, Share the Fun, Fashion Revue Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
7:00-9:00am Check In & Weigh In Swine, Sheep & Goats
Paul Barger Building-unload & stay with your animals until check in
9:00am-10:30am Check In Poultry & Llamas
Show Clinic-Llama @10:30am
10:30am-Noon Check In Horse, Beef & Dairy
12:00pm Show Clinic-Paul Barger-Sheep-Noon
 Goat-1pm
Swine-2pm
2:00pm Paper Painting
Workshop-Clover Area
2:30pm Bike Rodeo
3:30pm Carpet Ball
4:00pm Llamas Show, Pullin-Simonsen
5:00pm Goat & Sheep Show-Paul Barger
Free Watermelon at the show.

THURSDAY, JULY 29
7:30-8:30am Free Breakfast Outside by Estel Hall
8:00am Swine Show & Fair Board Share-A-Pig Paul Barger
9:30-10:00am Check in Dogs- Estel Hall
10:00am Dog Show Estel Hall
11:00am "Make Do" Cardboard Creations Workshop - Clover Area
12:00pm Cook This-Pavilion
1:00pm Show Clinic
Beef-1pm
Rabbit-2pm
Poultry-3pm
3:00pm Parent/4-H Alumni Showmanship Showdown
6:00pm Horse Game Classes - Pullin-Simonsen
7:00pm Family Games-Milk Drinking, Egg Toss

FRIDAY, JULY 30
10:00am Performance Class Horse Show-Pullin-Simonsen
10:30am Bleach-Dye Workshop-Clover Area
11:00am Carpet Box
Noon: Check In Rabbits
1:00-4:00pm STEM Fair-Estel Hall
2:00-7:00pm Wood Carver
4:00pm Poultry Show-Barn 5
6:00pm Barbeque Cookout, Family Carnival
6:30pm Casey Muessigmann County Concert

SATURDAY, JULY 31
9:00am Beef Show – Pullin Arena
Bottle Calf Show first, Beef & Dairy
1st Year/2nd Year/Third Year
10:00am-String Art Workshop-Clover Area
10:00am-Pet Check In Estel Hall
11:00am Dairy Show – Arena
11:00am Rabbit Show- Estel Hall
12:00pm Pet Show—Estel Hall
12:30pm Deliver Pies to be judged and auctioned to Pepsi Pavilion
12:30pm Bags Tournament
1:00pm Pedal Tractor Pull
2:30pm Ag Olympics
4:00-6:30pm Family Picnic
Pie & Wood Carving Auction, Ice Cream Sundaes-Pepsi Pavilion

All Exhibits Released after Family Picnic. (6:30pm) if you remove your projects before release time, you will not receive your premium money.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
10:00am-Noon Release of All Exhibits Clean Buildings and Grounds.

Bring your family & join the fun!

Workshops: Red
Livestock Check In & Shows: Green
Family Events: Purple
Orange-New Events