



## The Clover Chatter

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – Noon  
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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## TAKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Iowa State University is excited to announce the October 2011 program for “*Taking the Road Less Traveled, A Career Conference for Girls*”. This conference is sponsored by Iowa State University’s Program for Women in Science and Engineering. The conferences aim to expose girls, sixth through twelfth grades to career paths within science, technology, engineering and math. More than 2,500 individuals participate in the program each year. The conference is held at the Memorial Union on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames.

Conference dates are:

- ⇒ October 13                      Grades 9—12
- ⇒ October 20                      Grades 6—8
- ⇒ October 27                      Grades 6—8

For more information contact Katie Gibson, Career Conference Assistant, at 515-294-5319 or Carol Heaverlo, Outreach and Conference Coordinator at 515-294-5883 or email at [pwsetrlt@iastate.edu](mailto:pwsetrlt@iastate.edu)

Updates will be posted on the ISU website as they become available: [www.pwse.iastate.edu](http://www.pwse.iastate.edu).



## ***FAIR AWARDS***

During the Sunday night awards ceremony, a couple of people may have picked up the wrong awards. If you find you have one that is not yours or if you find a spelling error on your award, please contact the office and let us know. We also had a couple of trophies handed out that did not have a name plate on them. Our list of those has been misplaced and we would appreciate it if you would notify the office.

## ***4-H RECORDS ARE DUE***

It is now time for an important part of the 4-H year. The completion of your record keeping for the projects you are enrolled in. The completion of your record keeping will determine your active membership status at the end of the 4-H year and your eligibility to exhibit at the county fair in 2012.

It is important to complete records even if you did not take an exhibit to the county fair. Be sure to complete the required information and have it at the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on Friday September 2. This date will make you eligible for project awards.

All record keeping forms are available on line at [www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsandteens/4-H](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsandteens/4-H). Be sure that you use the most current forms and use the ones from the Cedar County website. Many of these forms can be typed into and then printed off.

All members are eligible to apply for the Junior Achievement, Intermediate achievement Senior achievement and Presidential Service Challenge.

We also have the UPS (Utilizing Your Potential) award which is available for leaders to complete for youth they feel qualify.

Let the office know if you have any problems with the on line forms.

All record keeping is due by September 30th to be eligible to exhibit at the 2012 Cedar County Fair.



## ***CLUB BOOKS***

Clubs need to turn in their treasurer book and secretary book to the Extension Office. If your club keeps a historian book, we would encourage you to turn that into the office also.



## ***4-H SCHOLARSHIP***

All 4-H members who graduated this spring are eligible for the 4-H scholarship. You need to complete your record keeping for 2011 and turn in all of your records for the years you were in 4-H by September 2. You must include the 2011 4-H year records to be eligible.

You do not need to complete any application paper work just the completed 4-H records.

## ***NATIONAL 4-H WEEK***

National 4-H week is set for October 2—8. Has your club started making their plans to promote 4-H?



## ***STATE WIDE NEW LEADER BOOT CAMP***

Join new 4-H volunteers (Club and Clover Kid volunteers) across Iowa to develop your volunteer skills and fill your volunteer toolbox! This training is geared to first and second year leaders, but anyone is welcome to attend. You will learn foundational positive youth development principles and management tools to enhance 4-H program success and enrich your volunteer experience. If you will be having a new leader in your club this year, in the early stages of being a club leader, or a leader with several years of experience, please inform the Extension Office and we will make sure you receive registration materials to attend this workshop.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, September 25, from 1:00—7:00 pm. It will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca near Solon.



## NEW 4-H YEAR

September is the start of a new 4-H year. It is also the time when re-turning 4-H members start the re-enrollment process.

As you know last year Cedar County was a pilot county for 4honline. Many of you went through the re-enrollment process on line and got along fine.

This year we will do all re-enrollment on line. Before this process starts, we need to have you do a couple of things.

- ⇒ One of the main things to make 4honline work is that you have a current e-mail address already in the software program. What is on file will be the email address which was given to the office last year. If you have changed that you will need to notify the Extension Office so we can make that change.
- ⇒ The next thing is the password you use to check this email. You do not need to make a new password—you should be able to use the one you already have established for that e-mail account.
- ⇒ The e-mail has not yet been sent out to see if you have an active account. We are working on this.
- ⇒ With the use of 4honline, we will move toward livestock identification on line. This will be for all animals that do not go through a weigh-in process.
- ⇒ We will see more changes as the process continues.
- ⇒ Let us know if you have any questions.



## MUSCATINE AG LEARNING CENTER EQUINE EVENTS

If you have an interest in horses, there are two upcoming events at the Muscatine Ag Learning Center (3200 Lucas street, Muscatine) you will want to check out.

### Robert Toomer Horse Clinic

Tuesday & Wednesday—September 6-7—6:30 pm

Robert Toomer from Utah will demonstrate his natural horsemanship abilities and techniques with unbroken horses and problem horses. Mr. Toomer is a outstanding horseman who has an outstanding presence with animals and humans alike. Admission will be \$5 per adult and children 18 and under are free.

### Futurity Warm Up Show

Friday—September 16 —7:00 pm

This will be a “Trifecta Show”; jackpot classes, payouts to top three places in Every Class!! Featured classes will be Open Jackpot Halter, Walk Trot and Pleasure, Youth Classes, Yearling and Two Year Old Classes, Junior Horse and Senior Horse. Should be an awesome way to tune up young horses and show competitive older ones!

For more information, contact Joel Edge, Events and Facility Manager at 563-263-2645 Extension 211 or 319-540-1731. You may also contact him at [jnedge@muscatine.k12.ia.us](mailto:jnedge@muscatine.k12.ia.us) or the website at [muscatineaglearningcenter.org](http://muscatineaglearningcenter.org).



### **KEN SCHMIDT** *Inducted into Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame*

Ken Schmidt is someone who always has a smile on his face – Even if things are not going well you can still find a little smile. Ken has been involved with 4-H through his experience as a youth and through his children when they were involved. Ken continues to be an advocate for youth through his involvement on the Cedar County Fair Board. During this opportunity he has always had a focus on youth and what would make their experience at the fair a positive one. Ken will listen to new ideas and look at ways to make them work. He has spent numerous hours working behind the scene on buildings and grounds improvements which will benefit youth. Ken does not expect recognition for his efforts. He is helping make the best better. Well Done Ken!

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[www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/)  
Kids and Teens



### REMINDER TO ALL CLUB LEADERS

It would be great if you could find some time to go to [4honline.com](http://4honline.com) and click on the state of Iowa and be sure that you can log in to look over the information for your club members and become familiar with the program before your club members start to enroll. If you have questions, contact the office.



### NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time to start talking to friends and classmates about joining 4-H. This would be a good time to start thinking about making some posters and putting them up in your school or some places in your town. This is a good way to promote 4-H and your club. Be sure you post the contact person for your club, a contact number along with when and where your next club meeting will be.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September

- 2 Record keeping due to Extension Office—for county awards  
All county award applications due  
Club recognition forms from leaders due  
4-H member report due to office  
All graduating 4-H members record keeping due to office for scholarships
- 5 Holiday—Office closed
- 25 New Leader Training—Solon
- 30 Last day for record keeping to be turned in to be eligible to exhibit at 2012 county fair.

#### October

- 2—8 National 4-H Week