



Van Buren's

November



4-H Messenger

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All I Can Say is - WOW!

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We tried something new by throwing a Halloween party for the entire membership. I saw a lot of fun being had on Saturday night and am already hearing comments that include "when we do this next year".

Awards night is almost here and by the time some of you get this, we will probably be only a day or so away. We have added some new awards this year and I am anticipating a really good turn out.

There are some new things already for the fair, which brings me to an awards night activity we are going to do. There will be a ballot at each chair at awards night with a few things that I want a membership vote on. One item will be about the fair, but there are a couple other items too that are crucial to the membership.

We are full swing into the 4-H Online process. We have had a few families already utilize it with positive results. January 1, the animal IDs will be in the system as well. By this time next year, the state has promised the medical forms will be included in the system too. I think it will be a good deal!

Kaye

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GROWING TOGETHER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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County Happenings



Awards Night, November 6

Awards night will be at the Roberts Memorial Building on November 6 beginning at 6pm. We will have a coop meal as we have done in the past. Each family is to bring a covered dish and their own table service. The meat, bread and beverages will be provided.

We have several new awards to give out. Some of the awards are not trophies either. Hmmmm....wonder what that could be. You will need to come and find out.

There will also be a ballot on each seat for a vote on some crucial things that will affect the membership. This is your opportunity to have a say in what we do.

4-H Calendars Available

As reported in the last newsletter, the 2010-2011 4-H Event calendars have been printed and are available at the Extension Office. All re-enrolling member's calendars have been sent with their respective leaders. Any new families that have signed up, you will be getting a calendar as well. They will be available at awards night. If you are unable to attend awards night, the calendars will be sent with the leaders.

Calendars will be provided to each 4-H family for free. Any additional calendars may be purchased for \$5.00 to help cover printing costs.

Festival of Trees

The program will again be serving cookies at the Festival of Trees. The schedule for clubs are as follows:

Friendly Four Corners—Friday 5:30-9pm

Blazing Trails—Saturday 4-6pm

Jolly Trio—Saturday 8:30am-12pm

Horseshoe Bend—Saturday 6-8pm

Northstars—Saturday 12-2pm

Livewires—Sunday 12-2pm

Nighthawks—Saturday 2-4pm

Northern Lights—Sunday 2-4pm

MISSION STATEMENT

**4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL
WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS**



Members Enjoy Halloween Party



We tried something new this year. We had a Halloween party for all 4-H members including the clovers. On October 23, we had Clovers in from 4-6 and then the older members from 7-10. We had pumpkin bowling with prizes of candy and pop. We had an eyeball hunt in a baby pool full of cooked spaghetti. Anything the kids found, such as glow in the dark martian fingers and eyeball glasses, they got to keep. We had apple bobbing with prizes including glow bracelets and candy.. We had story telling, lots of food and a spooky maze. To top off the night we had a murder mystery. In all we had 50 members attend between clovers and grades 4-12. A very big thank you to all those that helped make this party a success. There have already been requests for next year. **Look for more information about that on the awards night ballot!!!**

Horseshoe Bend has a New Leader

Rachel Smith has went through all the necessary screening and the Extension Council approved her to be our new leader of Horseshoe Bend. She has already been through one leaders meeting and has come on at a prime time with the release of 4-H Online to the membership.

Rachel is the wife of Blain and has 3 children, Adam, Audrey and Zane and two step children, Aimee and Ryne . Be sure to welcome her to the world of a 4-H volunteer.

Speaking of volunteers...all leaders could use a little help through the meetings and activities. If there is anyone interested in applying to help Rachel as an assistant leader, please be sure to contact Rachel or the Extension Office.

Pioneer Grant Reports and Applications DUE

Pioneer grant reports for any grants received for 2010 are to be in the Extension Office by end of day November 15.

Any club interested in applying for a 2011 Pioneer grant is to have the grant application in our office no later than end of day December 1.

For more information you may go to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/serve/grants.htm>

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& WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

PROJECT CORNER



There are project Hot Sheets available at the state 4-H website. There are some projects you could be thinking about right now:

Forestry

Leaf collection showing the leaf in the fall and then collect it in the spring to show how the leaf looks at both ends of the seasons.

Plant Science

Study the process of some plants from spring to fall. Now is the time to get those photos and information as the plant goes through the fall and winter

Veterinary Science

The study of an animal preparing for the cold winter, i.e. coat changes. You could document this in pictures.

Be sure to go to the hot sheets at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h. There are always things you could start for the coming year.



Re-enrollment Can Be Done Online

With the new 4-H Online enrollment system, families can log in to the system to update, correct and change their own information. A family can activate their record and submit a request for enrollment. Once our office receives the medical form, we can approve the request for enrollment. The Iowa Code of Ethics can be signed digitally in the system.

Families will then be able to add project areas and view any activities or awards each member of the family has done or achieved. ISU is planning to implement an animal identification section in the system for breeding stock and non-market animals. Market animals will still need to be entered by county staff members.

At this point, the requirement to use this system is a valid email address. A family DOES NOT have to use the system if they are not comfortable with it. I will still process paper enrollments for the family if they are not comfortable using the online system.

Go to 4-H online at <https://iowa.4honline.com>

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AWARDS NOT APPLIED FOR

We had several awards that were not applied for this year by eligible members. These project areas were:

Achievement, AK-SAR-BEN, Automotive, Citizenship, Dairy, Electricity/Energy Management, Engines/Tractors/Field Equipment, Entomology, Forestry, Health & Fitness, Leadership, Music, Plant Science, Safety, Small Animals/Pets.

That is a lot of awards.

There may be some changes with the awards next year. One definite change will be the application.

There will be an application for each age group. In other words, the juniors will only have the awards on their application that they are eligible for and the same with the intermediates and seniors.

In order to be considered for an award next year, you will have to fill out an application form.

Next year you will get a printout of what awards you have received to help you know what you have already received.

Record Book Forms

Through the hard work of our wonderful leaders, we have adopted new record book forms. It took several meetings, but after designing the forms, they were presented to the Extension Council and approved. A Record Book Guide was also designed.

When the record books are returned at awards night, a new copy of the forms along with the Record Book Guide will be included in each book. Along with a new copy of the amended Unified Policy the Extension Council has adopted.

I am considering a Record Book workshop in January. Would that be of interest? Anyone interested, please send me an email or contact me at the Extension Office.

CLOVER KIDS

Clovers got to Enjoy Halloween Early



4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

County Fair Updates



The fair board has voted to move weigh in to Wednesday night. The sheep/dairy/goat show will be moved to Thursday morning and the horse show to Thursday late afternoon or evening. The times **have not** yet been determined. The swine show, the beef show, the poultry and rabbit show have remained the same. The fair queen contest has been moved to Monday night.

All Science/Engineering/Technology & Horticulture exhibits will be moved into the Roberts Building. Judging for these exhibits will be done on the same day as the Family & Consumer Science Exhibits.

Any large exhibits such as trailers, tractors, wagons, etc. will be displayed and roped off in the parking lot of the Roberts Building. The Rabbits will be moved to the white building those exhibits used to be in and the small animal building will basically become a poultry building.

This gives us some options for the exhibit judging and clothing event times. **THIS WILL BE ON A BALLOT AT AWARDS NIGHT TO GET YOUR INPUT.** Please come to awards night to cast your opinion on what you would like us to do with those items.

2011 VAN BUREN COUNTY FAIR JULY 11-18, 2011

Rules Reminders

We have some changes with regards to a couple rules with the fair this year.

The first of which is with regards to project versus exhibit. Per State, an exhibit **DOES NOT** have to be in a project area. If you signed up for the Beef project, you may be helping at workshops, helping younger members and so on, therefore, you could enter a poster board or binder documenting what you were doing in a Leadership class.

Extension Council voted to abolish the tie of you must be listed in that project area in order to exhibit in that class at the fair. You will be receiving a new unified policy with this line removed.

Also, you **DO NOT** have to exhibit in the fair in a project area. For example, a person carrying the Health project may document throughout the year, an exercise program that they have done. You are also eligible to receive an award for that on awards night.

The next change involves animal identification. Iowa State University **requires** members to identify the following animals: beef, dog, goat, horse, sheep and swine.

The state does not require early identification of poultry, rabbits, cats or small pets. The Extension Council has voted to abolish the identification of these animals by May 15.

Rabbits, poultry, cats and small pets DO NOT have to be identified by May 15.

Rabbits, poultry, cats and small pets will have to be identified on the fair entry sheets on July 1.

I have already changed the fair entry sheets to reflect this change for the 2011 fair.

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VAN BUREN COUNTY CLUBS



BLAZING TRAILS

Wayne Coffman
Heather Winslow
2nd Sunday, 3:00 pm
Coffman Residence, Douds

FRIENDLY FOUR CORNERS

Michelle Wenke
Gina Otterberg
Darrell Kruse
3rd Sunday, 2:00-4:00 pm
Lebanon Church

HORSESHOE BEND

Rachel Smith
Steve Duke
2nd Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm
Extension Office

JOLLY TRIO

Norma Whitaker
Carolyn Pelky
Tony & Peggy Stevens
2nd Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 pm
Harmony High School

JOLLY TRIO CLOVERS

Carolyn Pelky
2nd Monday from 3:30-5 pm
Harmony Elementary

LIVEWIRES

Randy Gates
1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Douds Community Center

NIGHTHAWKS

Mary Thomas
Last Sunday, 2:00-4:00 pm
Keosauqua Christian Church

NORTH STARS

Sheri Moore
2nd Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm
Douds Community Center

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Kathy Countryman
1st Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Birmingham Lions Club

SHARP SHOOTERS

Raymond Morris
Connie Morris
Harry Grabowski
Dave Hoaglin
Tammy Hoaglin

Melvin Green
Mike Mitchell
Matt Platt
Becky Whitaker
Will Whitaker

John Woodruff

November 21st, 3:00 pm
Cookout at the
Becky & Bruce Whitaker residence
Bring your own Chair

2009-2010 VAN BUREN COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Eric Chaplin—President
Louis Stevens—Vice President
Scott Mast—Secretary
Marshall Stevens—Treasurer
Josh DeJong—Historian

Thunder Gaskell
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VB County Iowa 4-H

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Dates to Remember



NOVEMBER

- November 6 Awards Night
- November 15 2010 Pioneer Grant Reports are Due in Extension Office
- November 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

- December 1 2011 Pioneer Grant Applications Due in Extension Office
- December 3-5 Festival of Trees
- December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- December 29 Beef Weigh In

JANUARY

- January 16 County Wide Meeting

2011

- February 1 Applications for State Awards/Opportunities Due in Extension Office