



# Clover Courier

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Hello, 4H Families

An orientation for new 4-H families will be held on Monday, November 30 at the Extension office at 6:30pm. Information given will help you and your 4-H'er learn when the 4-H deadlines and livestock weigh-ins are, what the programs goals are for your child, setting goals, keeping records, parent participation and much more! Leaders are asked to notify their new members and their parents of this orientation.

A Club Officer Training will be held for all newly elected 4-H club officers on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00pm at the Extension office following the Awards Ceremony. Pizza will follow the training. All club officers should attend. Officers should contact the Extension office to register.

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## Clover Calendar

**October 11-** County Council, 4:00pm

**October 13-** Youth Development Committee meeting, 7pm

**October 19-** Fall Club Leader Training, 6:30pm at office, first of two mandatory trainings

**November 1-** All 4-H re-enrollment forms should be turned in to office

**November 15-** Marshall County 4-H Awards Ceremony, 2:00pm at Fisher Community Center

**November 15-** 4-H Club Officer Training at Extension office at 4:00pm, following the Awards Ceremony

**November 17-** Fair Sub-Committee meeting at 6:30pm at Extension office.

**November 30-** New 4-H Family Orientation at 6:30pm at Extension office

**December 29-** FSQA Training at the Extension office, 6:15pm Check in

**January 2-** Beef Weigh-in, 9:00am-1:00pm Pavilion at the fairgrounds

*Coming Soon [watch for more information]*

**January-** Fishing Club to begin

**March-** Tractor Safety Certification training registrations will be due

**March-April-** Shooting Sports to begin

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**Marshall County  
4-H Awards Ceremony  
Sunday, November 15, 2009  
Fisher Community Center at 2PM  
You are Cordially Invited!**

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## **RE-ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY**

4-H re-enrollment forms and the state pro-gram fee are due to be turned in to your club leader by November 1.

A financial assistance request form is avail-able for families who are unable to pay the program fee. Just ask your leader for the form.

No child will be denied 4-H membership because of inability to pay the fee. Contact Doni if you have any questions.

## **Marshall Co. Beef Bits**

**Beef Weigh-In Set:** The Marshall County 4-H and FFA beef weigh in will be held on **Saturday, January 2, 2010.** We will be in the Pavilion at the Central Iowa Fairgrounds starting at 9:00 a.m. All exhibitors are reminded to please have breed steer registra-tion papers with them for beef weigh in.

All market steers and market heifers must be weighed in at this time.

The fee is:

\$2.00 per head for county fair only animals

\$5.00 per head for county AND state fair animals (retinal image required)

\$10.00 per head for county, state fair AND Ak-Sar-Ben (DNA sample required)

Please be sure to listen to the radio (KXIA, KDAO and KFJB) if bad weather is a threat. If you have any questions regarding beef weigh-in, please be sure to give Jodi Breniman a call. Her number is 641-750-6096. Thank you.

## **4-H Club Officer Training to Be Held**

Training will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00pm at the Extension office for the officers of all the Marshall County 4-H Clubs.

Learn how to conduct a meeting properly and fulfill our office's responsibilities. Training and infor-mation will be given for each office. Pizza will follow at 5:30pm. Participants are asked to please contact the Extension office to sign up.

## **Marshall County 4-H'ers Talk About Family and 4-H**

From Mark Pfantz, Central Iowa 4-H Club

Mom and Dad had been in 4-H when they were young, so the three of us just naturally followed in their footsteps. My oldest brother started our sheep flock and all the perennial gardens on our farm. I like hogs and sheep, and my sister had tons of different projects. Besides her animals, she completed things like sewing a huge horse blanket for her Tennessee Walker and making stress balls with balloons and flour. Being in 4-H and doing projects is a lot of hard work and takes up a lot of time, but our family has always helped each other out, and in the end completed lots of cool projects, shared a lot of laughs, and created memories that will last forever.

From Lori Roseland, Gilman Rustlers 4-H

My family has always encouraged me to be involved in 4-H. We live on a hog farm, so my father takes a lot of time to teach me about caring for my swine projects and how to train them for the fair. My brother and I have learned a lot about responsibility through caring for our pigs. We also have other animals that we show at our county fair, like goats. My father teaches us about milking the goats and how to keep them healthy. My mother is always there to help with the paperwork as well as be a 4-H leader. 4-H is the one activity that involves the whole family, which provides us with many opportunities to spend quality time together. I also love camping at the fair and being able to spend time with friends there.

From Calvin Halverson, Timber Creek Champs

My dad is really cool and awesome! He is a livestock specialist and serves on the Iowa State University Extension Council. He takes me to the 4-H meetings every month and usually stays with me. My dad teaches me to wear my 4-H shirt at every meeting and for all 4-H activities, like when we helped at the Pizza Ranch to raise money for the county fair banner auction. He helps me with my presentations and he always helps me at the fair.

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He was in 4-H and he is providing me the opportunity to learn the things he learned, like taking care of livestock. He also helps all the other kids in 4-H in other counties that he works for. He can get so busy, but he tries to make time for me. Sometimes, my mom helps me too. Someday I want to be just like my dad!

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**Thank you Mark, Lori and Calvin**

**Your articles appear in the August 'Iowa 4-H Volunteer' newsletter and will be read by 4-H volunteers across the state when they attend the Fall leaders training.**

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We can always use quotes from 4-H'ers regarding their experiences in 4-H...what they have learned, what they have accomplished, life skills they have done well in.

### **Central Iowa Fairgrounds Fundraiser Raffle**

Sale dates: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Ticket drawing: October 31<sup>st</sup>, around 2:30 at the Fall Craft Show in the Activity Building. (Do not need to be present to win)

Raffle Ticket sells for: \$1.00. Raffle tickets are available now at the Central Iowa Fair office.

Raffle Winning: Two drawings for local food establishment gift cards/gift certificates treat packages worth a total of over \$250.00 in each package. Money earned will go towards the winter upkeep of the fairgrounds.

Offering all 4-H groups or individual members a chance to earn some money towards fees:

- Sell 100 tickets and we will pay the extension office the \$30.00 for their membership fee.
- Sell 50 tickets and receive a 4-H t-shirt.
- Sell 25 tickets and receive a 4-H record book cover.

Or the 4-H club can sell as a group.

For every 100 tickets sold, receive \$30.00 towards either a membership or for your club. For example: If the whole group sells 1,000 tickets...they will receive \$300.00 to put toward their choice.

Note: Persons buying tickets should make checks payable to Central Iowa Fair. All money and ticket stubs must be turned in to either the Central Iowa Fair or Marshall County Extension office by noon on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The group that sells the most tickets (minimum of 500 tickets) will win a pizza party for registered members.

Tammie will be contacting all 4-H leaders in regards to this fundraiser.

Contact person: Tammie Hanson, Central Iowa Fairgrounds Office Manager, Phone: 641-753-3671 (9:00 am-1:00 pm) or Cell phone: 641-485-6581

### **EACH PACKAGE CONSIST OF:**

Applebee's: (1) card for \$10.00 towards a meal  
Arby's: (1) free combo  
Chef King Buffet: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
China Buffet: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Culver's: (2) free tickets for a value meal  
Dairy Queen - N. 3rd Avenue: (1) \$10.00 Gift Card  
Domino's Pizza: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
El Portal Inc.: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Fareway: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Hardee's: (1) \$10.00 Gift Card  
Hy-Vee Food Store: (1) \$10.00 Gift Card  
Jax Restaurant: (1) \$10.00 Gift Card  
KFC/Taco Bell: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Lillie Mae Chocolates: (1) \$5.00 Gift Card  
Long John Silvers: (2) cards for one free meal up to \$7.99 each  
MAMA DiGrado's PASTA and PIZZA: (1) free medium pizza  
McDonald's: (3) coupons for a free cone  
Mexico Antiquo: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Perkins: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Pizza Hut Delivery: (1) free medium pizza  
Pizza Ranch: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Pretzelmaker: (5) free pretzel coupons  
Sub City: (2) free tickets for a 1/2 sub each  
Subway - Main Street: (2) free tickets for a 1/2 sub each  
Taco John's: (2) free combo meals  
Taylor's Maid-Rite: (1) free maid Rite & malt  
Thirteenth Street Inn: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Uncle Jacks Taco's: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
Zeno's Pizza: (1) \$10.00 gift certificate  
**This fundraiser can be considered a citizenship project for those who participate and it will help the fairgrounds out too. Great opportunity for a club challenge...which club will sell the most raffle tickets?**

**National 4-H Week**  
**October 4-10**

**What Can You Do To Help Raise Awareness  
of National 4-H Week?**

- ✓ Wear your 4-H t-shirt to school, to the mall, Taco John's or Culvers, church .....everywhere!
- ✓ Tell your friends about the fun you have in 4-H and about the opportunities that are there for you
- ✓ Make a 'Join 4-H' poster to put up in your school. Get permission from school first.
- ✓ Make 4-H the topic of your speech for school.
- ✓ Grab a friend and do a citizenship activity for someone...a neighbor, your church, your town.
- ✓ Bring a friend along to your next 4-H club meeting.
- ✓ Put a '4-H Rocks' sign in your car! Or something similar!
- ✓ Be a good role model for youth & 4-H!
- ✓ Feel PROUD to be a 4-H member.