

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 1

No county pages or exchange ads in Spokesman.

Friday, July 3

Office closed for Independence Day holiday.

Monday, July 6

Noon deadline for ads to be in first Spokesman after break.

Monday, July 13

Annual meeting, Farm Bureau office.

July 21-26

Black Hawk County Fair.

Women's summer trip set

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Black Hawk County Farm Bureau Women's summer trip. The trip is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24. The day will include a tour of the Prisoner of War Museum in Eldo-

ra and the Matchstick Marvel in Gladbrook. Details are still being finalized. Watch the Spokesman for more information and keep the date in mind when making summer plans.

Annual meeting July 13

The 103rd annual meeting of Black Hawk County Farm Bureau will be July 13 at the Farm Bureau office. The meeting will be an open house that will run from 5-8 p.m. A free meal consisting of a pork sandwich and all the fixings will be served from 5-7 p.m. Shane Wulf, Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District Watershed coordinator, will be on hand to visit with

you on cover crops, soil nutrients and water quality. Farm Bureau programs and benefit information will be available. We are asking attendees to give a freewill cash donation to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Any money collected that evening will be matched by Farm Bureau. Please come join Farm Bureau for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Ticket to fun: Black Hawk County Fair July 21-25

This year's fair is your "Ticket to Fun!" The fair will run July 21-25 at the National Cattle Congress grounds. The fair is free, family friendly and fun. Plan to attend!

There will be no live chickens at this year's fair but come see the all-new Poultry Learning Center. The center will be in the poultry barn July 24 from 2-5 p.m. Family-friendly activities include: Chicken Breeds Matching; Create-A-Hen; Egg Catapult; Rooster Crowing; The Naked Egg Display; Egg Carton Labeling Explanations; and the one-of-a-kind Egg Protecting Challenge! Also see the avian influenza display and educate yourself as a consumer and a producer. The 2015 Fair Challenge Classes are open to everyone. You do not have to be a 4-H'er to participate. There are five categories to challenge you and you can have one entry per person per

category. The Food and Nutrition Challenge asks that you use frozen bread dough to make cinnamon rolls, monkey bread, etc. ... be creative! The Horticulture Challenge asks you to design a bucket of flowers and/or a herb garden for presentation or functionality. The Photography Challenge asks that you use the "Hands for Larger Service" part of the 4-H creed to capture helping hands. Hands must be in your photo, but the picture does not have to be just hands. Be creative in your composition. The Pallet Challenge asks you to re-purpose a pallet into whatever you like as long as it has a purpose. The Ball Jar Challenge is just that. Let your imagination go using Ball jars for decoration, purpose or both. Entries must be brought to Estes Hall (except for the bread dough items which need to go to the Pepsi Pavilion) on Tuesday, July 21, between 12:30-5 p.m. Judging will take place at 5:30 p.m. Entries must be removed Saturday, July 25, after the Fun Night, 8-8:30 p.m., or Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/blackhawk/news/blackhawk-county-fair-july-21-26-2015> for a complete schedule of the Black Hawk County Fair.

2015 resolutions presented

The resolutions have been written from your responses to the 2015 opinionnaire. Policy development chairman Ben Bader would like to thank everyone who took the time to let their voice be heard. He would also like to share the 2015 resolutions of Black Hawk County.

1. Black Hawk County Farm Bureau members believe school districts should have vocational agriculture, agricultural education and shop classes available to students.

2. Our members feel if farmers have made changes to tillage or drainage on their farms they should have a conservation compliance plan review with USDA staff.

3. We feel if prevented planting payments are accepted by a farmer his actual production history (APH) should not be negatively affected.

4. Black Hawk County Farm Bureau members strongly feel non-landowner hunters should be allowed to purchase a regular deer

license for both early muzzle loader and shotgun season.

5. We support the ability to obtain landowner hunting privileges to nonresidents who own Iowa land.

6. Farm Bureau members feel there should be only state annual permits for oversize loads of hay, straw or stover. Counties or cities should not be allowed additional local permits.

7. Our members feel the specific list of PPEL (physical plant and equipment levy) expenditures should not be expanded.

8. The flying of UAV's (unmanned aerial vehicles) below 400 feet without the consent of the property owner should be considered trespassing.

9. We believe the waiting period between elections after a failed bond referendum should be one year.

10. Black Hawk County Farm

Bureau members support limiting how satellite absentee voting stations are selected.

11. We strongly feel the Election Day activity restrictions must apply at satellite absentee voting stations.

12. Farm Bureau members believe school boards should be required to seek voter approval for building projects, regardless of the projects funding source.

13. We support the licensed professional dog breeders of Iowa.

14. Farm Bureau strongly feels eminent domain, granted by the Iowa Utilities Board or by any other appointed board in the state of Iowa, shall be granted only when 66 percent or super majority of affected parcels have signed voluntary easements.

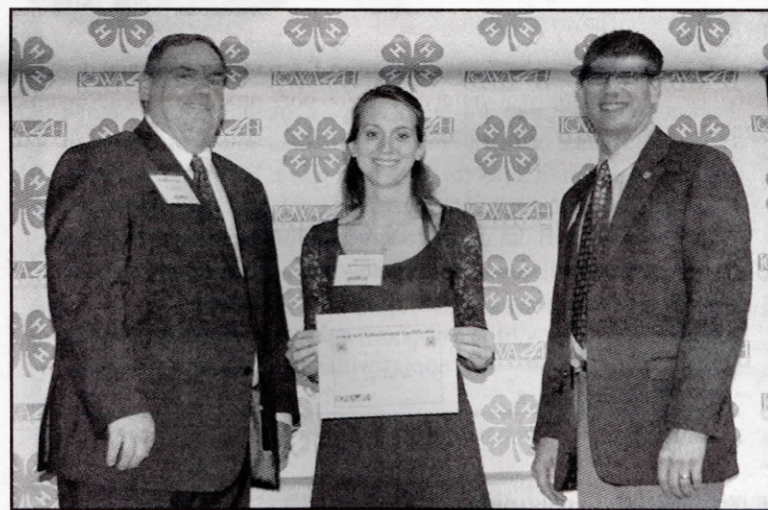
15. Our members believe the installation of a subsurface drainage outlet shall not be impeded due to a conservation measure on adjacent land.

Iowa 4-H Foundation awards Iowa 4-H college scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has announced the recipients of 72 Iowa 4-H college scholarships valued at over \$70,000. Recipients were on hand to accept their awards on Sunday, June 7, at the annual Scholarship Reception held on the campus of Iowa State University. Scholarship applications were evaluated based on the applicant's 4-H participation, academic accomplishments, financial need as well as other criteria established by the Iowa 4-H Foundation and the scholarship donors. A record number of 472 applications were submitted from 93 of Iowa's 99 counties. Scholarship recipients represented 35 counties from across the state of Iowa with a wide variety of 4-H experiences.

"We are always inspired by our scholarship recipients and the impact they have had on their communities," said Albert Grunenwald, Iowa 4-H Foundation executive director. "We are proud to work with many different donors to provide opportunities to invest in the futures of these students. We know that these 4-H'ers will continue to make a difference regardless of where they go to school or what they study."

Three brand new scholarships were awarded for 2015. These new scholarships are: the Den Adel Family Farm 4-H Scholarship, the Robert E. and Harriet J. Smith 4-H Scholarship and the Campbell-Dertman Family 4-H Scholarship.



Black Hawk County recipient Katelyn Samuelson (center) received the Lloyd, Inc. Scholarship. She is shown with Bob Butcher, Iowa 4-H Foundation Board president (left), and Albert Grunenwald, Iowa 4-H Foundation executive director (right).

In addition to the traditional scholarship program, the Iowa 4-H Foundation partners with Hills Bank and Trust Company to provide a unique opportunity; the Hills Bank Leadership Program Grant Awards. Each year, Hills Bank & Trust contributes \$20,000 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation to award a \$1,000 scholarship to 20 high school juniors. These students are selected to participate in the program, complete a year of leadership training and receive the scholarship upon their graduation.

Katelyn Samuelson of Black Hawk County was the winner of the \$1,000 Lloyd, Inc. 4-H Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bart and Amy

Samuelson. Attending Iowa State University, Katelyn has recently been accepted into the College of Veterinary Medicine. She recognizes 4-H for her preparation for her coursework and career choice. "The skills and life lessons I gained through 4-H are innumerable and have set me a step ahead of my peers both in and out of school." Katelyn has participated in numerous clubs and organizations at Iowa State University including Block and Bridle, Pre-Vet Club and Collegiate 4-H. She plans to stay involved with 4-H locally as a volunteer and helping youth with their projects.

Crop reports to be filed

Crop specialist Eddie Entz would like to remind his clients with MPCI crop insurance that the acreage reports are due.

Please remember to visit the local FSA office to certify your acres. Get a copy of your 578 certification report to Eddie and sign your

acreage report on the crop insurance. Please contact your crop specialist or local FSA office for any questions.

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