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GUTHRIE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

National Volunteer Week  April 6—13

Thank you to all our volunteers!

The 4-H program would not exist without you.

Northbranch Beavers attended an Iowa Wild Hockey game and got to enjoy Pizza Ranch for their March activity.

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April
6  Goat Workshop, 1 pm, Christensen’s Farm, Stuart
7  Youth Committee Meeting, 7 pm
26  Swine Weigh-In—Set up appointment with Mollie by April 18!
26  Sheep and Goat Weigh-In—8:30 am—9:30 am
26  Horse Safety Workshop, 5:30 pm, Horse Arena, Fairgrounds *rain location at Timber Creek—no horses needed

May
2  Pinterest Party, 5:30—8:00 pm, Extension Office
5  Youth Committee Meeting, 7 pm
6  & 7 Safety Day for Third Graders
8  Poultry Workshop, 6 pm, Community Building, Fairgrounds
8  Rabbit Workshop, 7 pm, Community Building, Fairgrounds
15  Livestock ID due for all animals in 4hOnline
17  Beef Workshop, 1—3 pm, Horse Arena, Fairgrounds

June
2  Youth Committee Meeting, 7 pm
8–12 SW Iowa 5th and 6th Grade Camp
24–26  State 4-H Conference—Ticket to Success
TBD Horticulture Workshop

July
1  State Fair Livestock Entries due in 4hOnline
1  Clothing Event, 1 pm, The New Homestead, Guthrie Center
1  Style Show and Share the Fun, 7 pm, The New Homestead, Guthrie Center
8  Are you ready for Judging Day?, 6 pm, Extension Office
14  Static (SAMS) Judging Day, 1—5 pm, Community Building, Fairgrounds
15  Communications Day, 1-3 pm, Fairgrounds

***Items in bold are new workshops or important dates to know***
MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
2014 Iowa Youth Conference

The date has been set for the 2014 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science Round-Up, CSI: Crops. From June 24-26, over 1,000 youth from across the state are expected to attend this annual event held at Iowa State University. This year’s theme is “Ticket to Success”. Conference participants will be involved in many activities including workshops, motivational speakers, community service projects, dances, and many other fun activities.

Animal Science Round-up participants will be involved in workshops with beef, dairy, sheep, horse and swine as well as many of the activities with Conference-CSI: Crops participants will use the latest electronic devices and tools to solve insect disease, weed, and plant growth problems as well as participate in many other conference activities.

Cost is $175 per person. Chaperone opportunities are available. Registration deadline is May 25. You’ll find registration information at the Iowa 4-H Conference website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateConference/

4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign

The State 4-H Council is once again sponsoring the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign. State Council is asking for a minimum of $2.50 per member again this year. Clubs can mail payment directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or drop it off at the Extension Office. Information can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org or at the Extension Office.

Why support this campaign? About one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience to 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.

Iowa State Fair 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 hand-on learning about veterinary medicine. Information will be available on the Iowa State Fair website at www.iowastatefair.org/just-for-kids/vet-camp/ 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.

Congratulations to Trey Derry on his Junior Achievement Award. Trey has been very active in many different project areas and events in Guthrie County. He has shown leadership skills and continued to show others the way of 4-H. Keep up the great job Trey!

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.
The Highland Hustlers at their Annual Valentine Supper fundraiser

April 6—Goat Workshop, 1:00 pm, Christensen Farm, 3280 340th St. Stuart. Are you new to the goat project? Even old pros will be sure to take away something with this packed workshop! Topics include grooming, showmanship, nutrition. Open to anyone in goats! Not specific to a certain breed or type. Door Prizes available!

April 26—Horse Safety Workshop, 5:30 pm, Horse Arena, Fairgrounds. *rain location is Timber Creek. No need to bring horses. Remember: you must attend 3 workshops to be eligible to show at fair and one of them must be on safety.

May 2—Pinterest Party, 5:30—8:00 pm, Extension Office. Come and join Emily and Mollie for a fun night at the Extension Office with a few Pinterest projects and pizza! RSVP by April 25.

May 8—Poultry/Rabbit Workshop, 6 pm—Poultry Workshop 7 pm Rabbit Workshop. Community Building, Fairgrounds. Come and learn about how to take care of your animal, breed standards, and even fair tips!

May 17—Beef Workshop, Horse Arena at Fairgrounds. 1:00 pm What do you feed your calf? What is the judge really looking for when they evaluate your calf? Get this information and much more! Please RSVP by May 9th.