



Wright County

4-H NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 4-H'ers for 4-H
- Leader Information
- Workshops
- Summer Camps
- FSQA information
- Livestock information
- 4-H Fun Nite Evaluation



CYC Comments...

Dear 4-H Families,

There are many exciting events happening in Wright County calendar, so be sure to read the newsletter carefully. Mark your calendars so you don't miss an important date, plus don't miss out on the fun that is coming to Wright County.

Have you started your 4-H project? I hear some people have so great job! Continue to keep working on them and if you haven't started, now's the time!

Stop by the Wright County Extension office anytime with questions or just to say hi! We'd be happy to see you!

To make the best better,

Jessica Norman
County Youth Coordinator

4-H'ers for 4-H

The Iowa 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign has kicked off. Money raised from this year's campaign will be used to provide financial assistance for youth attending Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and summer 4-H camps, assist 4-H families, pay 4-H program fees, and many other 4-H youth events. Campaign goal is \$30,000. What your club donates will be added to our Wright County total, and the top five counties will be recognized at the state youth conference in June. Last year Wright County was awarded third place for contribution a total of \$3.98 per member, Shelby County received first place at \$5.50 per member. I am setting a Wright County goal of \$3.00 per member. All clubs meeting this goal will receive a special campaign certificate. **Clubs exceeding the Wright County goal of \$3.00 per member and donating \$4.00 per member or higher will receive special recognition at the fall Awards Day.** So, as a county, let's increase our donation to the 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign, and again receive an award for the 2009 Iowa 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign.

4-H CLUB HAPPENINGS

Dayton Lake: Family Potluck on Sunday, April 5th at 5:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church in Clarion. Please bring 1 hot dish and 1 cold dish, drinks and table service are provided! Please be on time and if anyone has a presentation please be ready to give it that day.

Iowa Hawkeyes: Due to the Leaders' Meeting on April 6, and 8th graders leaving for DC on April 7, the Iowa Hawkeyes will meet on Monday, April 13, at 6 p.m. at the Belmont Methodist Church.

Liberty Pathfinders: will not hold a meeting in April. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Sunday, May 3, 6 p.m. at The United Presbyterian Church in Goldfield.

Troy Topper: will have the ditch walk April 19th, meet at Troy Park at 2pm, hot dog roast will follow.

Wright County P.I.G.: will meet at the Swanson Farm on Sunday April 5th at 1:00p.m. Addie Swanson will have a presentation on Swine A.I.

Wright Wranglers: Ditch Pick-up, Sunday, April 26th. Please meet at Hardees in Clarion at 3 p.m. If questions, please contact Martens @ 641-444-3024.

Teen Council: Cosmic Bowling Party Friday, April 3rd. We will meet at the Extension office by 6 pm and rides to Fort Dodge will be provided, no one will be driving themselves or others.

4-H Fun Nite

A BIG Thank You to all who involved at 4-H Fun Nite! I was happy to see so many people showing their 4-H Spirit and come out to enjoy 4-H Fun Nite. I appreciated all the help and support from our 4-H member, leaders, 4-H & Youth Committee, parents, and all other volunteers!

Congratulations to Wright County 2009 4-H Fun Nite Royalty

Queen: Rachel Martens

King: Tory Warnke

Princess: Ashley Larson

Prince: Derek McCart



Pillow Case Sewing Workshop

Want to make a funky, new pillow case, plus get a fair exhibit done? Sign up for this workshop Saturday, April 25th at the Extension office from 9 – 12 noon. Call the Extension office or email jnorman@iastate.edu to sign up. A few sewing machines will be provided. Items needed for the pillow case workshop include: fabric (2 pieces), thread, scissor, and sewing pins. Fabric needs to be a minimum of 42" wide. 100% Cotton fabric that is firmly woven makes a durable pillow case. Fabric required: Fabric A ¼ yard and Fabric B 6/8 yard. These two pieces of fabric will make one pillow case, so when choosing fabric look for fabric that color coordinates with each other. All fabric needs to be laundered before the workshop.





Spring 4-H leaders Training/Meeting

Monday, April 6th 6 p.m. at the Extension office a sub meal will be provided. Bryan Whaley, Youth Field Specialist, will lead the state leaders training. All leaders are to attend the training/meeting.

4-H leaders

If you were not able to attend the fall 2008 4-H Volunteer Training, Vibrant 4-H Club, we want to make sure you have an opportunity to complete these trainings. Trainings can be done either by the online training at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers, or a DVD that can be checked out from the Extension office. If you have questions please call the Extension office. We want to make sure you have an opportunity to complete these trainings either by the online training at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers, or a DVD that can be checked out from the Extension office. Both trainings need to be completed by June 15th, 2009. If you have questions please call Jessica at the Extension office.

4-H'ers Explore Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska

Wright County 4-H members toured the sites of the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 as part of the 6th-8th grade over night stay. Counties that participated in this trip include Hamilton, Webster, Humboldt, Wright, and Hardin. 4-Hers participated in a guided night hike tour around the zoo upon arrival. Seeing, smelling and listening to the sounds of the zoo at night is an experience many of the youth will always remember. Snacks and a scavenger hunt ended the evening as they settled into their sleeping bags within the halls of the Gorilla Valley. The second day began with a guided morning hike around the zoo. Watching the zoo keepers feed and care for the animals in the morning was a special experience. Youth saw many exciting places within the zoo that included the Desert Dome, the Jungle, Kingdom of the Night, Cat Complex, Scott Aquarium, and an IMAX movie entitled "Under the Sea 3D".



New Member Pre-Fair Meeting

All new 4-H members and parents are invited to attend a workshop/informational meeting on the 4-H fair on May 11 at 6 pm at the Extension office. You will see examples of how to complete animal ID forms, fair entry forms, exhibit goal sheets, along with information needed for judging day at the county fair, plus much more and most of all answer any question you have. This workshop/informational meeting is a great time to get the animal ID's completed. A pizza will be provided. For more information or to sign up please call Jessica at the Extension office 515-532-3453, or email, jnorman@iastate.edu.

4-H & YOUTH COMMITTEE

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19th, 6 pm at the Extension office. Information will include deadlines, summer activities, and fair!

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

Make plans to join the fun in discovering some great places around Minneapolis and St. Paul, June 23rd-25th, 2009. You will meet 4-H'ers from 16 other counties in Central Iowa. 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, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Padelford Packet River Showboat and comedy performance "*Is there a Doctor in the House?*", Valleyfair Amusement Park. 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. Registration materials are available at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is April 13th. Trip cost is \$255.00; Wright County Extension Council will pay \$127.50 you only have to pay \$127.50. This covers all attractions, hotel, transportation and some meals. Space is limited, so register early, if room is still available past participants may attend.



Diggn' the Outdoors: 4-H Jr. Camp

All 4-H youth in 4th through 6th grade need to sign up for Jr. Camp, June 10-12th. If you like swimming, hiking, cooking over a campfire, night hikes, and night camp fires, then you need to sign up for Jr. Camp. Registration will be sent next few days and are available at the Extension office. Space is limited so sign up now, by emailing Jessica at jnorman@iastate.edu or calling at 515-532-3453!

Junior Camp Counselors Needed

4-H members who have completed their sophomore year of high school are eligible to be a junior camp counselor June 10-12. If you are interested in being a counselor or want more information, let Jessica know. Being a counselor looks good on scholarships and college application.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science Round-up, or CSI: Crops.

"Voyage to Greatness" is the theme for the 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held June 30-July 2, 2009, at Iowa State University. Youth in 8th -12th grades are invited to attend (4-H membership not required). There is opportunity for memories, workshops, speakers, learning, service, and most of all FUN! Registration fee is \$125.00 Wright County Extension Council will pay \$77.50 for 4-H'ers, so the 4-H'er only has to pay \$47.50. For more information or to sign up contact Jessica at the Extension office 515-532-3453 or email, jnorman@iastate.edu

Photography Camp

June 17-19 at Iowa 4-H Center for 4-H youth in 7th – 12th grades At camp you will receive hands-on experience with basic camera settings, portraits, close-ups, landscapes, special effects, architectural photos, and computer photo enhancement along with learning from skilled instructors. Cost of camp is \$160.00 if registered by May 1st. There are scholarships available, inquire with Jessica at the Extension office. Please let Jessica know if you're interested in attending.

FSQA Dates

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 certificated to show at county and state fairs. Livestock includes: all beef, dairy, swine, sheep, rabbit, goat and poultry. Youth under 12 must attend a FSQA workshop. Age is determined by January 1, of current year. Youth 12 to 14 years old may elect to take the intermediate test or attend a workshop. Youth 15 to 18 years old may elect to take the senior test or attend a 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.

Since Belmond is making up school on April 13th, I will hold an FSQA Workshop in Belmond at the United Methodist Church basement on Thursday, April 23rd from 4 to 6 pm. This will be the last workshop for the year in Wright County, plan to attend if you need to get FSQA certificated. Please call the office and sign up if planning to attend either workshops or test out.

If you can not attend either of the April trainings than you must attend FSQA training in another county, call Jessica this information.

Wright County Cattlemen's Dinner

Everyone is invited to attend the Wright County Cattlemen's dinner on Friday, April 10th at the Clarmond Country Club. Social 6:30 pm with dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person except 4-H'ers enrolled in the beef project area, your ticket will be paid for. If you are planning to attend please contact Travis Tate at 515-824-3515 by Wednesday April 8th, needs to know number of people attending for food count.



Animal Identification forms Due – May 15th

For all species of animals to be shown at County, and State Fairs. Animals included swine, horses, poultry, rabbits, dairy, pets, breeding beef, goats & sheep, so basically anything that breathes and eats. Market beef, sheep, and goat will or have been ID'd at weigh-in.

Pullorum Certificates Needed

When ordering poultry for your 4-H project, be sure to ask for a Pullorum Certificate from the hatchery. This will be needed when you ID your birds in May.

Draw Lambs

Call the Extension office to sign up for a draw lamb or for more information. Deadline is April 17th.



Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in

Wright County sheep & meat goat weigh-in is set for Saturday, May 9, 2009 @ the Wright County Fair Grounds. Weigh-in times are as listed: 7:30-8:30–Lambs & meat goats not verifying for Iowa State Fair, 8:30-10:30- verifying for State Fair lambs & meat goats county only, 10:30 -12:00 - Out-of-county lambs. If a parent or 4-H member cannot attend on weigh-in day, a 2009 Iowa 4-H market animal verification program waiver and "hold harmless" agreement must be signed and brought to the weigh-in.

For 2009, the Iowa State Fair Premium Book will only be available online at, www.iowastatefair.org, youth will not be receiving a paper copy in the mail as in previous years.

2009 Wright County Fair theme: "Voyage to Greatness"



PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE COUNTY FAIR: 4-H'ERS IN ACTION!

Do you like to take pictures? Well then you need to exhibit your photo at the Wright County Fair. Here is what you need to do: Any 5"X7" color photograph (vertical or horizontal), taken after January 2007, reflects a 4-H'er or a group of 4-H'ers during the holidays and/or seasons. Photos should reflect any of the many aspects of 4-H throughout the year. Include a photo story to depict what's happening in the photo and explain why it's the best example of "4-H'ers in Action!" from Wright County. Captions are limited to 75 words or less. The photography entered in the "4-H'ers in Action" class cannot be entered into another class at the fair, can have only one entry in this class, No mats, frames or glass are permitted, No Goal sheet, elements and principals of design, or photo labels required.

All 4-H members need to participate in the 3rd annual, statewide exhibition titled, "4-H'ers in Action!" The theme this year will be *holidays and seasons*. The exhibition will again feature the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials. For more information contact Jessica at the Extension office.

CLOTHING EVENT JUDGING DATE

Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$15 Challenge, & Modified Outfits will have conference judging on Friday, June 26th at the Extension office from 12 noon-5 pm. The youth will model and receive award placing during the County Fair.

STATE 4-H GOAL: 3% GROWTH IN 4-H CLUBS

Everyone deserves a BIG THANK YOU! Wright County reached our 3% goal in February. Way to go us! I want to express thanks to all 4-H members for encouraging your friends and others to join our great 4-H program. Thanks to all 4-H leaders who volunteer so many countless hours encouraging Wright County youth to belong to one of the best youth organizations in the country. Without you we would not have reached this State Goal. Thank you all~ Jessica Norman

4-H Fun Nite Evaluation

Rate all categories from 1 to 3 (1 being very poor, 2 as could be improved, and 3 as couldn't have been better). Be sure to add your comments. Your name, opinions, and ideas are very important as we work to enhance our 4-H program.

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| 1. Attendance | 1 2 3 | 2. Donations/Prizes | 1 2 3 |
| 3. Organization of the event | 1 2 3 | 4. Coronation | 1 2 3 |
| 5. Booths | 1 2 3 | 6. Food Stand | 1 2 3 |
| 7. Parent Committees | 1 2 3 | 8. Volunteer Participation | 1 2 3 |
| 9. Visual Presentation of the event | 1 2 3 | 10. Promotion of Fun Nite | 1 2 3 |
| 11. Entertainment value for our guests | 1 2 3 | 12. Youth Participation | 1 2 3 |

Please share any other ideas that you may have that you fell would improve this event.

What do you think is the most important factor in our 4-H Fun Nite? Rate the following items starting with 1 (most important) and ending with 8 (least important).

- making money
- creating a social event for our 4-H families
- providing a service-family fun for the whole county
- honoring our youth by choosing a king and queen
- providing opportunities for our youth to take leadership roles
- giving area businesses the opportunity to show support for our youth program
- promote volunteerism within our 4-H program
- Positive promotion of the Wright County 4-H program

Do you feel that Fun Nite effectively uses all 8 essential elements (caring adult, safe environment, mastery, service, self determination, inclusiveness, futuristic, and engagement) as a 4-H program?

Please fill out and return to the Extension office by May 31st.

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4-H Family



Dates to Remember

April	4	Jewelry Workshop
	6	Leader's Training/Meeting
	13	FSQA test out and workshop
	23	FSQA workshop in Belmond
	25	Pillow Case, Sewing Workshop
May	9	Sheep & Meat Goat weigh-in
	15	Animal ID forms due
	19	4-H & Youth Committee meeting
	22	Registrations due State 4-H Youth Conference/Animal Science Roundup/ Crops: CSI
June	10-12	Jr. Camp
	12	Fair Entries Due
	17-19	Photo Camp
	23-25	Twin Cities Intermediate Trip
	26	Clothing Event judging
	30-2	State 4-H Conference/Animal Science Roundup/Crops: CSI
July	7-13	Wright County Fair