

PIECES OF HISTORY



Calhoun County Farm Bureau Director Andrew Lauver's father, Kevin, came across this great find recently when he was planting north of Lake City. V.W. Cook was a druggist in Lake City in the early 1900s. His pharmacy was located in downtown Lake City on Main Street, near the area where Redenius Chiropractic is located today.

FB TO HOST SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE FORUM MAY 29

The Calhoun County Farm Bureau will be hosting a forum to help the public get to know more about the candidates running for various Calhoun County supervisor positions. This event will be held from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, at the meeting room in the

Rockwell City Public Library. Supervisor candidates include Carl Legore (incumbent) and Cory Ridgely, and Scott Becker (incumbent) and David George.

To get the latest updates, be sure to like the Calhoun County Farm Bureau's page on Facebook.

Calendar

Phone numbers

Insurance: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For all insurance purposes please call: 712-297-7574 or 1-800-647-4849.

Federation (membership) office hours: Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, noon

Articles and exchange ads due.

Email ads to calhoun.county@ifbf.org; drop them off in the office; call them in to 515-368-1977; or fax them to 712-335-4314.

Friday, June 14

2024 Iowa Farm Bureau Economic Summit, Ankeny.

May

Beef Month, National Barbecue Month, National Egg Month, National Hamburger Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Walking Month, Women's Health Care Month.



Students in Mackenzie Vodraska's first-grade classroom at Manson Northwest Webster in Barnum have enjoyed watching chicks hatch in the incubator that the Calhoun County Farm Bureau supplied this spring. They also love caring for the chicks and learning all about chickens through Ag in the Classroom lessons.

MNW TEACHER VALUES AG IN THE CLASSROOM

If you see a lot of smiles among the younger students at the Manson Northwest Webster (MNW) elementary school in Barnum lately, it's because the kids love helping care for the chicks that hatched this spring.

The Calhoun County Farm Bureau recently invested in incubators to help area students learn about poultry and egg production. Kalene Berte, the Ag in the Classroom coordinator for the Calhoun County Farm Bureau, helped approximately 60 MNW first-grade students learn about the embryology of chickens this spring. The students also discovered lots of other interesting facts about how chickens are raised, what they are used for, the nutritional value of their eggs and much more.

We recently caught up with Mackenzie Vodraska, a first-grade teacher at MNW, to get her perspective on Ag in the Classroom.

What do your first-grade stu-

dents enjoy about Ag in the Classroom in general?

They enjoy the hands-on activities and real-life experiences. Some of our students never get the opportunity to learn about ag outside of the classroom, while others are farm kiddos who can connect their prior knowledge about ag.

What have the students enjoyed about the egg/incubator lesson?

They enjoyed every single aspect of it, from tracking daily progress to seeing the eggs hatch and caring for the chicks.

What do you appreciate about learning enrichment programs like Ag in the Classroom?

As a teacher, I'm amazed by how much knowledge and fun Kalene brings to the classroom. When she taught the lesson about ag history, the kids were able to grind corn using a hundred-year-old machine. With the egg lesson, the kids had the opportunity to candle chicken

eggs, and taste hard-boiled eggs. Through these activities and experiences, the students continue to make real-life connections about food and farming.

How important is it to help kids make the farm-to-fork connection?

Some of our students do have some type of farm-related background, but since we have open enrollment, we have a lot of town kids who've never given a thought about where their food comes from. I grew up in town, and as an adult, I'm fascinated by these ag lessons and have learned so much through Ag in the Classroom. It's not only important for people to understand the farm-to-fork connection, but it's intriguing and fun, too.

Anything else you'd like to add?

I'd like to give a huge thank you to Farm Bureau for coming to our classroom and providing this huge service for our students.

BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING OFFERED IN NW IOWA

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host nine Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification trainings in northwest Iowa in June. These trainings will focus on best management practices that are sustainable and that enhance the quality of beef for consumers.

"Three years ago, 324 producers and ag-business professionals attended an in-person BQA training," said Beth Doran, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "This year, those certificates expire. In order to market to most major packers and most local livestock auctions, producers must recertify."

To certify or re-certify, you can attend one of the following in-person trainings. All sessions are free

of charge, but preregistration is required several days in advance of the training to be attended.

\* June 3, 1-3 p.m. – ISU Extension and Outreach Buena Vista County Office, 701 Seneca St., Ste 1, Storm Lake. RSVP to 712-732-5056.

\* June 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Lytton Fire Station, 500 Railway St., Lytton. RSVP to 712-297-8611.

\* June 5, 10 a.m.-Noon – Class-

room (Entrance #2), Iowa Lakes Community College, 3200 College Dr., Emmetsburg. RSVP to 712-852-2865.

Producers who are unable to attend an in-person training may complete training online at <https://www.bqa.org/>.

For more information, contact Doran at 712-737-4230, or email [doranb@iastate.edu](mailto:doranb@iastate.edu).



PUBLIC NOTICE BY IOWA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL PORK BOARD

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2025 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will be conducted electronically from June 4, 10:00 am through June 11, 2024 at 12:00 pm Noon by going to the following link <https://www.iowapork.org/porkactdelegateelection/>. After submitting the electronic ballot, a "Thank You for Voting" message will be displayed to confirm the electronic vote was successful.

All Iowa pork producers are invited to participate.

In-person voting (written ballot) will not be conducted.

Any producer age 18 or older who is a resident of Iowa and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted.

For more information, contact Iowa Pork Producers Association, 1636 NW 114<sup>th</sup> Street, Clive, IA 50325 515-225-7675.