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Communications Day

Communications deadline is March 8th. Melanie will put together a schedule of events as soon as she has everyone’s sign up information. The schedule will be sent out to the families participating.

Mandatory Leaders Meeting

Leaders meeting is Tuesday, March 12th. Meeting will be held at Heartland Acres Theater from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Please RSVP to Melanie at melaniew@iastate.edu if you can or can’t make it.

Extension Office Weather Closings & Cancellations

The weather is starting to change and that means there might be delays and cancellations. Our office will post on Facebook if programs are cancelled due to weather. Find us on Facebook under Buchanan County ISU Extension. Our office follows the Independence School District in determining snow days. We want our volunteers and families to be safe.
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*Calendar includes all Buchanan County Events. Events in **BOLD** are 4-H related*
Welcome Brenda Fuller!

We finally have an Office Assistant! It has been a long 6 months without one. We are super excited to have Brenda Fuller as our Office Assistant. Brenda and her husband Alan live on a farm near Winthrop and have two children, Jamie and Chris. Brenda is excited to learn about all the diverse programs Extension has to offer and get to the know wonderful people we serve! Welcome Brenda!

Feeding the Cow Herd

On February 25th, the program Feeding the Cow Heard was held at Heartland Acres. Participants learned about what can be done to meet nutrition requirements of cows during Iowa’s winters without breaking the bank. They also learned about tools that are available to control feed cost, balance rations based on feeds available, and select mineral supplements to best meet the cows requirements. Thank you to all the 4-H’ers who attended!

YQCA

Melanie hosted the first night of YQCA certification on February 26th. There were 15 youth and a couple parents that sat through the training. The youth participated as a group and had a lot of fun! There are two more sessions of YQCA at Heartland Acres. March 21st from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and May 18th will be the last one offered here in Buchanan County. May 18th’s training will be from 9 am - 10 am.

You can register online!
https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

Gardening Symposium

The 13th Annual Gardening Symposium was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 23th. The Symposium was a huge success! Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants, this program would not have been possible without you!
2019 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 sponsors who pays for the chicks. The 4-H or FFA member may choose to raise 25 or 50 birds. **There is an option for families to share 50 or more birds.** Participants will present the best 3 dressed birds (per 25 sponsored) 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. Extension is currently looking into processing options for you; more details to come. If you are not able to process within one week after fair, deadline to deliver birds to the sponsor is **August 15. If this is not done, 4-H/FFA member must reimburse the sponsor the amount the sponsor paid for the birds.**

- The broilers must be **picked up from** the Extension office on **Tuesday, May 14 from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm.**
- 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 pm on **Monday, April 1st.**
- 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 is.

--- Detach and return bottom slip to the Extension office by April 1st ---

**Broiler Project Entry Form**

*Please check one option only.*

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Name(s): ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Club: ____________________________

By signing below, I/we agree to present the sponsor with the best 3 dressed broilers (per 25 birds sponsored) within one week after fair. If I/we are unable to present the birds to the sponsor, I/we will reimburse the sponsor the amount of $40 per 25 birds sponsored.

Participant(s) Signature: ____________________________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________________________
Time to submit your creative designs for the 2019 Buchanan County 4-H and FFA t-shirts! All designs must be submitted by mail, via email, or by dropping it off to the Extension office. The t-shirts will be green or 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 (designs done in pencil will not be accepted)
- Computer designs are permitted
- The Theme is “Caution: 4-H & FFA Members Under Construction!”
- All designs must be submitted on this page, draw/print design below
- If you are unable to put the actual logos in the design, draw the below circles where you would like the logos 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: __________________________

Phone Number: _________________________

If your design is selected you will receive a free t-shirt! Circle the correct information below so we know what to order for you:

Youth: XS  S  M  L

Adult:  S  M  L  XL

Green  White  Blue (circle one)

2XL  3 XL  4 XL  5 XL (circle one)

Please use the blank sheet of paper on the back of this page to draw your design. Good luck!
Single Source Swine Project

Deadline for sign-up is March 8th, 2019.

Single Source Pick-Up is April 6th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on the Buchanan County Fairgrounds.

Please submit this form and check to the Buchanan County Extension office, 2600 Swan Lake Blvd. Ste. A, Independence, IA 50644. Please make checks payable to Buchanan County Extension. If you have any questions, call 319-334-7161 or email melaniew@iastate.edu.

This year’s local swine provider will be Kirkwood Community College, located in Cedar Rapids. Rich Rourke has been the lead instructor since 2007 and has been working with the Swine Committee to help make the Single Source Project a success this year. The hog facility in Kirkwood is a 90 sow farrow to finish operation that is operated and managed by the college students. They are all excited to be involved in this Single Source Project!

Please fill out the form below or follow this link to sign-up online: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/content/single-source-swine-sign-2019

2019 Single Source Commercial Swine Project Entry Form

Please complete and return to the Extension office with your money by March 8th.

____ 1 pig: I agree to pay $108 to the Extension office for my tag, handling, pigs, and participate in the Swine Show on July 1st.

____ 2 pigs: I agree to pay $216 to the Extension office for my tags, handling, pigs, and participate in the Swine Show on July 1st.

____ 3 pigs: I agree to pay $324 to the Extension office for my tags, handling, pigs, and participate in the Swine Show on July 1st.

____ 4 pigs: I agree to pay $432 to the Extension office for my tags, handling, pigs, and participate in the Swine Show on July 1st.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: ____________________________ Zip: _________________

Phone: __________________________ Club: _______________________

Youth Signature: __________________________

(Yes, I agree to participate in the 2019 Single Source Commercial Swine Project)

Parent’s Signature: __________________________

(Yes, my child may participate in the 2019 Single Source Commercial Swine Project)
**Livestock Updates**

**Beef Meetings:**
- There have been three clinics held already. Those clinics were put on by Melanie and Denise Schwab, our beef specialist. There have been many questions regarding the future clinics. If you do not hear from me that there are going to be more clinics, then the rule can not be enforced. I know family calendars are getting busy, school events are being planned for summer, vacations, etc. I would hope that we can get some clinics lined up before the end of the month. Just know that I will let you know as soon I have them!

**Rule Books:**
- Almost all of them are up online. Please go to our website and check them out.
- Website is [www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h)

**YQCA:**
- If you are unaware if you need to go through the training please contact Melanie at 319-334-7161 or email melaniew@iastate.edu
- I have a list printed out and highlighted, if you are needing to be re-certified please refer to the directions on page 3.
- YQCA website to log-in is [https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login](https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login)

**Dog & Horse Clinics:**
- The clinic dates have not been finalized yet. I will get them out to you as soon as I have them!

**Swine:**
- Single Source pick-up is April 6th from 9:00 am—Noon at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds.
- The non-single source pigs will have to have their pigs and entered online to 4hOnline WITH pictures before May 15th. This is a new rule this year. If there are not pictures of the ear tag in the pigs ear by May 15th you will not be allowed to exhibit your animal (s).

**Broiler Project:**
- Broiler project sign-up is due to the Extension office by April 1, 2019.
- Pick-up will be May 14th 4:00 pm—6:00 pm.
Managing Vegetable Pests
Dan Fillius will provide organic weed-free vegetable growing tips to reduce pests and attract beneficial insects.
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Engaging New Audiences
Elin Filbey will share examples of activities to attract new people to the garden.
Thursday, March 28, 2019

Limited Space Gardening
Explore a dozen ways to create container gardens with Ed Lyon.
Thursday, April 18, 2019

All webinars will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach office, 2600 Swan Lake Blvd., Independence, IA 50644. These webinars are FREE and open to the public, though pre-registration is required.

All webcasts count towards Master Gardener continuing education hours.

To register contact Ashley Sherrets, Ag/Hort Program Coordinator at 319-334-7161 or email sherrets@iastate.edu.
Novice Meat Goat & Sheep Entry Form

Return this form to the Extension office by March 15. Payment due at weigh-in.

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ Zip Code:____________________

Please check mark which animals you would like to enter:

_______1 Goat: I am interested in purchasing one goat for the county fair for market value.

_______2 Goat: I am interested in purchasing two goats for the county fair for market value.

_______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.

Please fill out the form below or sign-up online at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/content/2019-novice-meat-goat-sheep-sign
Buchanan County Women, Land & Legacy presents
ESTATE & TRANSITION PLANNING, PART II:
DRILLING DOWN:
PUTTING YOUR PLANS INTO ACTION

Top Decisions to Prepare Your Farm for the Future

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Heartland Acres Event Center
Independence, IA

In this session, Melissa will focus on additional details related to the use of trusts, business entities and other tools that may be a part of your plan. We'll address issues related to difficult family conversations and communication, and talk about how to work with your own legal, tax & financial professional team members. You should leave this session with a list of action steps that will help you make decisions and put your plans into action.

Presenter:

Melissa O'Rourke, B.S., M.A., J.D.
Attorney and Farm & Agribusiness Management Specialist for ISU Extension and Outreach

This event is free & open to the public. Women are strongly encouraged to attend.
Please email wll.buchanan.women@gmail.com or call 319-334-7161 to register. Refreshments will be provided.
Evaluating Your Estate Plan

9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Fayette Extension Office — 218 S Main St, Fayette
Call Fayette County Extension: 563-425-3331
-OR-
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Waverly Civic Center — 201-1st St NE, Waverly
Call Bremer County Extension: 319-882-4275

Pre-Registration Required!
Fee includes meal + materials

Topics Covered...
- Language of Estate Planning—Wills & Trusts
- Property Ownership, Business Entities
- Powers of Attorney, Directives
- Transferring Decision Making Control
- Estate, Inheritance & Gift Taxes
- Work with Estate Planning Attorneys
- Goal-setting, Family Communication
- Steps for Implementing Your Estate Plan

Presenter/Facilitator:
Melissa O’Rourke
B.S., M.A., J.D.
Attorney —and— Farm & Agribusiness
Management Specialist for ISU Extension and Outreach
This hands-on workshop is packed with information and strategies to help individuals, couples and families set goals, enhance communication and plan for the future.

“Families and individuals must plan adequately to protect assets that they have built over a lifetime of hard work.”
—Melissa O’Rourke

Register: Mail $50/person fee + form to:
ISU Extension—Bremer County
720-7th Ave SW, Tripoli IA 50676
OR
ISU Extension—Fayette County
PO Box 700, Fayette IA 52142
Name(s): ____________________________
__________________________________
Address: ____________________________
__________________________________
City/ST/ZIP: ________________________
Phone: _____________________________
Email: _____________________________

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Growing Hops for Fun and Profit

Tuesday, March 19
6:30 PM
American Legion, Independence
(205 2nd St NE)

During this FREE program, you will learn...
How beer is made!
About growing hops locally!
How to brew your own beer!

Come early to buy dinner at the Legion!
Stay after the program for tastings of beer made with locally grown hops! Tastings provided by the Independence Brewers Union.

Main Presenter:
Keri Byrum
Cedar Falls Hops Company

Introductions and additional information by:
George Lake
Buchanan County Economic Development
Josh Sherrets
Independence Brewers Union

Ashley Sherrets & Sarah Kielly
Buchanan County ISU Extension & Outreach

Thanks to our program partners:

Grow Buchanan Economic Development
Growing Opportunities
www.GrowBuchanan.com
Waterloo Black Hawks
4-H Family Nights

Saturday, March 23rd
vs. Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
Sock Toss Night
Bring new socks to help the homeless

Tuesday, March 26th
vs. Sioux Falls Stampede
Beef Night
presented by Steege's Meat Market

All Games
Puck drops at 7:05 p.m.
As part of this special group offer,
tickets are just

$8
Regular Price is $13.30-$15.30

Tuesday, April 2nd
vs. Sioux City Musketeers
Comic-Con Night
Fun involving your favorite superheroes

Friday, April 5th
vs. Chicago Steel
$2 Concession Specials
Hot dogs, pizza, & pop

Ready to order by phone? Contact: Tim Harwood 319-296-7581
radio@waterlooblackhawks.com
LeAnn Beyer  Brock Kleitsch
Austin Cook  Brody Kleitsch
Nate Copenhaver  Owen Kress
Keegan Franck  John Krogmann
Jakalyn Frasher  Kelsey Krogmann
Jaxson Frye  Clair Priebe
Lillian Giddings  Kendall Rasmussen
Clayton Hershey  Owen Reck
Makenzie Homan  Grace Seemann
Nick Homan  Charles Sweeney
Katie Johnson  Jacob Weber
Natalie Johnson  Lydia Martins
Roman Johnson  Keira Wilgenbusch
Samantha Yexley