May Deadlines and County Fair

Several important deadlines for all Clover Kids, 4-H’ers and FFA members. See below:

◊ Clover Kids, 4-H’ers and FFA (4hOnline/form) enrollment May 15, 11:59 pm
◊ Clover Kids and 4-H’ers, Animal Identification (4hOnline) help sheet included in newsletter, due May 15, 11:59 pm.
◊ FFA Animal Identification forms due to Extension office May 8

Everyone who completes the animal identification, CK and 4-H (4hOnline) and FFA (animal ID forms) will receive a letter in the mail with the step by step process of how to complete your animal fair entries between May 20 and June 15.

◊ Home Garden Judging (included in newsletter), due May 15
◊ 4-H’ers for 4-H (included in newsletter), due May 15
◊ Poultry Leg Bands—bands can be picked up at the Extension office if you are unable to make it to the PT testing on May 13. See page 5 for more details.
◊ Discounted Concert County Fair Tickets, May 15
◊ Jr Camp Early Bird Deadline May 15 and Late Fee Deadline May 29

Thanks,
Alexia Hamlett
Buchanan County | County Youth Coordinator
EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May 8—FFA Animal Identification Forms Due, Extension Office, 4:30 pm

May 11— **Adventures in Nature**, Independence Library, 6:00 pm-6:45 pm
  * Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm

May 12— **Dog Clinic**, Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

May 13—PT Testing, Open Air Pavilion Buchanan County Fairgrounds, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

May 14—2nd Grade Safety Day, Heartland Acres, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
  * 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)
  * Jr Camp Deadline, Extension Office, 4:30 pm or postmarked
  * Concert Ticket Discount Due (make payable to Buchanan County Fair Board), Extension Office, 4:30 pm

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

May 19— **Dog Clinic**, Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

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

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

May 25—Office Closed

May 26—Broiler Project Pick-Up, Extension Office, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
  * Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
  * Communications Day Entry Forms Due, Extension Office, 4:30 pm

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

May 28—Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds Horse Arena, 6:30 pm-7:45 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 1—Fair Entry Help Night, Heartland Acres, 4:30 pm-7:00 pm

June 3—Superintendent/Livestock Committee Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm

June 4—Green Thumb Camp, Independence High School, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
  * Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds Horse Arena, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

June 5—Communications Day Information Packet Due, Extension Office, 4:30 pm

June 6—Farmers Market, Independence, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

June 8—Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
  * Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds Horse Arena, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm
  * Extension Council Meeting, Heartland Acres, 6:00 pm

June 9—Fair Entry Help Night, Heartland Acres, 4:30 pm-7:00 pm

June 11—Green Thumb Camp, Independence High School, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
  * Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm

June 13—Farmers Market, Independence, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

June 15—Animal Entries due online and fees must be postmarked by this date, Extension Office, 11:59 pm
  * Fair Entry Help Night, Heartland Acres, 4:30 pm-7:00 pm
  * Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
  * T-Shirt Order Deadline, Extension Office, 4:30 pm

June 16—Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds Horse Arena, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

June 17—Communications Day, Heartland Acres Event Center, 1:00 pm with 6:00 pm award and style show

June 18—Green Thumb Camp, Independence High School, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

June 19-20—Junior Camp, Eldora Pine Lake Camp

June 22—Dog Clinic, Fairgrounds Black Pavilion, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

June 30—Building Entries Due, buchanan.fairentry.com, 11:59 pm
4-H Recruitment Challenge

As of April 30 there are 234 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 270 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.

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

The goal is to raise $30,030.30 for Iowa 4-H’ers. Clubs are encouraged to donate $3.00 per 4-H member to meet this goal. Contributions raised will support the Iowa 4-H Center, State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements, financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. Checks can be made out to Iowa 4-H Foundation and be delivered or dropped off to the Buchanan County Extension office by May 15. Clubs who participate will receive recognition at the 4-H Awards Banquet this fall.

Communications Day

Communications Day will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at the Heartland Acres Event Center, beginning at 1:00 pm. The 2015 communications day book is up on www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h. 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 2015 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 and look under the Communications Day subheading.

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.
**How to Identify Animals on 4hOnline—ONLY CLOVER KIDS AND 4-H’ers**

**Log in to 4HOnline:**
Open a web browser and type in: [https://iowa.4honline.com](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.
How to Identify Animals on 4hOnline—ONLY CLOVER KIDS AND 4-H’ers

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. THIS MUST BE DONE.
- Double-click on the file, or highlight and click Open.
- If you make a mistake, use the Clear button to remove the picture.
- County and 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
Broilers will need to be identified during this time so that when you make a fair entry, the birds will be available to select.

Swine (NOT weighed in)
2015 County Fair

- Entrance Fees—All members and their families will need a wristband during the week of fair. Each wristband is $10 which includes your entrance and ticket to ride on the carnival rides. There will be no parking fees. Ages 3 and under are free.

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

3 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. All Clover Kids and 4-H members identify on 4hOnline and FFA members use FFA forms found on the Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H website under FFA Forms. Those planning to do Jr Fun Day (goat, sheep, calves) do not need to identify, just complete entry form & return.

- **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 (CK and 4-H) or for FFA members an animal identification form to be eligible for fair entry. Extension office will send a letter in the mail to those who identified their animals May 15. Clover Kids **will not** need to pay any fair entry fees, but will need to make a fair entry.

- **Building (Static) Projects: June 30** is the deadline to submit your entries on the new fair entry system. All members have access. We will not be using green cards this year. Entries will be made using the FairEntry database. On FairEntry, you will select the class and put a description of your project. Once that is submitted, the Extension office will be printing them off on cardstock and have them prepared for you once you check-in on building day. If you decide to add a last minute project, we will still allow you to exhibit, but it will take more time to input that information and print it off.

- State Fair Animal Entry deadline is **July 1** and will also be done on the FairEntry system.

- 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)

    - 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.

    - Buchanan County Fair dates are set for July 8th-11th. 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.
Goat and Sheep Weigh-In Thank You

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the goat and sheep weigh-in on April 25. We weighed in 39 goats and 66 sheep. You all were wonderful help and it is always greatly appreciated!

4-H and FFA 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 or for FFA you must complete the identification form.

FFA Members Livestock Identification Process

All FFA members who plan to show any animal at the county fair must complete an animal identification form that can be picked up at the Extension office or found online at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/news/ffa-animal-identifications. Deadline to complete is May 8, 4:30 pm to the Extension office. This is the first step and makes your animals eligible to show at the county fair. The second step is to go to https://buchanan.fairentry.com between May 20-June 15 and complete your fair entry. FFA members will have access to this database and make entries from animals identified by May 15. If you add an animal that was not identified, it will not be allowed to show. If you are showing both 4-H and FFA you must have a separate FFA profile. When creating your profile on the FairEntry site, put your name and FFA. For example Alexia Hamlett-FFA. A letter will be sent to those who sent in their animal identification to help you with completing the fair entry process. If there are any questions contact the Extension office so that we may assist in any way.

Poultry Committee Reminder Update

PT testing will be done in the open air pavilion on May 13, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Leg banding will also be done at this time. If you can’t make it to the testing, you MUST stop by the Extension office to pick up bands to put on your birds before May 15, so that you can identify them. Broiler weigh-in is set 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.

Horse Clinics

If you have any questions please call superintendent Jerry Bishop at 563-920-4255.

Horse Clinic Dates (all held at Buchanan Co. Fairgrounds Arena): May 28, June 4, 8, 16 & 24 from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm. Must attend 2 clinics.

Dog Clinics

Clinics will be held in the evenings from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds Black Pavilion. Dates include: May 12, 19, 26 and June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Must attend 3 clinics.
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 at the Extension office by making an appointment with Alexia. To complete the training or test, call or email the Extension office to set up a time. 319-334-7161 or ahamlett@iastate.edu.

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.

Events Coming to the 2015 Buchanan County Fair

The Youth County Council members have been working hard coming up with new ideas and events to bring back to the county fair. These include:

- A former favorite, the scavenger hunt. Be ready to make some discoveries on the fairgrounds throughout the week. Your name will be put into a drawing if you complete the scavenger hunt each day. At the end of the week one name will be drawn to receive a prize.

- 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 in the schools, newspapers and community buildings.

- New this year, a BIG cookie decorating challenge, please see page 13 in this newsletter for information.

- The last big news to share is a food eating and possibly a pie throwing contest! Be sure to look in the June Newsletter for what’s to come!
County Fair News Reminders

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.

State Fair 4-H 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](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine) and under the Livestock ID column click on State Fair Protocol.

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): ______________________
**County and Other News**

**Fair Entry—What is it??**

Fair Entry is the new database that integrates with 4hOnline. All Clover Kids, 4-H’ers and FFA members have access to using this. This system is replacing the old form from last year and in previous years. The reason why you are asked to identify your animals by May 8 (FFA) and May 15 (Clover Kid and 4-H), is because the animals you identify by those deadlines make them eligible to complete fair entries. At the leaders meeting in April, leaders who attended saw a sneak peak on what this looks like with hopes that they shared this information with their members. FairEntry is to make things easier before, during and after fair. As of right now what everyone needs to do is **identify** all their animals on 4hOnline (CK & 4-H) or form (FFA). Please **DO NOT** wait until last minute because after May 15 we cannot go in and add or change anything. On the plus side, you are only paying when you complete your fair entry. A step by step help sheet will be mailed to you after the May 15 deadline. If you have questions, come in and stop at the Extension office to receive help. As a heads up we are short staffed at this time, please be understanding of our limited availability. FairEntry will open up on May 20 to all families. **Help Nights** will be available on June 1, 9 and 15 from 4:30 pm-7:00 pm at the Extension office.

**Junior Fun Day (calves, goat, sheep) - Deadline July 1st**

The Extension office and the Fair Board will be offering three opportunities for younger youth to participate at the county fair this year. The Jr Goat and Sheep show will be held on Wednesday, July 8th at 5:00 pm in the Black Pavilion. The Jr. Fun Day (calf show) will be held on Friday, July 10th at noon in the Black Pavilion. Each event will be divided into two age divisions: 4-6 years old and 7-9 years old. We are limiting the entries to the first 25 youth signed up per age division. Divisions are filled on a first come first served basis, so don’t wait to register. No fee to participate. Complete the entry below and return it to the Extension office before or by July 1st. Kids do not have to be in 4-H to take part in these events. Make sure to arrive early on the day of the show. For more questions contact our office at 319-334-7161.

Please list only one child per registration form (make copies if necessary). Can also be found online.

Name: ___________________________________________________________ Age 4-6: □ OR Age 7-9: □

Parent/Guardian Name(s):
____________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Please check the activity or activities to participate in:

_______Jr Goat Show  _________Jr Sheep Show  _________Jr Fun Day (Calf)

**You must bring our own animal or make your own arrangements to use an animal on the fairgrounds.**

Send this form to our office so that we may send you a sign-up/release form. Your child is not registered
County News for 4-H and FFA members

Pie Baking Contest
Ready to make some pies for this year’s pie auction?! 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-12:00 pm. Call before the time you want is filled. Spots fill up fast!

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 much appreciated!

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.**

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. May work as a team of 1-3. 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(s) ___________________________________________ Phone ______________________________
Address ___________________________________________ City _____________ Zip ___________
Email _____________________________________________ Grade Completed _______________
Description of cookie: ________________________________
May Birthdays!!!

Elliot Bensley  Mary Bodensteiner  Connie Butville  Hunter Crawford  Maddie Fisher
Jaci Francois  Chris Fuller  Sam Fults  Megan Gee  Noah Gross
Kaylee Hosch  Isabella Johnson  Sabrina Kelley  Jacob Kelly  Kaylee Kleitsch
Parker Kress  Bailey Lawler  Cooper Lindaman  Leah Rosauer  Ryan Tonn
Annika Wall  Keryn Wright  McKenna Wilgenbusch

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. Feed your curiosity for bugs and insects during this fun and engaging adventure. The program is open to children of all ages, but the activities are most suitable for those in grades K-5. Participants will collect insects from the environment to get a closer, more personal look. Other activities and “insect” treats will be provided. The program is called “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 Insect Inspection.

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.

Independence Farmers Market

Buchanan County Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is represented at the Independence Farmers Market every week from May 16 until October 17. We are asking for 4-H clubs to volunteer to help man our booth and promote 4-H! Clubs are asked to sit at the ISU Extension and Outreach booth from 8 am-11 am or 9 am-noon. If you would, call our office to sign up for June 6, 13, 27, July 25, August 8, 15, 22 or September 5, 12, 19 and 26. Some clubs in the past have done a working exhibit or displayed projects that they have done throughout the year to show the community and to recruit members. The Extension staff would greatly appreciate clubs to help. This is a great opportunity! Call or email us at 319-334-7161 or ahamlett@iastate.edu.

Youth County Council Applications

The Youth County Council team is looking for new members to join for 2015-2016. For an application go to our website to fill one out. Members need to be in grades 9th-12th. What this group does is meet once a month and plan activities for the county 4-H members and work on different skills such as leadership, citizenship and communication. Contact the office for more information/questions! Also current YCC members will need to fill out a new application if reapplying for the 2015-2016 year. Hope to see some new faces join the group! Pictured beside are some members who went to AirFX and all had a great time!
The pictures below are the designs on the 4-H and FFA shirts. This year's design winners are Noah Sheridan of the Heartland Kids Club and Kaylee Kleitsch of the Atom Bombers Club. There will be 2 colors of t-shirts this year and you can choose either white or green. The front of the t-shirt will be the magnifying glass and the back of the soaring eagle.

- Return this page and money to the Extension office by June 15.
- This will be the ONLY order placed for shirts.
- Please submit only one order form per family.
- All Youth (XS-L) and Adults (S-XL) shirts cost $7.50.
- Additional $2 charge for 2XL-5XL.
- Make checks payable to Buchanan County Extension.

Name(s): ________________________________

Please indicate quantity and color (green or white) below:

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Total Number of YOUTH shirts (XS-L) _______ X 7.50 = $ _______

Total Number of ADULT shirts (S-XL) _______ X 7.50 = $ _______

Total Number of Adult shirts (2XL-5XL) _______ X 9.50 = $ _______

Total Amount Due

$ ________________
**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.****
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

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: ____________________________________________

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,
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.