Reminders

In this newsletter you will find several updates and important information for this month and for months to come. Please read through carefully so that you are not missing any of the content. There are several opportunities and sign-ups included—make sure to take advantage of them.

Youth County Council members will be selling braided breads starting February 15th-March 15th. The goal for each member is to sell at least 10. There are different varieties including: apple, blueberry cream cheese, caramel rolls, cherry, cinnamon, cream cheese, raspberry and strawberry cream cheese. To order contact your YCC members, or call the Extension Office and we will take your order. Breads are $12 each.

Communications Day will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at the Heartland Acres Event Center, during the day. More details to come!

Something fun to check out for those with an iPhone—4-H Livestock Records at


Thanks!

Alexia Hamlett
EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**February 5**—Scales and Tales, Jesup Library 1st-3rd grades, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

**February 9**—Adventures in Nature, Independence Library, 6:00 pm-6:45 pm

**February 9**—Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

**February 10**—Commercial Ag Weed CIC, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:45 am

**February 12**—Scales and Tales, Jesup Library 1st-3rd grades, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

**February 9**—Master Gardener 2015 Winter Webinar Series, Heartland Acres Theater, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

**February 12**—Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm

**February 15**—Youth County Council Meeting, TBD, 3:30 pm

**February 18**—Seed Treatment CIC, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:30 am

**February 19**—Scales and Tales, Jesup Library 1st-3rd grades, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

**February 19**—Manure Confinement Applicator Certification, Heartland Acres, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

**February 19**—Scales and Tales, Jesup Library, 1st-3rd grades, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

**February 24**—Youth Advisory Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm

**February 26**—Scales and Tales, Jesup Library 1st-3rd grades, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

**February 28**—Private Pesticide Applicator Training, Heartland Acres, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

**February 28**—Annual Master Gardener Symposium, First Presbyterian Church, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**March 4**—Ornamental & Turf CIC, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:30 am

**March 9**—Adventures in Nature, Independence Library, 6:00 pm-6:45 pm

**March 9**—Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm—7:30 pm

**March 12**—Master Gardener 2015 Winter Webinar Series, Heartland Acres Theater, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

**March 14**—Swine Weigh-In, Buchanan County Fairgrounds, 8:00 am-10:00 am

**March 15**—Youth County Council Meeting, TBD, 3:30 pm

**March 24**—Certified Handlers CIC, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:30 am

**March 28**—FSQA Training, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 9:00 am-10:30 am

**March 30**—FSQA Training, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

**April 11**—FSQA Training, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 9:00 am-10:30 am

**April 13**—Adventures in Nature, Independence Library, 6:00 pm-6:45 pm

**April 13**—Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

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

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**Extension Opportunities**

**Continuing Instruction Courses (CIC)**

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/news/upcoming-continuing-instruction-courses

**Master Gardener 2015 Winter Webinar Series**

Contact Ashley Sherrets, Ag/Hort Program Coordinator with Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach 319.334.7161 or sherrrets@iastate.edu to register. Cost is $2 for Master Gardeners per session, and $5 for the General Public per session. We ask that you pre-register for the class, but payment may be brought the night of the webinar.
4-H Recruitment Challenge

As of January 29th there are **215 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:

Time to start re-enrolling and recruiting new members!!!

* 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. The website is still undergoing some work, we appreciate your patience. For questions contact the Extension Office at 319-334-7161 or ahamlett@iastate.edu.

What does 4-H Online do?

◊ Check your enrollment from any internet location

◊ No special software needed

◊ ID your animals any time before May 15

◊ Password secure

◊ 24/7 Access

◊ Fast and Easy

◊ Club leaders have read-only access to member information

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

Poultry Workshop—put on by our very own Poultry Committee

Want to learn more about the poultry project area? On Sunday, March 29th beginning at 3:00 pm, a poultry workshop is being offered. Topics covered include: discussing the different classes of poultry, preparing for fair such as bathing a chicken, items to bring to fair, how to show and much more! This is for all 4-H members to attend. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 319-334-7161 or ahamlett@iastate.edu if you plan to attend. Take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity!

Location Address: 2868 Daniel Avenue, Brandon, IA.

Broiler Project

- 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)
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. Stay tuned for more updates.

Swine Updates

A pre-fair weigh-in will be **Saturday, March 14th, 8:00 am-10:00 am** at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds Black Pavilion. Any exhibitors wishing to compete in Single Source, Derby Classes, Lean Gain on Test, or Rate of Gain must participate in the pre-fair weigh-in. Single Source is included in this year’s program. More details will come once the fair book is completed with full updates and changes. **Families that contacted the office for Single Source in January will receive letters in the mail for more information once the swine committee has met.**

- Those planning to attend the weigh-in must RSVP to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on March 13th.
- All exhibitors must purchase tags at the Extension Office and tag their hogs by **March 14th** if attending pre-fair weigh-in. An exhibitor may tag up to 15 animals. If exhibitor does not go to pre-fair weigh-in, they must purchase 4-H tags and may check out a tagger at the Extension Office by **May 15th**.
- *Single Source pigs will be tagged and families will pay for those tags the day of pre-fair weigh-in.*
- Remember in order for hogs to be exhibited in the market classes they must weigh between 220-325 lbs.
- All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting swine must be FSQA certified through a county Extension run program. Check with the Extension Office for testing or training schedules. Please see FSQA article in this newsletter.
- Remember to go on 4HOnline and enter the information for each hog, unless they were at the pre-fair weigh-in, as the Extension Office will have entered that into the database. Families will need to go in and verify that all information is correct. A helpsheet will be available and can also be found online. **May 15th** is the deadline to have all livestock identified on 4HOnline. Helpsheet link below to identify.
  - http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders
- **June 15th** is the deadline to complete an Animal Entry on the new database FairEntry.com which integrates with 4HOnline. Details will be coming in future newsletters. Pen fees also due at this time.

State Fair—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.

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

**2015 Swine Health Informational Materials**

Newly updated documents are available on the 4-H Swine page, under “Swine Show Health Info” and under the PEDV section. These are helpsheets and best practices as counties consider their plan for spring swine weigh-ins and also biosecurity measures during the fair. [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine)
2015 County Fair

- **2 Important Deadlines** for county fair and state fair process:
  - **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.
  - **Step 2: June 15** is the Animal Fair 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)

- Beef fair weigh-in is between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

- Mentor Agreement is for all species and 4-H/FFA members. See page 8 for form. Must be returned to the Extension Office by May 15.

- *Grooming of animals should be done by the 4-H member and his/her immediate family, another 4-H/FFA member, guardian and/or a designated mentor with a signed agreement from the Extension Office.* This form can be found on page 8 or at [www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h) under 2015 County Fair.

- All horse must now follow the State 4-H 511C horse handbook. This is the state’s new rule so that all counties are consistent with each other and for state fair.

- A pet division will be added to the dairy goat show. This will allow more members to participate. Rules are similar to the pet rabbit class.

- *ONLY dairy wethers can be shown in the specialty goat or meat goat category. A goat is considered a meat goat if any percentage of the animal is meat or if it is a wether.*

- 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 reasoning 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.

- **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.

- **Don’t forget,** in order to show at the county and/or state fair all 4th-12th graders need to be FSQA certified. For more information about this see page 10. Check with the Extension Office to make sure you are certified.
4-H/FFA Member: ____________________________
Project Area: ______________________________

Buchanan County Mentor Agreement
Due to the Extension Office May 15th

4-H/FFA Member:
I, ____________________________, request __________________________ to serve as my Mentor for the
________________________ project area.

1. I understand that this is to be a learning opportunity and that I will not depend on the
mentors to complete the work for this project area.
2. I agree to follow the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics. Iowa Youth Code of Ethics is
located in the Buchanan County Fair Book.

Mentor:
I, ____________________________, agree to serve as a mentor for __________________________.

1. I understand this is to be a learning opportunity and that I will not complete the work
for this project area but rather instruct and / or guide the youth in the process.
2. I will provide a safe learning environment and opportunities for the 4-H member to
learn about this project area.
3. I will serve as a positive role model by what I say and do.
4. I agree to follow the rules in the Buchanan County Fair Book and respect the decisions
of the Fair Officials.
5. I understand that this mentor agreement is contingent upon my successful completion of a
background check. I will contact Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach office for the
appropriate forms.

Date Signed: __________________________________
4-H/FFA Member Signature: ____________________________
4-H/FFA Parent / Guardian Signature: ____________________________
Mentor Signature: __________________________________

Office Only: _________
Date Received: ________
Approved: _________
**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 healthy snacks for your heart during American Heart Month. Kids will be educated on portion control and play some fun energizing games. The program is open to children of all ages, but the activities are most suitable for those in grades K-5. 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 Animal Trackers. Below are the upcoming dates. Make sure to mark them on your calendars:

February 9—Health Hearty Snacks  March 9—Eagles
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.

**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.

**4-H Citizenship Project**

Looking for a 4-H project? Mike Flaucher of Independence is seeking a junior or senior male who is looking to help with painting at the Buchanan County fairgrounds. This is not paid, but is a great citizenship project opportunity. For more information volunteers may contact Mike by calling his cell 319-361-5319.

**February Birthdays!!!**

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FSQA—Mandatory Training and Testing

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

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. 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, March 28th, 9:00 am-10:30 am
  5503 Hammond Ave. Monday, March 30th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
  Waterloo, IA 50701 Saturday, April 11th, 9:00 am-10:30 am
  Monday, April 13th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Single Source Sheep

It’s time to start thinking about the Single Source Sheep Project. It is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising sheep through 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 predetermined producer so that all the sheep have the same genetics. Single Source sheep are weighed and ear tagged at the pre-fair weigh-in on April 25th at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds. For more information contact the Extension Office. More details will follow in the March and April Newsletter.

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 for market value.

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

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip Code: __________
It’s that time again to submit your creative designs for the 2015 Buchanan County 4-H and FFA T-shirts! All designs must be submitted to the Extension Office March 15th, by mail, via email or by dropping it off. Note that we are not open on weekends. This year the color of t-shirts to choose from are green and white. Please follow these guidelines:

- Designs must include the words “Buchanan County 4-H & FFA”
- Use only one color in your design
- Final copies must be done in pen or marker (all designs done in pencil will not be accepted)
- Computer designs are permitted
- May use the State 4-H theme “Dare to Discover”
- All designs must be submitted on this page—draw/print design on the back
- If the 4-H logo is used in the design, the FFA logo must also appear in the design
- If you are unable to put the actual logos in the design, draw these circles and we will add them to the final design

If the design does not meet the criteria, it may be disqualified. Feel free to make additional copies of this page if there is more than one entry being submitted. Please complete the following information before submitting your design.

Name: ____________________________________________

Club/Chapter: ______________________________________ Grade: ___________

Phone Number: _____________________________________

If your design is selected for the shirts, you will receive a free T-shirt! Please circle the correct information below so we know what to order for you:

**Shirt Size**

**Youth:** XS S M L  **Adult:** S M L XL
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. Scroll down on that page and look for Instructions for Online Training Course Access. This will show you the step-by-step process.

Waterloo Black Hawks 2015 4-H Club Invitation

All 4-H clubs are invited to go watch the Waterloo Black Hawks at the Young Arena in Waterloo. Tickets are $7 each for 4-H members and parents if ordered before the deadlines.

♦ Sunday, March 15th vs. Sioux Falls—Gates open 2:05 pm and Puck drops at 3:05 pm
(order deadline: 5:00 pm, Thursday March 12th)
♦ Saturday, March 28th vs. Bloomington—Gates open 6:05 pm and Puck drops at 7:05 pm
(order deadline: noon, Friday March 27th)
♦ Friday, April 3rd vs. Des Moines—Gates open 6:05 pm and Puck drops at 7:05 pm
(order deadline: 5:00 pm, Thursday April 2nd)

Have more questions? Contact Tim Harwood at 319-296-7581 or radio@waterlooblackhawks.com

Free Archery Classes

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.

First Set of Classes: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  Second set of 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 for the first set or second set of classes, contact the Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach at 319-334-7161.

Horse Opportunities

♦ For more information about the horse clinic will be held May 30th at the Cattle Congress grounds go to this Facebook link here https://www.facebook.com/groups/492266997576893/ or try typing in Iowa 4-H & FFA Equine. There will be several clinics and presentations including showmanship, judging reasons, western pleasure, nutrition, trail, ranch pleasure, judging, barrel racing and horse care.

♦ Horse and Pony Camp will again be held in Dubuque this summer! If you would like to be added to their email list to receive the camp form when it comes out in February, please send your email address to easterniowahorseandponycamp@gmail.com.

♦ The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza and the State Horse Judging Contest will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. Go to this link for more information http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza.
**State News**

**AgDiscovery Program 2015 Offered by USDA & ISU**

Application Deadline: March 6th; [Application; Brochure](#)

Iowa's AgDiscovery program helps teenagers learn about careers in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Laboratory Technology and Wildlife Ecology. Students live on the Iowa State University campus and learn from university professors, scientists who work for the U.S. government, and local agricultural producers and animal welfare and management organizations.

Students who participate gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. Team-building activities and diversity workshops build important life skills in participants.

For the online version, click on the “application” and “brochure” link above or you can type the link below for more information:

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan8ag_discovery_2015.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan8ag_discovery_2015.pdf)

**Winner's Circle Scholarships**

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA). These scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two- or four-year post-secondary institution this fall or current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry. Winners will be announced during the 2015 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on August 22nd, an event sponsored by IFAA. IFAA scholarship funds come from a percentage of Sale of Champions proceeds, as well as Winner’s Circle Club donations. For information on the 2015 IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships available go to [http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships).

**$15 Challenge Workshop—Linn County Extension**

A $15 Challenge Workshop is being held on **Saturday, March 14th** at the Linn County Extension Office from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with the check-in beginning at 8:45 am. There is a registration fee of $15 and includes lunch. The workshop includes a tour and presentation (Plato’s Closet), shopping (Plato’s Closet, Goodwill, etc.), elements of design and art principles, project forms and bargains. Registrations are due March 2nd to the Jones County Extension Office. They will need your name, email, 4-H county, special dietary needs, parent’s name and cell phone. If you have questions please call their office at 319-465-3224. Location of this event: Linn County Extension Office, 383 Collins Road NE, Suite 201, Cedar Rapids.

**4-H Legislative Trip to Des Moines**

On Wednesday, February 25th, any 4-H members in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to travel to Des Moines with Butler, Bremer, Black Hawk, Grundy and Tama. Registration is due February 11th and costs $40. The fees cover transportation, insurance, Science Center of Iowa and lunch. Departure time will be determined. Approximate time of return is 3:00 pm. For a registration form please contact the Buchanan County Extension office and a form can be via emailed or can be found at [www.extension.edu/buchanan/4h](http://www.extension.edu/buchanan/4h).

**2015 Roundup State 4-H Conference—Applications are now open!**

Check out the 4-H Animal Science Roundup page – the online application form is now up! Deadline is March 1. This year each Roundup species (beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, swine) will be limited to 20 applicants per species. Those youth not selected for Roundup are still encouraged to attend the regular State 4-H Conference delegation. [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup)
In support of Money Smart Week, the Iowa Bankers Association is sponsoring the annual Money Smart Kid Essay Contest in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The winner will help promote financial literacy for Money Smart Week. One student will be named this year’s Money Smart Kid, and will receive a $1,000 College Savings account.

Finalists may be selected to read their essays at one or more Money Smart Week events. Students in grades 7–11 may enter the contest by answering the question below in no more than 300 words. See guidelines for additional requirements.

2015 Money Smart Kid Essay Question:
What is the biggest obstacle to saving your money? What technological and/or banking solutions might help you and your friends begin to save?

Deadlines
Deadline to submit an essay is March 27, 2015.
Winner will be notified by April 10, 2015.

Contest is open to Grades 7–11.
Participants must reside in the MoneySmart Week Iowa or Quad Cities region.
APPLICATION

NAME ____________________________ Age __________ Grade __________

SCHOOL ____________________________

SCHOOL ADDRESS ____________________________

City ____________________________ ZIP ____________________________ Phone __________

HOME ADDRESS ____________________________

City ____________________________ ZIP ____________________________ Phone __________

TEACHER ____________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN ____________________________

I vouch that the attached essay is fully the work of ____________________________

(STUDENT NAME)

I vouch that the attached essay is fully and solely the work of my child,

(STUDENT NAME)

and I give permission for him/her to participate in the activities of Money Smart Week 2015, including consent to release photos and personal information for media and promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Fill out this form, making sure to include all information requested, sign the form as indicated, and attach it to the front of the essay. For more information, see MONEYSMARTWEEK.ORG
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 off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Iowa State University Extension and Outreach programs are available to all without regard to race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a U.S. veteran. Inquiries can be directed to the Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance, 3280 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011,
Project Ideas

Are you trying to think of a project goal or area and not sure what to do? Go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/project-helpers and there are some helpful tips and ideas for different project areas. Do not be afraid to check the different tabs: agriculture & natural resources, animals, creative arts, family & consumer sciences, personal development, SET and tip sheets. There is tons of information available so please try to make use of it.
Kids Corner

Check out the Farm Service Agency (FSA) website to learn some fun facts and play agriculture based games. To do this go to http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/kidsapp?area=home&subject=gmzn&topic=landing. This may be a random question like how many glasses of milk can one cow produce in a year? To find the answer go to the website above and find it! The first Clover Kid or 4-H member to answer the question correctly by emailing or calling the Buchanan County Extension Office ahamlett@iastate.edu or 319-334-7161 will receive a prize! Ready, Set, Go!

Healthy Food Corner

Want to try a new healthy snack as well as spending smart? Here is one for you to try out at home! For more recipes http://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings/

Mini Berry Pie

Pie Crust:
Nonstick cooking spray
5 whole wheat tortillas (6 inch)
1 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Pie Filling:
1 bag (16 oz.) frozen mixed berries (2 1/2 cups)
1 1/2 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. cornstarch

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Spray muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray.
3. Lay tortillas flat. Spray one side of each tortilla with cooking spray.
5. Place tortillas in muffin tin. Fit them into muffin bowls. Cinnamon and sugar will be on the inside of the bowls. Bake tortillas for 13-15 minutes. They will be light brown and crisp.
7. Stir sugar and cornstarch in small bowl. Add mixture to thawed berries.
8. Cook over medium heat. Mixture will start to get thick and bubble. Cook one minute more. Remove from heat.
9. Put 1/4 cup berry filling into each tortilla bowl

Tips:
- Mini pies have a great fresh taste in the middle of winter. Make tortilla bowls ahead of time. Store in airtight container. Do not add filling until serving. Add a spoonful of yogurt to the top of the filling.