County Fair - Pie Baking Contest

Who is ready to make some pies for this year’s pie auction and raise money for 4-H?! The pie baking and auction will be held on Thursday, July 9th. Call the Extension office to sign up for a time slot between 6:00 am-1:00 pm.

Pie baking rules:

- One hour will be allowed to prepare and assemble the pie.
- Pies must be made with fresh fruit.
- Crust must be made with lard.
- **NO** lattice top, frozen crusts, streusel topping, or one-crust pies.
- Pies will be baked at a uniform temperature by the supervisor.

All pies that are baked will be auctioned that evening. All proceeds from the auction will support the Buchanan County 4-H program. Your support is very much appreciated!

Thanks,

Alexia Hamlett

Buchanan County | County Youth Coordinator

County Fair Concert Grandstand Tickets Available!

Call or email the Extension office to pre-order tickets for your family by May 15. More details to come for pick-up.

Only Clover Kids and 4-H members receive discounts. Families may purchase their tickets too but will pay the regular grandstand price.

Clover Kids & 4-H—$15 per person
Family Members—$28 per person
**EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Calendar includes all Buchanan County Events. In **bold** are 4-H events.

**April 2**—YCC Braided Bread Pick-up, Extension Office, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

April 6—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

April 11—FSQA Training—must pre-register, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterlo, 9:00 am-10:30 am

April 13—* FSQA Training—must pre-register, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterlo, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

  *Adventures in Nature, Independence Library, 6:00 pm-6:45 pm
  *Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
  *Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

April 15—*County Broiler Project Entry Deadline, Extension Office, 4:30 pm

  *Leaders Meeting, Heartland Acres Event Center, 6:00 pm
  *Reshow-Ornamental & Turf Applicators, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:30 am
  *Reshow-Certified Handlers, Extension Office, 1:30 pm-4:00 pm

April 20—*Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

  *YCC AirFX waiver forms and money deadline Extension Office, 4:30 pm
  *Reshow-Commercial Ag Weed, Insect & Plant Disease CIC, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:45 am
  *Reshow-Seed Treatment, Extension Office, 1:30 pm-4:00 pm

April 21—*Mandatory Dog Show Family Meeting, Heartland Acres Theater, 6:00 pm

  *Single Source Sheep Deadline, Extension Office, 4:30 pm
  *Photography Workshop Sign-Up Deadline, Extension Office, 4:30 pm

April 23—Region 9 All Staff Meeting

April 25—*Goat Weigh-In, Buchanan County Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 8:00 am-9:00 am

  *Sheep Weigh-In, Buchanan County Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 9:00 am-11:00 am
  *Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Informational Clinic, Wings of Hope Stables, 1:00 pm

April 26—YCC Sunday Funday, AirFX Cedar Rapids, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

April 27—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

April 28—Photography Workshop, Heartland Acres Event Center, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

May 11—Adventures in Nature, Independence Library, 6:00 pm-6:45 pm

May 14—2nd Grade Safety Day, Heartland Acres, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

May 14—Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 7:00 pm

May 15—Animal Identification Deadline, 4hOnline https://ia.4honline.com , 11:59 pm (DON’T WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE)

May 16—Farmers Market Opens, Independence, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

May 20—FairEntry.com opens to all 4-H and FFA members to make animal and building entries, FairEntry.com

May 23—Farmers Market, Independence, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

May 27—Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Heartland Acres Theater, 6:00 pm

May 30—Region 9 Show Clinic, Grundy County Fairgrounds, TBA

May 30—4-H/FFA Horse Clinic, Cattle Congress

  *Farmers Market, Independence, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

June 4—Green Thumb Camp, Independence High School, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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**Extension Opportunities**

**Continuing Instruction Courses (CIC)**

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/news/upcoming-continuing-instruction-courses
4-H Recruitment Challenge

As of March 30 there are 229 youth enrolled in the Buchanan County 4-H and Clover Kid program. Last year we had a total of 266 4-H and Clover Kid members. This year the goal is set to reach 275 4-H members enrolled in our program. In order to reach this goal there are a few incentives for you:

- Anyone who recruits a new member will be put in a drawing for 2 Lost Island passes! Each time you recruit a new member, your name will be put in the drawing.
- All 4-H members (new and returning) who were enrolled by December 31st will only pay $20 for a membership fee. After that deadline, enrollment fee costs $30/youth. Must give dues to club leader.
- The club that increases their enrollment by the highest percentage by May 15th will receive a club pizza party.
- See page 4 on how to re-enroll.

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4hOnline “How to” Re-enroll:

* Go to https://iowa.4honline.com (bookmark this page)
* Logged in before: Select “I have a Profile.” Enter family email address and password
* Forgot password: Select “I forgot my password” Check your email, you will have a password emailed to you—use that password on the login screen for 4-H Online (you will still need to choose a new password).
* Click “edit” next to name (under Member/Volunteer list).
* Verify or edit personal information. Don’t forget to add your email and cell number.
* Update Emergency Contact (someone other than yourself, if you cannot be reached).
* Update your additional information and health form.
* Click “Enroll for 2014-2015” to the 4-H member you are re-enrolling (bottom of page).
* Follow the steps to update all information as it is presented to you on the following screens, selecting “continue” until the process is complete (or until you have selected projects).
* When you are finished with all steps, select “Submit Enrollment”.
* Enrollment Fee: If you missed the December 31, 2014 enrollment discount deadline you are now responsible to pay the full $30 to your 4-H club. All dues must be paid to the 4-H club. Clover Kids do not pay a fee.

A link will be up on www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h to access helpful tips and where to log-in. After you are on this page scroll down and to the right, you will find a re-enrollment help sheet. For questions contact the Extension Office at 319-334-7161 or ahamlett@iastate.edu.

**Home Garden Entry Form**

Please complete the form below and return it to our office by May 15. The Home Garden Judging contest will take place on June 24 or 25. The Summer Assistant and a judge will travel to each participant’s house where the garden will be evaluated on planning, planting, knowledge, and more. A schedule will be sent out to the participants once all of the entries have been turned in to the office. There is no fee to participate (unless your form is late—$25 late fee will apply). This contest can be done individuals or as a group.

**Home Garden Judging Contest - Entry Form**

Name(s): ___________________________   Club(s): _____________________________ Grade: _______

Please check one: _____Individual Garden    _____Group Garden

Please check one: ____Clover Kids (K-3rd)        ____4-H Member(4th-12th)

Please check one: _____Vegetable Garden     _____Flower Garden

Years in Garden Project: _______________   Phone Number: ______________________________

Location of Garden (Address): ______________________________________________________________

Date Preference (please circle) :    June 24    or   June 25    Reason: ______________________________

Time Preference (if any): ______________________
Sheep and Goats

Sheep and Goat County and State Fair Weigh-In

The pre-fair goat wether and market sheep weigh-in will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds in the Black Pavilion. Goats will be weighed between 8:00 am-9:00 am and the sheep will be weighed between 9:00 am-11:00 am. Tags will cost $2 each. Anyone interested in identifying goats or sheep for the State Fair and/or Ak-sar-ben will need to contact the Extension office before pre-fair weigh-in. If you are unable to make pre-fair weigh-in contact the Extension office. Also, a clinic will be held after the weigh-in and will begin between 10:30 am and 11:00 am. This will cover the basics including: care, handling, feed and how to show. RSVP to the Extension office if your child plans on attending.

Single Source Sheep Project

The Single Source Sheep Project is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising sheep through a partnership with local producers. Members will be able to purchase lambs at a fair price. All lambs for this project will be sold to members from a pre-determined producer so that all of the sheep have the same genetics.

Enrollment Process

Interested members will need to complete the Single Source Sheep Project entry form. The entry form must be turned in by April 21st, to the Extension Office. Payment is due when the animals are weighed at the pre-fair weigh-in, April 25th. Members have the option of purchasing 1 or 2 lambs (lambs will weigh between 60-80 lbs.).

The purchase price of the animals will be determined by averaging the value of lambs using reputable market prices. Prices will be announced as a per pound amount and the total value of the animals will be determined at the weigh-in by multiplying the beginning weight by the purchase price.

Pick-Up Process

The Single Source Sheep will be weighed and ear tagged prior to the sheep weigh-in on April 25, beginning at 9:00 am. Participants must pick up their lambs prior to 10:30 am on Saturday, April 25 at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds. Upon arrival, participants will draw numbers out of a bucket. The numbers correspond with the ear tag numbers on the lambs. This will ensure that the animals are selected at random. Paperwork will be given to the participants to track the expenses and care of the sheep.

The Sheep Committee recognizes that there may be participants who have never raised sheep at home before. Therefore, there will be authorized mentors available for anyone who needs assistance. Participants will need to contact the Extension Office in order to have a mentor assigned to them. The committee and mentors are not responsible for any illness or death of the animals.

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Single Source Sheep Project Entry Form

Return this form to the Extension Office by April 21st. Payment due at weigh-in.

____1 Lamb: I am interested in purchasing one lamb for the county fair at market value.

____2 Lamb: I am interested in purchasing two lambs for the county fair at market value.

Name: ______________________________________ Phone Number: ______________________

Address: ______________________________________ City: ______________________ Zip Code: ________
County News

Poultry Committee Reminder

PT testing will be done in the open air pavilion the first week of May. Broiler weigh-in is planned for Monday, July 6 at 7:30 pm. Only tested birds will be allowed to show. All birds except pigeons need to be tested or they need to have a PT certificate for the vet check-in. Hatchery papers will not be good enough.

State Fair Broilers

Those planning or wanting to go onto State Fair with broilers, you must make special animal entry by June 1 on 4hOnline. More details to come.

Broiler Project—Still have time to sign-up!!

- The Broiler Project is an opportunity for a 4-H or FFA member to gain valuable experience in raising chicks to broiler weight. Members are partnered with a local business or individual sponsor who pays for the chicks. The 4-H or FFA member may choose to raise 25 or 50 chicks and present the best 3 or 6 birds to the sponsor as payment for the opportunity to participate in this project. The sponsor will only pay for the chicks while the member is responsible for all other items necessary to raise the chicks (feed, shelter, etc.) and to process the birds. The project participant is required to communicate with the sponsor about the birds throughout the project. One week after fair, the processed birds must be delivered to the sponsor. Processing can be done professionally or by the 4-H/FFA member.

- You do not need to be enrolled in a poultry project area to participate. Completed entry forms are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. More details to come.

- Once we have all of the entry forms, the Extension Office will send out request forms for sponsors. After all of the participants have a sponsor a letter will be sent out informing the participants who their sponsor will be for the year.

- The broilers must be picked up from the Extension Office on Tuesday, May 26. Time to be determined.

Broiler Project Entry Form

Scan & email ahamlett@iastate.edu or detach and return to the Extension Office by April 15.

____25 Broilers: I agree to participate in the Broiler Show and present my sponsor with the best 3 dressed broilers within one week after the fair.

____50 Broilers: I agree to participate in the Broiler Show and present my sponsor with the best 6 dressed broilers within one week after the fair.

Name: __________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________ Club: ________________________________________

Exhibitor’s Signature: _____________________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________

(Yes, my child may participate in the 2015 Broiler Project)
2015 County Fair

- The theme this year is “Dare to Discover.”

- **Camera Project Challenge**—since this year’s theme is “Dare to Discover,” we dare you to discover your photography skills! Go out and photograph unique things that you would like to discover. Sky’s the limit! A maximum of 10 4x6 photos can be sent in per person. The public voters will select the top three photos. Winners will receive a Dairy Queen gift card. Photos will be put on display at the Extension office. This challenge is open to all K-12th Clover Kids, 4-H and FFA members. **Deadline is July 1st.**

- **2 Important Deadlines** for county fair and state fair process:
  
  1. **Step 1: May 15** is the Animal Identification deadline, where all families who plan on showing will need to identify all animals on or before **May 15, 11:59 pm.** This makes the animals eligible for the second deadline. Note this is not the last step. **Both** county and state must be identified.
  2. **Step 2: June 15** is the Animal Entry deadline for county fair. This will give families a better idea on what animals will be brought to the fair. Remember, animals must have been identified on 4hOnline to be eligible for the fair entry. Extension Office will provide more information in the upcoming newsletters.

- If a problem or issue arises during fair there is a chain of command of who to go to first:
  
  **Committee Superintendent -> Extension Staff -> Joint Fair Board & Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)**

- Grooming of animals should be done by the 4-H/FFA member and his/her immediate family/guardian, or if a signed agreement from the Extension office is completed, another 4-H/FFA member or a designated mentor may assist.

- **NEW** for Clover Kids: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades may participate in non-competitive, non-premium building exhibits, garden judging, dogs, pets, cat, poultry, rabbits and bucket/bottle classes. Clover Kids **must** identify the above species on 4hOnline by May 15. If not wanting to do bucket/bottle (which requires more work), they can still participate in Jr. Fun Day.

- **Don’t forget,** in order to show at the county and/or state fair all 4th-12th graders need to be FSQA certified. FFA members ages 20-21 must take an FSQA exam offered at the Extension office. For more information about this see page 14. Check with the Extension office to make sure you are certified.

- Buchanan County Fair dates are set for July 8th-11th. All fairs base their dates around Labor Day. Due to this, all fairs are moving back one week. Fair Board wants to stay away from Delaware, Jones and Bremer County Fairs this year, so that is the reason why Buchanan is moved up one week in July. You will find a tentative schedule that the Extension staff put together on the Buchanan County webpage [www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h). We realize that there is an overlap in shows which may affect some exhibitors. Staff, volunteers and livestock committees **WILL BE AVAILABLE** to help where needed. Please contact the livestock superintendent ahead of time if you need assistance.

Buchanan County Extension 4-H Facebook Page—https://www.facebook.com/BuchananCountyISUExtension
Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach webpage—www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan
Livestock Exhibitors

- All exhibitors showing beef including feeder calves, bucket/bottle calves, sheep, dairy & meat goats and swine must purchase tags at the Extension Office and tag animals by or before May 15th and may also check out a tagger.

- Swine exhibitors may tag up to 15 hogs. Remember in order for hogs to be exhibited in the market classes they must weigh between 220-325 lbs. Those pigs not weighed at pre-fair single source weigh-in MUST go in 4hOnline and enter the information for each hog.

- The fair entry directions and steps will be coming in the May Newsletter. Remember the process is different this year to make animal entries.

State Fair Swine

If an exhibitor plans on showing at State Fair, all Market and Breeding swine must be DNA tagged and verified by May 15th on 4hOnline. Contact Extension Office for tags and tagger to be checked out. State Fair animal entries deadline is July 1st and is done on 4hOnline. Help will be available to assist with this process.

Don’t wait until the last minute. For more information go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine and under the Livestock ID column click on State Fair Protocol.

Feeder Calf Project

This project consists of steers and heifers that weigh between 300 lbs. and 700 lbs. at fair time. The animal must be weaned which makes this project different than bucket bottle. Animals must be in the exhibitors possession before May 15th. This year families can stop in at the office to purchase tags, $3 a piece, and when dropping off the livestock entry forms a picture of the animal with the tag in its ear must be included. Feeder calves are not sold at the livestock auction. Contact the office if there are questions.

Horse Meeting and Clinics

A mandatory horse meeting will be held on April 25th out at Wings of Hope Stables. The committee will outline the expectations and rules for the upcoming clinics and give pointers. Do not bring your horse. It is very important you attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend please call Jerry Bishop at 563-920-4255. Location address: 3224 Brandon Diagonal Blvd, Brandon, IA 52210.

Horse Clinic Dates (all held at Buchanan Co. Fairgrounds Arena): May 28, June 4, 8, 16 & 24 from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm.

Dog Meeting and Clinics

A mandatory dog meeting is on April 21 at the Heartland Acres theater room beginning at 6:30 pm. All members who are interested in showing dogs should attend to learn more about what the expectations are and learn more about the project area. Clinics will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds Black Pavilion. Dates include: May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
# 4-H Show Clinic

**Sponsored by the Counties of: Black Hawk, Butler, Bremer, Buchanan, Grundy and Tama**

**Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2015  
**Location:** Grundy County Fair Grounds  
South 4th Street, Grundy Center, Iowa  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Clinic: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Speakers will cover:

Horse, Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Dairy, Rabbit, Meat Goat and Swine

****A minimum of 5 youth for each session is necessary for it to be offered.****

Topics will include:

Showmanship, Basic Grooming, Handling, Show Ring Ethics

This clinic is free!! Pre-registration is required!!

Complete the information below and mail by Tuesday, **May 20th** to  
Grundy County Extension 703 F Ave. Suite 1, Grundy Center, IA 50638.

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There will be 4 sessions. Please rank your top 4 choices.

- [ ] Horse  
- [ ] Beef  
- [ ] Sheep  
- [ ] Poultry  
- [ ] Dairy & Goat  
- [ ] Meat Rabbit  
- [ ] Fancy Rabbit  
- [ ] Meat Goat  
- [ ] Swine

****A minimum of 5 youth for each session is necessary for it to be offered.****
How to Identify Animals on 4HOnline

Log in to 4HOnline:
Open a web browser and type in: https://iowa.4honline.com

On the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Log In page:
1. Click "I have a Profile."
2. Enter family email address provided to Extension Office.
3. Enter your password.
   If you have forgotten your password, mark "I forgot my Password."
   Click "Send my Password." Do not close the internet window.
   Open your email browser and find the email from 4HOnline. Locate your temporary password.
   Return to 4HOnline and paste/type the temporary password.
4. Choose "Family" from the "Role" drop-down box.
5. Click "Log In."
   If you had to have your password re-set, you will need to create a new password before going on. Your passwords must be a minimum of 8 characters, and must contain 2 of the 3: letters, numbers, symbols.

The Member List screen includes all of your family members enrolled in 4H: members, leaders, volunteers.

Click “Edit” to the right of the member listed to go to that member’s Personal Information Screen.

Locate and click on the Animals/Livestock link in the upper left.

There is a drop-down box and a list of any animals that have already been entered (there may not be any yet). Select the animal type that you want to enter and click the add button below the drop-down box.

The next screen will be a data entry screen for the species you selected (see below for examples). Note that in some species, certain selections will activate extra entry fields [Example: selecting Registered will in some cases a Breed drop down box.]

Read the information at the top of each screen, particularly if you are considering exhibiting at the state fair. Some fields that are NOT required (bold) are actually necessary for state fair animals. For each animal entered, enter all the information requested and click the save button. All fields in bold are required.
REMINDERS:
Families are not able to enter information for any weighed-in animals (mkt. beef, sheep, meat goats & swine).
Those animals are entered by county staff. Refer to the Livestock Verification Help sheet for more information.
All animal ID’s must be submitted no later than May 15th, 11:59 p.m.

Breeding Beef

Beef, Feeder/Prospect Calf

Bucket/Bottle Animal

Cow/Calf Pair
Special Cases:
The calf is not born as of May 15.
- Leave the calf fields blank, and use the Addl. Information fields to indicate that the calf has not been born yet.
The cow had twins
- Create two records, one for each calf, using the same cow information on each.

Dairy Cattle
If you identified dairy cows last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.
You have the option to upload photos of your dairy cows. If your registry requires these and you have the digital images, you should do that.
- Click on the Select button in one of the Documents/Images boxes.
- Browse to locate the picture of your cow—it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF format.
- Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
- If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.

Dairy Goats
If you identified dairy goats last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.

Meat Goats (not weighed in)
If you identified (breeding) meat goats last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated. Each doe MUST have an official 4-H tag for State Fair eligibility. Scrapies tag is not sufficient.
Dogs
If you identified any dogs last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.
You have the option to upload photos of your dog.
- Click on the Select button in the Documents/Images box.
- Browse to locate the picture of your dog—it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF format.
- Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
- If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.

You also have an option to upload a scan of your rabies certificate—again, it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF.

Horses
If you identified any horses last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.
You have the option to upload photos and lease agreements.
- Click on the Select button in the Documents/Images box.
- Browse to locate the picture of your horse—it needs to be GIF, JPG, PNG, TIFF or PDF format.
- Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
- If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.
- **State Fair horses are REQUIRED to have photos uploaded BEFORE MAY 15.**

Pets
If you identified any pets last year, those animals will be listed at the bottom of the animal list screen and can be reactivated.

Poultry

Sheep (NOT weighed in)

Swine (NOT weighed in)
Youth Loan Tips for Livestock Projects

If there are any youth that need help or assistance in purchasing livestock, there is a helpful way to do this. A link provided by the Farm Service Agency for livestock projects is http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=ryl. With high-priced feeder animals, this may be helpful information. Contact the Buchanan County Farm Service Agency at 319-334-2543 to set this up.

Communications Day

Communications Day will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at the Heartland Acres Event Center, beginning at 1:00 pm. The 2014 communications day book is up on www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h to look back as a reference. 2015 is still in the process of editing. The event is open to Clover Kids (K-3rd) and 4-H members (4th-12th). There are different events to participate in which includes: educational presentations, share the fun, working exhibits, extemporaneous speaking, fashion revue, $15 challenge, and clothing selection. Descriptions can be found in the 2014 communications day book. Start brainstorming ideas of what you want to do. Use your CREATIVITY! To find forms go to our county Extension 4-H page.

April Birthdays!!!

Lauren Beyer
Sarah Collison
Lance Covington
Jenna Curley
Naomi Gaede

Janelle Engelbrecht
Riley Reck
Jaimes Rowland
Collin Wilson
Cole Wright

Independence Library Program

The Independence Library is partnering with Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach to put on programs once a month throughout the year. Children are welcome to come to the Independence Library and learn about recycling and upcycling on this year’s 45th anniversary of Earth Day! The program is open to children of all ages, but the activities are most suitable for those in grades K-5. Participants will play games and convert waste materials into high quality products! The theme is “Adventures in Nature.” All programs will be held at the Independence Library from 6:00 pm-6:45 pm. No registration is required and no library card is necessary to attend. Each month there will be a different topic. This month’s program is Earth Day. Below are the upcoming dates. Make sure to mark them on your calendars:

April 13—Earth Day

May 11—Insect Inspection

For more information, please contact the library at 319-334-2470 or visit the library website www.independence.lib.ia.us.

River Raiders Program for Youth

Adventure awaits around every bend! Join us as we explore the Upper Iowa River from Kendallville to Decorah. Campers will canoe, camp, cook outdoors and learn other wilderness skills on this two night, three day excursion. Participants will paddle their way around winding bends, through rapids, past scenic waterfalls, cold springs, and 200-foot chimney bluffs. The trip fee includes the use of tents, food, canoes, life jackets, paddles and transportation. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants. Participants must attend the training day on June 10, 5-8 p.m. at Fontana Nature Center. During this time we will be covering camping and paddling basics, menu for the trip, trip itinerary and what to pack. $5/child discount on youth summer programs for members of Friends of Fontana Park!

Ages: students entering in 6th-8th grade

Fontana Nature Center (Kendallville to Decorah)

Cost: $80; Registration limited to 12 participants
4-H and FFA members will need to be FSQA certified to show at the county and state fairs. FSQA stands for Food Safety Quality Assurance. Those that need to be certified include: market and breeding beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry. This is a great way to teach 4-H’ers and FFA members about record keeping, veterinarian and drug usage in project livestock, healthy production practices, care and handling, feed and feed additives, and biosecurity and ethics. [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/fsqa-food-safety-quality-assurance](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/fsqa-food-safety-quality-assurance)

FSQA is mandatory throughout the state for all 4th-12th graders showing those specific species above for county and state fairs. Youth must attend a training or take a test all at no cost. Check with the Extension Office to see if the member is certified or not.

- Grades 4-6 Must attend a training each year
- Grades 7-9 Attend training each year OR complete the intermediate test
- Grades 10-12 Attend training each year OR complete senior test

Testing can be done either at the training dates at Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab or stop in at the Extension Office by making an appointment with Alexia. To attend a training, call or email the Extension Office to sign up for one of the dates below. 319-334-7161 or ahamlett@iastate.edu. There will be no show clinics at the trainings this year but there will be one later this spring at the Grundy County fairgrounds.

**Training Dates and Location (Farm lab is located west of the main campus):**

- **Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab**
  - Saturday, April 11th, 9:00 am-10:30 am
  - Monday, April 13th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

- **5503 Hammond Ave. Waterloo, IA 50701**

**Free Archery Classes—MUST Pre-Register**

The Wapsie Bowhunters are once again offering free archery classes for youth in Buchanan County. State and school certified instructors will be offering Monday night classes, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Classes: April 6, 13, 20, 27

All classes are held at the Wapsie Bowhunters’ indoor shooting range (next to McGraw’s Carpets), Independence. Class size is limited to 20 youth and they fill up quick! The Wapsie Bowhunters have had a 30 year partnership with Buchanan County 4-H, but youth do not need to be a 4-H’er to take advantage of these classes.

For more information or to sign-up. Contact Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach at 319-334-7161.

**Mandatory Volunteer Training Make-Up**

For those leaders who were unable to attend the leaders training in December, the webinar link to watch online is [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining). Scroll down on that page and look for Instructions for Online Training Course Access. This will show you the step-by-step process. All leaders and assistant leaders must complete.
YCC Challenges and Events coming to you soon!

The YCC members have been working hard developing new ideas and events to bring back to the county fair. A former favorite, the scavenger hunt, will be brought back to fair this year! Be ready to make some discoveries on the fairgrounds. They also would like to add a talent show. All youth in the county can be involved in this. More details and a flyer will be sent out in May. New this year, a BIG cookie decorating challenge, please see the last page in this newsletter for information. The last big news to share is food eating and a possible pie throwing contest! Be sure to look in the June Newsletter for what’s to come!

Cowgirl Queen Contest Opportunity


For a county fair form to apply for this contest, please stop in at the office to pick up the application or you can find it online at www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h. After form is completed and a sponsor is contacted please send the form back to the Extension office.

Photography Workshop

A photography workshop will be held on April 28th. The event will be hosted at Heartland Acres Event Center from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and will be led by Gary Wilson. Gary is a long-time photographer and has a photography business in Independence, Wilson Arts and Photography. This workshop will cover camera basics including flash, composition and even a few judge pointers for if you plan on taking a picture to the county fair. There will also be a hands-on activity where youth will be able to matte their own picture. The workshop is $10 per person which will cover the matting and other materials for the event. Participants must bring a 5 x 7 photograph because an 8 x 10 matte to frame the picture will be provided. The event is open to all 4-H, FFA and other youth in the county that are in 4th-12th grade, please share this with other youth you know! To attend please fill out the form below and either mail or drop it off at the Extension office by April 21st, 4:30 pm. There will be a limit of 25 youth so make sure you don’t wait until last minute to sign up! If there are more than one person in the family that would like to attend, add their name to the entry form and remember that it is $10 per person.

Photography Workshop Entry Form

Name: ________________________________________________________ Registration Fee: $10

Email: ________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________ City: ________________________ Zip: ____________

Matting Frame Color (please circle): BLACK WHITE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 21, 2015

Please return registration form with $10 fee by April 21, 2015 to

Buchanan County Extension Office | 2600 Swan Lake Blvd. Suite A | Independence, IA 50644 | 319-334-7161

Office Use:_____ $10 fee paid
Every June, almost 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show! For more information and details go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

**ISU Judging JLEC and Summer Camp**

There are two great livestock judging events coming up! The Spring ISU contest is scheduled for April 18 in Ames, and the annual ISU Livestock Judging Camp is scheduled for June 8 – 10 in Ames. See the 4-H Livestock Judging website for more details: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-judging](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/livestock-judging)

**“30k for 30 years” – 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign**

The 2015 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,3030.30 for Iowa 4-H’ers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent to the Extension office by May 15 and making checks out to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-H’ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs.

There were 81 counties that participated in last year’s campaign. The State 4-H Council would like to see 100% participation. Last year’s winners are posted on our web page. Thank you in advance for supporting the State 4-H Council Finance Committee and their efforts “to make the best better!” Albert Grunenwald.

**Spring Camp Clean-up Day, Iowa 4-H Center, Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am-4:00**

The Iowa 4-H Center is gearing up for the 2015 summer camping season and they need help! Come as an individual, family, or 4-H club. Volunteer projects will range: splitting and stacking wood, trimming bushes, painting, staining, raking leaves, cleaning cabins and windows, trail and fence work, picking up trash, and other “spring cleaning” activities. Stop in during the day and stay as long as you can. Pack a picnic lunch, load up the crew and come join us! Call the camp office at 515-795-3338 or email 4hcentermail@iastate.edu to sign up.
A fun-two day, one-night camp for 4th-6th graders will be held June 19th-20th at the one and only Pine Lake Camp. It will be an exciting outdoor exploring and crafty weekend for youth.

If you want to meet new friends, learn and make projects to take to county fair such as putting your hands to work by making a woodworking project or visual arts craft, then this is a great opportunity!

TO REGISTER: Complete the form at the bottom and send it along with your camp fee to your county Extension office.

EARLY BIRD FEE deadline is May 15th—$75

All registrations and fees are due by May 29th—$85 registration fee.

Cancellation policy: If a camper cancels his/her registration after May 29th there will be no refund. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H

Camper Name:__________________________________________________________________________

Gender: Male Female Grade: 4 5 6

Address: _______________________________ City: _______________________________ Zip: ____________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Cell: _________________________________

E-Mail Address: ___________________________ Amount Paid: _________________________

County: _________________________________ T-Shirt Size: ______________

I would like to room with: ____________________________________________________________
BIG Cookie Challenge—want to test your creativity and give cookie decorating a try? This is an opportunity for all K-12th graders in Buchanan County! There will be two age divisions: K-6th and 7th-12th. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Deadline to return form is July 2nd to the Extension office. All cookies and decorations must be made by the participant, no purchased or professionally decorated cookies allowed. The cookie must be 12” or less in size. Must be placed on a firm disposable plate/cardboard. Entries must be brought to the 4-H Exhibit Building by Monday, July 6th at 4:30 pm. Cookies will be judged by a public vote and winner will be selected on Saturday, July 11. Winner will receive a prize! Complete the form below and send it into the Extension office by July 2nd.

Big Cookie Decorating Challenge Entry Form

Name ____________________________ Phone ____________________________
Address ____________________________ City ___________ Zip ____________
Email ____________________________ Grade Completed ___________________
Description of cookie: _______________________________________________________

I agree to abide by all Extension and Outreach policies and procedures.

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