



## Wright County

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

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### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

Club Happenings  
4-H Fun Nite  
FSQA Information  
Swine & Sheep Clinics  
4-H Day Basketball  
Camps

### **4-H & Youth Committee**

Meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at  
7 pm at the Extension Office

### **Director's Comments...**

Since I decided to retire, this will be my last 4-H newsletter comments to you: 4-H members, leaders, 4-H supporters, fair board members and all involved in the Wright County 4-H program. It has been a pleasure to work with you during the last nine years. I have observed many of the youth start their 4-H career. You have grown and proceeded to develop your life skills.

On behalf of myself and my wife, Miriam, we would like to wish each of you the best in the future. Thank you for all of the good times and memories. Keep up the good work.

Remember: Make The Best Better

Leroy Jensen  
Wright County Extension Education Director

### **CHECK THIS OUT**

If your 4-H Newsletter is on pink paper then it means you have not turned in your 4-H enrollment forms. Please turn enrollment forms in as soon as possible.

If the Newsletter is on the regular green paper then you have your enrollment form in.

## 4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

**Dayton Lake:** Meeting at 5:00 pm at the Extension office on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Iowa Hawkeyes:** Winter Party, contact Karla for more information.

**Lake Clovers:** next regular meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the extension office.

**Liberty Pathfinders:** next activity will be our Winter Get-Together at Fuller Hall in Webster City on Sunday, February 8 from 12:30-5 p.m. (swimming from 1-3 p.m.) This is for the entire family. Bring a snack to share and your own drink. Club will furnish pizza. A brief meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m., if needed. If you haven't signed up, call Diane Kraft as soon as possible.

**Pleasant Progressors:** Meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> Methodist Church, 5:00p.m. (Watch for calling tree unless we go sledding earlier) Host and Hostess are Joe and Jane Presentations are by Aaron, Ty, Clay, and Tanner Winter Fest is February 7<sup>th</sup> – remember we have the food stand – everyone is to get a pan of bars either there right away in the morning or to a leader or a 4-H member that can get it there. Also sign up to work on the schedule. If you can't remember if you signed up or haven't signed up yet call.

**Troy Topper:** will go tubing Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> meet at the school Admin. Bldg. at 1 pm. Please let Vicki know if you will be going.

**Troy Trojans:** will meet in the basement of Samuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 8. This will be our annual family meal. This year's theme is American food. We will eat at 6:00 pm. Meeting to follow.

**Wright County P.I. G.:** Meeting Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 p.m. at Dows Community School. Presentation, Celeste Swanson on Breeds of Pigs. The Swansons will bring lunch and we will have a chance for a little recreation of basketball or dodge ball after the meeting. We will be working on plans for the swine nutrition meeting and 4-H Fun Nite. Project material will also be passed out. If you will not be able to attend please call 515-532-2401.

**Wright Wranglers:** Next Meeting Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Ellis's home. Hosts: Clay and Breanna Ellis. Business is Farrier Demonstration, New Club Programs, and New Rules & Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa.

**Teen Council:** Meeting will Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Bring Fun Night Donations!

## 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.

## 4-H Fun Nite

Mark your Calendars for 4-H Fun Nite March 14, 2009, at the Clarion-Goldfield High School. The evening will run from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. There will be Games, Food, Fun, and Prizes all in one night. Coronation will be held at 8:00 pm. All families are asked to participate in the following ways. Each club is assigned to bring pies, cakes, and or bars. Your club is listed below. Parents committees are being planned to help with food stand, bingo, traffic control, tickets sales, and the raffle. Please watch for your letter in the near future. If there is an area you would like to help in, please call to volunteer. Last year royalty parents are asked to decorate the stage for coronation.

**Cakes & Pies:** All families are assigned to bring either a cake or pie. **Please bring all pies and cakes in disposable containers and label the kind of pie!!**

The club assignments are as follows:

**Pies for lunch stand:** Dayton Lake, Iowa Hawkeyes, Troy Toppers, Wright County P.I.G., Wright Wranglers

**4 Pans of Bars:** Wright County P.I.G. (Do not cut)

**Cakes for Cake Walk:** Lake Clovers, Liberty Pathfinders, Pleasant Progressors, Troy Trojans

**Cake Walk at Fun Nite:** Pleasant Progressors

## Congratulations to 2009 4-H Fun Nite King and Queen Candidates



Dayton Lake:	Kelli Holmes & Blake McOllough
Iowa Hawkeyes:	Erin Johnson
Liberty Pathfinders:	Julee Basinger
Pleasant Progressors:	Halie Peterson & Aaron Peterson
Troy Trojans:	Ashley Larson
Troy Toppers:	Derek McCart
Wright Wranglers:	Rachel Martens & Tory Warnke



## Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop & Test out Dates

First one is Monday, February 16 Test out 3:30-5:30 pm Workshop 6:30-8:30 pm at the Extension office. Last one is Monday, April 13 Test out 9-12 noon, Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm at the Extension office. All 4-H youth with a livestock project MUST be FSQA certified 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 test out.

## Swine & Sheep Nutrition and Selection Clinic

March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion High School from 6-9 pm. Clinic sponsored by ADM Show Tech Feeds, Wright County P.I.G. 4-H Club, and Clarion-Goldfield FFA. Presenter will be Al Schminke, and he will show the youth what to look for when selecting their project. There will be live animals for demonstrations, and judging. Swine Clinic will be from 6-7:30 pm and Sheep Clinic will be from 7:30-9 pm. Youth and parents may attend both swine and sheep clinic or just stay for one of the animal species. Registrar for Swine and/or Sheep Clinics by calling the Extension office at 515-532-3453 by March 1<sup>st</sup>. When calling please indicate which clinic(s) you plan to attend and how many will be attending. Food will be provided between the Swine and Sheep Clinics.

## Winterfest

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake Cornelia Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Wood Chopping demonstration Ice Rescue Demonstration on the lake at 11:00 a.m. Ongoing activities include ice skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, frosty fingers kite flying, ice bowling, horse drawn bobsled rides. Story times are at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Pleasant Progressors will have a food stand in the shelter house.

## State Safety and Education in Shooting Sports Training

Would you like to work with youth in the following shooting sports disciplines: Coordinator, Riflery (air rifle and small bore), Shotgun, Muzzle loading, Archery, & Wildlife Skills? If so then you must be trained at the Spring 2009 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports instructor training, which is scheduled for March 27-29, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The registration information has been posted on the 4-H SESS website under "Trainings Events and Activities". The direct link to the material is: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf> When Wright County has volunteers trained in Safety and Education of Shooting Sports we can start a Shooting Sports club. If you have any questions please call Jessica at the office.

## 4-H Day at the Cyclone Women's Basketball Game



Looking for a fun 4-H club or county trip? The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be hosting a 4-H Day at the Iowa State Women's basketball game versus Kansas on March 7, 2009, 7:00 PM at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. This is the last home game of the season and senior night! Cost is just \$10 per person which includes admission to the game, a drink, hotdog, and an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt. All 4-H youth, volunteers, leaders and alumni are invited to attend at the discounted price. 4-H promotions will be held throughout the game with a variety of events and activities. Don't miss out on this exciting event! Visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and enter code IOWA4H to get your tickets! **Get your tickets today!** Go to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/t16bqz> Click on **FIND TICKETS**. Select the number of tickets under **IOWA 4-H PROMOTION**. Enter code **IOWA4H** to receive the discount. If you are attending with your club or county, notify Shelly Greving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or call (515) 294-1607 and you will be recognized as a group attending the game.



## **Omaha Zoo Trip – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders!**

All 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend the Henry Doorly Zoo trip to Omaha on March 27-28 2009. Friday evening youth will enjoy a guided night hike and sleeping near the gorillas along with Saturday's events that include an IMAX movie, gift shop, and more time visiting the zoo animals. Cost is \$45, and space is limited so contact Wright County Extension at 515-532-3453 as soon as possible. Those that have not attended the trip will have first opportunity to go and those that would like to visit a second time will be added to our waiting list.

## **Central Iowa 4-H Intermediate Trip: Discover the Twin Cities**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders make plans to join the fun in discovering some great places around Minneapolis and St. Paul, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. You'll also be meeting 4-H'ers from 16 other counties in central Iowa. A few of the places you'll be visiting are: Cabela's, Minnesota Zoo, Mall of America, Rainforest Café, Science Museum Of Minnesota, Pizza Lucé, Mill City historic flour mill museum, & Valleyfair Amusement Park. Registration materials are available at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Think of all the project areas and life skills that are related to the trip: animal science, science and technology, history, theatre arts, money management, consumer product selection, food and nutrition, responsibility, citizenship, social skills and of course, LOTS OF FUN! Consider doing a fair exhibit related to your experiences. Trip cost is \$255. This covers all attractions, hotel, transportation and some meals. Space is limited, so register early. Those that have not attended the trip will have first opportunity to go and those that would like to visit a second time will be added to our waiting list.

## **Photo Camp**

4-H Photo camp is designed to give kids, 7th through 12th grades, the opportunity to learn the basics and techniques of photography, while having a great time! Held in June at the beautiful Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid, Iowa, campers will learn from qualified professional photographers, and then get the chance to try out their new skills themselves. The three-day event places emphasis on landscapes, close-ups, composition, and people photography, as well as painting with light, and other special effects. Both point-&-shoot and adjustable SLR camera operation are covered, as well as a complete section on computerized digital photographic enhancement. Field trips in the past have included the ISU campus, hands-on experience at the ISU Extension 4-H Computer Lab, Ledges State Park, the Iowa Arboretum, Reiman Gardens, The Bonebright Memorial Armory, and much more! Iowa 4-H Photo camp is a truly unique and rewarding experience for young people, with the accent on learning and Fun! It's never too early to register. Space is limited, so contact us NOW! Iowa 4-H Photography Camp will be held June 17-19, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center. The cost of this camp will be \$180 which includes air conditioned lodging and all meals. For more information contact Jessica at the office.

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**Happy Valentine's Day!**



## Dates to Remember

February	2	Area Recognition Application due
	2	4-H Scholarships due to State 4-H office
	6-7	State Leader's Retreat in Ankeny
	7	Winterfest
	16	FSQA test out and workshop
March	17	4-H & Youth Committee meeting
	14	4-H Fun Nite
	27-28	Intermediate Omaha Zoo trip
April	6	Spring Leader Meeting/Training
	13	FSQA test out and workshop
May	9	Sheep weigh-in

**4-H FUN NITE IS SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**