



# Wright County

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Pool Party
- Fair Information
- Livestock Information
- 4-H Leaders
- Schedules-Fair
- Record Book

**Promote 4-H by wearing your 4-H T-shirt during judging day on July 8<sup>th</sup>!!! 4-H t-shirts can be purchased at the Extension office and during the fair at the 4-H Extension office at the fair grounds.**

**Director's Comments...**

Only a few weeks until the 2008 Wright County Fair will begin. This will probably mean fun, learning, eating away from home, being with friends, meeting new friends and lack of sleep. Make working with your projects fun and enjoyable. Most of that can be accomplished by not waiting until the last few days before fair.

The fair is a place to show others your talents, interests, and knowledge about your project. In the past I have noticed many of you helping others with a project. You are to be congratulated for being a good citizen and demonstrating leadership. I am sure that you will continue those practices this year and in the future.

See you at the fair. Have fun.

Sincerely,

Leroy Jensen  
Wright County Extension Education Director



**4-H POOL PARTY**

The Teen Council is hosting a Pool Party on Sunday, July 6 at the Eagle Grove Aquatic Pool from 8 pm to 10 pm. The Pool Party is for all 4-H'er and their families, cost is \$1.00 per person. Come join the fun and hang out with you 4-H friends. This would be a great time to take a break from all the hard work you will be doing on your fair projects.

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**2008 Wright County Fair theme: "Ignite the Flame"**  
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## **FAIR INFORMATION: READ CAREFULLY!!!**

**BUILDING SET UP:** Thursday, July 3 9:00 – Noon Liberty Pathfinders

### **CLUB BOOTH SET-UP TIME**

In order to help ease the work load and allow some extra time for clubs to set up their club booths at the Exhibit Building at the Fair, I will be at the 4-H exhibit building on Monday, July 7, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Please **do not** bring in any exhibits at this time. This is for club booth set-up only. Club map with location will be in the building each leader signed up for a spot at the last leaders meeting.

**STATIC EXHIBITS JUDGING** is Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The judging schedule is included in this newsletter. Please let Jessica know if you will have any large or special exhibit, so we can plan for this.

**4-H COMMUNICATION & PRIDE OF IOWA JUDGING:** Communication (working exhibits, educational presentation, and extemporaneous speaking) and the Pride of Iowa entries will be judged at the Wright County District Junior Fair on Saturday, July 12 at 2 pm in the 4-H Exhibit building. Schedules will be sent out to youth participating.

**GROUP PICTURE OF ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS:** Sunday July 13 at 4:45 PM, meet at fair office. **\*\*Wear 4-H Shirt\*\***

### **4-H BUILDING EXHIBIT REMINDER**

No exhibits are to be removed from the Exhibit Building at the Fair until 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot be there to remove your exhibit, make arrangements for someone to pick up your projects.

**CLEAN UP EXHIBIT BUILDING:** Sunday, July 13, 5:30 PM – Lake Clovers

**WRIGHT COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE:** Check the website out for 4-H Newsletters, 4-H Goal sheet, inappropriate food exhibits for Iowa 4-H fairs, and more. Link is <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/kidsteens.htm>

**STATE 4-H WEBSITE:** link is <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/> Check it out for State rules, forms and other information.

### **STATE FAIR EXHIBITS**

4-H'ers with exhibits chosen for State Fair will have an envelope placed near the exhibit the evening of check-out. The envelope contains information regarding exhibiting at the state Fair. Please read the information carefully and don't hesitate to ask questions to Jessica at the Extension office. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to transport large-sized exhibits to the State Fair. Jessica will let you know if you will have to transport your exhibit.

## **CLOTHING EVENT & SHARE THE FUN**

On Wednesday night, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Clothing Event (fashion Revue) will alternate with Share the Fun performances. Please meet by the Free Stage at 7:10. I will let those who have outfit changes know which outfit to wear first on Tuesday, July 8. Those who participating in Share The Fun and have a CD or tape need to drop it off with Jessica either Tuesday, July 8 or Wednesday, July 9 at the fair grounds, to have a sound check.

## **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

New this year, all youth showing animals will have a show number to wear. The number needs to be worn on the back or where it can be seen by those watching the shows. You will wear the same show number for each show you are exhibiting animals in. The Fair Extension office has ribbon stickers for you to place on your stall cards. Stop in and pick you yours after the show!!!

## **LIVESTOCK SALE REMINDER**

Please remember to let the Fair Extension office know what animals you will be selling at the Livestock Auction at the Fair. This is very important so that the sale bill will be correct and can be ran in a timely manner.

Also, remember to have proper container for buyers to take poultry and rabbits in. Always check with the superintendents before releasing your project to the buyer. This means staying with your project until it is released.

## **LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

What is livestock judging contest? It is when you are the judge and place four animals from top to bottom. There will be a livestock judging contest at the fair this year. It will be held on Thursday, July 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the show arena. Four animals will be in the show ring and you need to rank them from top to bottom. There will be two classes of beef, sheep, and swine. Score cards will be available for the contest and trophies sponsored by the Wright County Cattlemen's Association will be awarded to the first and second place individuals in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior division. Ribbons will be awarded for first through tenth place.

## **OTHER FAIR ENTRY DUE DATES**

State Fair Livestock/Horticulture Entries Due to the Extension office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Clay County Fair Livestock Entries Due to the Extension office by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Aksarben Entries Due to the Extension office by August 15<sup>th</sup>

## GO GREEN WITH 4-H AND FORD

The Midwest Ford Dealers have recently partnered with the Iowa 4-H Foundation to provide a Ford F-150 (4X4) Flex-fuel truck for a state-wide raffle to raise funds to support Iowa 4-H. The will be making a stop at the Wright County Fair on Friday, July 11 to sell raffle tickets. For more information stop by the Wright County fair or contact the Extension office with questions.

## PROJECT VS. EXHIBIT

Throughout the 4-H year, you learned and then demonstrated to your club how to make cookies. Next you make cookies for the 4-H Club bake sale and finally gave cookies to senior citizens. The learning and activities done during a year create the project.

The exhibit is the plate of cookies and the explanation of your achieved goal for them. Be sure to explain how you achieved your goal, what you learned as you worked to achieve your goal, and what you may do differently in the future.

The exhibit tells the audience what you learned while achieving your goal, a single idea of the project. The project enhances skills learned from accomplishing a goal. For example, sharing your cookies with senior citizens enhances your citizenship skill, as you are being kind to those in your community.

### THE FAIR SIDE

by: Tricia Rosendahl, Manager

The summer days are filled with a variety of activities and are passing quickly. It will be July and time for the Wright County Fair before we know it. I hope your animals and projects are coming together nicely. Keep working, I can hardly wait to see all of you when you get to the fair grounds. Here are just a couple reminders:

- 1) Don't forget the pool party – we had an awesome time last year and hope to have more fun this year. The more the merrier! See you at the Aquatic Center in Eagle Grove on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 8-10 PM.
- 2) Don't forget to call the office for your grandstand buttons and advance ride tickets. Grandstand buttons are \$15 each this year and advance ride tickets are \$5/sheet of ten tickets. 515-448-3351
- 3) We have gotten a lot of calls about the grandstand entertainers and also the free stage entertainers. Calls from all over the state. Don't miss out! [www.wrightcofair.com](http://www.wrightcofair.com)
- 4) The camping spots are full – I hope you have your spot reserved. Campers can move in anytime after 3 PM on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) T-shirts are on order and should be in the office by judging day on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the office if you have one ordered the first time you are on the grounds.
- 6) Call the fair office with any questions you may have. 515-448-3351

**Congratulations** to Mikaela Livengood! She received a cool prize. Question for this month, What Iowa teenager won the national Power of YOUth poster contest? If you know the answer, call or email Jessica with the answer and receive a neat 4-H prize!

## Wright County 4-H Clubs Hosting Schedule - 2008 4-H Exhibit Building at Wright County Fair

Date/Time	Club	Special Information
Wednesday, July 9 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Dayton Lake	Parade, Fashion Revue/Share the Fun
Thursday, July 10 9:00 – 1:00	Wright County P.I.G.	Horse & pony show, Poultry judging Sheep/Beef Weigh-in
Thursday, July 10 1:00 – 5:00 pm	Troy Toppers	Rabbits judging, Livestock judging contest
Thursday, July 10 5:00 – 9:00 pm	Troy Trojans	Fair annual supper
Friday, July 11 9:00 – 1:00	Wright Wranglers	Sheep Show/Swine Weigh-in
Friday, July 11 1:00 – 5:00 pm	Pleasant Progressors	Dairy Cattle & Goat shows
Friday, July 11 5:00 – 9:00 pm	Iowa Hawkeyes	judging of Pets
Saturday, July 12 9:00-1:00	Open Arts & Crafts	Swine show
Saturday, July 12 1:00 – 5:00 pm	Liberty Pathfinders	Pride of Iowa, Communication
Saturday, July 12 5:00 – 9:00 pm	Master Gardeners	Barnyard Olympics
Sunday, July 13 12:00 – 5:00 pm	Lake Clovers	Beef show

### Host/Hostess Duties

1. Please make yourself a name tag with your name, and club name on it.(There are markers and nametags in the “office” area)
2. Greet people as they enter the Exhibit Building & Answer Questions
3. Make sure that garbage is picked up and that the door stays shut!
4. Remind people not to touch the exhibits
5. Keep kids out of the bus barn garage area, or the bathrooms in the building will be locked up.
6. The water cooler is free for everyone’s use to drink water on hot fair days, please keep younger children from playing with the water cooler. If there are any problems (leaking, out of water, etc.) please find Jessica or Leroy.
7. Promote your club, the 4-H program and all the hard work you do all the year.
8. Patrol the building, don’t sit at the front tables for your entire shift, walk around the building and have at least one person (two would be better) in the back of the building.

## 4-H Food Stand 2008

Day	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>July 8</b> 4-H Exhibits	11:00 am to 3:00 pm <b>Troy Toppers</b>	<b>Not Open</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>July 9</b> Parade/watermelon	8:00 – 11:00 am – 4 <b>Wright County P.I.G.</b> 10:30 – 2:30 pm – 4 <b>Lake Clovers</b>	2:00 – 5:30 pm – 4 5:00 – 9:00 pm – 4 <b>Dayton Lake</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>July 10</b> Horse, Poultry, Fair Supper	8:00 – 11:00 am– 4 11:00 – 2:30 pm- 4 <b>Iowa Hawkeyes</b>	2:00-7:00 pm -4 6:30-10:00 pm – 4 Closed from 4-7 for fair bd. Supper <b>Pleasant Progressors</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>July 11</b> Sheep	8:00-11:00 am – 4 11:00-2:30 pm – 4 <b>Liberty Pathfinders</b>	2:00-7:00 pm - 4 6:30-10:00 pm – 4 <b>Dayton Lake</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>July 12</b> Swine/Barnyard Olympics	8:00 – 11:00 am - 4 10:30 am 2:30 pm – 4 <b>Troy Trojans</b>	2:00 – 7:00 pm – 2 6:30 – 10:00 pm – 2 <b>Wright Wranglers</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>JULY 13</b> Beef	8:00 – 11:00 am – 4 <b>Troy Trojans</b> 11:00 – 2:30 pm – 4 <b>Troy Toppers</b>	2:00 – 7:00 pm – 2 6:30 – 10:00 pm – 2 <b>4-H &amp; Youth Committee</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>JULY 14</b> Sale	9:30 am – 1:00 pm – 4 <b>Liberty Pathfinders</b>	<b>Not Open</b>

## 4-H Pop Schedule -2008

Day	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	11:30- 3:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 10	2 youth <b>Troy Toppers</b>	2 youth <b>Troy Trojans</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 11	2 youth <b>Liberty Pathfinders</b>	2 youth <b>Dayton Lake</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 12	2 youth <b>Iowa Hawkeyes</b>	2 youth <b>Pleasant Progressors</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> July 13	2 youth <b>Wright Wranglers</b>	2 youth <b>Wright County P.I.G.</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> July 14	10:00 am– noon 2 youth <b>Lake Clover</b>	<b>Not Open</b>

## JUDGING AND CHECK-IN SCHEDULE

Wright County Fair – Tuesday, July 8, 2008

8:15 a.m.	Orientation for judges and judge's helpers
8:30 – 9:30 am	Dayton Lake
9:30 – 10:30 am	Troy Trojans & Troy Toppers
10:30 – 11:30 am	Pleasant Progressors & Iowa Hawkeyes
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch break
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lake Clovers & Wright Wranglers & Wright County P.I.G.
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Liberty Pathfinders

### 4-H LEADERS

Letters were sent to all 4-H leaders letting you know your status of the Fall 2007 & Spring 2008 trainings. All 4-H club leaders are to complete two training modules a year, once in the fall and again in the spring to equip you to become better leaders. **BOTH TRAININGS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY 15, 2008.**

This is the first year that the state 4-H program has developed trainings available to volunteers to educate and inform you about youth development.

The Fall 2007 & Spring 2008 Alternative Training is now available in two different formats. They are:

- Online training if you have Internet access and a printer.
- DVD alternative if you do not have access to the internet.

For online training, follow these instructions:

- 1) Go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers)
- 2) Click on Enroll in Training and read and follow the directions.
- 3) When it asks for an Enrollment Key, type in 4Hvolunteer08 (it IS case sensitive). This is your Key for both the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Trainings.
- 4) Print off handouts and view the videos, take the quiz, print off your certificate and complete the evaluation.

For the DVD alternative you will need:

- DVD player
- DVD and handouts-check out from the Extension office.
- Complete handouts and evaluation and return along with DVD to the Extension office.

Directions for verification of your training are found at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers) for the online version and with the DVD packet provided from the Extension office for the DVD option.

If you have questions please let Jessica know at the Extension.

## **RECORD BOOKS**

It is time to work on your record books and start applying for county awards. Record books are due to your club leader by Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Not sure what to do all to include in your record book, then you need to check out the workshop & work days Jessica is having at the Extension office.

## **RECORD KEEPING FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT:**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm> Record books are DUE to your leaders by September 1<sup>st</sup>!

## **RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP**

There will be a record book workshop for junior and beginner 4-H'ers and parents are welcome to come and ask questions. The workshop will be about an hour. This is a good time to find out what is all needed, how to fill out the forms and how your record book should be put together. Date and time is Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Please call the office if you plan to attend the workshop.

## **RECORD BOOK WORK DAYS**

A come and go record book work day on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 12 noon, and August 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Extension office. This is a great time to get help or have questions answered about your record book from Jessica.

## **FAIR EVALUATION MEETING**

4-H Leaders and 4-H & Youth Committee the fair evaluation meeting has been set for Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. This will be a time to discuss the 2008 fair. Positive feedback and suggestions are encouraged.

## **REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR THANK YOU'S**

Please remember to send thank-you to the buyers of your livestock, Cattlemen Producers, trophy sponsors, fair board members, 4-H leaders and anyone else who has helped you this past 4-H year. Don't forget to thank your family members too. We all need to hear those words of appreciation; it might encourage someone to support 4-H next year!

## 2008 Barnyard Olympics

This Year Barnyard Olympics will be held in the horse arena  
Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the fun!

Name of Team \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category: Clover Kids      Junior      Intermediate      Senior      Adult  
Grade Completed      (Grade 1-3)      (Grades 4-6)      (Grade 7-8)      (Grades 9-12)

\*\*\*Age Category will be determined by the oldest member on team.

### Name of Team Members (max of 4 people)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Forms are to be turned into Jessica either at the Extension office, and/or during the fair at the little Extension office on the fairgrounds.

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# July Newsletter



## Dates to Remember

June	24-26	State 4-H Conference/Animal Science Roundup/Crops: CSI
	27	Clothing Event judging
July	1	State Fair entries due
	3	Pre-Fair clean up
	4	Office Closed
	6	4-H member/family Pool Party
	8-14	Wright County Fair
	21	Record book work day
	31	Clay County Fair entries due
Aug	7-17	Iowa State Fair
	12	Record book work day & workshop
	15	Aksarben entries due
	19	Fair Review meeting
Sept	1	Record books due to Leaders
	15	Record books due to the Extension office from leaders
	15	Fair Leader's meeting