



Wright County

4-H NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

4-H Ford Truck Tickets
State Fair Results
Clay County Fair
4-H License Plate
National 4-H Week

RECORD KEEPING DUE:

Record books are DUE to your leaders by September 1st!

Record keeping forms can be found at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm>

Director's Comments...

Congratulations to all of the 4-H members that took part in the Iowa State Fair. I am sure that you enjoyed your event, had some fun, met some new friends, and learned something new. It is the experience of the 4-H program that will help you in the future.

As we finalize this 4-H year I hope that you have enjoyed all of the events that you had an opportunity to attend.

The record book that you are working on or have completed is another way that you learn. Be sure to submit the record book to your leader.

If there are any workshops that you would be interested in attending please let the Extension office know.

Enjoy 4-H and this school year.

Sincerely,

Leroy Jensen
Wright County Extension Education Director

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, email jnorman@iastate.edu. Any questions please let Jessica know.



4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

All Clubs: Record books need to be to your leader by September 1.

Teen Council: Next meeting Sunday, September 21 at 7 pm, the Extension office.

Check club program books, or contact your leader for September club information.

FALL LEADER'S TRAINING

Monday September 15th at 6 pm Fall Leader's Training and meeting at Extension office. Bring ideas for workshops, county activities for the year & your club emergency notebook (that was given one to each club) plus Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release forms from last year. Remember to bring your clubs record books!

STATE FAIR PROJECTS PICK UP

If you have not already picked up your State Fair project, ribbon and comment sheet, please stop by the Extension office, hours are 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:30 pm.

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 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.

4-H Truck Raffle Update (as of August 1st)

The 4-H Truck Raffle is wrapping up at county fairs and is ready to head to the Iowa State Fair. We would like to congratulate our top five counties for their sales to date:

Story County (260) That's more than \$2,500 back to the county!

Wright County (107)

Mahaska County (75)

Clarke County (69)

Cass County (63)

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!

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



State Fair Results 2008



EXHIBIT BUILDING

Joseph Gangestad	"Science, Mechanics & Engineering" Red
Emily Griffioen	Visual Art Red
Ashley Haugen	Clothing Blue
Ashley Haugen	Food & Nutrition Blue
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Ashley Haugen	"Science, Mechanics & Engineering" Blue
Stephanie Herrington	Home Improvement Blue
Ben Jacobsen	Photography Blue
Ben Jacobsen	"Science, Mechanics & Engineering" Blue
Erin Johnson	Ag & Natural Resources Blue
Kayla Jorgenson	Home Improvement Red
Joanna Kraft	Photography Blue
Ashley Larson	Clothing Blue
Erica Meinke	Historical/Family Heritage Cert.
Mitchell Meinke	"Science, Mechanics & Engineering" Blue
Eric Meyer	Personal Development Blue
Sarah Rasmussen	Visual Art Blue
Chloe Ryerson	Food & Nutrition Blue
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Wyatt Sann	"Science, Mechanics & Engineering" Blue
Jay Spitler	Personal Development Blue
Emma Stevenson	Personal Development Red
Emma Stevenson	Photography Blue
Laura Stevenson	Ag & Natural Resources Red
Laura Stevenson	Food & Nutrition White
Celeste Swanson	Clothing Blue
Coltan Warnke	"Science, Mechanics & Engineering" Blue
Landon Worden	Photography Blue

COMMUNICATIONS EVENT

Max Gangestad	Education Presentation	Home Made Cream Corn Merit
Julee Basinger	Extemporaneous Speaking	(Extemporaneous) Merit
Joseph, Max Gangestad	Share The Fun	Saxophone duet Participation
Wyatt Sann, Elizabeth Steiner	Share The Fun	Knock On Wood Participation
Celeste Swanson	Share The Fun	Our Song Participation



State Fair Results 2008



CLOTHING EVENT

Julee Basinger	\$15 Challenge	Participation
Rachel Martens	Clothing Selection	Participation

SWINE

Ben Jacobsen	2 Blue, 1 Red
Denton Sanders	1 Blue, 1 Red
Adelai Swanson	4 Blue
Celeste Swanson	3 Blue
Andrew Tillman	2 Blue, 1 Red
Alayna Watts	6 Blue
Landon Worden	9 Blue

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Ben Jacobsen	1 Red
Denton Sanders	1 Red
Adelai Swanson	1 Red
Celeste Swanson	1 Red
Alayna Watts	1 Red

HERDMANSHIP

Wright County received 4th place in Swine Herdmanship at the Iowa State Fair!

SHEEP

Chloe Ryerson	1 Purple ribbon
Denton Sanders	5 Blue ribbons

IOWA STATE FAIR 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences award eight scholarships (\$500.00) each, to 4-H members with outstanding exhibits that represent majors in the college. These scholarships were awarded to students entering the college by December 2012.

Eric Meyer was one of the eight that received a scholarship. His 4-H exhibit building project, Personal Development, Call of the Wild, camouflage display box with four calls.

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers that exhibited at the Iowa State Fair! Everyone did a Great Job!

IOWA 4-H HALL OF FAME

Dean and Evelyn Grandgeorge of Wright County were inducted into the 2008 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Iowa State Fair on August 17th. Eighty-two Iowa counties had nominees inducted during the ceremony. The award recognizes inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Dean and Evelyn Grandgeorge were presented a plaque by the Iowa 4-H Foundation on stage at the Iowa State Fair.

Evelyn has been very supportive and active in the Wright County 4-H program. She served on the Extension Council and 4-H and youth committee. During a summer she was an aid at the Extension office. She is an honorary 4-H member, was on the Wright County fair board for fifteen years, and was manager for the 4-H food stand at the Wright County Fair for four years. Evelyn met her husband, Dean, when he was showing cattle in 4-H.

Dean was a 4-H member, and a 4-H leader for fifteen years. Dean is an honorary 4-H member of Wright County and volunteers for the Wright County fair.

CLAY COUNTY FAIR

Good Luck to the Troy Trojans 4-H club at the Clay County Fair for Share The Fun on Sunday, September 14th. They will be performing their club skit "Meaning of the 4-H Clover." Have fun and enjoy the day!

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Iowa Pork Youth Team Leadership Conference is scheduled for September 20-21 in Newton. Conference fee is only \$20.00 per student, which includes; hotel room, food, race tickets. More information is to be coming to the Extension office soon, so if interested please call 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, and high school 4-H member is eligible to join Teen Council. Meet new friends, have fun, and gain leadership skills! Applications will be sent out and on the web very soon!

National 4-H Week: October 5-11, 2008

Start making plans for your club window display, poster, article and pictures in the local papers, and think of fun and new ways to share what 4-H has done for you.

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 resented 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 recognize at Awards Day. Remember to take pictures. Be creative and have fun!!!

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.

4-H T-SHIRT DAY

Monday, October 6th & Thursday, October 10th. Wear a 4-H t-shirt to school! Who knows what your award might be!?

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.

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.

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SCHOOL VISIT DAY

School visit days are in the works, watch for the October newsletter school visit day, if you would like to help in some way with your school visit day let me know.

4-H Find Out Nights

We will offer 4-H Find Out Night for each community, so if your club would like to have be part of the 4-H Find Out Night please let me know. Club from the community are to pick a day that will work for them, and check with Jessica to see the date works for her. Let's work as a 4-H team and have a 4-H Find Out Night in each community.

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.

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.**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST AT CERRO GORDO COUNTY

Three Wright County 4-H members attended the livestock judging contest at the North Iowa Fair in Mason City. There were four animals in a class and the contestants had to place them from top to bottom. Six classes were judged that included a market and breeding class in sheep, beef, and swine. Also, there were questions and oral reasons give on three of the classes. The points for the placing, questions, and oral reasons were totaled to give a total score for each contestant and team. The Wright County 4-H team consisted of Joseph Gangestad, Devon Anderson, and Aaron Wagner. The team placed fifth in the senior division and Devon Anderson placed seventh in the individual junior division.

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September 4-H Newsletter



Dates to Remember

Sept	1	Record books due to Leaders
	1	Labor Day Office Closed
	6-14	Clay County Fair
	15	Record books due to the Extension office from leaders
	15	Fall Leader's Training/meeting
	21	Teen Council meeting
Oct	5-11	National 4-H Week
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