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Mills County 4H

November 2009

Dear 4H Family,

November is such a great 4H month. We begin with our Awards Program on the 1st. We also have Thanksgiving near the end of the month- remember your blessings and give thanks! You can begin with your club leaders! They do more than you realize. Awards day is such a great and positive day of celebrating all of your hard work and effort throughout your year of 4H. It's also the day we say good-bye to those Seniors who have gone on to college, as we celebrate their last year with us. Our clubs do get to welcome new members as we begin the 2009-2010 year.

You have many decisions to make for the next year. As you make decisions on which projects you want to focus on, prepare for any office you may be filling for your club, and any other special opportunity you have chosen to do. As a senior, you have the opportunity for many leadership opportunities- County Council, County Youth Committee, Area Council, Teen Club and more. As an intermediate you have Intermediate Leadership Team for 7th-9th graders. In you clubs, you have the opportunity to mentor others in the club. 4H is full of endless opportunities to always do more and be more than you ever imagined! Take the leap and step up to a new level in 4H this year, you won't regret it!

You can find so much online for 4H. It's time to start choosing projects and if you lost or misplaced your Pick-A-Project you can go on the website and I have it on there.



Check the website for changes each week.
Www.extension.iastate.edu/mills

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Special points of interest:

- Has your club chosen a T-shirt design?
- Do you have your club's year scheduled?
- Do you know your club officers?
- Does your club have a mentor program?
- Have you chosen your projects?
- Are your forms in?

Enrollment— Re-enrollment— Fees

Enrollment fees are unfortunately higher than before, but still very reasonable! Mills County Extension Council care and they are paying \$5 toward your fees. Enrollment this year is then \$27/member (includes a \$2 literature fee)

A few exceptions are:

Mills County will accept 1/2 the fee now, and 1/2 later to lessen the burden of all at once. We understand, especially with multiple children.

Financial Assistance is available through 4H Endowment.

Contact your club leader for information and the forms that need completed.

Operation Military Kids is a program for children of active, enlisted military. They will pay the enrollment fees. Sorry, but children of retired are not included in this. Call with questions. 624-8616.

Communication is What really Counts... then and now!

The wonderful resources for communication available today are at your fingertips. In 4H, we are all discovering greater leadership skills and one of those is communication.

Challenge one another to develop better communication skills within your club. Go a step further and challenge your committee/ council members.

60 years ago, when 4H began, do you think people even had their own phone line? Do you think they made better use of their communications with one an-

other then or now? This month, my challenge to your club is to be sure all members have been in touch with someone in the club. This is not only a communication project, but also a mentor project. I also think through great communication, we can bring others into 4H as well! To see which club is the best at communication, I want the Vice-



Call me
IM me
email me

text me
Facebook me
write me

President of each club to gather the emails, cell numbers and home numbers of each member in their club. Then, email me with those results. The club with the fastest response and largest percentage of their club will win a club prize from me.

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(Remember- my monthly challenge is more for fun than great prizes!)

Club of the Month Goes To. . .

What can we do to promote 4H in our community? We can make sure people have to opportunity to know how great we think 4H is! The ability to reach as many people with our story as possible is the goal. Through the local newspapers, we have the ability to do just that. What's stopping your club?

Afraid to grow? Don't want new members to join? Would you

rather keep it just as it is? Do you want to keep 4H a secret?

Well, if you think 4H is worth sharing, be sure that your club gets an article to the extension office so we can get it in print.

Mills County 4H Clubs in the news...

It's easier than you think. Remember the basics to anything— Who, what, where, when, why and how—also a photo of your club. You can do it! I will look forward to getting your article soon!

Who do you think really cares?

Mills County Youth Committee is in need of a few more members. Do you know someone who really seems to care and would be great on this committee? Let us know their name and we will send them some information on what Youth Committee does. This is such an amazing group of volunteers.

Did you know that Youth Committee spent 12 hours in meetings working on your record books?

Did you know Youth Committee spent numerous hours at home reading every page of your record books and judging them?

Did you know Youth Committee cares about each and every one of you?

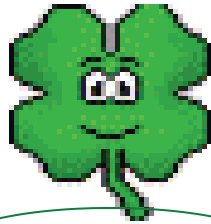
Did you know how important Youth Committee is?

Did you have a suggestion for a new member of Youth Committee?

Officers of Today... Leaders of Tomorrow...

We had such a great group come to Officers Training on the 25th. It was a great opportunity for the clubs to come together in a small way. I truly do

appreciate the different ages of



4H makes me smile!

officers as well. I saw the great opportunity the clubs gave their members to stretch and grow. To those of you who were unable to attend, please be sure to get your office packet so you too can

know what's going on with your position! You have an important job to do.

A reminder to all reporters- I need your reports ASAP- old news isn't good news.

Email it to me:

sbowden@iastate.edu

Mills County 4H Annual Awards, November 1st 2009

Awards are about the 4-Hers for sure but the program also honors others who make it happen. Honored Alumni this year were Chad McColleston and Woody Wright. Both do a lot for our current 4-Hers and it's probably due to their own 4H experiences as youth. Our emcee for the awards program, Julie Neuhalfen was honored for her 4 years of service as a youth committee member.

Outstanding 4H leaders were Shirley Miller- County Horse Project leader and Brad Lewis of Henderson Hornets/ Ambitious Andies Club. Stacy Burgoin was recognized for retiring Organizational leader. Honorary members were Alfred and Brenda Beier of Beier's Custom Homes and John and Valerie Ware of Accutran, Inc.

Congrats to 2009 BANNER CLUBS

Busy Bees/Future Feeders * Country Cousins * Henderson Hornets/ Ambitious Andies * Jolly Juniors * Loyal Lassies/ Ingraham Straight Shooters * Silver Clouds * Silver Creek Go-Getters * Wabash Wranglers

4H recognizes their Alumni, their volunteers, and their club leaders for their years of service

Outstanding 4H-ers were Devonne Blankenship and Katie Staiert- great job ladies!

THANK YOU TO GREAT 4H LEADERS FOR YOUR SERVICE

Speaking of service, there were many of our fantastic leaders awarded as well. From 5 years to 30, they all have had a great influence in our county! Thanks to Russ Blankenship, Nancy Blum, John &

Karen Deitchler, Tracey Frazee, Jeff and Carol Lewis, Brad & Kattie Lewis and Jackie Pavlik for 5 years. Lorri Greiner, Debbie Juarez, Renee Lynn, and Lisa Tallman were honored for 10 years of service. 20 years of recognition went to Pat Tackett. Pam Obrecht had 25 years recognized and Kathy Pearce had 30 years of amazing service. How fortunate our county truly is!

Congrats to the following Award Winners- Seniors

Automotive - Andrew Schoening; Breeding Beef - Amanda Greiner; Bucket Calf - Royce Stortenbecker; Market Beef - Joe Blankenship and Aly Goos; Cat - Makayla McGrew; Child Development - Jesse Buley; Citizenship - Devonne Blankenship and Katie Staiert; Clothing - Sarah Jacobsen and Megan Graalfs; Communications - Emily Austin; Consumer Education - Stephanie McGrew; Dog - Kristen

Poort; Food & Nutrition - Danielle Keltner and Jayme Lynn; Health - Royce Stortenbecker; Home Improvement - Lexie Sieck and Stephanie McGrew; Horse - Amber McClary; Horticulture - Emily Stogdill; Leadership - Emily Stogdill and Devonne Blankenship; Personal Development - Michelle Rew; Photography - Jayme Lynn and

Andrew Tallman; Poultry - Trevor Pavlik; Rabbit - Emily Mintle; Self-Determined - Kyle Gray; Sheep - Charlie Ruff; Shooting Sports - Jacob Huston; Swine - Curt Beem and Jayme Lynn; Visual Arts - Hannah McVay and Sophie Ringsdorf; Welding - Parker Lewis; Woodworking - Joe Blankenship and Kayla Greiner.

Many of our wonderful 4Hers graduated this year and we will miss them

Intermediates Given the Honor of Special Awards

Aero Space/Rocketry - Corey Bertini; Beef - Nick Frazee; Cat - Cassidy Monday; Child Development - Molly Bolton; Citizenship - Molly Bolton; Clothing - Megan McKern; Communications - Dillon Wallace; Dog - Cassidy Monday; Entomology - Cory Gray; Food & Nutrition - Colden Hillyer and Joe Gunkelman; Forestry - Lane

Stortenbecker; Goats - Meghan Gray; Home Improvement - Iris Woolery and Sarah Hubner; Horse - Ashley McClary; Llama - Cassidy Monday; Photography - Iris Woolery and Kristen Nakomoto; Poultry - Brendan Juarez and Jessika Lynn; Rabbit - Colden Hillyer; Self Determined - Chloe Keltner; Sheep - Nick Frazee and Shelby

Letuli; Swine - Lane Stortenbecker; Vet Science - Meghan Gray; Visual Arts - Montana Crow; Welding - Lane Stortenbecker; Woodworking - Corey Bertini and Kolton Wederquist.



Did you know that 4th Graders can join your club? Enrich their life with an invite to 4H

Young but Able- Juniors Awards

Aero Space - Jessica Arnold; Breeding Beef - Cheyenne Schaffer; Market Beef - Molly Dean; Cat - Katie Wietzki; Child Development - Taylor Pearce; Citizenship - Taylor Pearce; Clothing - Larissa Tibbles and Monica Nikseresht; Clothing Selection - Aaron Bertini; Communication - Isabelle Perkins; Crop Production - Ryan Dyson; Dog

- Natalie Shearer; Food & Nutrition - Ashleigh Bainter, Noah Hillyer, Sarah Schoening and Luke Stortenbecker; Home Improvement - Isabelle Perkins; Horse - Kaitlin Pestal and Andrea McClary; Horseless Horse - Chrissy Vinton; Horticulture - Noah Hillyer; Leadership - Jacob Miller; Photography - Emma Goos, Jessica Arnold,

Hannah Sorensen and Drew Wallace; Poultry - Asheigh Bainter and Chrissy Vinton; Rabbit - Jackson Hein; Self Determined - Ana Frazee; Shooting Sports - Donavon O'Dell; Swine - Grant Lewis and Luke Stortenbecker; Vet Science - Melanie Gillet; Visual Arts - Ana Frazee; Welding - Hunter Jones; Woodworking - Aaron Bertini and Kameron Wederquist.

Schedule of Events

- 11/17- Leader's meeting 7-9 at Malvern Community Bldg
- 12/1- Club Programs due to Ext Ofc
- 12/1- Mentor/Buddy list to Ext Ofc- we will be having an event in January
- Beef Weigh-Ins December TBA
- 12/13- Teen Club Caroling & Mystery Dinner
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November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 3:30 Int Leadership 5 County Council	16	17 Leader's Mtg	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					

Who is your club's Mentoring Leader? Be first to email sbowden@iastate.edu ASAP

Awards Made Possible by

Awards don't just happen. Your award was made possible by a whole chain of events.

The first was your ability to join 4H- thank your parents by doing something special for them.

Then, you worked really hard and were successful- thanks will now go to many people- who helped you along the way? Leaders? Teachers? Club members? Grandpa? Now you really have some thanks to get to work on. Make a list and you will realize how very lucky and special you really are.

Now the really tough part- without your Extension Council, there would be no 4H- as a club you could thank them. You have just begun- how many volunteers have judged, helped, or worked so that you could succeed? Who pays for the wonderful ribbons, trophies, medals, etc? Wow- it's a wonder how many people have helped you succeed isn't it! If you received an award, be sure to say thanks to the donor- they care!

Scholarships Online-

Information for scholarships can be found on our website under 4H- updated as information is released.

Information and dates are coming soon- be prepared for the following:

COOL * FSQA- TESTING IN
DECEMBER AND JANUARY *
FSQA- CLASS IN JANUARY *
BEEF WEIGH-INS *

Animal projects require special forms, training, education and procedures.

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More Great 4H News

Members of the 2009-2010 County 4-H Council are Gillian Anderson, Joe Blankenship, Jake Bolton, Ali Bowden, Jesse Buley, Laura Chekal, Cassie Ford, Aly Goos, Megan Graalfs, Amanda Greiner, Emily Greiner, Kayla Greiner, Mary Harbor, Danielle Keltner, Kelsey Kruse, Taylor Lauridson, Jayme Lynn, Makayla McGrew, Stephanie McGrew, Michelle Rew, Emily Robinson, Andrew Tallman and Stephanie Bowden and Ingrid Perkins, Sr. Leaders.

Outstanding Treasurers were Carissa Wallace of Jolly Juniors and Katie McDonald of Busy Bees/ Future Feeders. Outstanding Secretaries: Emily Austin- Henderson

Hornets/ Ambitious Andies and Amanda Greiner- Loyal Lassies/ Inghram Straight Shooters. Outstanding Historian were Aaron Bertini- Country Cousins and Isabelle Perkins- Henderson Hornets/ Ambitious Andies. Outstanding reporters were Eliot Lincoln of Country Cousins, Carrie Anderson of Mills County Prize Winners, Kristen Poort of Silver Clouds and Jayme Lynn of Silver Creek Go Getters. Danforth 4 Square- Aly Goos and Joe Blankenship. Outstanding Intermediate- Meghan Gray. Jack Bowen Leadership- CJ Goos. Buddy Memorial Dog- Cassidy Monday. Grant Dunston Heart of 4H- Andrea McClary.

Outstanding Achievement-Devonne Blankenship

Outstanding Citizenship- Laura Chekal

LaVerne Obrecht Leadership- Ryan Stivers

Korliss Angus- Cassie Ford

Rod Goy Livestock- Kayla Greiner

Irma Cheney Home Ec- Gillian Anderson

Marilyn Skerritt Creativity-Jayme Lynn

Elwood Plumer Friendship- Kristen Poort

Blum Bros Science & Engineering- Emily Robinson

Hilton Master Sheep-Andrew Tallman

Walter Godfrey Master Beef- Amanda Greiner