



## Wright County

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 4-H Awards Day
- 4-H Club information
- Pioneer Grant
- Tree Project
- 4-H License Plate
- Writing & Photo Contests
- Livestock information
- 4-H Fun Nite

### WELCOME NEW 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome new 4-H members and families to your club by:

- Offering them a ride
- Introducing yourself and others
- Answering their questions
- Sharing what you have learned
- Inviting their parents to help
- Including them in recreation
- Matching them with an older "buddy"

### Director's Comments...

I hope that all of you will be able to attend the annual 4-H awards day to be held on November 9 at the Clarion-Goldfield High School. This is a time for you and your club to be recognized for the time, work, and effort that you put toward your project and your club.

What makes a 4-H club outstanding or worth attending? It is you, the member, and the support and cooperation that you put toward the club. Be proud of what you and your 4-H club have accomplished.

As we start a new 4-H year be thinking of presentations, club activities, fun, and workshops that you would like to have during the year. You will only get out of the 4-H program what you put into the program.

Leroy Jensen  
County Extension Education Director



## 4-H Awards Day

Sunday, November 9 2:00 p.m.

Clarion-Goldfield High School

Top off your 4-H year with a 4-H Sundae!

## 4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

**Dayton Lake:** meeting after award day November 9 at the Clarion-Goldfield High School this will be a quick business meeting.

**Iowa Hawkeyes:** next meeting is Monday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m. at the Belmont Methodist Church. You will plan your Christmas party, caroling, and make ornaments for families in Parkersburg.

**Pleasant Progressors:** Meeting Sunday Nov. 2 at 6:00p.m. held at the United Methodist Church, Remember to bring your reenrollment or enrollment forms, Bring your dues monies.

**Lake Clovers:** meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 at the extension office.

**Liberty Pathfinders:** will meet Sunday, November 2 at 6 p.m. at The United Presbyterian Church in Goldfield. New members will be recognized.

**Troy Toppers:** will meet Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am in the basement meeting room of Rotary Ann South. Workshop after the meeting will be making Christmas presents for Rotary residents and Christmas cards for 4-H supporters. It's your choice if you wish to stay for the workshop.

**Wright County P.I.G.:** meeting after award day at the high school, there will be a short business meeting.

**Teen Council:** Will meet before the awards program at 12:30 p.m. to set up the cafeteria and go over the script. This includes all current and new Teen Council members. **All of your help is needed!!**

## CLUB INFORMATION

Each club needs to turn in a yearly club program to Jessica as soon as possible, they were due October 31<sup>st</sup>. If club members have not turned in enrollment and medical forms they need to as soon as possible.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS:

4-H'ers to craft their own special Christmas and Holiday Greeting Cards so we can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters (Wright County Foundation donators & 4-H Foundation, in Ames).

- We'd love to have your 4-H'ers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county.
- Cards need to be equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page (think of a piece of construction paper folded in half, and then in half again) with envelopes, if possible.
- Cards need to be turned into the Extension office by November 14<sup>th</sup>.



### ATTENTION ALL 4-H CLUBS

4-H Fun Night is going to be here before we know it so I am asking each club to get their club King & Queen Candidates names to me. When submitting your candidates names please give a little background of their involvement in 4-H. I will need this information from the club by December 15<sup>th</sup>, so the candidates' information can be sent out in the January Newsletter.

## RE-ENROLLMENT TIME

October and November meetings should concentrate on enrolling and re-enrolling new and returning 4-H members. Leaders should have the re-enrollment forms for all current members. Please contact your leader if you don't have yours or need a blank form for a new member.

All mailing lists are generated from the county's Blue Ribbon program where we enter all the enrollment information. It is important for each member to complete the form and return it to your leader or the Extension office as soon as possible.

## 2009 PIONEER GRANT APPLICATIONS

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs interested are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html> Applications and support letters for 2009 grants are due in the county office on December 19, 2008.

## 4-H MILLION TREES PROJECT

4-H clubs and members are invited to participate in the 4-H Million Trees (4HMT) project. Members of the Belmont and Pacifica (California) 4-H Clubs launched the 4HMT project, a large-scale service-learning project with the goal to plant 1,000,000 trees across the United States to beautify America, absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide, and combat global climate change. The project founders hope that every one of the approximately 90,000 4-H clubs and units in the U.S. will participate in this community service, and plant at least a dozen native trees in their areas during the current 4-H year. They hope that clubs will accept their invitation and adopt the project so members can enjoy the satisfaction of joining with millions of fellow 4-Hers to make a big difference in the world. 4HMT is supported by National 4-H Headquarters and the Arbor Day Foundation. To learn more about 4HMT, or to register as a participating club, visit the 4HMT web site at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>



## 4-H LICENSE PLATE

Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate and to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted within one year. Get your license plate today by filling out the application form online at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org). License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Application and payment by check or money order are to be sent to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. For questions, contact Shelly Greving, [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or (515) 294-1607.

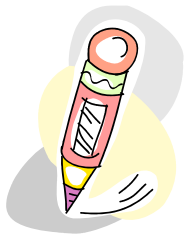
## 4-H FORD TRUCK RAFFLE

The raffle drawing was held on 1040 WHO radio with Van & Bonnie. And the winner is... Larry Meyers of St. Louis, Missouri is the lucky winner of the 2008 Ford F-150 truck! He purchased his lucky ticket at the Grundy County Fair on July 23. Thank you to everyone who supported the truck raffle.

## TRANSPORTATION WRITING CONTEST

The Go! Magazine writing contest guidelines are available as a pdf at <http://www.go-explore-trans.org/Go-writing-contest-flyer.pdf> Go! Magazine works with 4-H and is sponsoring this contest. Go!, an online magazine for teens published by Iowa State University's Center for Transportation Research and Education (CTRE), is sponsoring a writing contest that is open to all writers ages 16 and up. All submissions should be focused on some aspect of transportation and be appropriate for teens and young adults. The goal of the contest is to encourage writers and readers to think about how integral transportation is to our everyday lives. Transportation encompasses roads, rail, air, and sea. The basics: \$1,000 for best short story; \$1,000 for best non-fiction piece. Open to all writers age 16 and up. (\$500 ISU Book Store gift cards to 2 best student writers.) MUST be focused on transportation. Target audience is young people 14-20 yrs old. Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Michele Regenold, Go! Editor, Center for Transportation Research and Education, Iowa State University, 2711 S. Loop Drive, Suite 4700, Ames, IA 50010, 515-296-0835, [mregenol@iastate.edu](mailto:mregenol@iastate.edu) [www.go-explore-trans.org](http://www.go-explore-trans.org)

## WANTED: INSPIRING 4-H STORIES



"Make it Matter" is a new initiative of the Reader's Digest Foundation. The Foundation will give away \$1 million to nonprofit organizations based on inspiring stories submitted by the public. Every month for ten months, Reader's Digest will choose one individual whose story of giving back serves as an inspiration to others. For each story, the Reader's Digest Foundation will donate \$100,000 to a nonprofit organization that is associated either with the story or the cause. These individuals and their stories of giving back will appear every month in the new "Make it Matter" column in Reader's Digest and on rd.com, beginning with the April issue. Stories can be submitted at <http://www.rd.com/makeitmatter.do>.

## "OUR WORLD IN FOCUS" PHOTO CONTEST

Celebrate the cultural diversity of people with "Our World in Focus," University of Northern Iowa Museums' annual photography contest and exhibition. This year's theme is "People of Iowa, the United States and the World." This contest and exhibition is open to photographers of all ages. Last year, two Iowa 4-H'ers earned "Best in Category: Youth" honors. Deadline for contest entries is Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Each entry should include an 8x10" copy of the photo along with an "artist statement" describing why the person or persons were photographed as important to the character of our state, nation or world. For rules and entry form visit

[http://www.uni.edu/museum/calendar/photo\\_contest/museum\\_photo\\_contest.pdf](http://www.uni.edu/museum/calendar/photo_contest/museum_photo_contest.pdf)

The exhibition will be in UNI Museum's Featured Exhibit Room from January 10-31, 2009. Prizes will be awarded at the opening reception on Saturday, January 10, at 2 p.m. Get out your cameras or photos from the past year and focus on what you believe makes all types of Iowans, Americans and people across the world unique and diverse!

## WRIGHT COUNTY DISTRICT JUNIOR FAIR ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm, Wright County Extension Office, Clarion  
Board members will be elected, reports from the 2008 fair will be shared, committee reports, as well as highlights to look for in 2009. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited. Come out and support the youth of Wright County by supporting the Wright County District Junior Fair!



## AK-SAR-BEN RESULTS

Ben Jacobsen exhibited at the 2008 Knights of AK-SAR-BEN livestock show held in Omaha, Nebraska. Ben entered two pigs in the carcass contest and one placed 18 out of 397 swine entered in the contest. He received a purple ribbon for that pig and a blue ribbon for the other pig entered. Way to Go BEN!



## BEEF WEIGH-IN SET

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Hagie Farm

The market beef weigh-in will be Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. It will be held at the John Hagie Farm just north of Clarion on the east side of the county road R-38. Ear tags will be a \$1 each; this cost is part of the project expense.

## MARKET BEEF 4-H MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

If you have enrolled in the market beef project and would like to show at the county fair, you must weigh your animals in at the weigh-in. To save time on the day of weigh-in please have the top portion of the Market Beef I.D. form filled in before you come, and please do not put halters on your animal for weigh-in. For those planning to show at the Iowa State Fair, you must verify those animals at weigh-in. A parent and member need to be present at weigh-in. If this is not possible you need to pick up a Members/Parent Hold Harmless agreement at the Extension office or [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm) Click on the Member & Parental Hold Harmless. We have to have this agreement before we can verify your animals for state fair if a parent and/or 4-H member cannot be present.

**Mark your calendars for  
Wright County 4-H Fun Nite March 14, 2009**

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**Happy Thanksgiving**



## Dates to Remember

November 9	Awards Day
14	Holiday cards due
27	Thanksgiving office closed
28	Office Closed
27-30	Chicago Trip
December 1	Enrollment, Medical Release, & Code of Ethics forms due
13	Beef Weigh-in
19	Pioneer Grant due
February 6-7	State Leader's Retreat in Newton

**Remember to turn in your enrollments, medical release & Code of Ethics forms to your club leader.**