



Wright County

4-H NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Club Happens
- Leadership & Officer training
- National 4-H Week
- Wright County Teen Council
- Area Council
- Volunteer Forum
- Livestock information

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.

Director's Comments...

What makes 4-H worth while? You will get out of the program what you put into the program. There are many opportunities for trips, developing communication skills, developing organizational skills, leadership, record keeping, education, fun, etc. As has been mentioned before, invite a friend to a meeting and encourage the friend to join 4-H.

You may not realize it at this time but many of the 4-H experiences will be of value to you in your future occupation.

The 4-H colors: The official colors of 4-H, green and white. Green is nature's most common color and stands for springtime, life, youth, and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

As the new 4-H year starts be thinking of new projects, new ideas, new workshops, and enjoy the many 4-H events held during the year.

Sincerely,

Leroy Jensen
 Wright County Extension Education Director



National 4-H Week October 5-11, 2008

4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

Dayton Lake: Next meeting Sunday, October 5th at 5 p.m. Halloween Party come dress in costume, there will prizes, games, come and have fun. Please bring some fair projects.

Iowa Hawkeyes: Sun., Oct. 5 - 12:30 p.m. - New Member Potluck and Installation of Officers with the Pleasant Progressors. New members and their families are our guests; current members and families please bring your own table service and one or two covered dishes to share. 3:30 p.m. - Set up our 4-H Week window display at the former Bredeaux building. Bring exhibits, ribbons and trophies to make an attractive window. 4:30 p.m. - Hayride starting at Erin Johnson's home, 2230 130th St., ending at the Art Center barn for a scavenger hunt and bonfire supper. Mon., Oct. 6, 6:00 p.m. - Our regular meeting at the Methodist Church. First we will help assemble "Ice Cream in a Bag" ingredients to share with the 4th graders on Wednesday. Following our meeting, we will clean the woodwork in the church sanctuary. Wed., Oct. 8, 1:00 p.m. - High school and middle school members are invited to speak with the 4th graders about 4-H. Wear your 4-H T-shirt and meet in the high school office at 12:50; transportation to the middle school and back will be provided. Please make arrangements ahead of time to be excused from school from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Sun., Oct. 12 - time to be announced to remove our window display.

Liberty Pathfinders: will meet Sunday, October 5 at the United Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. Installation of officers will be held.

Pleasant Progressors: meeting on Sunday Oct 5 at 12:30, potluck dinner with the Iowa Hawkeyes for installation of officers. After the installation there will be a short meeting for organization of the upcoming 4-H year.

Troy Trojans: Next meeting is Saturday, October 11 at 3:00 pm at Rotary Ann. Following the meeting there will be a hot dog roast at Leslie Cooper's house until about 6:00 pm.

Wright County P.I.G.: Wright County PIG will meet Sunday Oct 5 at 1:00 pm at the Swanson Family Farm. We will be having officer elections and finalize plans for 2009.

Teen Council: Next meeting is set for Sunday, October 19th following the leadership and officer training around 6 pm at the Extension office. Make sure to support your club activities during National 4-H week.

Leadership & Club Officer Training

Leadership & Club Officer Training scheduled for Sunday, October 19th at the Extension office from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. This is a great way to learn the roll you have been elected to and gain leadership skills. Please mark your calendars now to attend.

PEN PALS WITH 4-H CLUB IN JAPAN

A 4-H club at Camp Zama, Japan, is interested in finding other 4-H'ers interested in becoming pen pals. 4-H club members at Camp Zama are children of U.S. military members stationed in Japan. There are many 4-H clubs at U.S. military installations in the United States and around the world. If your club interested please let Jessica know at the office.



National 4-H Week

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Window Displays

All clubs are encouraged to have a window display in a downtown window to promote 4-H. Take a picture of your display and send it to the Extension office for judging by October 31st. Awards will be presented at Awards Day. The theme this year is Ignite the Flame.

Green Appreciation Day

4-H'ers, to observe National 4-H Week please set a day this week as green appreciation day! Do something nice in the color of green for someone who has helped you in your 4-H work. Individuals who report their green appreciation day activities to the Extension office by October, 31st, will be recognized at Awards Day. Remember to take pictures. Be creative and have fun!!!

Poster Display

Individuals are encouraged to create a poster that promotes 4-H. Have the poster on display in a business (library, local elevator, grocery store, gas stations, and main street shops). Take a picture of your poster on display and send it to the Extension office for judging by October 31st. Awards will be presented at Awards Day in November. The theme this year is Ignite the Flame.

School Visit Days

Belmond-Klemme: Wednesday, October 8th at 1:00-2:00 pm

Eagle Grove: Thursday, October 9th 2:30-2:55 pm

Clarion-Goldfield: Monday, October 6th 10:10 am

If you would like to help with your school visit let Jessica know.

Record 4-H Activities

4-H members and their family play important role in promoting the 4-H program. 4-H'ers will be visiting with 4th graders, helping with 4-H Find Out Night, club window display, poster display to get the word out, JOIN 4-H!!! As clubs are doing activities during National 4-H Week, record these activities as a report, (pictures are always good) on what your club did by October 31st. Awards will be presented at Awards Day, in November.

4-H T-SHIRT DAY

Monday, October 6th & Thursday, October 9th. Wear a 4-H t-shirt to school! Who knows what your award might be!?



National 4-H Week

4-H Find Out Nights

Clarion-Goldfield: Tuesday, October 14th 6:30-8:00 pm at the Extension office
Flyers will go home with youth in 4th – 6th grades at the school visits. Contact your club leaders to see what you can help with for your club.

Join 4-H

Now is the time to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to join your 4-H club. Anyone 4th – 12th grade is eligible to join 4-H. Invite a friend to attend your next club meeting. Tell them about your 4-H experiences, including 4-H meetings, 4-H Fun Night, camps, and fairs! There are projects for every interest, from aerospace to wildlife. Through 4-H youth learn life long skills, such as, communication skills through presentations. All 4-H'ers have new experiences and make friends by attending club meetings, camps, trips, work shops and much more.

VOLUNTEER MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Want to spend some citizenship time with Mother Nature? 4-H clubs, families, friends, staff, everyone is invited to the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00-3:00 (or whatever part of the day you can volunteer). Wear your grubby clothes and help make a difference by painting, staining buildings, chipping trails, taking down dead trees, stacking fire wood, taking inventory, and general cleaning tasks. Also extra tools are helpful (gloves, rakes, buckets, old rags, chainsaws, gardening tools, shop vacs, step ladders, wheel barrows, etc.) to keep all hands busy. Please label your tools. Call 515-795-3338 to let us know you are going. We want to have enough morning refreshments for all our hard workers.

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.

4-H Awards Day is Sunday, November 9, 2008

HOLIDAY 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).

- Most of our 4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas Cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and backgrounds too.
- 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.
- Have youth include a brief sentence or two about why they liked a 4-H experience.

Cards received by November 14th will be used this year. Cards can be dropped off at the Extension office.

WRIGHT COUNTY 4-H TEEN COUNCIL

Would you like to develop some leadership skills? One way to do that is to be a member of the Wright County Teen Council. The county 4-H program needs good leaders and you can make a difference in the team effort. If you are interested in Teen Council let Jessica know, any high school 4-H member is eligible to join Teen Council. Meet new friends, have fun, and gain leadership skills! Applications have been sent out and will be on the web very soon!

CENTRAL AREA 4-H COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO BE PART OF THE INFERNO!

Join others at the State 4-H Camp near Madrid on November 8th—9th to keep the fire burning in forming an area council. The retreat begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and concludes at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Registration information is available by contacting your County Extension Office. Deadline is October 24th and cost \$10. Additional questions, contact Jeff Macomber 4-H Youth Field Specialist—Council Advisor 515/993-4281, jmacombe@iastate.edu

2008 NORTH CENTRAL REGION VOLUNTEER FORUM

Are you looking for a fun training and networking opportunity 4-H volunteers? The **2008 North Central Region Volunteer Forum** is scheduled for **November 6 – 8, in Columbus, Ohio**. Every year, over 400 4-H volunteers, youth, and staff from twelve states gather to learn new and practical ideas to help their clubs through fun, hands on workshops. Iowa volunteers who attend Forum tell us they return re-energized and with new skills and ideas to help them have a successful club year. Information about the Forum can be found at <http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/>. Click on Registration Booklet to check out all the details. Registration deadline is October 24. Register early to get your first choice of workshops! **Mail in registrations can be made by clicking on the Registration Booklet link, printing out the registration form and mailing with a check. Credit card payments are only accepted via the online registration system.**

4-H & Youth Committee

Tuesday, October 7th at 6 pm at the Extension office to select major & trip award winners. Pizza will be provided, so please let me know if you plan to attend.

WANTED 4-H PICTURES

Jessica is looking for 4-H pictures of Wright County youth, parents, and/or volunteers from the past 4-H year (2007-2008). Pictures can be from any fairs, club meeting/trips/activities, 4-H Fun Nite, Awards Day, National 4-H Week activities. Pictures will be used for 4-H promotional displays. If you would like to share your pictures, please save them on a CD and drop it at the extension office, or email jnorman@iastate.edu. Any questions please let Jessica know.

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, 2009.

4-H: LICENSED TO SUCCEED

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. 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 or (515) 294-1607.

OPEN HOUSE AT ISU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH BUILDING

The ISU Extension 4-H Youth Building on campus is alive with wonderful exhibits and communication posters that 4-H members have shared with them. On October 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. they will be hosting an open house to celebrate and showcase exhibits and posters.

LAST CHANCE ...4-H FORD TRUCK RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE!

The 4-H Foundation Ford Truck team is still selling tickets and I was able to acquire a number of blank tickets for Wright County. So, for those who did not purchase a 4-H Ford Truck ticket, good news, you still have a chance. Tickets are \$20 each or 6/\$100, half stays in Wright County Endowment, which supports Wright County youth. Jessica has tickets to sell until Monday, October 6th. Drawing will be October 10th, and winner will be presented truck on November 15th at the ISU vs. Missouri Football game. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a ticket please contact Jessica at the Extension office 532-3453. Please purchase a ticket for a chance for a Ford truck, which helps the 4-H program, plus keeping Wright County at the top of sales!

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

The United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that goes into effect September 30, 2008.

As confusing as it may seem, the process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple and shouldn't cause too many headaches.

What 4-H'ers Need to Do: The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at, <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc>. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records (calving report, PigChamp, PigTales, etc.), purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at, <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>. Information will be sent to youth who are enrolled in the livestock listed above.

NORTH EAST IOWA FEEDER CALF CLASSIC

Show date- October 11th; check in 10 AM., till noon. Show is scheduled for 2 PM., at the Floyd County Fair Grounds West of Charles City on Hwy 14. Entry Fee is \$25 pre October 3rd, after October 3rd entry will be \$35. This show is open to all calves born after Jan. 1st 2008, current health certificate required, new building will be available for use or work out of trailer. Will have breed classes for breeding and market classes. Send entries to Floyd County Cattleman's, % Terry Wicks, 1970 Dogwood Ave., Rockford, IA 50468, and phone: 641-860-1177.

TAKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: A CAREER CONFERENCE FOR GIRLS

October career conference series, "Taking the Road Less Traveled," sponsored by Iowa State University's Program for Women in Science and Engineering. The goal of the TRLT conference is to expose girls in grades six through twelve to career paths within science, technology, engineering and math. In the morning, participants hear from professional women; in the afternoon, they participate in hands-on activities or tours. The registrations are set up as three-page PDF documents, with pages one and two offering important information. You can download these documents on our website,

<http://www.pwse.iastate.edu/trlt.html>

The dates of this year's conferences are as follows: October 16th (High School) registration due October 2nd, October 23rd (Middle School) registration due October 9th, and October 30th (Middle School) registration due October 16th.

Please feel free to contact Samantha or Carol if you have questions. Samantha can be reached at (515) 294-5319 or by e-mail at trlt@iastate.edu. Or contact Carol at (515) 294-5883 or by email at heaverlo@iastate.edu.

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Dates to Remember

Oct	5-11	National 4-H Week
	7	4-H & Youth Committee meeting
	19	Leadership & Officer Training
Nov	9	4-H Awards Day
	27	Thanksgiving office closed
	28	Office Closed
	27-30	Chicago Award Trip
Dec	1	Enrollment, Medical Release, & Code of Ethics forms due
	13	Wright County Beef Weigh-in

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