4-H MOTIVATOR
February 2017

TLC Canine Center
On Saturday, January 21, Buena Vista County 4-Hers and friends went to the TLC Canine Center in Newell. TLC was founded by Pauline Larsen in 1999 and is dedicated to our four-legged canine friends. Our day was full of laughter and barking. The youth got to play and interact with the dogs and cat as a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project. During the time spent at the shelter, 4-Hers learned about the shelter, facts about their canine, and learned about the terrible truths of puppy mills in Iowa. According to The Humane Society of the United States, Iowa is second in the nation of breeders and puppy mills. 4-H has roots in the care and husbandry of livestock. In addition, the Buena Vista County 4-H Program has excellent participation in an annual dog obedience program. Both of these reasons were the basis for Stephanie Alanis, AmeriCorps Member with Buena Vista County Extension & Outreach, to select the TLC Canine Center as a Martin Luther King Jr. Service Site. “AmeriCorps strives to empower youth to become involved in the community by providing service learning projects,” Stephanie Alanis.

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COUNTY-WIDE DATES TO REMEMBER
February 7/8, 17  Chicks arrive from Chicken Ordering Workshop
February 20  4-H Makers Day Workshop—Register NOW!
February 20  FSQA Training 4-6pm, Testing from 3-4pm (7-12 grade eligible)
February 20  Special Livestock Registration Opens
February 23  Clover Kids, 6—7pm at Extension Office
February 26  County Youth Council, 1pm @ Extension Office
February 26  4-H Robotics Club, 3—5pm @ Extension Office
March 12  4-H Basketball Tournament at High School Gym in Newell
April 2  4-H Endowment Dad’s Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser
June 27-29  Iowa Youth Conference—Start Your Future Here, Ames
July 19-23  Buena Vista County Fair (Static Judging—July 17)
MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
2017 4-H Special Sheep Project

The purpose of the 4-H Special Sheep Project is to:
- increase learning opportunities within the sheep project
- allow members who live in town the opportunity to learn about and how to show livestock
- allow members to “Try” a species before they “Buy”
- increase participation in sheep projects at the Buena Vista County Fair

The project is open to all Buena Vista County 4-H members whether they live in the country or in town. Preference may be given to 1st year project participants if registration numbers are large.

The project consists of 1 lamb per 4-H member.

A $15 project registration fee will be required upon sign-up for the project and will be applied to the total cost of the project expenses. Sign up begins Monday, February 20, 2017 and ends Monday, March 13, 2017. Make checks payable to: ISU Extension and Outreach Memo Line: B.V. County Special Sheep Project.

Each participant will receive BV County Fair ribbon premiums.

*Educational programming will be provided by Rusty Corderman and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Staff. Attendance is required by the participants and their parents/guardians. Hands-on work with animals will be done in small groups and will be discussed and scheduled with Rusty Corderman at weigh-in on May 6.

The required meetings, topics, and locations are:

- Monday, February 20, 2017: 4:00-6:00pm FSQA—Mandatory Extension Office

**FSQA available on alternate dates at various locations, there is also an online option**

- Saturday, May 6, 2017: 10:00am Sheep Weigh-in Corderman Farm
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017: 9:00am Fair Weigh-in BV Co Fairgrounds

For more information or questions contact:
Buena Vista County Extension Office 732-5056

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The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Special Sheep Project.
2017 4-H Special Swine Project

The 4-H Special Swine Project will allow 4-H’ers without access to swine, the opportunity to learn about swine and show swine at the Buena Vista County Fair. Each 4-H’er registered in the Special Swine Project will work with one or two pigs. The swine will be provided by Maschhoffs, where the group of swine will be cared for by the producer until the Buena Vista County Fair Swine Weigh-in on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

A $15 Project Registration Fee will be required upon sign-up for the project. BV County Pork Producers has generously sponsored the Special Swine Project to make this project more affordable for participants. Each participant will receive BV County Fair ribbon premiums.

Registration for the Special Swine Project begins at 8:00am, Monday, February 20—Monday, March 13, 2017 at the Extension Office. Payments will be required prior to registration. To allow people to register via telephone, our office will be accepting early payments. The order of sign-up is the order you choose your swine. 4-H’ers will be able to use their own knowledge to select what they believe is a quality swine. However, you will forfeit your spot and be placed at the end of the list if you miss any of the required educational sessions. In addition to the registration fee, each 4-H participant in the Special Swine Project agrees to:

- Be responsible for the care and feeding of Swine during BV County Fair, July 19—July 23, 2017
- Participate in BV County Fair Clean-up on Tuesday, July 11, 2017
- Participate in Clean up of Animal Barns on Sunday, July 23, 2017
- Be in attendance at the following Special Swine Educational Programs

The Educational program will be provided by: Lyle Rossiter, ISU Allee Farm Superintendent, Doug White, Swine Superintendent, and Matt McCarthy, Treasurer of BV County Pork Producers.

Participants must attend these dates—Parents/Guardians also encouraged to attend

- Monday, February 20, 2017 6:30-8:30 pm FSQA –Mandatory
- Monday, March 20, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm Getting Ready for Pigs
- A date in late May or June may be added on producer site where Special Swine are being raised.
- Friday, June 9 or 16—TBA 9-11 am Hands on With Swine
  Pick a Time Slot 9 or 1 1-3 pm Hands on With Swine
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:00 am Pick your Pens & Show Tips
- Friday, July 21, 2017 8:00 am Swine Show
- Wed, July 19—Sun, July 23, 2017 Daily Care & Feeding

For More Information Contact:
Nichol Kleespies, 4-H Youth Outreach Educator
ISU Extension & Outreach, BV County Office
712-732-5056 or kleespie@iastate.edu
4-H Basketball Festival

BRING A FRIEND TO ENJOY 4-H FUN!

Sunday, March 12, 1–5pm, Check-in starts @12:45
Newell-Fonda High School Gym

Event Description: Buena Vista County Youth Council coordinates the Annual 4-H Basketball Festival as a social mixer for all 4-H members and their families. For insurance purposes, we need each participant to complete a Waiver of Liability in order to participate. This form also serves as your registration and is due in the Extension Office by Monday, March 6. 4-H’ers are placed on teams with the intent of having a diverse group of skill levels on each team as well as 4-H’ers from different clubs across the county. We look to parents and friends of 4-H to serve as our referees, scorekeepers and audience. County Youth Council also provides a concession stand. Team Jerseys will be provided for use during the Basketball Festival.

New Feature: We encourage you to invite a non 4-H friend so they can check out the FUN of 4-H! Friends will be opponents during their first tournament game and then will have the opportunity to meet other 4-H’ers and friends from around the county during the remaining tournament games.

Rules:

1. All players must have turned in a SIGNED Waiver of Liability. Indicate your FRIEND’s name on your waiver; your friend also needs to submit a SIGNED Waiver of Liability.

2. All ages and skill levels are playing together so all must work as a TEAM.

3. Games have 8 minute quarters, with 1 minute between quarters and 5 minutes between halves.

4. There will be a continuous clock.

5. Free substitutions will be allowed—but only when on defense.

6. All calls by Referees are FINAL.

7. Brackets will be posted on the ISU Extension Buena Vista County Facebook page Fri, March 10th

8. THESE GAMES ARE FOR FUN!!!

9. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES!
4-H BASKETBALL FESTIVAL – SUN, MARCH 12, 2017 – NEWELL SCHOOL

RETURN TO PARTICIPATE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Return to Extension Office by Monday, March 6, 2017
Mailing Address: 824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake, IA 50588
Fax: 712.732-5006 Email: kleeplie@iastate.edu

Participant’s Name__________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________

Age________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name(s)__________________________________________________________

4-H Club, if a member__________________________________________________________

Friends’ Name________________________________________________________

Recreational Activity Involved____ 4-H Basketball Festival________________________

Date of Activity Involved____ Sunday, March 12, 2017____________________

In exchange for the right to participate in a recreational activity supported in whole or part by Iowa State University in Buena Vista County, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Iowa State Extension in Buena Vista County, and independent sponsoring organization involved in the recreational activity shown above, the owners and lessees of any premises on which the recreational activity may be involved, the other participants, and the officers, directors, officials, representatives, agents and employees of all of them, of and from all liability, loss claims and demands that may accrue from any loss, damage or injury (including death) to my person or property, in any way resulting from or arising in connection with this recreational activity, and whether arising while engaged in competition or in practice or preparation therefore, or while upon entering or departing from said premises, or while being transported to or from a scheduled event, game or activity, for any cause whatsoever.

I know the risk and damages to myself and property while upon said premises or while participating or assisting in this event, and so voluntarily and in reliance upon my own judgment and ability, I hereby assume all risk for loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself and my property from any cause whatsoever. I further acknowledge that I know and understand that the Newell-Fonda School and the sponsoring organization do not provide for accidental injury insurance coverage for the participant and that I am solely responsible for providing such insurance coverage for myself if I desire that protection.

Signature (if 18 Yrs)________________________________________________________

IF PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR, A PARENT (MUST BE CUSTODIAL PARENT IF PARENTS ARE DIVORCED) OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY.

I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability prepared on behalf of the above named participant. As parent (or guardian), I hereby give my permission for said participant to participate in the above designated recreational activity, and as such parent (or guardian) I hereby agree to be bound by all the provisions of such Waiver as is specifically set forth in this paragraph.

Parent (Guardian) Signature_________________________________________________

Date________________________________________________________

Additional waivers can be found online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/4h
Clubs and Contacts

**BV COUNTY 4-H CLUBS & LEADERS**

- **BV Equine Team**  
  County Wide  
  Michele Lynch  712-272-4069

- **BV Shooting Sports Club**  
  County Wide  
  Preston Jacobs 712-272-3318

- **Clover Kids**  
  K-3, County Wide  
  Stephanie Alanis 712-732-5056

- **Fairfield Pioneers**  
  Albert City Area  
  Michelle Ehlers 712-260-9248

- **Maple Valley Agriculturists**  
  Alta Area  
  Kristen Watts 712-299-6889

- **Maple Valley Motivators**  
  Alta Area  
  Lorie Stanton 712-200-2359

- **Newell Boosting Achievers**  
  Newell Area  
  Connie Jesse 712-299-6030

- **Providence Go-Getters**  
  Storm Lake Area  
  Leann Baumhover 712-299-0126

- **Robotics Club**  
  County Wide  
  Nichol Kleespies 712-732-5056

**YOUTH COUNCIL & 4-H COMMITTEES**

- **County Youth Council**  
  Carli Grau

- **4-H Youth Development Committee**  
  Mary Roberts, Albert City

- **4-H Endowment Committee**  
  Jake Schable, Storm Lake

- **County Extension Office**  
  Nichol Kleespies, Youth Outreach Educator

**EXT. COUNCIL & COUNTY STAFF**

- **County Youth Council**  
  Kendall Snyder

- **4-H Endowment Committee**  
  Cheryl Arnts, Alta

- **County Extension Office**  
  Ellen Anderson, Office Manager

**Club Meetings**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

- Buena Vista Equine Team  
  Feb 9 @ 7:00pm  
  Extension Office

- BV Shooting Sports  
  Group 1– Feb 6; Group 2– Feb 13; Group 3– Feb 20

- Clover Kids  
  Feb 23 @ 6.00pm  
  Extension Office

- Fairfield Pioneers  
  Feb 12 @ 6.00pm  
  Ag Partners

- Maple Valley Agriculturists  
  Feb 4  
  Alta Elementary

- Maple Valley Motivators  
  Feb 12 @ 1:30pm  
  Wel-Life

- Newell Boosting Achievers  
  TBA  
  Nain Lutheran

- Providence Go-Getters  
  Feb 27 @ 7.00pm  
  Extension Office

- Robotics Club  
  Feb 26 @ 3.00pm  
  Extension Office

**MARCH 2017**

- Buena Vista Equine Team  
  Mar 9 @ 7.00pm  
  Extension Office

- BV Shooting Sports  
  Group 1– Mar 6; Group 2– Mar 13; Group 3– Mar 20

- Clover Kids  
  Mar 16 @ 6.00pm  
  Extension Office

- Fairfield Pioneers  
  Mar 12 @ 6.00pm  
  Ag Partners

- Maple Valley Agriculturists  
  Mar 4  
  Alta Elementary

- Maple Valley Motivators  
  Mar 12 @ 1:30pm  
  Wel-Life

- Newell Boosting Achievers  
  TBA  
  Nain Lutheran

- Providence Go-Getters  
  Mar 27 @ 7.00pm  
  Extension Office

- Robotics Club  
  Mar 26 @ 3.00pm  
  Extension Office

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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