

## Bremer County 4-H HOTLINE – May 2009

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, communication, and life skills.

Dear 4-H'ers, Families and Friends,

Read the HOTLINE carefully as it contains a lot of important information about upcoming events and dates-so mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on the fun!

If you have any questions or need further information, contact the club leaders or me at the Bremer County Extension Office.  
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### CONGRATULATIONS 2009 4-H Graduates

*Jared Epley*  
*Katie Fober*  
*Elizabeth Leisinger*  
*Justin Liddle*  
*Andrew Magnall*  
*Trevor Monnier*  
*Enya Paschen*  
*Nicole Reynolds*  
*Jena Schwake*  
*Wesley Schweer*  
*Callie Sharp*  
*Hillary Smith*  
*Michelle Stewart*  
*Ben Zelle*



### From the CEED

May is an exciting time for our Senior 4-H members that are graduating from High School and moving into the next phase of their life experiences. Congratulations to each of you for a job well-done and best wishes in your future. I am glad Bremer County 4-H has had a part of your life.

I hope many of you will participate in Communications Day June 16. We are starting later in the afternoon so 4-H'ers and parents can participate and attend. Communications is the one skill that will truly last you a life-time, so get off your duff - present a working exhibit, presentation, or share the fun! YOU will be glad you did.

Many of you heard by now that Iowa State Extension is going through a re-design. The changes are sweeping and will be occurring during the next months. Please go online to see changes, timelines, and staff changes.

# Bremer County News

## **"A Fair With A Vision"**

### **Bremer County Fair**

August 2-August 9

4-H & FFA Judging

#### **Saturday, August 1**

Set up/clean up

Booth Set up, 1-5 pm

#### **Sunday, August 2**

Non-Livestock Judging, 1:00-5:30pm

#### **Monday, August 3**

Horse show, 9:00 am

Pet Show, 4:00 pm

Enter Swine, 4:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, August 4**

Enter Beef, Bottle/Bucket, Dairy, Goat

Rabbit, Sheep, Poultry (no lactating animals)

Swine Show, 10:00 am

Horticulture Show, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Non livestock State Fair Winner

Pictures-5:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 5**

Poultry Show, 9:30 am

Crop Show, 1:00 pm

Meat Goat Show, 3:30 pm

Sheep Show, 4:00 pm

#### **Thursday, August 6**

Beef Show, 8:30 am

Rabbit Show, 2:00 pm

#### **Friday, August 7**

Dairy Goat Show, 9:00 am

Bottle/Bucket Calf Show, 10:00 am

Dairy Show, 10:30 am

Release horses, 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

#### **Saturday, August 8**

Dog Show, 8:30 am

Bovine Obstacle Course-11:00 am

#### **Sunday, August 9**

Release of all exhibits, 7:00 am-9:00 am

Fair Grounds Clean Up, 9:00 am-7:00 pm

## **Leader News...**

All volunteer 4-H organizational club leaders and project leaders who have ongoing contact with youth are required to complete two trainings per year. We have four leaders meetings per 4-H year with two of them required training. The required trainings were held in September of 2008 and March of 2009. If you missed either or both, please contact the Extension Office to learn about the ways to make them up. The trainings for 2008-2009 need to be done by July 1, 2009.

## **Fair T-Shirts**

The 2009 Bremer County Fair Shirts are now available at the Extension Office. Each shirt is \$10 for sizes S-XXL.

The new Iowa 4-H T-shirts are being ordered and will be available in the next upcoming months.



## **Barn Quilt Block Design Contest**

The Iowa State Fair is proud to be building a new multi-use facility for all Iowans to enjoy. The Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center is scheduled to be complete in time for the 2010 Iowa State Fair. They would like to display a barn quilt block from every county on the exterior walls of the building. Anyone can participate in this contest (adults, youth, 4-H members, non 4-H members, etc). Please contact the Extension Office for a set of rules. All designs can be emailed to Nylene Geerts at [gnggeerts@aol.com](mailto:gnggeerts@aol.com) or submitted to the Extension Office.



**Bremer County Fair Association Offering  
2008 Limited Edition Collector Basket**

Local fair fans will have a special opportunity to continue a fair memorabilia collection while supporting the Bremer County Fair by purchasing the Fair's 2009 Limited Edition collector basket which is the 3rd in a series. The fair chose the "Popcorn Basket" featuring a brass tag, that includes a plastic and checkered cranberry cloth liner that fits inside the cream and cranberry cottage weave basket. The

baskets are \$45.00, are numbered, signed and are 100% custom made in the U.S.A. Proceeds from basket sales will go to support Bremer County Fair Association. The hard maple baskets are made by the American Traditions Basket Company of Canal Fulton, Ohio. The Company has been a family owned business for 15 years. There are limited quantities so order your basket now!

For more information or to order your basket contact Renee at The Oak Tree, at. 319 276-4740



**Summer Opportunities to be Offered**

Gizmos and Gadgets (2nd-3rd)

June 23-Waverly

July 7-Sumner

July 14-Waverly

Photography

June 10-Tripoli

June 18-Tripoli

June 24-Tripoli

Monkey Mania (K-1)

June 19-Waverly

Library Science Programs

Monday-Thursday Mornings.

Date-TBD

Fishing (3rd-12th)

May 30-Waverly

\*More dates to come. This group will incorporate biking, hiking, camping, and all other outside fun activities!

Workshops

June 29-Fair Find Out Waverly

July 16-Sewing Workshop Waverly

Cooking in the garden-TBD

Bug Camp (K-3rd)

June 11-Waverly

June 18-Sumner

If your child is interested in participating or you are interested in being an adult volunteer and helping out at these camps, please call the Extension Office so we can get you or your child signed up! 319-882-4275



## CLOTHING EVENT

Thursday, July 23; Tripoli Town Hall

Whether you sew or select an outfit, here's your chance to show off your fashion sewing or buying skills. This event is for all members - clovers also. Judging is done during the day with a style show in the evening. Entries are due July 1.

## COMMUNICATION DAY

Tuesday, June 16, 4:00 pm; Tripoli High School

*Entries are due Monday, June 1*

Share your knowledge, skill, and excitement by participating in Communication Day. You may choose to enter Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking, or Share the Fun. *There is no limit to the number of entries per club.* When you enter make sure you give a preference if you would like morning or afternoon. Clovers can participate in this day also.

**Educational Presentation (EP)** You can give a presentation on any subject, but it is best to give it on a subject you are familiar with or a project you are enrolled in. Remember to include all three parts - the introduction (capture the attention of the audience); the body (contains all the information you have gathered about the subject); and the conclusion (review the most important parts that you want the audience to remember about the subject).

**Working Exhibit (WE)** WE's provide an opportunity for members to communicate and interact in an informal way. WE's are done at a table in an area where people walk through and stop to see what the member is showing.

**Share the Fun (StF)** Do you like to entertain? Do you sing or dance? Enter Share the Fun and entertain the audience. StF can be done alone or with a group of friends.

**Extemporaneous Speaking (ES)** Participants can be Intermediate or Seniors BUT only Seniors qualify for State Fair.

### Length of Communications:

EP: Clovers/Juniors 5-10 min; Int. 8-15 min.; Sr. 15-20 min

WE: Clovers/Jrs. 25 min.; Int. & SRs. 45 min.

StF: 8 minutes for all

ES: 4-6 minutes with 30 minute prep time

All events can be given as an individual, team, or group, except EP which is individual.

*Use of safe and sanitary procedures and methods are important, especially if food samples are made available. There is no refrigeration available at the school.*

*Learn Something! Teach Something! Have Fun!*

## Interested in Being a Leader?

The Super Stars 4-H club located in Janesville is in need of a volunteer leader. If you or if you know anyone who would like to impact youth and be part of a great organization, please contact the Extension Office so we can help you start your adult 4-H adventure!

## Club Trips

Please notify the Extension Office of all club field trips and outings such as club tours, overnight events, workshops, etc. so that we have the proper insurance coverage. Have fun!



## Other Opportunities

### 4-H License Plates Available

Showcase your love for 4-H with a personalized 4-H license plate? The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate, but in order to create this special designed plate, we must submit 500 pre-paid orders by July 14, 2009. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. **Apply for your 4-H License Plate Today.**

### Voyage to Greatness

#### Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Iowa State University Campus;

June 30-July 2

For 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders; for all youth

For more details contact the Extension Office  
or go to:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4hstateconference/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hstateconference/)

### IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarships Information

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement is giving scholarships out to eligible high school students in Iowa. There are about twenty-five (25) scholarships totaling \$39,000. These scholarships are available to incoming freshman in the Fall of 2009 at any four- or two-year post-secondary institution in Iowa. The application deadline is June 1, 2009.

You will find more information at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/Public09IFAAInfo.pdf>:

This website has more information about:

- 1.Scholarship Information Letter.
- 2.List of 2009 Winner's Circle Scholarships available to Incoming Freshman.

### Iowa 4-H is now on Twitter!

Follow Iowa 4-H on Twitter today and find out what's happening in Iowa 4-H. Go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), sign up for an account, and search for "Iowa 4-H." It's that easy! We will be "tweeting" about the impact 4-H has on youth & communities, fun & exciting events we're sponsoring and even issues we are facing. If you ever have anything you'd like to share with our followers send an email to [iowa4h@iastate.edu](mailto:iowa4h@iastate.edu) or set up your own twitter account!! This is a great way to promote what we do in Iowa 4-H and spread the word about our organization.

## New Challenge Class

New this year, we are adding a challenge class: Blue Berry Muffins. You do not have to be signed up in Food and Nutrition to participate. Everyone is given the recipe below and will be judged according to age lots. So give it a try and bring it to fair!

### No advanced entries required-bring entry form with you at time of judging

- All 4-H members are eligible to enter. You do not need to be enrolled in the foods and nutrition project
- Limit of one entry.
- Entries should be brought on Sunday, August 2, 1-5:30 pm, in the Foods and Nutrition Department in the Blue 4-H Building.
- Entry should be placed on a firm paper plate or flat cardboard, labeled with your name and class number, and placed in a plastic bag.
- The purpose of this contest is to use only the following recipe. Make, bake, select and present four muffins. After judging, muffins will be displayed.

### Blue Berry Muffins

1 ½ cups flour  
½ C. sugar  
2 ½ Teaspoons baking powder  
½ Teaspoon salt  
4 tablespoons margarine  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
½ cup milk  
1 cup blueberries (fresh, frozen, canned)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place one paper liner in each muffin cup or grease muffin pans in place of paper liners. Beat egg in small bowl. Stir in milk and vanilla. In a large bowl; sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together. Cut margarine into the dry ingredients using the pastry blender or two knives. The particles of margarine should be the size of small peas. Make a “well” or indentation in the center of the dry ingredients and pour the liquid ingredients into the well. Mix only until dry ingredients are moistened, batter should be lumpy. Fold in blueberries that have been dusted with flour, if fresh. BE CAREFUL not to over mix! Fill muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown at 350 degrees F. Immediately remove from pan. Yield: 8-12 muffins

## 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl - IMPORTANT CHANGES

The 2009 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl has been changed to Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Oelwein. With the change in date, the written exams MUST be faxed to the State 4-H Office by Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. All testing is to be done at the County Office and ALL team members must take the exam at the same time. Also, the price per team has changed to help with expenses. More details can be found at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookdairy.htm>.

# Livestock

## Horse Workouts

For all those interested in learning new things, practicing with your horse for fair, and just having fun, plan on attending the horse workouts! They will be every Wednesday at 7:00 pm starting June 3rd at D&R Tack, Denver. Hope to see you there!



## Dog Class

Does your dog need some pre-fair training? Do you want to practice showing for fair? Then come out and have some fun at Dog Class every Tuesday at 6:30 pm starting May 26 at the Waverly Fairgrounds. See you there!!

## ANIMAL ID'S ARE DUE MAY 15

All members (4-H & FFA) planning to exhibit animals at the Bremer County Fair and/or State Fair must fill out and turn in an Identification form by May 15 to the Extension Office. **This includes dogs, sheep, horses/ponies, breeding beef, swine, dairy, goats, and bottle/bucket calf.** Market Beef is on file from the beef weigh-in in December. Each animal species has a separate form. The forms are self carbon with one copy to be kept by the member for your records. Contact the Extension Office or your leader for the forms. The animal ID's are **not** your fair entry.

## FSQA

There is one FSQA training left for the year on Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-8:30 pm at the 4-H Building in Waverly. All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting the following species-beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, bottle/bucket (4-6 grade), rabbit, poultry-must be certified either by attending a training (members age 9-11 must attend training every year) or if 12 years old by January 1, 2009 can take the test out option or attend training every year. If you want to take the test out option, contact Sarah to set up another time at 319-882-4275. PLEASE pre-register 1 week before training by calling the Extension Office.

FSQA Certification is REQUIRED!

## Livestock Fitting and Show Clinic

Fayette County Extension and Kent Feeds are co-hosting a livestock fitting & showing clinic on Wednesday, June 10th from 6:30-8 pm in the newly renovated Stephens Building on the Fayette County Fairgrounds in West Union.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office for more information and sign up.