



# Van Buren COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## October 2020

### A Note from Jennifer Plowman, County Youth Coordinator:

Happy Fall!

- As we are still beginning our new year, I encourage you to help promote 4-H! Invite your friends to a club meeting, talk about what 4-H has done for you. Youth voices help make this program great!
- Just a reminder, our office is still closed to the public until further notice. Nancy and I are in the office, so you can still call the office at 319-293-3039. You can also email us [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu) or [nancarr@iastate.edu](mailto:nancarr@iastate.edu), or can also message the 4-H Facebook page. We are offering curbside service at this time. If you need something specific call us before you arrive and we can have it ready for you. If you are dropping something off in the drop box or tote, be sure to notify that staff member.
- As we begin to have club meetings, and other activities, we are prioritizing the health and safety of Iowans and are following the most current federal, state, local, and university COVID-19 guidelines. Visit [Open for Iowa](#) to learn our protocols to keep Iowans healthy and safe. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth face covering when in the presence of others and unable to maintain a six-foot physical distance.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vp/open-iowa>



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## Van Buren County National 4-H Week Challenges

Join us in celebrating Nation 4-H Week! Here's how:

- 1) Complete each daily challenge below
- 2) Take a photo to document your completion of each challenge
- 3) Submit your photos to be entered in our prize drawing (one entry for each challenge completed). To submit, post your photos to social media and tag @Van Buren County 4-H OR email your photos to [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu) with subject 4-H Challenge!

Check our Facebook page on October 16 to see winners!

Monday, Oct. 5	Tuesday, Oct. 6	Wednes- day, Oct. 7	Thursday, Oct. 8	Friday, Oct. 9
<p>Show your support for 4-H by posting a sign on your window or door.</p> <p><b>Bonus points for getting a teacher or business to post one on their door.</b></p> <p>Sign at end of this newsletter, or Download your sign by visiting <a href="http://www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/4h">www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/4h</a></p>	<p>Make a "Join 4-H Poster" and hang it!</p> <p>Then, share the image with us.</p>	<p>Wear the  with pride!</p> <p>County Youth Council Walk 7:00 pm Keosauqua City Park</p>	<p>Post a photo on social media of your favorite 4-H memory.</p>  <p>Don't forget to tag @Van Buren County 4-H, or email it to <a href="mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu">jbathje@iastate.edu</a></p>	<p>Option 1: Send a thank you to a 4-H leader or volunteer who has helped you.</p> <p>Option 2: Send an Ecard or Card to a person in the nursing home. These make residents days!</p> 

Wednesday, October 7th: Lace up your walking shoes! Join the Van Buren County Youth Council for a walk! Part of the Healthiest State Initiative. Meet at the Keosauqua City Park at 7:00 pm, the walk will last a half hour and end at the park as well. The first 20 participants will all receive a pedometer!



# 4honline 2.0

Enrollment & Re-Enrollment opens on October 1st!

To access 4honline 2.0 please use this website  
[v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

Note: If you are re-enrolling use your email and password from previous years. If you don't know your password click forgot password. You will be emailed a temporary password.

I have created a 4honline 2.0 Help Center page on our website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/content/4honline-20-help-center>

## Awards Ceremony

The 2020 awards ceremony is scheduled for November 14th. We are prioritizing the health and safety of lowans and are following the most current federal, state, local, and university COVID-19 guidelines.

The ceremony will begin at 3:00 pm on the 14th. Each family will sign up for a time slot in advance. You are asked to arrive 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time. When you arrive, please enter through the west doors. Youth from the same family will walk onto the stage, and each member will be recognized for the award(s) they received. Once that is complete you will walk off the stage to a table with the awards arranged by time slot. Youth will pick up their envelope or box with the award (s) received and exit the building using the east door facing the highway. Directional signs will be posted as reminders. No food or beverages will be available. Donors will not be presenting awards, instead they will be recognized by using a power point with their company logo or name.

- **Please do not attend if you show any symptoms as described by the Center for Disease Control.**
- **We strongly encourage you to wear a cloth face covering when in the presence of others and unable to maintain a 6-foot physical distance.**

All 4-H members and Clover Kids are encouraged to sign up for a time slot as everyone will be recognized with a certificate.

We also know that comfort levels may vary on attending as well. If you are unable to participate or are not comfortable attending in person, you may email a photo to be put on a power point. Awards you receive will be read off and your photo will be displayed. Please submit all photos by November 4th to [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu) we ask that photos be free of any distractions as we are wanting to recognize the youth.

This ceremony will be recorded, edited and available by the end of day on November 18th. You will be able to view it on our YouTube channel: Van Buren County 4-H & it will be shared to our Facebook page: Van Buren County 4-H.

If you do not attend, please contact the office for arrangements to pick up your award(s), and record books. We would appreciate it if these items are picked up by December 1st.

## Save the Wave –sponsored by Johnson County Youth Council

“The Wave” has been a long standing Hawkeye tradition at Kinnick Stadium football games. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Iowa Hawkeye football will not have large crowds to bring this gesture of hope and support for all children in the University of Iowa hospital. Johnson County 4-H Youth Council wants to make sure these brave kids know they are thought of during this time!

Help us [#SaveTheWave](#) by posting a waving video of your own to the hashtag [#SaveTheWave](#) !

## New member/ New Family Night

All first year families are encouraged to attend. If you are making the transition from a Clover Kid to a 4-H member you are also encouraged to attend. Join us for an exciting evening. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, I am asking that you pre-register: 319-293-3039 or [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu). I also know comfort levels may vary, if you are interested in a virtual New family night please let me know.

Date: October 20th

Time: 7pm-8:30 pm

Location: Van Buren County Hospital Conference Room in the building above the day care.

Youth will also have the opportunity to sign their intent to participate. I will have a certificate with a special area set up.

## Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser

Van Buren County 4-H will be hosting a fundraiser the month of October!

Pay \$5 to order a friends house be flocked with our flamingos

\$10 for removal of the flamingos

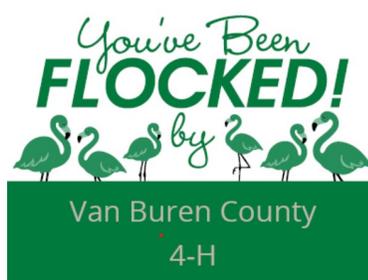
\$15 for removal of flamingos & to pick the next location

\$20 for an Anti Flamingo Insurance Policy ensures no flamingos roost on our lawn during the month of October for this fundraiser.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our expenses for 4-H ribbons & trophies for the 2021 Fair.

Forms can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/news/4-h-flamingo-flocking-fundraiser>

You may also contact me for forms: [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu) or 319-293-3039





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**Supports Van Buren County 4-H!**

## CONTACT US!

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### HOURS

Monday-Wednesday+ Friday,  
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Thursday (8:00 am to 2:00 pm)

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### WEBSITE

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