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Dear 4-H families and friends,

Research shows that 4-H teaches young people how to be effective leaders, successful learners, outstanding communicators, and productive citizens. These are ambiguous, big worded descriptions. Take some time to reflect on how 4-H has impacted your personal life. Did you learn a new skill in a project area? Maybe you had personal growth in those hard to define areas like setting goals, time management, or responsibility. Did you develop a new relationship with a close friend or mentor?

It is the time of the year where we wrap up our 2013-14 4-H year with record keeping & award applications and we start fresh with new goals, activities, and pursuits for the 2014-15 4-H year.

You've put a lot of work into your 4-H year. Be sure to get recognized for your efforts by completing your records for the bronze, silver, or gold recognition and applying for competitive awards. Save the date for one of two Come & Go record keeping workshops on September 21st or 22nd. Be sure to read the articles *Record Books & Recognition* and *4-H Record Workshop* to learn about what to turn in, where to get paperwork, and how to get help.

We'll celebrate and recognize those who completed 4-H records at our annual 4-H Awards and Recognition Ceremony from 4-5:30pm on Sunday, November 9th at the Garner Hayfield Ventura High School Auditorium. Don't forget that our winners from the *Exploration Tickets to Success* summer contest will be awarded with prizes. Following the ceremony will be a meal and theme basket silent auction. Read the article to find out more details.

With the start of our new 4-H year it is time to re-enroll via iowa.4honline.com. All 4-H members (including ASK 4-H clubs & LEGO clubs) who were members last year and are joining a 4-H club this year should complete the re-enrollment process. This ensures that we have the most current health information, contact information, project sign-up, and club membership for our youth. Families completely new to 4-H should fill out paper enrollment forms and turn them into the Extension Office.

What are you setting in your sights for 2015? Think about those 4-H goals and how you can get there. Looking forward to the journey,



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4-H CALENDAR

Mondays	Garner Afterschool Kids' Club	Cafeteria	3:25 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesdays	Britt Afterschool Kids' Club	Art Room	3:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Sept. 14	BullsEye Bunch Shooting Sports	Nelson Farm, Britt	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sept. 15	Clover Kids Registration Due	Extension Office	
Sept. 17	ASK Registration Due	Extension Office	
Sept. 20	Garner Lucky Clovers (Clover Kids)	Extension Office	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Sept. 21	County Council meeting	Extension Office	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Sept. 21	Record Keeping Come & Go workshop	Extension Office	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Sept. 22	Britt Creative Clovers (Clover Kids)	WH Elementary	3:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Sept. 22	Record Keeping Come & Go Workshop	Britt Public Library	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Sept. 23	Elcon Indians Club Meeting	Extension Office	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sept. 28	BullsEye Bunch Shooting Sports	Nelson Farm, Britt	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Oct. 3	Record Books & Award Applications Due	Extension Office	
Oct. 5-11	National 4-H Week	Everywhere	All Week Long
Oct. 12	How to Interview workshop	Extension Office	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Oct. 12	County Council meeting	Extension Office	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Oct. 12	Bulls Eye Bunch Shooting Sports	Nelson Farm, Britt	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Oct. 13	Britt Creative Clovers (Clover Kids)	WH Elementary	3:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Oct. 17	Leader award applications Due	Extension Office	
Oct. 18	Garner Lucky Clovers (Clover Kids)	Extension Office	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Oct. 19	County Council interviews	Extension Office	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Oct. 24	Cy Visits West Hancock	Hancock County	Football game
Oct. 26	Bulls Eye Bunch Shooting Sports	Nelson Farm, Britt	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Nov. 1	Computer Guts Workshop	Extension Office	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Nov. 9	Hancock County 4-H Awards Program	GHV Auditorium	4:00 pm
Nov. 10	Britt Creative Clovers (Clover Kids)	WH Elementary	3:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Nov. 15	Garner Lucky Clovers (Clover Kids)	Extension Office	9:00 am - 10:30 am
July 21-27, 2015	Hancock County District Fair		
August 13-23, 2015	Iowa State Fair		

4-H would not be possible and young people would not be successful with out you. The following adults led 4-H clubs in 2013-2014. Thank you!!!



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| Al Steffensmeier | Carrie Lau | Jan Bier | Lori Hansen |
| Amanda Williams | Dan Nelson | Jason Pavelka | Michelle Dornbier |
| Andrea Nedved | Dave Sloan | Jason Rossiter | Michelle Eisenman |
| Angie Greiman | Dawn Mills | Jerry Pringnitz | Mona Kraft - Harle |
| Betsy Hunt | DeEtta Kluver | Jon Gamerdinger | Nicole Furst |
| Brenda Anderson | Ellen Tusha | Julie Barickman | Paul Kumsher |
| Carla Wellik | Eric Williams | Karrie Pringnitz | Sonny Bruns |
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SCHOOL ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR

Welcome Nikki Renner



GO CYCLONES! Hi! My name is Nikki Renner and I am the new Youth Enrichment Coordinator for Hancock County Extension. I am so excited to be a part of this awesome team of talented people! I am truly amazed at the outreach the 4-H family has on our community and very proud to be involved.

I am married to Brent Renner and we live on his family farm

near Klemme. We have been married for 15 years and I learn something new about our farm every single day. We

have 3 active children who keep us busy! Caleb is 12, Braden is 10 and Madison is 7. We enjoy camping, gardening, playing kickball, cooking and spending time with our friends and family.

I look forward to becoming involved with the Lego League adventures and teaching a group of curious kids in the After School Kids Club. Please stop in and say hello!! I can't wait to meet everyone!

Nikki can be reached via email at nrenner@iastate.edu or phone at 641-923-2856.

APPLYING FOR AWARDS AND KEEPING 4-H RECORDS

Record Books & Recognition

All award applications and record books are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 3rd.

There are 3 main categories where 4-Hers can receive awards.

1. Bronze, Silver, or Gold project record completion

Project record completion awards are not competitive. If you meet the requirements found on the "Project Record Completion Application" you will receive a bronze, silver, or gold; depending on which level you applied for. You must also submit your records related to that project. These records can be submitted in many forms: in a book with all your 4-H projects, in a binder (or other method of filing) related to just that project area, or a video or other electronic document.

2. Competitive Life Skills awards

These awards can only be won once during each age division of 4-H (Jr. 4-6th grade, Int. 7-8 grade, Sr. 9-12 grade). They are judged exclusively on the award applications. You do not need to turn in a record book. Record books will not be referenced when judging applications. For Jr. and Int. members these would be the citizenship and leadership awards. For Sr. this would be the citizenship, leadership, ag & livestock achievement awards, merit, and Danforth "I Dare You.

3. Competitive Record keeping & accomplishments awards

These awards can only be won once during each age division of 4-H (or age category depending on the award). You must turn in an application as well as your entire collection of 4-H records. The award selection is competitive and will be judged based on your application, record book, and any other supporting material the specific award asks for. These awards are: Wendy Greiman Achievement award & Bock Memorial Scholarship.

There are also awards for leaders to fill out:

Nomination awards for 4-Hers, awards for the club to win, nominations of outstanding volunteers. Leader nominated awards are due October 17th.



All record keeping forms can be found on our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h_records_awards Many of the forms are writable word documents. You are encouraged to type in the form and then save and print it.

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.



APPLY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

7-12 Grade Leadership Opportunity

All 4-Hers in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to serve on a County Youth Council. As a council member you will get to help with county wide service projects, provide input of the direction of the 4-H program, speak on the radio, and much more.



Being on County Council is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the 4-H program. You can learn life skills. You will be looked up to by younger 4-H members. It is an excellent addition to your resume and college applications.

High school members must submit an application and complete an interview on October 19th. High school members have the option to compete for the executive committee within county council.

7-8th grader must submit an application. Both groups will meet approximately 8-10 times a year.



Additional information and applications can be found online at www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/news/county-4-h-council-applications

GET RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR EFFORTS

4-H Awards Program

Save the date: Sunday, November 9th, 2014.

The 4-H Awards Program will be from 4-5:30 pm at the GHV Auditorium with a meal to follow. The awards program will feature similar activities to last year with one new twist.

Theme basket silent auction & competition

Individuals, friends, clubs, families, or businesses are invited to create a theme basket. Items will be judged for fun awards and auctioned off through a silent auction. Proceeds will go to Hancock 4-H program to help offset the cost of workshops, events, and programs. Award categories will include: most girly basket, most manly basket, best 4-H themed basket, and most school spirit basket. Watch Facebook for ideas.

"Highlight YOUR 4-H" Share-The-Fun

3 minute max performances. Five will be selected. Send your application to the Extension Office by Nov. 1st. Use creativity in your application. Make a video, write-up your idea on a napkin, bring your group in and perform. We don't care, we just want to see your ideas.

November 9th, 2014
4:00 pm, GHV Auditorium

Most 4-Hers Contest

Clubs are in a competition! Which Hancock County 4-H club can have the highest percentage of club members present? Winning club will get a pizza party! A challenge: Wear a 4-H shirt.

4-H Meal

Immediately following the awards program we will have a 4-H family meal. All 4-H families are invited as well as extended family, businesses, city and county officials. Everyone but your dog (sorry).



MISSION STATEMENT

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



National 4-H Week: October 5-11th, 2014

More than 6 million young people from across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week October 5-11th. It is a time to promote 4-H, celebrate your accomplishments, get fired up for next year, and share the impact of 4-H. How can you celebrate?

4-H Food Drive Challenge

The county 4-H council is challenging ALL 4-H clubs (community clubs, LEGO teams, ASK club, and Shooting Sports to collect donations for the food pantry's in Britt and Garner. The Challenge will run from Monday, October 6 - Saturday, October 11th. All food must be turned in to the Extension Office by 10:00 am on Saturday, October 11th. Food will be weighed and the club that donates the most weight will win \$15 towards pizza of the club's choice. Suggested donations include: Canned goods, pasta, jello, cake mixes, microwave popcorn, toothpaste, & bar soap.

Green 4-H Day - Wednesday, Oct. 8th

Wear green and the 4-H clover on Wednesday, October 8th. All 4-Hers, parents, leaders, supporters, alumni, and friends of 4-H are encouraged to show off their 4-H spirit. Share pictures of your family and friends and their 4-H spirit on social media. Who can have the most 4-H spirit?



4-H Club Board Displays

Take your club board that we displayed at the Hancock County District Fair and show it off in a local business window of your choice (after you get permission and pick up your board from the

Extension Office). Take pictures and put them on the Facebook page: [ISU Extension - Hancock County, IA](http://ISUExtension-HancockCounty,IA)

#iam4H

Post a picture of yourself on social media holding the sign, #iam4H & include the hashtags #iam4H and #National4HWeek.



Locker Clovers will be distributed at the beginning of 4-H week. We are also looking for helpers to speak about their 4-H experience on the radio. What else can you do? Let's make 4-H in Hancock County stand out during the 2014 National 4-H Week, October 5-11th.

SIGNING BACK UP FOR 4-H

4-H Online: Re-enrollment process

Everyone who wishes to continue to in 4-H must re-enroll for the new 4-H year. Re-enrollments must be finished before January 1st, 2015 to avoid paying a \$20 late fee. Follow the instructions below:



- Go to <http://iowa.4honline.com>.
- Enter your family email that you use frequently. (if you don't know, the Extension Office can help.)

- Select "I forgot my password" (unless you remember)
- Copy your new temporary password that was emailed to your inbox.
- Click login and scroll down to the family members listed at the bottom of the screen
- Click edit on the right side of each family member you want to re-activate
- Scroll to the **bottom** of each family member's page and click "Enroll for 2014-2015"
- Follow instructions making sure you fill out as many fields as you can or that apply to you.

- The club you were in last year is already identified.
- Don't forget to select your projects.
- Click submit and the enrollment will be sent to the office for verification that everything is included.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

Project Area Updates

4-H RECORD WORKSHOP

4-H record keeping can be overwhelming and confusing and also very rewarding and fulfilling. A Come & Go workshop is exactly what you need to reduce stress and confusion. Come with your records or just your questions. Record keeping wins you awards and is a great way to keep track of impressive things you have done for future scholarships and resumes. Awards related to records can be received at the completion of grades 4-12.



Sunday, Sept. 21st,
3:30-5:30pm
at Garner Ed Center

Monday, Sept. 22nd,
5:30-7:30pm
at Britt Public Library

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY

Now is your chance to tear apart a computer and take a look at all the components that go into a computer and take about how to make them work. Save the date and sign up now:



Computer Guts 4-H workshop on Saturday, Nov 1 from 9-11am at the Garner Education Center.

All 4-Hers can come and tear apart old computers to learn how computers work. Taught by Heath Heimer of Heath's Computer Repair L.L.C. There is no cost to attend. Please pre-register by contacting Victoria at vschmidt@iastate.edu or 641-923-2856 no later than October 27th.

CLOVER KIDS

Youth in grades K-3rd have the opportunity to sign up for Clover Kids. Each session will offer a variety of crafts and games, and life lessons.



In Garner, Clover Kids meetings are typically on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9-10:30am.

In Britt, Clover Kids now meets on, typically, the 3rd Monday of the month. This is a change from previous years.

Exact dates, registration forms, and additional information can be found at extension.iastate.edu/hancock

Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Hancock County Extension Office by September 15, 2014 along with the Medical Release Form and fee. Scholarships are available upon request.

HORSE COMPETITION

Two teams for Hancock County will be participating in a 4-H Team Equestrian Competition on Saturday, September 27th in Estherville at 10am. Teams will compete in a variety of classes, accumulate points in each class, and the top 3 teams will be named. We wish the following 4-Hers the best of luck!



Leah Christ
Justin Ausborn
Alexis Wirtz
Bretta Carolus
Colton Bruce

Sarah Weaver
Jacob Hlavacek
Lauren Wirtz
Hannah Hejlik

Thank you to their coaches Crystal Drake and Laurie Hadacek!

ASK 4-H CLUBS

Garner - Hayfield and West Hancock will start up with their Afterschool Kids' 4-H club (ASK) meetings in September. What is ASK? It is a 4-H club that meets afterschool on Mondays in Garner and Tuesdays in Britt from 3:30-5:00pm for grades 3rd-4th. Members chose the topic they want to learn more about & then discuss what activities they want to do and who to invite to speak at their meetings. They also do a community service project and go on a field trip along with snacks and game at each meeting.

Last spring they learn about pets and plants by going to Ames to tour the horse barns at Iowa State University and Remain Gardens, by visiting the veterinary clinics in Britt and Garner, and by making their own chia pets. Registration for the ASK clubs is available now at extension.iastate.edu/hancock and is due no later than September 17th.



GUESS WHO'S COMING?

We are ISU. Extension and Outreach has faculty, researchers, and partners in all the colleges across Iowa State University. Even CY has an extension appointment. Come meet CY at the following events promoting all ISU Extension and Outreach program areas:



Friday, October 24
West Hancock
Football Game

Saturday, October 25
Garner Treats on the
Streets

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JACOB HLAVACEK WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Received for State Fair Exhibit

Jacob Hlavacek from the Britt Broncos and Bulls Eye Bunch 4-H clubs received some exciting news after the completion of exhibit judging at the Iowa State Fair.



His exhibit, "An Experiment with Fertilizer Gone Awry" was awarded a \$500 scholarship for winning the *Future Discovery Award* from Iowa State University's College of Liberal Art and Sciences.

Originally his project started off as an experiment for the science fair at school. He did a bit of tweaking, wrote out his goals, steps, and what he learned, and exhibited his poster at the Hancock County District Fair where he was selected to advance to the Iowa State Fair in the category of Ag & Natural Resources, class Crop Production.

Jacob says, "It felt great having my project recognized by Iowa State University with a scholarship. You never know where a good project idea will take you."

4-H exhibits can win more than just ribbons. Show off what you have created and the ideas you have. Who knows? You may receive a scholarship just like Jacob. Congratulations Jacob on a job well done!



TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Visit the Nation's Capital with Iowa 4-Hers

Citizenship Washington Focus 2015 is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 9-12 which provides a setting to experience both leadership and citizenship in an up-close, unique way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips reported CWF as the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

The 2015 trip will take place June 5-13. Members of 4-H and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Trip highlights: Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Mount Vernon, Iwo Jima Memorial, night view of Washington D.C., Arlington National Cemetery, FDR Memorial, Capitol Hill, Union Station, Air Force Memorial or Twilight Tattoo, National

Cathedral or Smithsonian Zoo, theater production, National Mall, Smithsonian Museums and Holocaust Museum.



The trip fee is \$1,550. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions and most meals. Registration and a \$490 deposit will be required to secure a spot. **Registration is now open and closes November 15, 2014.** Financial help may be available from Hancock County Extension. A written request can be submitted to the Extension Office.

To learn more about the trip and get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

HELP WITH ASK CLUB

Volunteers needed

Are you in middle school or high school? Do you LOVE to have FUN, play games and do AWESOME activities? If So, we NEED your help! I'm looking for someone who would help with the 4-H After School Kids club for 3rd and 4th grade. I pay with the satisfaction of knowing you are helping these kids have a great time, and maybe some chocolate every once in a while. If that sounds like something you are interested in please respond to me at nrenner@iastate.edu with any questions. Volunteer hours can go towards 4-H awards. Thank you!

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OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

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