I hope that all of our 4-H families had a blessed Easter weekend! The weather sure was enjoyable but it likes to remind us that mother nature is in charge! Spring is my favorite time of year with grass turning green, the flowers/plants starting to come back to life, and new babies making their entrance! Important things to remember coming up in the next couple of months include rabbit tattooing, sheep weigh-in, and livestock ID deadline! Please refer to the newsletter for all your information on these events!

Happy Spring!!

April 2013:
20 Clover Kids Meeting 1-3 pm
29 FSQA Training, 6:30-8:15pm, ISU Extension Office
30 Applications for State Financial Aid Assist. for State 4-H Camps or State 4-H Conference due to Extension Office

May 2013:
2 China Painting Workshop, 6-30pm, ISU Extension
4 Photography Workshop 9-11am
5 Dad’s Belgian Waffle Fundraiser
11 Sheep Weigh In, 9am, Allee Farm
11 Rabbit Workshop and tattooing 1pm, ISU Extension
13 Home Improvement Workshop, 5pm Elements
15 Livestock ID Forms due to the Extension Office
15 4-H’ers for 4-H Money due from each 4-H club
20 State 4-H Conference, Roundup, and CSI: Crops registrations due
23 4-H Executive Committee, 7pm, ISU Extension Office
TBA Horse Riding Practices, BV County Fairgrounds Arena

Facebook
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buena Vista County is on Facebook. Please LIKE the ISU Extension—Buena Vista County page on Facebook. By liking us on Facebook you will stay up to date on events and happenings in our county.
COUNTY NEWS

FSQA

All beef, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy (cattle & goat), poultry, and rabbit exhibitors MUST be certified in order to exhibit at any fair. Grades 4-6 will need to attend training; Grades 7-9 have the option to attend training or take the intermediate test; Grades 10-12 have the option to attend training or take the senior test. The training and testing will be held APRIL 29, 2013 at the Extension Office from 6:00-8:00 pm. The testing will begin at 6:00 pm with the training to begin at 6:30 pm. Please sign up by calling the Extension Office at (712)732-5056. If you don’t remember when your certificate expires please go to 4-H Online and

COUNTY NEWS

Sheep Weigh In

Sheep weigh-in will be Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the Allee Farm by Newell. All market lambs must be weighed in. If you are planning on going to the State Fair, please let the office know before weigh in. Cost for each ear tag is $1.25. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office at (712)732-5056.

COUNTY NEWS

May Workshops

China Painting Workshop, Thursday, May 2, 2013 from 6:30 to 8pm. Come and learn at the Buena Vista Extension Office about china paint and how to paint with it, you will have a finished project for the fair when you leave. Please call (712)732-5056 to register to come.

Beginning/Advanced Photography Workshop, Saturday, May 4th

The BV County Extension Office will be offering a photography workshop held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9 to 11am. The beginning photography workshop will be at 9 to 10 am and the advanced workshop will be at 10 to 11am. Please feel free to bring photos that you would like to know how to improve on your photography skills. Please sign up by May 2nd by calling the BV County Extension Office at (712)732-5056.

Rabbit Workshop and Tattoo Day, May 11, 2013, 1:00 P. M. Extension Office

Come learn how to handle your rabbit at the show. How you can prepare for showmanship. Bring your rabbit that needs to be tattooed for the fair. Please call (712)732-5056 to register to come.

Home Improvement Workshop Monday, May 13, 2013, 5:00 P. M. Element

What are the latest trends in home decorating? What do design elements and art principles have to do with them? This exciting workshop will be at Elements in Storm Lake where we’ll see first-hand what’s new in home decorating colors, styles and accessories. Please sign up by May 10th by calling the office at (712)732-5056.

COUNTY NEWS

Livestock Identification Forms Due May 15th

Any animal that does NOT have to be weighed in will be identified by the 4-H'er on 4-H Online. If you go online anytime BEFORE May 15 to add your animals, ANYONE THAT IS SHOWING ANIMALS AT CLAY COUNTY OR STATE FAIR MUST IDENTIFY THEIR ANIMALS ON 4-H ONLINE, THESE SHOWS WILL NOT BE TAKING PAPER COPIES. If showing breeding beef be sure you have the correct breed and tattoos entered or you will not be able to show at State Fair or Clay County Fair. Horses that will be showing at State Fair or Clay County Fair must have FOUR pictures of the horse downloaded on the identification page in 4-H Online. I have enclosed a step-by-step instruction sheet for the identification process on 4-H Online. If you need help, please call the office at (712)732-5056.

If you would like to identify your animals using a paper copy, please contact the Extension office. Forms will be available at the Extension office.

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FAIR NEWS

2013 Buena Vista County Fair Schedule

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4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO GREATER LOVE, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO GREATER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
Design Camp
A unique set of Summer 2013 design camps are coming to the ISU Extension and Outreach Region 6 counties in a partnership with the Iowa State University College of Design. Both design camps held the week of June 11-14, 2013 will be held at Buena Vista County Extension and Outreach located in the Prairie Lakes AEA Building, 824 Flindt, Storm Lake. The registration information is coming, so please hold the date, but also let your local County Extension staff know of your interest.

Explore Design! Tuesday, June 11, 2013 is a one day camp for students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades. This camp uses hands-on design projects to introduce students to the fun of design and creativity. The camp fee of $25 provides a workshop teaching students design thinking through creative exploration of the materials, tools, and technology of design. Students will learn how to express their ideas both visually and verbally through sketches, critiques, discussions, and a gallery show for friends and family.

Our second three-day design workshop is Design Innovation. This workshop is for students entering 10th grade through recent high school graduates. Design Innovation June 12-14, 2013 will introduce students to careers and lifelong opportunities in design. Check out our website for more information.

Western Iowa Robotics Mini-Challenge Festival
When: Wednesday June 5, 2013 8-8:30 AM Registration 8:30-9 AM Set Up, 9 AM Mini-Challenge 2-3 PM
Who: Youth in Robotics Clubs or 4-H Project members currently in grades 4-12; Teams may consist of 2 or more youth accompanied by coach/or parent/ or adult
Where: Pocahontas County Expo Center, Pocahontas, Iowa (310 Ne 1st St)
What is it? A hands-on robotics mini-challenge event where youth practice LEGO Mindstorms® NXT Challenge - Design, build, and program a robot that can accomplish a specific goal. Participating clubs should have some experience working with the LEGO Mindstorms® NXT hardware and software. Junkdrawer Challenge - This challenge will test engineering and teamwork skills by presenting a novel situation and everyday household materials to work with. For background example see http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/roboticschallenge.html Supported with an Iowa STEM Scale-up Governor’s grant.
Cost: $20 per Team “The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.”
Next Steps: Pre-registration must be received no later than 4:00 PM, Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Teams are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified by email and web updates of final event details. Checks should be made out to ISU Extension and sent to: Attn: 4-H Robotics Mini-Challenge, Buena Vista County Extension, 824 Flindt, Suite 101, Storm Lake, IA 50585
Event Contact: ISU Extension 4-H Specialist, Carol Ehlers, 712-732-5056 or email: xehlers@iastate.edu

Little Hands on the Farm
The Iowa State Fair invites all Buena Vista County 4-H clubs to participate in a shift at Little Hands on the Farm. As a participant, your club would commit to providing the volunteers for the exhibit for an entire shift. The Little Hands on the Farm allows kids ages 2-10 hands on experiences to connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way. In order for the exhibit to run smoothly as possible, it is necessary to have a minimum 30 volunteers at the exhibit at all times. Little Hands on the Farm needs to be staffed from 8:30am—8pm and each day is split into 3 shifts. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt. If interested please contact Emily Brewer at 515/262-3111 ext. 244 or ebrewer@iowastatefair.org.

Congratulations, Graduates!
We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to the 2013 graduating senior 4-H members and thank them for their contributions to Buena Vista County 4-H. Graduating 4-Hers are:

Jeremy Petersen     Chyann Smith  Zach Sievers  Joe Sandhoff  Katie Turnquist
Megan Christensen  Val Hernandez  Taler Stanton  Wendy Broich  Stephanie Robbins

We will miss you very much and wish you continued success in everything you do. We sincerely hope your 4-H roots have been and will be an asset in your life!

Dad's Belgian Waffle
All You Care to Eat
SERVING: WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, TOPPINGS and BEVERAGES
Sunday, May 5 9:30am to 12:30pm
KC HALL Storm Lake, IA
Advance Tickets available at the Buena Vista County Extension Office
Adults $6 advance/$7 at the door. Kids 6-12 $4 advance/$5 at the door. 5 and younger Free
Proceeds go towards the Buena Vista County 4-H Endowment
STATE NEWS
Iowa State Fair Vet Camp and Advanced Vet Camp
Children ages 10-18 have the opportunity to attend the Iowa State Fair Vet Camps for FREE. All camps are held during the 2013 Iowa State Fair, August 8-18 and will consist of three stations each designed to encourage hands-on learning about veterinary medicine. Information will be available in mid-March on the Iowa State Fair website at www.iowastatefair.org or contact Emily Brewer at 515.262.3111 ext. 244 or ebrewer@iowastatefair.org for more information. Do not delay as this program is very popular and fills up quickly!

STATE NEWS

2013 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign
It’s that time of year again! 4-H club leaders in your county will soon receive campaign information via email or U.S. mail from the State 4-H Council. This information also can be found online: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/4hersfor4h.

Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or delivered to county offices by May 15. If you have a preference, please communicate it to your club leaders. Counties collecting donations should use the County Summary Sheet to document each club’s gift.

Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-H’ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs.

STATE NEWS

Iowa State Fair Way We Live Award
The Iowa State Fair is searching for six Iowa Farm Families who exemplify farm values derived from hard work and a love for the occupation of farming. Those six selected families will receive $250 cash, admission tickets and parking to the Fair along with recognition in the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center. The nomination process is easy, simply write a 500-word essay describing your family or the family you are nominating and mail or email your entry along with a family photo to the Iowa State Fair. For complete entry process or any questions, please visit www.iowastatefair.org or contact Emily Brewer at 515.262.3111 ext. 244 or ebrewer@iowastatefair.org. Deadline for application is May 1.

STATE NEWS

4-H Camera Corps 2013
4-H Camera Corps is for 4-H members who desire challenges to expand their photography skills. Working independently, participating 4-H’ers identify local photo opportunities to tell a story with photographs about the chosen theme. The theme for 2013 is “Interpretation and Illustration.” Morgan Graycey Willow, poet and essayist, has provided four poems for use with the 4-H Camera Corps theme. The task—read and then interpret and illustrate the poems with your photographs. We’re looking for the extraordinary, not the usual, as you create and select your photos. The application form and additional information can be found at Camera Corps 2013. 4-H members who participate will submit photos for review, have access to the expertise of photographer, Tim Florer, and will have their photos considered for selection in future publications and exhibitions. Applications are due May 1, 2013 and the first photo submissions will be due May 15th.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

STATE NEWS

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 25-27, 2013
Theme: Unmask Your Opportunities
Every June, over 1000 teenagers congregate 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! The experience will be 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!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! We’ll also have a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI: Crops. And, new in 2013, a track for wilderness education and Shooting Sports.

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! For more information go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hymouthconference.