

4-H FAMILY FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Oct. – Nov. 2008

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Dates to Remember

Record Book Award Forms due to Extension Office	Oct. 1
Special Award applications and Community Service applications due	Oct. 1
County Council applications due to Extension Office	Oct. 1
North American Livestock Expo entries due	Oct. 1
4-H & Youth Comm. Mtg. - 6:00 p.m. - Ext. Office	Oct. 9
National 4-H Week	Oct. 5-11
"4-H Pride Day" wear your 4-H t-shirt	Oct. 7
County Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Ext. Office	Oct. 20
Awards Fun Night - 5:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds	Oct. 25
4-H enrollments and re-enrollments due to Extension Office	Oct. 31
American Royal - Kansas City	Oct. 28- Nov 2
North Central Regional Volunteer Forum	Nov. 6-8
Holiday - Extension Office closed	Nov. 27-28
Pioneer Grant application due to Extension Office	Dec. 1

National 4-H Week October 5-11, 2008

Celebrate National 4-H Week by:

- Telling somebody about 4-H, even an adult
- Invite a friend to join 4-H...if every 4-H'er had a friend join, we would have over 1000 4-H'ers! What a great goal for Washington County!
- Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school-Tues. Oct. 7
- Learn about a new project
- Make posters or displays for businesses



Record Keeping Reminder!

Remember to complete your record keeping and turn in to your 4-H leader. Leaders must have record keeping results to the Extension Office by October 1.

Also, applications for Outstanding Junior Member and Project Awards are due to the Extension Office by October 1. The deadline for Special Awards and club Community Service Awards are October 1 as well.

4-H ENROLLMENTS

Make sure you check your enrollment form and make any corrections to name, age, grade, address, etc. Also, be sure to circle yes or no for re-enrolling in projects. If nothing is circled you will not be enrolled in that project this year.

Take note of new project areas in the Pick-A-Project newspaper. First year member's literature will be paid by Extension Council again this year.

****You pay \$10 of the \$20 fee.**

Washington Extension Council pays the other \$10.

Enrollment forms, re-enrollment forms, and fee are due **OCTOBER 31** to the Extension Office.



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If you are selected, you could receive \$1,000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, please contact the Extension Office for an application or download from the web at www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognize students in 5th-12th grade who have demonstrated exemplary community service. Deadline is October 31, 2008.



4-H Medical Information/Release forms

Again this year: All members and volunteers will be required to complete 4-H Medical Information/Release Forms.

If you have no changes from your last years form, you can re-sign and initial again in designated areas and re-date. If you have substantial changes, please fill out a new one.



4-H Has Something for EVERYONE!

4-H has something for everyone, both youth and adults! The possibilities are endless!

We currently have 18 community clubs in Washington County, one of which is a shooting sports club. We also have two special interest clubs - Junior Master Gardeners and a Sure Shots Photography club. New this year is Kids R' Us Child Development club. All of these clubs are open to youth in grades 4-12.

For youth in grades K-3, we offer Clover Kids clubs. These clubs offer youth hands-on activities that are developmentally appropriate. We currently have seven Clover Kids clubs. A new one has begun in the Kalona/Wellman area!

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in any 4-H clubs as a member or as a volunteer.

Pioneer Seed Grant

Each year Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. offers grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide "seed money" that clubs can use to start their project. Grants awarded vary from \$25 to \$250. Grants are for new projects - not those already completed or in progress.

For more information and an application, contact the Extension Office or check the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>. Applications are due December 1 to the Extension Office.

SENIORS...Scholarships...

Check out the following opportunities:

- *Iowa State Incoming Freshman Scholarships in the College of Agriculture for 2009*
-Due between Oct. 15 and Jan. 15
-Information and application at <http://www.ag.iastate.edu/scholarships/freshman/>
- *4-H Scholarship information....coming soon!*
Contact the Extension Office for more information.

4-H Award Family Fun Night!

When: Saturday, October 25

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: New Building at the Washington Co. Fairgrounds (lower level)

Who: All 4-H'ers, families, leaders

Highlights of the night:

- Awards—Record books, leader awards, Special awards, Community Service, 4-H'ers for 4-H, 4-H 400/1000 donors, Senior Recognition, County Council recognition and installation
- Potluck Supper— Please bring a side or dessert to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.
- Haunted House!
- Bonfire

This is a special night meant to recognize 4-H'ers and volunteers for their hard work, as well as have some fun!



4-H HALL OF FAME

Marie Hora was recognized and inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame on August 17 at the Iowa State Fair.

Marie has been actively involved in 4-H since she was a young girl. In the sixties she became a 4-H club leader for a club in the Jackson township. She continued as 4-H club leader for several years. As the photography project began to grow, Marie became the photography project leader. Marie has been very dedicated to the photography project. All of her work and contributions have lead to our large interest in the photography project.

Marie can still be found around the 4-H office and fairgrounds helping out as needed. Even at age 93, Marie doesn't miss a day of the fair.

Marie's children and grandchildren were and continue to be active members and volunteers of the Washington County 4-H program. Her desire and love for 4-H have followed her through her generations.

We thank Marie for all of her time, work and dedication to 4-H!

Below are pictures of Marie receiving her award at the State Fair and a picture of Marie with most of her family.



4-H Independent Memberships Available

4-H independent memberships available for youth in grades 4-12. These memberships are for youth who have life circumstances that make it difficult to attend club meetings.

Independent 4-H members will build their leadership, citizenship and communication skills through many of the same requirements as club members, including: learning through project work, completion of community service projects, giving presentations demonstrating their learning, meeting with mentors six or more times a year, giving mentors a year-end report using record-keeping skills, and volunteering to lead or assist with 4-H committees, programs and activities.

For more information on the 4-H independent membership, contact the Extension Office.

Kids R' Us Child Development Club

First Meeting

When: Monday, October 13th 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: Washington County Extension Office-back meeting room

If you have an interest in the child development project area, please come to this first meeting and join! It'll be a great opportunity to learn more about kids, activities to do with them, why they do what they do at certain ages and have a lot of fun. We hope to see you there!



When: November 7-8, 2008

Where: Camp IO-DIS-E-CA, Swisher, Iowa

Who: Youth in grades 8-12 and volunteers (an adult must accompany youth)

Activities: Sewing 101, rug hooking, advanced knitting, scrapbooking, and color counts.

Cost: \$55 (Friday & Saturday); \$30 (Saturday only)

For more information: contact Ann at Linn County Extension, 319-377-9839 or atorbert@iastate.edu.

Interested in finding new fun projects and activities for your 4-H club?

Well we have it for you! Bev Griggs is part of the "Dublin Weavers" who do weaving with looms. They would be interested in opening up their home to demonstrate or come to your club meetings.

They do weaving with recycled material and can weave the fabric into rugs, table runners, placemats just about anything you'd want.

For more information contact, Bev at

"4-H Pride Day"

Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school, work and/or other activities on **Tuesday, October 7th.**

Show off all your 4-H pride and that you are a proud member of the Washington County 4-H Program!

County Fair Honorable Mention Ribbons

If you were awarded an Honorable Mention Ribbon for photography, but not receive one because we ran out, please bring your Class Recognition Ribbon to the Extension Office and we will exchange it. We apologize for the inconvenience.



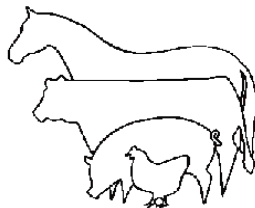
Check Out Our Website!

Be sure to check out the Washington County Extension website. Browse through the various topics and links for information. Click on the “Kids and Teens” link for 4-H information, pictures, forms, etc. Our website is <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/>. Check it out and spread the word!

BEEF WEIGH-IN
 TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
KALONA SALE BARN

Code of Ethics

New this year is the Code of Ethics form. This is stapled to your enrollment and medical release form. This must be signed and returned with your re-enrollment form.



Livestock Judging Contest

Linn-Marr FFA and Kirkwood Community College are sponsoring a livestock judging contest for 4-H & FFA Members who are sophomores or younger:

- Tuesday, October 14-Registration 4:00-4:45
- \$10.00 per team

Contact the Extension Office or Kim Jordan 319-480-0386, for more information.

IMPORTANT!!
COOL (Country of Origin Labeling)

Effective September 30th the USDA is putting in effect a mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for all livestock species.

What 4-H’ers need to do....

- Visit <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc>. This affidavit can be used for any specie. When purchasing or selling livestock an affidavit must be filled out and kept with the buyer as proof of origin.
- The affidavit must be kept for a minimum of two years after the life of the animal.
- If you raise your own livestock for you projects, you must fill out this affidavit & keep it on file
- If you purchase livestock, the producer must fill out the affidavit, give it to you & you keep it on file.

If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office.

Premise ID Number

Reminder that again in 2009: All Swine exhibitors will be required to have a Premise ID in order to sell to the packer through the fair.

- If your livestock will remain at the same farm as last year, you do not need a new number.
- If your livestock will be at a new location, you will need a Premise ID for that farm.

To obtain a Premise ID visit: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/premiseIdentificationProgram.asp>

Happy Harvest



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2008 State Fair Exhibitors

Breeding Beef

Joni Erwin	Blue
Rebecca Lampe	Red
Ben Lenz	Blue
Sarah Lenz	Purple
Kasey Lintz	Blue
Kelly Lintz	Blue
Matthew Pemberton	Blue
Ty Sexton	Purple (2)
AJ Walker	Blue

Market Beef

Brad Lampe	Red
Chelsey Lampe	Red
Tim Messenger	Purple
Elley Neuzil	Purple, Res Champion Shorthorn Plus
Matthew Pemberton	Purple (2), Res Champion Simmental
Cody Schneider	Red
Anna Sweeting	Purple, Champion Shorthorn
AJ Walker	Red

Beef Showmanship

Joni Erwin	Blue
Matthew Pemberton	Purple
Ty Sexton	Purple
Josie Wagler	Blue

Dairy

Katelyn Anhalt	Red (2)
Madison Roth	Blue
Kristine Williams	Blue (2)

Breeding Sheep

Benjamin Ahrens	Blue
Caleb Ahrens	Blue
Spenser Becker	Blue
Callie Greiner	Blue
Bridget Nebel	Purple
Megan Olson	Purple (2)
Matthew Slaughter	Blue

Sheep Showmanship

Benjamin Ahrens	Blue
Caleb Ahrens	Blue
Sage Becker	Blue
Spenser Becker	Blue
Callie Greiner	Blue
Kolton Greiner	Blue
Bridget Nebel	Purple
Megan Olson	Purple
Brianna Slaughter	Purple
Matthew Slaughter	Blue
Jonah Van Roekel	Blue
Maggie Van Roekel	Blue
Brett Wright	Blue

Market Sheep

Caleb Ahrens	Blue
Sage Becker	Blue
Spenser Becker	Blue, Purple
Arial Davis	Blue (2), Purple
Janelle Erwin	Blue
Brayton Flynn	Blue (2)
Keaton Greiner	Blue
Kolton Greiner	Blue
Trent Megchelsen	Blue (2)
Bridget Nebel	Blue (2)
Taylor Sheetz	Blue (3)
Brianna Slaughter	Blue
Matthew Slaughter	Blue
Jonah Van Roekel	Blue (2)
Maggie Van Roekel	Purple, Blue (2)
Brett Wright	Purple
Macy Wright	Purple, Blue

Lamb Performance

Caleb Ahrens	Blue
Sage Becker	Blue
Spenser Becker	Purple
Arial Davis	Blue
Janelle Erwin	Blue
Brayton Flynn	Purple
Callie Greiner	Blue
Keaton Greiner	Blue
Kolton Greiner	Blue
Trent Megchelsen	Blue
Bridget Nebel	Blue
Taylor Sheetz	Blue
Brianna Slaughter	Blue
Matthew Slaughter	Blue
Jonah Van Roekel	Blue
Maggie Van Roekel	Blue
Brett Wright	Blue
Macy Wright	Blue

Breeding Swine

Kolton Greiner	Red
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Derby Swine (Live Placings)

Sage Becker	Blue
Spenser Becker	Blue
Lauren Carter	Red
Travis Cole	Blue
Kolton Greiner	Blue, Red
Kristen Hora	Purple
Jayse Horning	Blue
Ryan Schneider	Blue
Brett Wright	Blue
Macy Wright	Red

Swine Showmanship

Sage Becker	Blue
Spenser Becker	Blue
Lauren Carter	Red

Travis Cole	Red	Shelly Palmer &	Recognition
Kolton Greiner	Red	Sarah Altenhofen	
Kristen Hora	Purple	Madeline Hora, Carly	Merit
Jayse Horning	Red	Shelman & Mallory Van	Winkle
Ryan Schneider	Purple		

Market Swine

Sage Becker	Blue (3)
Spenser Becker	Purple, Blue (2) Champion OB Mkt.

Lauren Carter	Blue (2)
Travis Cole	Blue (3)
Kolton Greiner	Blue (4)
Kristen Hora	Blue (2)
Jayse Horning	Blue
Ryan Schneider	Blue (3)
Brett Wright	Blue
Macy Wright	Blue, Red

Horses

Lisa Schneider	Purple, Blue, White
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Rabbits

Megan Miller	Purple, Blue (5), Red
Shelly Palmer	Blue (3), Red, BOV
Erik Schneider	White
Lisa Schneider	Blue, BOSV

Meat Goat

Sage Becker	Purple
Zeb Fisher	Purple (2)
Jonah Van Roekel	Purple (3) Res Champion Jr. Showperson
Maggie Van Roekel	Purple (2)

Dog

Whitney Gibbs	Blue
Devin Parker	Purple, Red
Gavin Parker	Purple, Red
Jessica Schoonover	Purple, Blue
Amanda Smith	Purple (2) Res. High Scoring Novice B Obedience

Presentations

Kristi Branham	Excellence
Mitchell Hora	Excellence
Spencer Shalla	Merit
Lauren Carter	Excellence
Shelly Palmer	Merit
Maggie Van Roekel	Merit
Jonah Van Roekel	Excellence

Extemporaneous Speaking

Kelsey Gent	Excellence
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Working Exhibits

Chelsey Lampe,	Merit
Sarah Lenz & Olivia Reschly	
Lauren & Logan Moeller	Excellence
Kelci Eakins	Merit

Share the Fun

Brian Langr	Participation
Shelby Sieren	Participation
Nikole Moeller	Participation

Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection

Non-Livestock Exhibits

Spenser Becker	Blue
Lauren Carter	Red
Seneca Cuddeback	Blue
Arial Davis	Blue
Janelle Erwin	Blue (2)
Javan Freyenberger	Blue
Addison Gaal	Blue
Sydney Greiner	Blue
Kaitlin Hora	Blue
Madeline Hora	Blue
Mitchell Hora	Blue
Chelsey Lampe	Blue
Rebecca Lampe	Blue
McKenna Lebsack	Red
Chelsie Litchfield	Blue
Grant Marek	Blue
Lexi Marek	Blue (2)
Allison Martin	Blue
Renee Megchelsen	Blue
Logan Moeller	Certificate
Lynnsey Myers	Blue
Leah Parrott	Blue
Marisa Powers	Blue
Olivia Reschly	Blue
Morgan Rich	Blue
Katie Richards	Blue
Jacob Ross	Red
Nathan Ross	Blue
Allison Schantz	Blue
Ryan Schneider	Blue
Jessica Schoonover	Blue
Ty Sexton	Blue
Hayley Sieren	Blue (2), Red
Riley Sieren	Excellence, Blue
Shawna Sieren	Blue
Dana Skubal	Blue
Elysia Stastny	Blue
Nathan Thomann	Blue
Maggie Van Roekel	Blue, Red
Emily Vittetoe	Blue
Anna Welte	Blue
Hanna Wilson	Blue
Austin Witt	Red
Jamie Ziegłowski	Red

Horticulture

Sage Becker	Purple (5), Blue (5), Red
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