

Bremer County 4-H HOTLINE – August/September 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,
The Bremer County Fair is history for another year! A big thank you to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors for your work in preparing the fairgrounds for the 2009 fair. Thanks for the help setting up and tearing down. Many hands make quick work!

Thanks to parents for the help and guidance you gave your children in preparing their exhibits.

It took many parts to pull off a fair, from kids, to parents, to volunteers, but everyone did an fantastic job and made the fair a huge success!!

Read the HOTLINE 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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An Award Application and Expected Standards form are included in this HOTLINE. They are also available on the Bremer County web page at
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer/info/worksheet.htm>

Your Record Book should include the results of fair and any leadership/citizenship/community service activity in which you participated in the 2008-2009 4-H year. The most important thing to put in the records is: what did you learn this year?

Read the Award Application criteria carefully-don't miss out because you did not meet the criteria. Record books must be completed and turned in to your leader. They will look them over and bring those applying for award to the Extension Office for evaluation September 15th.

Its record book time!!! Remember that our website has a lot of the forms and information you will need for your record book!
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer/info/worksheet.htm>

If you need additional help doing your record book, please feel free to contact me to set up a time to work together!

LEADER NEWS...

Leaders meeting-Thursday September 10; 7:00 pm. This meeting will be the first of 2 required trainings held each year. The topic for this training is: "Supporting Family Involvement in 4-H." More information below.

Record Books are due at the Extension Office by September 15. Please talk with your youth on a date that you want to have them by. Bring only the books to the office of 4-H'ers who are applying for an award or if you have nominated them for an award.

4-H Club Leaders and Project Leaders

Have you wondered how to get family members more involved in your 4-H activities? At this fall's volunteer training, Iowa 4-H volunteers will explore this topic and get ideas that they can incorporate.

This training is part of the statewide 4-H volunteer training and will be held on September 10th, 7:00 P.M. at the Bremer County Extension Office

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Please let me know if you will not be able to attend so we can set up another time for you to participate or learn about on-line training

4-H Hall of Fame

Gary and Nylene Geerts have been selected as the Bremer County Hall of Fame nominees for 2009. Gary and Nylene will be inducted in a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, August 23 at 1:30 pm in the 4-H Building. Gary and Nylene have given much time and support to the 4-H program in Bremer County.

Congratulations Gary and Nylene!!!

Record Books and Awards

Why do you need 4-H records? A 4-H record book is a summary of the details of the 4-H year and the projects that you were enrolled in. 4-H Records help you see what you have accomplished and learned and if you have met your goals.

Your records should reflect all of the work done in a project area-not just fair exhibits. Be sure to list all leadership/citizenship responsibilities. Example: showing another member how to clip their calf is leadership and taking home baked cookies to an elderly neighbor is citizenship. Activities and events that overlap into several project areas need to be recorded in each project area. Be sure to include what you have learned from your projects. Under 4-H participation include working in the Snak Shak, Host/Hostess, 4-H Carnival, etc.

Clovers

If Clovers complete a book, it should be evaluated by the leaders, and recognition given at the club level.

Record Book Order

See Expected Standards included with this HOTLINE for Record Book order. Record books are available at the Extension Office or can be found at the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer/info/worksheet.htm>

Make sure:

If you are enrolled in any of the projects listed below, the project worksheet should be included in your Record Book.

- Breeding beef, sheep, swine
- Market beef, sheep, swine
(the above two are available in Jr. & Int/Sr versions)
- Swine and Ewe Lifetime Record
- Horse and Pony
- Dog Permanent Record
- Crop Production
- Diary Project and Lifetime Record
- Vegetable Garden
- Home Grounds Improvement
- Photography-(first year in project only)
- Poultry Project Worksheet

Other Awards

*Do you know someone who is a former 4-Her and has given much time and talent back to the 4-H program?

*Do you know someone who was not a 4-H member but is very active in the 4-H program in Bremer County

*Do you know someone who has given their time, talents, and resources to help the 4-H program in Bremer County?

If so, nominate them for the Alumni, Honorary, or Friend of 4-H Award. Applications are in this HOTLINE.

Record Book Helpful Hints

Keep each section in order by year (Title page, Expected Standards, 4-H Summary is one section). Project records for each project area are in another section. Keep each section separate using divider tabs. This will make your Record Book neater, easier to evaluate, and easier for you to find something. Ribbons, certificates, etc. should be kept in a 4-H Scrapbook-but don't forget to tell about them in the Project Records or Summary.

Citizenship/Community Service-helping or working for the benefit of others or the community for no pay with the goal of benefiting someone else.

Club citizenship examples-host a meeting, lead pledges, serve on a committee, give to 4-H'ers for 4-H, promote 4-H during National 4-H Week, help a club with its club community service project.

County citizenship examples-herdsmanship at fair, pick up trash, fair cleanup, help at fundraisers such as the Snak Shak and Omelet Brunch, donate to Cedar Valley Friends of the Family.

Project citizenship examples-donate to charity, food pantry and/or needy family; help at workshops, plant flowers in community, help younger members with animal project

THANK YOU

Senior Overall Awards

Senior members applying for Overall Senior Awards should list what they have done, by year, in the project areas that pertain to the award they are applying. See back side of award application for example. Record Books should be turned in with application. Read the award application carefully for criteria for the awards. The dates for interviews are tentatively, Thursday October 1 or Saturday October 4. Interview times will be set after applications are received. Phone interviews for college students will be considered.

Project Record Forms

Basic: Junior member (first or second year in project)

Experienced: Intermediate or third/fourth year in project

Advanced: Senior member or fifth (plus) years in

project. A Project Record must be filled out in each project area to have a completed book in order to win an award. If you choose not to complete the proper forms you are not eligible for an award. It is better to use a level higher than a level lower. The experienced and advanced require more information such as income and expense and reflections about the project.

Best of Show-BOOTH CONTEST

The judges selected Bremer Ranchers as the winner of the booth contest with the best use of theme, best organization, and overall attractiveness. They received a large purple champion rosette ribbon to put in their club scrapbook. Congratulations to all and thanks for the work involved in making the club booths in the 4-H Building attractive to visitors. Thanks to the Polk Hustlers for their sponsorship of the booth contest!

Carnival

Clubs made a total of \$687.60 at the 4-H Carnival Tuesday evening! Great job guys!! This is a great fundraiser for the clubs and brings families to the fair to see what great clubs we have!

Have you remembered to send a thank you to the sponsor of your award, ribbon, and/or plaque that you received at the fair? There was a label on the bottom or back with name and address; if not, call the extension office to receive that information!

2009 Youth Classic Dairy Show

The Youth Dairy Class Show will be held Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Entry deadline is September 11. Show will begin at 10:30 a.m. with no lunch break. Open to any youth who was 9 years old by January 1, 2009. For a list of rules and sign up information visit:

I wish everyone the best of luck with their record books!! Enclosed is a survey for after the fair. Please fill it out and return it to the Extension Office.

In the next couple of weeks be on the look out for a mini HOTLINE that has results from fair and State Fair!!

Thank you once again to everyone who helped and participated at fair.

If you need help with your record book or have questions, please contact your leader or Sarah at the Extension Office

Award winners will be announced during the 4-H Banquet November 15 at the 4-H Building.

From the CEED...

Congratulations Bremer County 4-Hers on a wonderful county fair! Our judges were impressed by you with your knowledge of your projects, courtesy, and manners. This speaks well of our leaders and your parents! Job well done! I visited the State Fair and found many of your projects on display - what an honor for each of you. This is my last 'from the CEED.' I have enjoyed working with each of you and wish you the very best in the future. Nancy



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4-H Calendar of Events

Please add the dates below to your calendar

- August 23** State fair items being picked up
- August 24** Superintendent meeting at 6:30
- September 9** Youth Committee meeting
- September 10** Leader Meeting
- Sept. 15** Record Books Due in the office
- Sept. 27** County Council Meeting
- November 15** Awards Banquet

After Fair Superintendent Meeting

Monday, August 24 6:30 P.M.
Waverly Fair Grounds

Leader Meeting

September 10, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
Extension Office

County Council-Congrats to the new members of County Council for 2009-2010. They are: Zach Woodman, Andrea Schmitz, and Alecia Knapp. Carry over members are: Luke Fober, Jordan Skillen, Erica Knapp, Abby Lantzky, and Emily Schwan. The first meeting of the year was Sunday, August 16 at Sarah's with installation and supper. Members that graduated and passed the responsibilities on to the new members are: Katie Fober, Callie Sharp, Hillary Smith, Michelle Stewart, and Ben Zelle. Thank you for all the work you put into County Council.