



Wright County

4-H NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Beef Weigh-in
- 4-H Club information
- 4-H Fun Nite
- New Member meeting
- 4-H Skating
- Grants
- Livestock information
- Volunteers
- Awards Day results



The Extension office
wishes all 4-H
members, volunteers
and their families a
safe and Happy Holiday
Season.

Director's Comments...

Congratulations to all 4-H members who received awards at the 2008 annual awards day program. All members are to be congratulated for taking part in the 4-H program. By being a member you are gaining some life skills that will be of value to you in the future.

As we start the new 4-H year there are many opportunities to fulfill your goals.

Set some goals and try to accomplish them some time during the year. They do not have to be major goals. A goal could be adding a new project, attending a workshop, or doing a community service project.

Be sure to read the entire news letter. There are many items that may apply to you and you do not want to miss any dead lines.

Have an enjoyable holiday season.

Leroy Jensen
County Extension Education Director

BEEF WEIGH-IN

Dec. 13th Hagie Farm

The market beef weigh-in will be Saturday, December 13th, 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.



4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

Dayton Lake: Meeting Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5 pm at the Extension office. Bring 1 item for the Domestic Outreach Center and 1 food item for the Human Society.

Iowa Hawkeyes: Will meet on Tues., Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Belmond Methodist Church for their regular meeting and Christmas Party. Each member is asked to bring a pizza to share, chex mix to bag for the Support Group, and a grab bag gift of \$5 or less.

Lake Clovers: Christmas party will be held at Laura Franzmeier's home, Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 AM. Bring a grab bag gift, treats to share and a game to play.

Liberty Pathfinders: is taking a break during the month of December and will not meet. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Goldfield United Presbyterian Church.

Pleasant Progressors: Next meeting Sunday, December 7th Christmas party. Bring a canned good item for the food pantry. Bring a \$5.00 girl / girl boy/ boy gift exchange. We will be making tray favors for the Nursing Home & Hospital along with a Christmas craft for each member. Christmas caroling with the Iowa Hawkeyes club, date still to be determined.

Troy Toppers: Will meet Dec. 7 at 6pm for a potluck and installation of officers at Rotary Ann South basement meeting room. Bring your own table service, cold drink provided. This will be a joint meeting with Troy Trojans.

Teen Council: Christmas Party is Saturday, December 27th. We will meet at the Extension office and rides to Fort Dodge will be provided. Cosmic Bowling and pizza will be provided. Remember to let Jessica know if you are unable and if you are able to attend.

Club Program books need to be turned into me, as soon as possible.

The extension office will type and make copies of the club program book for each 4-H member in your club. You can email me the club program or drop it off at the office.

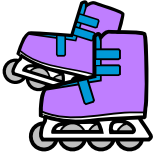


4-H Fun Nite

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 15th, so the candidates' information can be sent to the 4-H club leaders and in the January Newsletter. Postcards will be sent out for clubs to pick their club game booths for Fun Nite.

New Member Meeting

On Sunday, January 18th there is an informational meeting for 4-H members and their parents please plan to attend. Bring questions you have about the 4-H program, projects, or camps. Meeting will be held at the Extension office from 3-4 p.m. and afterward free skating for all 4-H members.



4-H Skating

All 4-H families are invited to attend 4-H skate at Spinning Wheels on Sunday, January 18th from 4-6 pm. Free skating for all 4-H members!

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.

Iowa Promise Grant

Is your club involved with a wonderful idea for community service? Are you looking for a funding source? If so, read on! "Iowa's Promise Youth" grants up to \$250 are available from the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development. Criteria for funding include involving two or more local groups (one must be a youth group such as a 4-H club, Scouts, church groups or school groups) in a community service or community improvement project. Website for the Iowa Promise Youth Grants is: http://iowaspromise.org/en/Resources/Youth_Grants/default.aspx Applications are due February 1.

Central Iowa Recognition Awards

Iowa Recognition awards are for 4-H member in grades 9-12 with some having specific grade levels in order to apply. Awards youth can apply for are State 4-H Project Awards (beef, swine, clothing, citizenship, leadership, visual arts, any project area.), State 4-H Council, Iowa Technology Crop, National 4-H Congress, National Conference. First you have to complete an application form, second, gather and put together up to five pages of support material this includes written and pictures, and third, you will have an interview. Contact Jessica at the office to find out more information about these awards. I am more than happy to help you apply for these awards just give a call or email me and we can start applying over break.

Tip of parents: Send a calendar with your child(ren) to meetings to mark down club and county events.

North Central Iowa Youth Beef Conference

An educational program sponsored by Iowa State University Extension for North Central Iowa youth will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009, at Ellsworth Community College, 1100 College Ave., Iowa Falls, Iowa. The youth program will run from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM with registration beginning at 9:00 AM in the T&I building.

A variety of interactive workshops and sessions are being planned for youth 4th grade through high school who register for this event. Topics include: Journey through the Rumen and Beyond & Feeds and Ration Evaluation; Behind the Meat Counter; Speak Out for Beef; and Cattle Behavior & Handling.

There is no cost for youth to attend and a noon lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to stay. Please pre-register by January 16, 2009, at the Wright County Extension Office. Registrations must include the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form (Should have on file at the Extension office). Both forms are available on line at www.extension.iastate.edu/wright. For more information contact the Wright County Extension Office at 515-532-3453.

Registration Form

North Central Iowa Beef Conference

January 24, 2009 Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 16, 2009

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Grade in School _____

Contact Phone Number _____

County _____

Guardian Signature _____

Return to: Wright County Extension office
210 1st Street SW
Clarion, IA 50525

or Call: 515-532-3453
or Email: jnorman@iastate.edu

Mark Your Calendars for FSQA Dates

February 16- Test out 3:30-5:30 pm Workshop 6:30-8:30 pm. April 13- Test out 9-12 noon, Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm. All 4-H youth with a livestock project MUST be FSQA certificated to show at county and state fairs. Livestock includes: all beef, dairy, swine, sheep, rabbit, goat and poultry. Age is determined by January 1, of current year. Youth under 12 must attend a FSQA workshop. Youth age on January 1st, 2009, 12 to 14 years old may elect to take the intermediate test and 15 to 18 years old may elect to take the senior test, if you would like they can always attend the workshop. Passing the test in their age division will certify them without further training or testing required while in that age division. Please call the office and sign up if planning to attend either workshop or text out.

Livestock exhibitors

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.

Cyclone Horse Judging Camp

A 3 day camp for youth interested in horses and horse judging on June 11-13, 2009 at Iowa State University Campus for youth ages 12 to 18 years interested in horses. Judging Camp fees will include on-campus housing, food, instruction and evening fun! Register by May 15, 2009! For registration and forms: <http://www.ans.iastate.edu/faculty/index.php?id=nikkif> for questions: Contact Nikki, nikkif@iastate.edu or 515-294-3996.

Iowa State Fair August 13-23, 2009

4-H LEADERS

If you were not able to attend this year's fall training on, Vibrant 4-H clubs, there are alternatives. One is a DVD that is here at the Extension office that you can pick up, watch, fill out the forms, and return to the office or go to the online training. To do the online training go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Volunteers/index.htm> then on the bottom left corner click on the volunteer online training, it will take you to the Volunteer training page. Go through the green tabs on the upper left side. If you have problems/questions call the Extension office.

State 4-H Volunteers Retreat

Growing Green is the theme for February 6 & 7, 2009 at the DMACC facility in Ankeny this retreat is for 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate & senior 4-H members. There will be a chance to network together. Friday evening is a networking/fellowship type gathering with hands-on activities. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, February 7. Workshop sessions will be great for both new and experienced volunteers. The registration cost is \$25 and includes lunch and snacks, the Extension council has agreed to pay your registration fee. If interested in attending please contact Jessica at the office 515-532-3453 or email jnorman@iastate.edu.

Attention Senior High School Students

It is time to start applying for college scholarships, why not apply for a 4-H college scholarship! Interested seniors can stop by the Extension office and pick up a packet or give me a call at 515-532-3453. There is the Hixson Award Scholarship which can only be done online at www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/ would you like some help applying for scholarships? Give me a call at the office, or email me @ jnorman@iastate.edu and we can set up a time to work on them over Christmas break.

4-H: Licensed to Succeed

Struggling to figure out what to get that special 4-H'er this holiday season? How about showcasing your/their love for 4-H with a personalized 4-H license plate? Support 4-H across the state with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate, but in order to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted by July 14, 2009. This is an excellent Christmas present for 4-H teens, parents, leaders, alumni, volunteers or staff. Sign up for today so that you can reserve your personalized plate. *(Note: license plates will not be ready by Christmas, but you may give the recipient a notice that it is on its way!)* To purchase your 4-H license plate, fill out the application here or on the form found online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Send application and payment (check/money order) to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 4-H License Plate, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. Once 500 pre-paid applications have been received, the plate will be made and all checks will be processed at that time.



Wright County Award Day 2008!

The Intermediate Award Trip: Max Gangestad- Liberty Pathfinders 4-H club, Stephen McAtee- Dayton Lake 4-H club, Kalli Olson- Troy Trojans 4-H club, Allie Schaffer- Dayton Lake 4-H club, Claire Smith- Iowa Hawkeyes 4-H club, and Ashley Watne- Dayton Lake 4-H club.

AK-SAR-BEN: Rachel Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club, Nick Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club and Andrew Wagner- Troy Toppers 4-H club

The Citizenship Award: Nick Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club, Rachel Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club

Achievement Award: Landon Worden- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club, Nick Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club, Eric Meyer- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club, and Rachel Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club.

Agriculture Award: Ashley Haugen- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club and Eric Meyer- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club

Leadership Award: Eric Meyer- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club and Landon Worden- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club

Danforth "I Dare You" Leadership award: Ashley Haugen- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club and Nick Martens- Wright Wranglers 4-H club

The long-time record keeping award: Ashley Haugen- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club and Ashley Larson- Troy Trojans 4-H club

Chicago Award Trip: Julee Basinger- Liberty Pathfinders, Eric Meyer- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club and Landon Worden- Pleasant Progressors 4-H club

Teen Council Members for 2008-2009

Returning Teen Council members: Ashley Haugen, Katie Holmes, Kelli Holmes, Ashley Larson, Eric Meyer, Nick Martens, Rachel Martens, Andrew Wagner, and Landon Worden

New Teen Council members: Julee Basinger, Kevin Clabaugh, Elise Gangestad, Liz Steiner, Laura Stevenson, Adelai Swanson, & Josh Zeiger

Congratulation to all!

Awards Day Winners Please Remember to Write Thank You's

I want to remind all 4-H members who received any awards at Awards Day on November 9th that it would be nice if you would to send a thank you note to the 4-H & Youth Committee, Extension Council, & the Moellering fund. All thank you notes can be sent to the Wright County Extension Office, P.O. Box 433, Clarion, IA 50525.

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Happy Holidays!



Dates to Remember

December	1	Enrollment, Medical Release, & Code of Ethics forms due
	13	Beef Weigh-in
	19	Pioneer Grant due
	25-26	Office Closed
January	1	Office Closed
	16	North Central Iowa Beef Conference Registration due
	19	Office Closed
	18	First Year Member Meeting
	18	4-H Skating Party
	24	North Central Iowa Beef Conference in Iowa Falls
February	2	Area Recognition Application due
	6-7	State Leader's Retreat in Newton
	16	FSQA test out and workshop
March	14	4-H Fun Nite