The 2015 full color ISU calendars are now in! Earlier this year Marion County Extension and the Marion County Development Commission joined together to sponsor the second annual Marion County Photo contest. The contest was open to all amateur photographers. Each person could submit up to 10 photographs. They could be all in one category or split between several. Categories included scenic, wildlife, and people having fun. All photos had to be taken in Marion County.

Entries were judged by a panel on their creativity, photographic quality and their effectiveness in portraying Marion County. Winners were announced at the Marion County Fair in July.

Now photographs from the contest have been used to created a new 2015 Best of Show calendar. Photographs were selected based on contest results, resolution, and seasonal appropriateness. The 13-month calendar is available at the Marion County ISU Extension Office. Cost is $5. Chase Carter’s Best of Show winning photograph is the calendar’s cover; other photographers include Andrew Pealer, Shana Bruns, Jenny Petersen, Jeff Saltzman, Tatjana De Socio, Carole Rowland, Carol Mapes, Genni Heffron, Payton Smith.

Chase Carter’s “Jane Doe” won “Best of Show” in the annual Marion County Photo Contest and a place on the cover of the 2015 calendar. Great stocking stuffer.

The 2015 Photo Contest is now open to all amateur photographers. For more information about the contest or calendar, contact Karen Ackley at 641-842-2014 or kackley@iastate.edu.
Beekeeping Classes Begin in January

2015 Beekeeping Classes begin January 13, 201 on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. There will be seven classes at the Marion County Extension Center (210 N Iowa Street, Knoxville). No pre registration is required. For more information contact Craig Greene at 641-842-2112 or cgreene@iowatelecom.net. Young people are encouraged to attend. This project is supported in part by Marion County Extension, Mahaska County Extension, and Back to Basics Bee Club.

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right!

~ Oprah Winfrey

A Train Runs Through It!

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2015 Gardening Calendar is Here!

The 2015 full color ISU calendars are now in! Gardens bring tasty food, delightful color, refreshing fragrance, rustling leaves, and enervating prickles and tickles. Sometimes they even tickle the fancy.

This year’s calendar, Whimsy, captures the sense of playfulness found in many gardens. Take a whimsical journey through the seasons in photography, verse, and quippy garden quotes.

Makes a great gift and a handy garden journal too! Just $6.

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If you have questions, please contact the office at (641) 842-2014. Sincerely, Dale R. Miller, County Extension Program Director