4-H Families,

Fall is about here! This change of season can be a good time to relax after the heat and bustle of summer months. But don’t get too comfortable! There are still a few things on your calendar. The beginning of October is when we like to celebrate and promote the 4-H program. National 4-H Week is October 4-10. We will be doing a club Butler County 4-H Scavenger Hunt—to get to know our community and show them 4-H is active. November’s calendar includes the Awards Program where we recognize active 4-H’ers for their hard work and participation. December holds the first of the livestock weigh-ins. Beef exhibitors, that’s you!

It is also time to enroll or re-enroll for the 2015-2016 4-H year. Complete your 4hOnline enrollments as soon as possible so you don’t miss anything. Members/Clubs are responsible for $15 of the enrollment fee for each member if re-enrollment is completed by January 1st. After January 1st, you are responsible for $20.

Thank you to all of the Club leaders and other volunteers that are returning for another year! Butler County 4-H wouldn’t be great without you!

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Deadline Reminders!

- September 30..............................Record books, Award Applications Due
- December 1..................................Club Yearly Programs Due
- January 1.......................................Club Officer Training Due
- January 1.........................................Early Re-enrollment Deadline

Head’s Up!

2015 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee

This year’s Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee from Butler County was C. Dale Boelman. Dale has been very active in 4-H and we greatly appreciate his years of volunteer service. Dale was recognized at the Iowa State Fair in August. Congratulations Dale!

Program Fee Assistance:

Financial assistance is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation for 4-H families that need help paying their annual $15 program fee. Contact the office to get the form sent to you or go to the site below to download the form. You will need to get my signature on your form.
https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/iowa_4h_program_fee_assistance/

Is your family a member of Farm Bureau? Butler County Farm Bureau generously offers fee assistance of $15 to members whose families are also a member of Butler County Farm Bureau. Contact the Extension Office or Butler County Farm Bureau for more information.

Like us on Facebook! Find Butler County 4-H https://www.facebook.com/ButlerCountyIA4H

View our Website at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/butler/4h
National 4-H Week - October 4-10!

4-H Grows in Butler County!

Clubs:

* **Participate in the Butler County 4-H Scavenger Hunt!** You can explore Butler County, have fun, and share 4-H just by taking pictures. See the flyer in this issue or ask your leaders for more information.

* **Do a community service project.** 4-H is all about citizenship and community! Share your plans and pictures with me.

* **Send us a picture of your club electronically so we can send it to area newspapers.** Send photos to rkamp@iastate.edu by September 28th.

* Recruit new members.

* Decorate windows of a local business!

* Have a poster contest and hang the winning poster up.

* Most of the things listed above will gain you points in the Scavenger Hunt!

Members:

* Thank your leaders, teachers, parents, and mentors! Send a thank you note.

* Bring a friend to your 4-H club meeting.

* Get your enrollments completed ;)

* **Wear your 4-H shirt to school on Wednesday, October 7!**

Leaders:

* **Mandatory Leader’s Meeting /Training is November 12—6:00pm at Extension Office.** Please attend. This training is required annually for all leaders.

* Yearly Club Programs are due December 1st.

* **National 4-H Week is October 4-10.** Clubs are encouraged to do a community service event and decorate windows of a local business. Share your plans with me!

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.
Enrollment/Re-Enrollment:

It is that time of year! Time to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H.

⇒ Returning members: Re-enroll on 4hOnline.
⇒ New members (in an existing 4-H family): You may enroll in 4hOnline by adding a new family member.
⇒ New members: Turn in paper enrollment forms. You may get them from your club leaders, the office, or online.

See the enrollment process inserted in this newsletter or go online to find help sheets for more information. As always, I am happy to answer any questions you might have! **Enrollment fees are $15 if completed before January 1st. Fees are $20 if enrollment is completed after January 1st.** New members are always $15.

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Awards Program:

**Who:** YOU! All 4-H’ers, friends, and family.
**What:** 2015 Butler County 4-H Awards Program, silent auction, and Ice Cream Social
**When:** Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm
**Where:** Greene Community Center in Greene, Iowa
**Why:** To recognize and celebrate the members, volunteers, and supporters of Butler County 4-H!

Each club is to furnish a silent auction basket. Please get baskets to the office by Friday, November 6, or make arrangements with Holly. Clubs should sit together during the awards.

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Club Officer Training:

Officer training will be online this year. Once your club has turned in a list of officers, you will receive an email with a Survey Monkey link corresponding with a training survey for your office. **Complete your officer training by January 1.**

Thank you to our officers last year!
Outstanding Senior Awards:

Congratulations to our 2015 Outstanding Seniors!

Collin Chesnut, Shell Rock Rockets  
Laura Edeker, Albion Dandy Dozen  
Katelyn Shultz, Greene Golden Eagles

You could be an outstanding senior someday! Be an active member of your club, our county, and the state. There is opportunity everywhere!

Citizen Washington Focus:

The CWF trip to Washington DC will be June 10-18 this year. Registration will be due January 4, 2016. Trip and registration information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf. Contact Holly if you have any questions.

Restoring Old Farm Equipment?

4-H members restoring antique tractors, or other farm equipment, may submit—through their advisor—an application to receive free Titan Tires for their restoration project. Titan Tires is a leader in the agricultural tire industry and is pleased to support 4-H and FFA members by providing tires to qualified members. The application form can be found on the 4-H Mechanics & Design project page www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/mechanics in the green “4-H Resources” section on the right hand side of the page.

The application requires signatures of the 4-H member, parent/guardian, and county extension staff. Also required is a “before” photo and “in progress” photo of the item. Titan Tires also requires a photo of the completed item at the conclusion of the restoration project.
Beef weigh-in for the 2016 Butler County Fair will be held at the Waverly Sale Barn on Saturday, December 19, 2015 from 7-10 am. It is a joint weigh-in with Bremer County. 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market steers and heifers at the 2016 Butler County Fair must weigh-in. Breed steers and must have the following information: breed, sire, name, and registration number on their enrollment forms. NOTE: Be sure to have all forms completed and brought to the weigh-in.

⇒ Butler County Born and Raised market beef forms must be turned in at the weigh-in. Find those forms in this newsletter.
⇒ State Fair beef will be charged $5.00
⇒ AK-SAR-BEN beef will be charged an additional $5.00
⇒ A maximum of 8 head may be weighed-in
⇒ All members must have their re-enrollment completed in 4hOnline so data can be entered.
⇒ Market beef data entered must be verified in 4hOnline by February 1.

Swine

⇒ If you are a new swine exhibitor, you will need to get a Premise ID#. Contact the office for help.
⇒ NEW!! There will be a breeding swine division at county fair this year. The breeding swine division will be non-terminal. Only the breeding division is non-terminal. More information will be given in the future as details are decided.
OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

October
4-10 National 4-H Week
4 Clover Patch Meeting—3:30pm @ Extension Office
6 4-H and Youth Advisory Committee Meeting—7pm @ Extension Office
17 New Volunteer Training—9:30am-3:30pm @ Black Hawk Extension
20 CYC Meeting—Holly Gone

November
4 Extension Council Meeting - 7pm @ Extension Office
12 Mandatory Leader Meeting/Training—6pm @ Extension Office
16-18 CYC Meeting—Holly Gone to Ames
26-27 Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

December
1 Club Programs Due
2 Extension Council Meeting—6pm @ Extension Office
8-9 Safety Day Training—Holly Gone
14 CYC Meeting—Holly Gone
19 Beef Weigh-In—7-10am @ Waverly Sale Barn
24-25 Office Closed—Merry Christmas!
Enrollment – New Members

- New members, please obtain a paper enrollment form from your club leader or the Extension Office. Complete the forms and return them. The Extension Office will set up your 4hOnline profile.

Re-Enrollment – Returning Members (complete after September 15)

- Visit 4hOnline at [https://iowa.4honline.com](https://iowa.4honline.com)
- Select “I have a Profile.” Enter the family email and password. **Do not set up a new profile!**
  - If you can’t remember your password, you can reset the password by selecting “I forgot my password” and it will be emailed to the family email account.
- “Continue to Family”
- This will take you to the Member List which includes all family members enrolled in 4-H: members, leaders, volunteers.
- Click “Edit” to the right of the “Inactive” member listed. On the Personal Information screen, scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Enroll for 2015-2016.”
- Now you have an editable Personal Information screen. **Complete all information that applies to you. Fields in bold are required.**
  - Years in 4-H includes the year you are entering.
  - Ethnicity: you must mark whether you feel you are of Hispanic descent.
- When you have completed the Personal Information page, click “Continue.” You will be directed to the Additional Information page.
  - Additional Information – Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Medical Release, Publicity (image/voice) Permission, Transportation Release: You must select an option from the drop-down menu or check boxes and enter the member’s name and parent/guardian name where indicated.
- By logging on with your user ID and password, you authorize the information listed on the Additional Information page and the Health Information page.
- When you have completed this page, click “Continue.” This brings you to the Health Page.
  - Health Form – check all health conditions and allergies that apply. Any health issues not listed need to be written out in the text boxes.
- When you have completed the Health Form page, click “Continue.”
- Your primary club should be listed at the bottom in the Club List. If you have involvement with a secondary club, locate it in the drop-down box and select it. Be sure to click “Add Club.”
- Click “Continue” to enroll in project areas.
  - Choose your primary club in the drop-down box (each time you select a project).
  - Select a project area in the 2nd drop-down box. (enroll in project areas you are interested in and will participate in this year)
  - Select your years in this project area.
  - If you wish NOT to continue in a current project area listed, click “Edit,” then “Delete.”
- Click “Continue” after you have enrolled in project areas. You will be directed to an Invoice screen.
  - The amount will be $0.00. Payment will be through your club as in previous years.
- Click “Continue” to see the Confirmation Page.
- When you have completed your re-enrollment, click “SUBMIT ENROLLMENT.”
Goal:

The goal of the Butler County 4-H Scavenger Hunt is to encourage 4-H participation, get to know our community, and have fun! Let's Share 4-H!

Visit as many destinations and complete as many tasks on the scavenger hunt list as you can. Document each visit and task with a photo including at least two of your 4-H club members. Points will be awarded for each photo, each member involved, inclusion of the 4-H clover or Butler County 4-H t-shirts, creativity, and leader verification that visits/tasks were completed during National 4-H Week. All photos shall be turned in by Monday, October 12 at 4:30pm.

Prizes:

1st Place: Pizza Party! Receive a $50 gift card to the pizza place of your club’s choice.

2nd Place: Casey’s Gift Card ($25 value) to cover snacks at your club meeting.

** Winners will be announced at the Awards Program on November 7th. **

Rules:

1. The 4-H Club is to get as many 4-H’ers involved as possible.

2. There must be at least 2 club members in each photo. (all members do not need to be together to complete the scavenger hunt. You may assign different locations to different groups)

3. All photos must be taken during National 4-H Week unless otherwise specified. 4-H Club Leaders must verify.

4. It is highly recommended that a 4-H leader, parent, or other adult accompany youth at all times.

5. Clubs shall collect all photos and turn them in to the extension office by Monday, October 12 at 4:30pm. They can be hard copy, emailed, or turned in on a flash drive.

6. Be Respectful! You represent 4-H.

The scavenger hunt list is on the reverse side.
The Scavenger Hunt:
1. Take a picture on the big rock at Wilder Park. (2 points)
2. Try to find trash at the Butler County Fairgrounds and pick it up! (3 points)
3. Visit the Heery Wood Nature Center. (Bonus point if you go during their open hours and take a photo inside.) (4 points)
4. Go on a bicycle ride on any part of the Rolling Prairie Bike Trail in Butler County. (4 points)
5. Find the old caboose at Depot Park in Parkersburg. (3 points)
6. Make a Teepee with fabric donated to us by Prairie Rose Fabrics. These can be donated to a library, daycare, children’s hospital, etc. (May be done/started prior to 4-H Week.) (3 bonus points if you have donated it and have proof.) (5 points)
7. Visit the Greene Public Library. (Bonus point if you go inside—be quiet and respectful, spend some time looking around to see what they have to offer.) (3 points)
8. Play on the playground at Aplington City Park. (2 points)
9. Make a donation to your local food pantry. (5 points)
10. Go to the Shell Rock Historical Museum. (Bonus point if you visit while it’s open.) (3 points)
11. Hang “Join 4-H” posters in local stores. (4 points)

Point System:
- photo of task/destination .................................................................variable (listed above)
- Each member involved ......................................................................2 points each
- 4-H Clover or Butler County 4-H t-shirt .........................................1 point each photo
- Club leader verification ......................................................................4 points
- Creativity (discretion of extension staff) .................................up to 10 points
- Bonus points .....................................................................................1 point unless stated otherwise

Iowa State University Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability
This is to certify that this market beef animal _________ (color) has been born and raised in Butler County. Below signed 4-H/FFA member has ownership of this animal.

December 19, 2015

Signed: ________________________________

Breeder/Producer

Beginning weight _________

Ear tag Number _________

4-H/FFA member

This form is due at weigh-in on Saturday, December 19, 2015. No late papers accepted!