November 2021

The Important Stuff!
Goodbye October! It was a busy and fun month, but we have a lot to look forward to in November. The Black Hawk County 4-H Awards Banquet is on Sunday, November 21st. It is a great time to celebrate the many accomplishments of Black Hawk County 4-H’ers and volunteers. Speaking of 4-H’ers, don’t forget to get them enrolled or re-enrolled in 4HOnline before December 1st! Give the Extension office a call at 319.234.6811 if you have any questions or need to troubleshoot. Enjoy these beautiful fall days and the upcoming holiday season!

The Good Stuff!
The Black Hawk County 4-H Dog Project workshops kicked off on October 11th! The first in this series of workshops was Dog Grooming 101. Madi Leeper, a professional dog groomer, spoke to 4-H members about her experience and love for working with dogs! 4-H’ers had hands-on practice using the grooming equipment she demonstrated. A big thank you to Madi for sharing her knowledge! On October 17th, after completing an Officers Training, the Lester Livewires club enjoyed a pizza party! They earned it as one of the clubs that won the contest for the most broilers donated to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for the 2021 Broiler Chick Project!
Let’s Talk About November!
Turkey time is right around the corner! As you plan your month, check out the Black Hawk County 4-H Calendar so you do not miss a thing! Virtual Fun with 4-H!, Shooting Sports, and our second Dog Project workshop all take place in the first two weeks of November. Later in the month, make time to attend the Black Hawk County 4-H Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 21st. You can stay up to date on events by navigating to the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage, following us on our Facebook page, or by checking your email for quick email reminders. We look forward to seeing you in November!

Don’t Delay! The re-enrollment/enrollment deadline for current 4-H’ers is December 1st! Enrollment in 4HOnline is required for all 4-H members to be covered by insurance as they attend 4-H meetings and activities. Youth that are new to 4-H after December 1st may still enroll at any time. The $15 youth enrollment fee may be paid online during enrollment or by cash or check (only) through the Extension office after enrollment. Contact Judy at 319.234.6811 or jmuniz@iastate.edu if you need troubleshooting assistance, or have questions about accessing or using 4HOnline.

Need Help? There are 4HOnline resources available to families on the Iowa 4-H website. For the Family Enrollment Guide, which assists with enrollment steps, please navigate here and scroll down to the link. This also covers procedures for adult enrollment. (Leaders, please see this page and click on the arrow by ‘4HOnline Help Documents for Leaders’ to find the Club Leader Helpsheet.)

4-H Judges Training! Iowa 4-H is hosting a free statewide virtual judges training for anyone interested in becoming a judge or refreshing their skills. The training content applies to all static categories and is required to judge 4-H exhibits at any county fair or state fair event. For all Iowa 4-H judges, new and returning, Evaluate, Educate, and Encourage – Your Role as an Iowa 4-H Static Judge takes place virtually on November 4th from 7:00-8:30pm. To register and to see specific content area training dates starting in January 2022, please see the Information for Judges webpage. All training is free! For more information contact Shelly Ramus at sramus@iastate.edu.

We ♥ Dogs! The next Black Hawk County 4-H Dog Project workshop is Let’s Talk Safety! on Monday, November 8th. It is all about keeping our pups safe by understanding more about their body language, learning basic first aid, feeding them the right foods, and more. We will even make some dog treats! No dogs required. All Dog Project workshops are open to all 4-H’ers. (These are for people, not pups!) Upcoming Dog Project workshops include: November 8th: Let’s Talk Safety! January 10th: Visit A Vet! February 14th: Service Project Planning For more information on all of the workshops and to register, navigate here!

We have answers to your questions!
Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H webpage, find us on Facebook, or call 319.234.6811!
Thanks! A big thank you to the Black Hawk County 4-H volunteers that served as Record Book evaluators in October! We are glad to have volunteers that bring many years of 4-H experience and project area knowledge to their Record Book evaluations.

Zoom In for Fun! Join Black Hawk County 4-H the first Tuesday of each month for Virtual Fun with 4-H! The next one is on December 7th. In November, we focused on thankfulness and gratefulness by making kindness rocks. These educational events promote 4-H and provide activities for members and non-members in grades K-12. Sounds like fun, doesn’t it? For more information and to register for the Zoom events, click [here].

Looking for a Job? Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Black Hawk County has job opportunities! We are hiring two Americorps members ([part and full time](#))! To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Sarah Tanis (stanis@iastate.edu) by November 5th! We are also seeking applicants to fill a full time Office Assistant vacancy due to retirement. Call Shelly at 319.234.6811 or visit [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/blackhawk](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/blackhawk) to learn more.

Great Idea for a Service Project! Help monarchs! The best way that we can help the monarch butterfly is to plant milkweed. As part of the Iowa DNR REAP Monarch Eggs Project, Iowa 4-H is collecting milkweed pods from EVERY county! Here is how:

1. Find the green pods left on milkweed plants.
2. Pull the pod off the stem and put it into a brown paper bag. You can also open the pod, remove the seeds, and put them directly in the bag. Close the bag by folding the top over. **Do NOT use plastic bags because they will cause the pod to mold.**
3. With a black marker, write your name and county on the bag.
4. Once you have collected seed pods, please email Lynne Campbell (lynnec@iastate.edu) to discuss the next steps to get the pods to campus.

Another Way to Help! 4-H clubs across Iowa are collecting winter clothing items for donation to those in need. Bring them to the Extension office by November 19th.

Shooting Sports! Black Hawk County 4-H Shooting Sports meets from 9:00-10:45am and Archery takes place from 10:45-11:30am in Chickasaw Hall at Hawkeye Community College the first Saturday of each month. Open to 4th graders and older. Learn more [here](#).

Searching for Something? Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H [webpage](#), find us on [Facebook](#), or call 319.234.6811!
Join us on **Sunday, November 21st from 2:00-4:00pm** at The Pavilion on the National Cattle Congress Grounds (250 Ansborough Avenue in Waterloo) for the 2021 Black Hawk County 4-H Awards Banquet. This annual event, attended by 4-H members, families, and friends, recognizes 4-H youth for their achievement in club activities and project work, and adult volunteers for their services to the 4-H program. A pulled pork luncheon will be served.

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