



Iowa State University Extension—Harrison County

# 4-H Clover Chatter

## Attention: ALL 4-H'ers with livestock

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**FSQA** will be required for all livestock exhibitors (beef, sheep, swine, goats, chickens and rabbits).

Even if you “tested” out previously, you **MUST** attend for the first 15 minutes.

We will be discussing the MCOOL (Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling) and Premise ID.

We will walk through a simple process to help you purchase and market your animal according to new USDA MCOOL regulations.

Come to the FSQA meeting to learn and ask questions about MCOOL. If you have

tested out of FSQA in previous years, you will be free to leave this year’s training after the first 15 minutes on MCOOL.

This is not just a requirement for 4-H'ers showing at the Harrison County Fair. This is for

all livestock raisers in the United States as mandated by the USDA. Be watching for more information.

*P.S. Bring your parents along so they can find about MCOOL and Premise ID, too.*

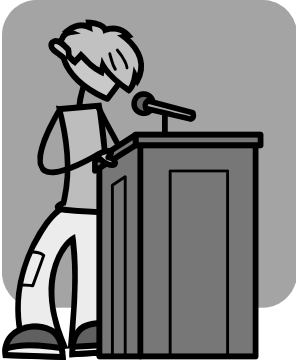


## Annual 4-H Meeting Set for Nov. 16

Mark your calendars now for the Annual 4-H **Meeting and Pot Luck** to be held November 16 at the Lo-Ma H.S.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.



### 4-H Club Officers Training Dec. 6

4-H Club Officers Training will be held Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Extension Office.

## Beef Weigh-In / Verification

Beef weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, December 20 at the Dunlap Livestock Auction from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Be watching for details.

This year we will be using retinal imaging as well as nose printing and DNA sampling. This verification process will take place at the weigh-in.

More details will be in the December Clover Chatter or you can check the Harrison County Extension website [www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/)

## Congrats to Ak-sar-ben participants

### Goat Division

Eileen Hansen, Missouri Valley, showed three animals. She received a blue, purple, and red in the live show and two purples and a blue in the carcass contest.

### Swine Division

Blaire Shelton, Mo-

dale, showed one head and received a blue ribbon in the live show and a blue ribbon in the carcass contest.

### Horse Division

Karen Jensen, Onawa, received a red in the junior pole contest, and a purple in the Junior Barrel.

### Breeding Beef

In the breeding beef show, Wyatt Malone, Dunlap, received a purple ribbon for his heifer, and Montana Winther, Woodbine, earned Reserve Champion Simmental and a purple ribbon.

## Clay County Fair Results

Karen Jensen of the Loess Hills Lancers entered the 2008 Clay County Fair District Horse Show.

Karen received two purple ribbons in Senior Barrels and was named the Champion with a time of 17.401

Karen also received a purple in the Senior Poles division and blue in the Senior Keyhole Race.

## Clover Chatter

Dear 4-H Family,

*Our new 4-H year has begun. I hope you continue to invite your friends to join our 4-H family. We have many opportunities to offer members.*

*November is the time to be thankful for all you have—family, friends, home, food. It's also a good time to think about the less fortunate and share with them. Being a 4-H'er, you have learned to help others year round. Keep up the good work!*

*I will see all of you at Annual Meeting on November 16. This is a time to celebrate what 4-H'ers do as individuals and as a club.*

*In 4-H Spirit,*

*Dee Colwell,*

*County Youth Coordinator*



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## November's Clover Award

This month's Clover Award goes to the outgoing County 4-H Council members.

The Council worked well together carrying out many activities and had many good times.

It was a pleasure for me to work with this talented group of indi-

viduals.

I hope each of them has many memories about their council experiences and that they keep working to promote 4-H.

Thank you to the 2007-2008 County 4-H Council for an active, fun-filled year! Outgo-

ing members include:

Dana Anderson, Robert Brock, Tracy Dubas, Janna Lunde, Kate Oliver, Austin Schaben, Daniel Swertzic, Matt Thompson, and Hannah Utman.



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**Don't forget your free copy of the 2008 4-H Calendar at the Extension office.**

**If your leader did not pick up your club's copies, feel free to stop by the office and get your family's copy.**

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**If your club needs a session on record keeping, Dee will be glad to come to your meeting. Just call her and schedule it.**



*“ Good citizenship is showing concern for yourself and others around you.”*

## Pioneer Grants Offered to Clubs For Community Improvements

Pioneer Hi Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects.

They will offer grant money which the club can use as seed money on a community project. Clubs will need to find additional money to complete their projects.

Amounts vary from \$25 to \$250. Past projects have included:

- Restoring a cemetery or historic monument
- Improving ball parks
- Replacing dead trees
- Interviewing senior citizens for a history book or video
- Building or replacing park benches / tables
- Repairing, painting or making curtains for a

community center  
• Making baby blankets for children’s hospitals or shelters

Applications and details are available at the Extension office or on-line at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html) .

Deadline is Dec. 1 at the Extension office.

## FSA Youth Loans Available

The USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to individual rural youths to establish and operate income-producing pro-

jects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations.

For more info, contact your local Farm Service Agency at 712/755-5166.



## Christina Hixson Opportunity Award

A reminder to high school seniors that information and applica-

tion form for the Christina Hixson Opportunity Award to Iowa State

University is online at [www.iastate.edu/hixson](http://www.iastate.edu/hixson)

## Make Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation

**S**chool did just start but Christmas Trees are already up in Wal-Mart, so it's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Holiday Cards!

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is asking for your help again this year. 4-H'ers are asked to craft their own special Christmas and Holiday Greeting Cards so we can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters.

Most of our 4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas Cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and backgrounds too.

We'd love to have your 4-

H'ers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county too.

To help us keep postage down this year (so we can share more season's greetings) **please make smaller cards, around the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page** (think of a piece of con-

struction paper folded in half, and then in half again).

Please mail or deliver your Holiday Cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011-3630. Cards received by November 25th will be used this year.



**Thank-you for your support of 4-H in Harrison County**

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*Remember that 4-H now has a state program development fee of \$20 for each 4-H'er. Harrison County Extension will pay \$10 of that fee (from apple pie/muffin auction monies) leaving \$10 due from each 4-H'er. There are some scholarships available. Call the office for more information. Clover Kids, Discovering 4-H'ers, and children of those in the military, do not pay the \$20 fee.*

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## 4-H Family Newsletter

### Calendar of Events and Opportunities

<b>November 2</b>	Day Light Savings Time Ends
<b>November 16</b>	Annual 4-H Meeting and Potluck - Lo-Ma Jr./Sr. High School, Potluck @ 5:30 , Meeting @ 6:15 p.m.
<b>November 27-28</b>	Extension Office Closed for Holiday
<b>December 1</b>	Pioneer Grant Applications Due
<b>December 6</b>	4-H Club Officers Training, 10 a.m. to Noon at the Extension Office
<b>December 14</b>	Junior Council 4 p.m./ County Council 5 p.m.
<b>December 20</b>	Market Beef Weigh-In, Retinal Imaging Verification at Dunlap Livestock Auction
<b>December 25-26, Jan. 1</b>	Extension Office Closed for Holiday
<b>February 6-7, 2009</b>	State 4-H Leader's Retreat
<b>June 30-July 2, 2009</b>	State 4-H Conference
<b>July 21-26, 2009</b>	Harrison County Fair