Greetings 4-H Families,

In just a couple of months the fair will be here. ALL livestock ID’s must be done on 4-H Online no later than May 15. Please call the Extension Office if you need assistance. I have included a link in the newsletter that will take you to a 4-H Online tutorial on our county website.

Please look through this month’s Motivator, as it has a lot of save the dates, and upcoming summer opportunities. Also, feel free to contact me at the Extension office if you ever have any bright ideas on how we can make 4-H better in this county. I really enjoy hearing from all of you.

If there is someone that you know of within 4-H that you think should be featured in the next edition, please let me know. This is not meant to be competitive, but rather celebrate achievement of our youth. I can be reached at 712-732-5056, 712-299-6140 (cell) or by email at cabaray@iastate.edu. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

Chris Abaray
Youth Outreach Educator
Buena Vista County

Dates to Remember

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4-H’er Feature: Seniors & A Busy April

*Our 4-H Senior’s are moving on to their next steps in life. In this month’s feature we will list all of the seniors and how many years they have been a part of 4-H. We hope their experiences as a part of Buena Vista County 4-H will help guide them into adulthood. Thank You Seniors!

**Maple Valley Agriculturists**
- Rachel Arnts– 9 Years in 4-H
- Katie Brake– 8 Years in 4-H
- Gabe McCormick– 1 Year in 4-H
- Ashley Peterson– 9 Years in 4-H
- Jayden Van Berkum– 9 Years in 4-H

**Fairfield Pioneers**
- Jordan Bayliss– 7 Years in 4-H
- Gus Loving– 9 Years in 4-H
- Nick Sievers– 9 Years in 4-H

**Providence Go-Getters**
- Brynna Baumhover– 8 Years in 4-H
- Ryan Peters– 9 Years in 4-H

**Newell Boosting Achievers**
- Marissa Morenz– 9 Years in 4-H

*April was a very busy month for 4-H’ers in the county. Below are some photos highlighting some of the events that took place. Included is the Basketball Festival from late March, Bottle Bucket Workshop, Rabbit Tattooing Workshop, and FSQA Workshop. Thank you all to all participants and volunteers who attended and helped out.

- Over 50 participants took part in the 4-H Basketball Festival.
- Jayden Van Berkum and Anna Ehlers lead the Bottle Bucket Workshop.
- Charlie Hartnett teaches the finer points of showing rabbits.
- There were 43 4-H’ers who attended the FSQA Workshop.

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Biosecurity and Fair Updates

Please leave unhealthy or contagious animals at home. Public settings such as fairs are not the place for animals with ringworm, club lamb fungus, warts, eye infections, draining wounds, respiratory diseases and other contagious diseases.

Exhibiting livestock is an enjoyable and education experience but we would encourage 4-H families to discuss the risk as a part of that educational experience.

This year we will enforce the state rule that a vet inspects all animals upon arrival. This does not mean the animals will be unloaded and penned and then a vet does a walk through.

Buena Vista County Extension and Outreach will be posting on our website and will distribute via email more information on biosecurity reminders for the Fair.

Please feel free to use our step by step walkthrough when ID'ing your animals on 4-H Online. The information can be found on our website at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/news/animal-id-entry-due-may-15-help-sheet-4-h-online.

All 7-12 graders in need of taking their FSQA examination should contact the Extension Office to set up an appointment time. Beginning May 5th, you may schedule to take your test during the office hours of 9-3 PM. There are also FSQA training dates and times listed for other counties on the front of the newsletter for any junior 4-H'ers that missed FSQA training. We are asking that everyone is has been trained or passed their FSQA testing by June 15th, 2014.

Sewing Workshop

Anyone who is interested in participating in a sewing workshop, we will be having one on June 18th from 9:00-3:00 PM at the AEA Building. The workshop will be lead by the Baumhover’s. We will provide more information as it comes. Please call the Extension office to RSVP.
Old Toy Collection

Looking to get rid of your old toys? Why not donate them to the BV County Extension Office. We are looking to collect old toys for a new club initiative this fall. The club will be called Toy Scientists. In the club, we will be taking old toy parts to create new toys. Creative writing and public speaking will be emphasized with the toy building. Please contact Chris Abaray at the Extension Office at 712-732-5056 or by email at cabaray@iastate.edu if you are interested in donating old toys or taking part in Toy Scientists as a participant or a volunteer. The club will be open to Junior 4-H’ers and possibly Clover Kids depending on interest. Look forward to hearing from you.

BV Robotics Camp

Buena Vista County 4-H will be holding two different Summer 2014 Robotics Camp programs from July 31st – Aug 2nd and Aug 4th–6th. Campers will choose between two levels of three day robotics experiences held from 9am to 3pm daily led by Master 4-H Robotics educator, Sue Jarvis.

Level 1- Robotics and Technology Camp: Youth entering 4th or 5th grades will build junk drawer robots, learn how to build and program your robot to meet beginning challenges with Junior First Lego League. Learn to use laptops, Legos, and Robotics software to create your own Lego bots!

Level 2- Robots and Beyond Camp: Youth entering 6th to 8th grades will learn how to build and program NXT Robots, use sensors and build and program your robot to meet a series of tasks. Become an expert Programmer using FIRST Lego League challenges and fun learning as you create and re-design your robot as a team.

There will be opportunities for team building, friendships, technical skill building and just plain fun. The cost is $60 for each camper for each camp level.

Camps are limited to 20 youth registered on a first come first serve basis. Youth may attend identical Level 1 or Level 2 camps being offered in Buena Vista, Calhoun, Ida, Pocahontas and Sac Counties. For more information or for registration forms please call the Buena Vista County 4-H office at (712)-732-5056.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
COOL Forms

As many of you know, the USDA made COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) mandatory effective Sept. 30th, 2008. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center’s webpage at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/. The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.pdf. Page 1 explains the steps and Page 2 is the actual affidavit. If you are a 4-H’er that raises your own livestock then you will need to fill this out and keep it on file for a minimum of 2 years in case of an audit. If you are a 4-H’er that purchases your animals from another person then the producer must fill this out and the 4-H’er must keep this on file for a minimum of 2 years. This is a good time to think about the affidavit as many of you that buy your livestock are buying now and what perfect time to get these affidavits filled out at the time of purchase! We will not ask to see the affidavit but you will have to sign the Disclosure Statement and in there it states that you have a signed affidavit on hand from the seller of the livestock you own. If you have any questions, please contact the Buena Vista County Extension Office at 712-732-5056.

Upcoming Summer Ideas

Need some Fair Project Ideas? There are some great camps coming up in the local area that have a great emphasis on the arts.

- Witter Art Gallery in Storm Lake is having an Art Camp for Kids ages 2-12. The camp will be taking place June 17th-20th. Seats are limited. Please contact the Witter Art Gallery if interested at 712-732-3400 or by email at wittergallery@yahoo.com.
- Cool Catz Pottery in Storm Lake has tons of fun activities lined up for your child! Each week offers a different theme. Your child can select to attend one or two days or sign-up for a 3-day themed camp. The cost to attend a 3-day themed camp is $75 plus tax. The cost of a single session is $28 plus tax. If interested please view them on the web at: https://coolcatzpottery.com/Summer_Camps.php
- Swing by the Buena Vista County Extension Office and pick up a Fair Project Idea Sheet. The sheet includes a lot of great ideas if you are stumped or need some inspiration.
Upcoming 4-H Opportunities Statewide

- Senior 4-H’ers don’t forget to sign up for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference that will be held on June 24th-26th in Ames. The deadline to register is Friday, May 30th, 2014. You can find more information on the web at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

- Save The Date for the following events:
  - 4-H Junior Day Camp- Grades 4th-6th (June 10th at Meredith Park in Pocahontas County)
  - 4-H Intermediate Trip- Grades 6th-8th (June 17th fun filled road trip to multiple locations)
  - 4-H Senior Retreat– Grades 8th-12th (June 3rd in O’Brien County)
  - For more information on these exciting opportunities visit the web at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/news/save-date4-h-opportunities

- Grades 5-8 Overnight Camp Opportunities. Explore STEM, Animal Sciences, Gardening and more. For more information visit the web at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/2014-state-4-h-camp-information-and-faqs.

State Fair Entry Deadlines 2014

*Entries will be accepted by mail or online at WWW.IOWASTATEFAIR.ORG

- June 14th—Fine Art
- June 14th & 15th — Photography
- July 1st— 4-H, FFA, Horse, Iowa Family Living, & Open Class Livestock
- July 14th — Cowgirl Queen, Pigeon, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep Shearing, & Stock Dog Trials
- July 31st— Dog
- August 1st— Apiary

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings & Events

- BV Equine Team: Next meeting is Monday, May 5th at 7pm at AEA Building.
- Fairfield Pioneers: Next meeting is Sunday, May 4th at 6:30pm at Ag Partners, Albert City.
- Maple Valley Agriculturists: Next meeting is Saturday, May 3rd at 6pm at Alta Elementary.
- Maple Valley Motivators: Next meeting is TBD in June.
- Newell Boosting Achievers: Next meeting is Saturday, May 17th at 8:30am at Nain Lutheran Church.
- Providence Go-Getters: Next meeting is Monday, May 26th at 7pm at AEA Building.
- County Youth Council: Next meeting is TBD.
2013-2014
Buena Vista County 4-H Clubs and Leaders

BV Equine Team
- County wide
  Michele Lynch: 712-272-4069

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

Fairfield Pioneers
- Albert City Area
  Jill Sievers 712-299-4311
  Mary Pohlman 319-491-7943
  Melissa Fahr 712-299-1753

Maple Valley Agriculturists
- Alta Area
  Roxanne Peterson 712-730-0037
  Sherie Van Berkum 712-284-1056
  Cheryl Arnts 712-284-2851
  Pam Cox 712-225-1112
  Peggy Witzke 712-288-6216

Maple Valley Motivators
- Alta Area
  Lorie Stanton 712-200-2359
  Dawn Hill 712-284-1302

Newell Boosting Achievers
- Newell Area
  Connie Jesse 712-299-6030
  Shannon Grau 712-299-3570
  Angie Emerick 507-822-3366

Providence Go-Getters
- Storm Lake Area
  Chris VanderWal 712-732-4758
  Leann Baumhover 712-732-6681
  Erica Boettcher 712-286-6028
  Steve Peters 712-732-9393
  Tom Snyder 712-732-9488

Robotics Club
- County Wide
  Chris Abaray 712-732-5056

Clover Kids
- County Wide

Extension Council
Lee Meyer, Alta, Chair
Patricia Baker, Storm Lake
Marilyn Johnson, Marathon
Donna Queen, Storm Lake
Ryan Rusk, Linn Grove
Ben Hollesen, Sioux Rapids
Jan Lietz, Alta
Gretchen Miller, Alta
Laura Sievers, Albert City

4-H Endowment Committee
Jake Schable, Storm Lake
Gretchen Miller, Alta
Doris Fondroy, Albert City
Kent Smith, Storm Lake

4-H Executive Committee
Peggy Witzke, Fonda
Shane Lenhart, Storm Lake
Cheryl Arnts, Alta
Laura Sievers, Albert City
Shannon Grau, Newell
Rachael Arnts, Youth Rep

County Youth Council
Rachael Arnts
Gus Loving
Abigail Hill
Danielle Peterson
Ashley Peterson
Anna Cox
Brea Baumhover
Anna Ehlers
Caylee Witzke
Kaity Brake
Brynna Baumhover
Alex Spengler
Melissa Fahr, advisor

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