Dear 4-H families and friends,

Did you know? 4-Hers are more likely to succeed in school, less likely to participate in high risk behaviors, and more likely to contribute to the community they live in. When asked what 4-H has taught them most graduates will immediately say responsibility, time management, leadership, public speaking, record keeping, and being good citizens of your community. What are you learning from 4-H?

This summer will be filled with hands-on, FUN, learning activities. The last two pages of this newsletter are filled with events and fun happenings. Head with us to sleep in the Omaha Zoo, get on the list to attend the LEGO robotics camp, and high school members can attend two events to get to know other 4-H teens across the state. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for our Summer Exploration Workshops & Tours line-up that will be announced right after the 1st of May. We will have woodworking workshops, a day as a Dr., museum tours, animal care workshops, and much more!! A special edition mailing will unveil add the opportunities you will have to build skills with 4-H this summer.

4-H is an organization that only thrives because of the work of all the volunteers who work to serve youth. Each year the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame is a wonderful way to recognize those volunteers. Do you have an outstanding volunteer in mind to nominate to represent Hancock County?

The fair will be here in 100 days!! Be sure to read about how to identify your animals as a livestock project (separate than entering them in the fair), when to attend an achievement show, and the dates of the fair. The fair will be graduating in May. She plans to be Taylor Kluver. Taylor is the daughter of Lynn and DeEtta Kluver, and a 2012 graduate of Garner-Hayfield High School. Taylor is currently finishing up her Associates of Arts Degree at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, and will be graduating in May. She plans to continue her education at Iowa State University in the fall, and in two years will be Taylor Kluver. Taylor was an active 4-Her for 9 years. Throughout her 9 years she was involved with cattle, swine, photography, SMA, and Home Economics. While in 4-H she participated in county council, held the role of Vice President for her 4-H club, and help with numerous service activities. In High School she was involved in basketball, National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, and was a Sunday School teacher. In her free time Taylor likes to help out on the family farm, attend cattle shows with her family, and spend time with her friends.

All the best,

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Meet Taylor Kluver

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Want to know more?

Find us at: extension.iastate.edu/4h
Learn What 4-H Judges Look For (Non-livestock)

A lot of 4-H is about creativity. When you walk through the exhibit building at the County Fair so many neat projects have gotten blue and even purple ribbons. How did those 4-Hers know what to take to fair and how to get a blue ribbon? They attended an Achievement Show.

The Achievement Show is designed for you to have a sneak peak at what the judge will be looking for and how to enter your exhibit. ALL 4-H members are welcome to attend an Achievement Show prior to fair. This rule helps 4-Hers to be prepared and successful when it is time for judging at county fair.

The Hancock County Achievement Show is June 26th and 28th at the Fairgrounds in Britt at 9:00 AM. To sign up contact DeEtta Kluer at ldkclia@wctatel.net or Michelle Eisenman at mkeiseman@wctatel.net.

At an Achievement Show you get to ask the judge questions about your exhibit. What class do you need to enter your exhibit in? What do you need to write on your goal sheet? How do you sign up for fair?

4-Hers who are older than 4th grade welcome to attend Achievement Shows to get an edge on exhibiting at the county fair as well. If you absolutely can’t attend an achievement show you can stop by the Extension Office and they can teach you about the exhibit process and what to expect during fair.

HANCOCK COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

Hancock County Hall of Fame Nominations

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002 as 4-H celebrated 100 years of a program dedicated to teaching youth life skills. During those 100 years, it became evident that one of the essential elements of the 4-H program was the caring adults who were committed to the program. Inductees into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame represent the many people in Iowa who have contributed countless hours to the 4-H program.

The Advisory Committee will vote on all nominations received for Hancock County. Qualifications for nomination include:

- Citizenship as exemplified by participation in civics, community, district or state public service activities, evidence of concern for 4-H and the welfare of others.
- Leadership as exemplified by contributions and accomplishments in civic, community, professional and business related activities.
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Hancock County 4-H is taking nominations until May 1st for our 2014 Hall of Fame recipient. Volunteers, community leaders, and Extension staff members who have exemplified outstanding service and dedication to the 4-H youth program can be nominated. Nominations of deceased are also accepted.

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IOWA 4-H HALL OF FAME

Hersel Fischbeck, Jr., Anna Lou Wille
Richard and Ladonna Schafer
Ida Mae Bock & Mitchel Bock
Mildred Ax

Past Hancock County Recipients:
2010 - Philip Sweers
2009 - Roger & Deb Schmidt
2008 - Ida Mae Bock & Mitchell Bock
2007 - Doug Adams
2006 - Robert Hiscocks, Jr., Anna Lou Wille
2003 - Elsie Mae Van Wert
2002 - Mildred Ax
2011 - Marilyn Leear
2012 - Richard and Ladonna Schafer
2013 - Stan and Michelle Greiman

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

4-H Raising Money for 4-Hers

4-Hers for 4-H Campaign

Members of the State 4-H Council are asking every 4-H club to consider a donation of $2.50 per member to the 4-Hers for 4-H campaign. All clubs that meet the $2.50 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate. The top contributing counties and regions will be formally recognized at the 2014 State 4-H Youth Conference in June.

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.

Clubs interested in participating should contact the Extension Office about your donation. The deadline is May 15. The State 4-H Council appreciates everyone’s commitment to help “make the best better” for all Iowa 4-Hers.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Identify All Animals for Fair Exhibit - IMPORTANT!!!

For 4-12th grade 4-Hers: All animals that might be shown at the County or State Fair must be identified prior to fair. The deadlines for each species are listed below:

- Market Beef – Identify and weigh-in by Feb. 1
- Swine – Market & Breeding Swine – Identify by May 15
- Market Sheep & Commercial Ewes & Meat Goats – State Fair animals must weigh-in and be retinal scanned. Wright County will do weigh-in & retinal scans on May 11th at the fairgrounds in Eagle Grove.
- County fair animals, call the Extension office to schedule weigh-in (before May 15)
- Purebred Breeding Sheep, Breeding Meat Goats, Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat, Dog, & Horse – Identify by May 15
- Poultry, Rabbits, Cats, & Pets - Identify by June 15

Option 1 for Identifying animals (required for State Fair Exhibition, preferred for County Fair and likely required for County Fair next year):
- Log in to 4-h online, ia.4honline.com
- Scroll down to your families “member list”

Option 2 for Identifying animals:
- Click “Edit” behind the your name
- Click on “Animals/Livestock” tab on the top left of your screen
- In the drop down box select the animal you would like to enter
- Follow the prompts for your species and click save at the bottom. (Note: Horses require you to upload pictures)

Be sure to complete either option 1 or option 2 by the deadline for your livestock species. Identifying animals makes them eligible to show at the fair. You will still need to complete your fair entry forms before July 1st.

Fair entry and livestock identification are two separate tasks!!
State Fair Exhibits.

Categories for the competition will be:

- Food & Nutrition category
- Special award recognition with the challenge for the 2014 Hancock Advisory

The fairbook will host all rules related to entry forms. The fairbook will be available after May 1st. You can pick up your copy of the fairbook from your club leader, the Extension Office, or download it from our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock or hancockcountyfair.com.

The fairbook will host all rules related showing at the Hancock County District Fair, eligibility classes available to enter, and entry fees related to the 4-H/FFA shows at the fair.

 PICNIC TABLES FOR FAIR

In past years 4-H clubs in Hancock county have given back to the fair by making barn quilts.

The fairboard has announced that they no longer have a need for barn quilts, but they do have a need for picnic tables. If you, your friends, or your club would like to donate your time to build a picnic table for the fair, wood and building plans will be provided. Contact the Extension Office at 641-923-2856 for more information.
Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you are currently 8th grade or older, 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! You will be having 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!

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. Please join 4-Hers from across the state in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

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The cost to attend is $175. Hancock County will pay $75 for the first five youth who apply. Additional financial aid may be available through the Iowa 4-H Foundation application that is due April 25th. Registrations are due online and found at the link above. Be sure to submit payment to the Extension Office prior to May 30th to avoid the late fee. Questions? Contact the Extension Office at 641-923-2856.

Registration cost is only $15 and is due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 30th. Recruit your friends and get signed up today. We will carpool to the event and return home on the same evening. It is approximately a 2 hour drive.

Have you always wanted to be on Survivor or The Amazing Race? Now you can, 4-H Style. The 2014 Clover Games will be Tuesday, June 3rd from 4:00-8:30pm at the Prairie Heritage Center, 4931 Yellow Ave, Peterson, IA (just SW of Spencer).