FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH NEWS RELEASE

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FRANKLIN COUNTY TEAMS WIN STATE CONTEST

HAMPTON, Iowa - Franklin county teams were crowned the 4-H livestock quiz bowl champions in the 2020 virtual contest held Sept. 1-6.

Forty-three youth participated in the competition that consisted of 30 multiple choice questions covering beef, sheep, goats and swine. The mixed division champion was Franklin County and team members were Brianna Christensen, Macy Christensen, Rylee Keehn and Rachel Wilkerson. Second place team members were Isaac Vosburg, Teaghan Bird, Natalie Dohlman, and Madison Vietor. Third place team members were Eva Dohlman, Cooper Bird, Colin Bird, and Parker Haller. Nine teams from across the state competed in the mixed division.

The skillathon competition consisted of 50 questions that covered livestock equipment identification, breed identification, retail cut identification, quality assurance, meat evaluation, nutrition case study and breeding scenario. The mixed division champion was from Franklin County and team members included Isaac Vosburg, Teaghan Bird, Natalie Dohlman and Madison Vietor. Isaac Vosburg claimed first place individual and Natalie Dohlman placed fourth. Franklin County teams also claimed fourth and fifth placings out of eight teams competing.

Amy Powell, 4-H youth animal science program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, organized the contest. Powell said that the goals of these competitions are for youth to develop positive interests and attitudes about animal science and related careers; gain a base of knowledge of animal science projects; utilize skills and abilities to solve everyday situations; process information, analyze complex problems and make informed decisions regarding current agricultural, environmental, and livestock industry issues; and ultimately have an increased number of participants seek out higher education opportunities and careers related to animal science.

This event was sponsored by the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

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Celebrate Fall at Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm

Due to COVID-19, the annual Fall Festival at the Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm, Hampton has been canceled. Instead, the community is invited to come out on Sunday, October 4, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to purchase pumpkins, squash, gourds, broom corn, apples, etc., as well as their famous bean soup in containers. Families will still be able to walk out to the pumpkin patch to pick their own pumpkins. Harriman-Nielsen and Franklin County 4-H will be providing a free pumpkin and decorating kit to youth while supplies last. Visitors are asked to observe social distancing while on the grounds. There will be no other food or activities on the grounds.

Harriman-Nielsen Board of Directors are asking for volunteers to help with harvesting produce on Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m. Please bring gloves, hand tools, wagons or wheelbarrows.

For more information contact any of the following board members: Berry Johnson, Lowell Lange, Scott Hoegh, Steve Deike, Doreen Petersen, Mary Marquard, Jackie Dohlman, Ron Sailer, or Sally Van Wert.

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Learn About 4-H in Surprise Bags!

Franklin County 4-H will be handing out bags of information about how to join 4-H and Clover Kids, along with information about after-school STEM programs, at the Harriman-Nielsen Celebrate Fall event, Sunday, October 4, 1-5 p.m. Youth will also get three activities to do with their family members this fall. Youth that enroll in any of the programs will be able to redeem a coupon for a prize at the Franklin County Extension Office. Franklin County 4-H and Harriman-Nielsen Farm will be giving away small pumpkins with decorating sticker kits while supplies last. For more information about Franklin County Extension & Outreach youth programs, contact Jackie Dohlman, County Youth Coordinator at 641-456-4811, or jackied@iastate.edu

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