MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

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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 still pay the regular grandstand price.
Clover Kids & 4-H—$15 per person
Family Members—$28 per person

Update 1

4hOnline, 4hOnline, 4hOnline. I cannot stress this enough this year but keep in mind that things are always changing. 4hOnline is important when it comes to the county and state fair. Families MUST identify all their animals on or before May 15, 11:59 pm, but DON’T wait until the last minute because the system will lock up and no one can go back in and edit. Each family will go in and identify all the animals that you want, even if you’re not sure if you want to take that animal—just add it. If you have questions, please contact me and I will help!

After identifying all the animals by May 15, the next deadline is June 15 to complete your animal entries. This gives you time to figure out for sure what you plan on taking to the fair. Fair entries will be done on FairEntry.com. This is the new online database that integrates with 4hOnline. So the animals you identified by May 15 will show up on FairEntry. There you will select the classes you would like to exhibit. This is the time you will select the number of stalls, pens, bedding, carcass scannings etc. I am still in the process of putting FairEntry together and will have more direction in the months to come.

Thanks!

Alexia Hamlett
Buchanan County | County Youth Coordinator
EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Calendar includes all Buchanan County Events. In bold are 4-H events.

March 2—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 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
  *Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
  *Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
March 10—Iowa State University Extension Annual Conference, Ames
March 12—Master Gardener 2015 Winter Webinar Series, Heartland Acres Theater, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
March 14—Single Source Swine Weigh-In, Buchanan County Fairgrounds, 9:00 am-10:00 am
March 15—Youth County Council Meeting—Braided Breads DUE, Heartland Acres Theater, 3:30 pm
March 16—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
March 22-28—Extension Week
March 23—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
March 24—Certified Handlers CIC, Extension Office, 9:00 am-11:30 am
March 28—FSQA Training—must pre-register, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 9:00 am-10:30 am
March 30—FSQA Training—must pre-register, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
March 30—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
April 6—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
April 11—FSQA Training—must pre-register, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 9:00 am-10:30 am
April 13—* FSQA Training—must pre-register, Hawkeye Community College Farm Lab Waterloo, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
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  *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
April 20—Archery Class, Independence, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
April 21—*Mandatory Dog 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 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
April 28—Photography Workshop, Heartland Acres Event Center, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
May 15—Animal Identification Deadline, 4hOnline https://ia.4honline.com, 11:59 pm (DON’T WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE)

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 sherrets@iastate.edu to register. Cost is $2 for Master Gardeners, and $5 for the General Public. 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 February 26 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.
**Single Source Swine Pre-Fair Weigh-In ONLY**

The Single Source pre-fair weigh-in and pick-up date will be held on **Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00 am -10:00 am** at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds Black Pavilion. This is for exhibitors wishing to compete in Single Source division. More Single Source details will be in the fair book. **Families will be sent more information regarding biosecurity practices.**

- Single Source pigs will be tagged and families must pay for those tags and hogs by March 11th.
- Price per hog is $72. Tag per hog $3.

**All Swine Show Exhibitors**

- All exhibitors must purchase tags at the Extension Office and tag their hogs by May 15th and may also check out a tagger. An exhibitor may tag up to 15 animals. 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. If FFA members are 20 years of age or older they must be PQA certified.
- All pre-fair single source weighed-in hogs will be entered on 4hOnline by the Extension Office. After receiving an email, families will need to go in and verify that all information is correct. A help sheet will be available and can also be found online.
- Those pigs not weighed at pre-fair weigh-in **MUST** go in 4hOnline and enter the information for each hog.
- **May 15th** is the deadline to have all livestock identified on 4hOnline. Help sheet link below to **identify**.
  - [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders](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 are 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 the 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 Information Materials**

Newly updated documents are available on the 4-H Swine page, under “Swine Show Health Info” and under the PEDV section. These are help sheets 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)

**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.
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. 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 all at no cost!

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)
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 photos that can be sent in per person. The public voters will select the top three photos. Winners will receive a Dairy Queen gift card. Top 12 photos will be put on the Extension office wall first. This challenge is open to all K-12th graders. **Deadline is July 1st.**

- Youth County Council will be coming up with challenges, a talent show, and a scavenger hunt to put on during fair for your entertainment. April newsletter will list challenges you can start preparing for!

- 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.

**DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR**

- **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 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 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 be PQA certified. For more information about this see page 11. Check with the Extension Office to make sure you are certified.
Sheep and Goat 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 in 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.

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 will not be responsible for the prevention of illness or death of the animals.

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: ____________
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 mentor 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: ______________________________
**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!

**March Birthdays!!!**

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**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 fun facts about the size of birds and their diet. They will also compare wing spans, make an eagle craft, have a snack and take a look at the nest of the Decorah Eagles. 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 Bald Eagles. Below are the upcoming dates. Make sure to mark them on your calendars:

**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.
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. 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):

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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.

RSVP to Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach—319-334-7161
T-Shirt Design Contest

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 a blank page by drawing/printing a design and turn it in with this form.**
- 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 and be sure to hand this form in with it.

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

[Image of a t-shirt]
Cowgirl Queen Contest Opportunity

“Hi my name is Syd Etten and if you’ve shown at the pleasure horse show other than last year you will probably remember my western horse, Danny. The grey Arabian who everyone knows. This last year I qualified through my breed club (The Arabian Horse Society of Iowa) to go to the Iowa State Fair Cowgirl contest. I have helped make the same opportunity available at the county fair. To qualify for the queen contest at the state fair you need to win a queen contest at a county or club level. The queen contest is its own class, its equitation class where you are judged on your eq and how well you control your horse. You don’t need a pleasure horse for this. After the line up the judge may ask you questions. Then comes the salute. The salute is one lap around the arena at a speed faster then the pleasure lope. During the lap you salute the crowd, once you complete the lap you perform a controlled stop (something somewhat close to a sliding stop but control is what is judged) back up and salute the judge. This is such a fun opportunity and I hope you take advantage of it.”


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
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—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.

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.

Iowa State University Student Recruitment

What: Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni and Prospective Student Meet and Greet
Who: Alumni of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Agricultural Educators and high school students (and their parents) interested in Iowa State University
Where: Starmont High School, 3202 40th Street, Arlington
When: Monday, March 30th with a 6 pm social, 6:30 pm supper and 7:15 pm program highlighting majors/curriculum, study abroad, scholarship and other campus opportunities. We will also be having a panel of current students and alumni who will share their stores and clarify any questions that the audience might have.
Why: The College wants to bring alumni and prospective students together for an evening to learn about Iowa State University, the opportunities through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and answer any questions the students or their parents may have.
To register go to this link https://iastatecals.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hQVy1FZAQKDKZv.
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: ______________________________________________

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Youth County Council members will be selling braided breads now until 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.