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Black Hawk County

November 2009



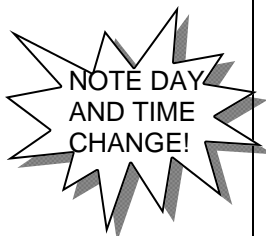
Dear Friends,

The new 4-H year is already underway. It's a great time to consider what project areas you would like to explore this coming year and make a plan of action to carry them through.

This is also a good time to again thank our volunteer leaders for the hard work and all they have contributed to 4-H. A "thank-you" from a 4-H member is one of the finest rewards that can be given to our club and county leaders.

For those 4-H'ers receiving completion and county awards, please take the time to thank the sponsor of that award. Even a hand written note of thanks can mean a lot. And most of all, each 4-H'er (and that means you!) deserves a thanks for what you have done to strengthen the 4-H program.

Make plans to attend the **2009 4-H Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 12:30 PM** at Electric Park Ballroom for a fun and rewarding afternoon.



Invite a friend! The Awards Day is a great way to help excite someone about joining 4-H and also you can share you excitement about how 4-H has helped you learn life skills such as leadership and citizenship.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Meyerhoff
4-H Program Assistant

See back page for
Banquet info &
ticket form!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Dates to Remember

- November 15 4-H County Council meeting, 6:00 pm @ Extension Office
- 16 Retinal Image Training, Hawkeye Farm, 5:30 pm
- 22 **4-H Awards Banquet**, Sunday, 12:30 pm @ Electric Park (**NOTE TIME AND DAY**)
- December 1 Corn & Soybean Production Applications due to Extension Office
- 6 **Retirement Open House for Mary TeWinkel** Zion Lutheran Church, 810 Kimball, 2:00 p.m.
- 7 4-H Officer Training, 7:00 pm @ Zion Lutheran
- 13 4-H County Council Mtg, Ext. Office, 6:00 pm
- 15 Membership Fee Due in Extension Office
- 19 Market Beef Weigh-In, 1:00-2:30 pm Hawkeye College Farm
- 25 Holiday – Office Closed
- 26 Market Beef Weigh-In (Snow Date)
- 2010
- January 1 Holiday - Office Closed
- 10 Holiday Get-Together, 4-H Youth Committee
- 17 4-H County Council, 6:00 pm @ Ext. Office
- 18 Holiday - Office Closed
- 21 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ext. Office

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Check online for 4-H Newsletters & Forms



CLUB NEWS

Mary's Retirement Open House

4-H members, families, former 4-H'er families & friends... Mark your calendars *now* for **Sunday, December 6, at Zion Lutheran Church, 810 Kimball Avenue in Waterloo, 2:00-5:00 pm.** Mary TeWinkel, 4-H Youth Development Program Specialist has given over 30 years to the Black Hawk County program as well as to Grundy, Bremer and Butler Counties. Black Hawk and Grundy counties will be hosting a reception in honor of Mary's retirement. Come, celebrate and share a special 4-H memory she can keep. She will be retiring from Extension at the end of January 2010.

Don't miss this special event!

4-H Legislature Day

March 30, 2010 is our year that we can send a 4-H club of Intermediates and Seniors to the Fun - Educational Day at the Iowa Legislature Day in Des Moines. Plan ahead and more information will be coming. If your club is interested call 234-6811.

Premier Exhibitor Award

The 4th year Premier Exhibitor Awards are being calculated and winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 22, 12:30 pm. **NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME!!**

The Great Pizza Challenge

Pizza Party Challenge! For those of you new to 4-H, the challenge is for clubs to recruit the most new members by May 1. The challenge starts immediately.

The club that recruits the most new members and keeps them actively involved will receive your choice of \$30.00 to be used at a pizza place (your choice) or we will come to a club meeting with ingredients and prepare pizzas for you. May 1st is the target date with the winner announced in June.

Time is crucial, so get out there and start recruiting! Watch the newsletter for monthly updates (beginning in January) to see which clubs are in the lead.



Last year the race was again close, so take the challenge and start recruiting!

Recruit! Recruit! – Shop! Shop!

If you recruit a new 4-H member for your club, have your name as recruiter put on their enrollment. You will receive \$15 credit to shop in the national 4-H Catalog for every new member you get to enroll in 4-H. Some of you from last year have not let me know what you would like to order! Call Eleanor @ 234-6811.



Enrollment Forms Due

All enrollment forms are due in the Extension Office by **December 1, 2009.** For those re-enrolling, please check the information on the top of the paper to make sure that it is all correct. Also, remember that we need to know who has dropped from your club by returning those enrollment sheets with "DROPPED" written across them. The \$15 program fee needs to be turned in with your enrollment.



CODE OF ETHICS – Be sure that 4-H'ers, parents &/or guardians have signed the Code of Ethics

- ✓ 1 copy **needs to be returned** with the enrollment *and*
- ✓ 1 copy is **for the 4-H'er to keep!**

NEW FOR 2009-2010



Iowa 4-H is moving to a new software system. In the past, when signing up for projects, you could simply check "yes or no" to get project materials. Even though we are still using the old enrollment forms, **a simple check-mark will not tell us specifically which level of materials you want.** Please use your "Pick a Project" paper and list the code for the material you need: e.g. 4H 229 JR (worksheet) and 4H 252A "Bite into Beef."

We will *not* be converting the old records into the new; **we're starting from scratch!** So making sure your enrollment form is *complete* and *turned in* is will help greatly. *Grade and birth date especially!*

Please remember to check the column with **'number of years' you have been in the project, including this year.**

Project changes can be made until **May 1. If you don't complete the enrollment and return the card by December 1st, then you will stop getting the newsletter.**

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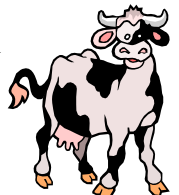
BEEF WEIGH-IN IS AGAIN EARLIER THIS YEAR

Saturday, December 19

Hawkeye Community College Farm

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Snow Date: Saturday, December 26



FSQA Training

Mark your calendars now for FSQA training for 2010. **ALL** 4-H'ers and FFA members must be certified in the following species in order to show at the county and state fair:

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Rabbit & Poultry.

Training dates are:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Monday, April 12th | 7-9 PM |
| Thursday, April 8th | 7-9 PM |



CLUB NEWS

QUILT BLOCKS

The quilt blocks that were sent for the quilt tiles on the new Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center were from:

Cynthia Claude-Rawson

Laura Miller

Mary TeWinkel

When the building is finished on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in 2010 you can find one for the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair and one for the National Cattle Congress Fair.



Township Meeting

If your township is planning a special night to present 4-H Completion Awards, **please notify the Extension Office**. We will be happy to come to your meeting to do a program or present the awards for you. Awards are available for pick up. We do have the following township meetings scheduled:

Bennington Township

November 8, approximately 5:00 p.m.

St. John's Bennington

Potluck

Lincoln & Black Hawk Township

Sunday, November 8, 5:00 p.m.

Hudson School Commons

Potluck - Bring two dishes and table service. We will be handing out completion awards as well as completing our re-enrollment forms. You may pick up record books at this time also.

Lester Township

Sunday, November 15, 5:00 p.m.

St. John's Bennington Church

Mt. Vernon Township

Sunday, November 15, 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's on Burton Rd.

Potluck

Officer Training

Newly elected 4-H Club Officers are invited to the **Officer Training** on *Monday, December 7th, at 7:00 PM* at Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo. You will have fun learning how to conduct a 4-H meeting and more about the office to which you were elected for this 4-H club year.

Prizes will be awarded to the clubs who have all of their officers present, so encourage them to come. It will be a lot of fun!

Note to Club Reporters

Club reports should not be a copy of the club minutes. They should be a summary of the minutes. Be sure to have your club reporter attend the Officer Training on December 7th to learn the correct way to write your reports. You can e-mail your reports to Lynette at: cline@iastate.edu with "Clover Power Report" on the subject line. **The deadline for all minutes to be submitted is the 20th of each month.**



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

Shooting Sports

- Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. for those who have not been through Safety, 10:00 - 2:00 for everyone else. Location TBD
- Shotgun November 29, location TBD



Possible Community Service Project for Clubs

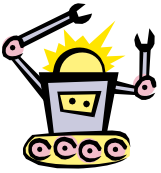
- Clubs can write letters for Care Packages to Iowa Service Men and Women in Afghanistan. Wes Pint, a former Black Hawk County 4-H'er is serving there now.
- Fleece blankets, caps, scarves and mittens for Salvation Army or other group homes
- Helping out at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

If you need more information, call the Extension Office for help or ideas, 234-6811.



4-H LEGO League Update!

There are two teams of 4-8th graders and they are meeting each Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office until they go to the competition in early December.



OPPORTUNITIES

OUR WORLD IN FOCUS: THE IRREPLACEABLE WILD

Iowa 4-H'ers are invited to submit photographs that focus on wild plants and animals of Iowa, the United States, and the world. **Deadline for contest entries is Tuesday, December 1.** An 8 x 10" copy of the photo and a required artist statement describing the subject matter should be sent via mail or email to UNI Museums in Cedar Falls. Prizes will be awarded and entries displayed at the opening reception on Saturday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m. For rules, entry forms, and mailing address visit: http://www.uni.edu/museum/calendar/photo_contest/index.html

Contact Connie Svoboda, University of Northern Iowa Museums at 273-6923 with questions.

Livestock Judging Team

Do you know or want to learn what makes one animal better than another? Come to the Extension Office on November 10, 6:30 p.m., to learn about the Livestock Judging Team! This is for 4-H'ers in 4th- 12th grade. Age limits vary for competitions. No experience is necessary. Please call the Extension Office at 234-6811 to sign-up.



Possibly New for County Fair 2010

We are exploring the possibility of inviting another county to show horses, cattle and dairy at the Black Hawk Fair and showing ours at Grundy County's. More information to follow.

Retinal Imaging Training

Anyone interested in refreshing or becoming certified come Monday, November 16 to Hawkeye Community College Farm on Hammond Avenue, Waterloo, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will be imaging Beef, Sheep and Meat Goats. Mike Anderson from Ames will be the trainer. Call Eleanor, 234-6811 if interested.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

ISU Scholarships

It's time for high school seniors to apply for scholarships. Incoming freshman scholarship information is now available on the internet at the following website: <http://www.ag.iastate.edu/scholarships/freshman.html>

Christina Hixson Opportunity Awards

This program will provide 100 high school seniors with \$10,000 scholarships (\$2500 per year for four years). Selection is based on the student's eligibility and potential as demonstrated through the application, letter of recommendation, and financial need analysis. Students may major in any curriculum and must maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade. For more information call 800-262-3810. Deadline is February 1, 2010

COUNTY COUNCIL

Lynn Koenigsfeld is a ten year member of the Lincoln Links 4-H Club. Her projects are photography, food and nutrition, visual arts, communication, horticulture and home improvement. Lynn plays volleyball, soccer and softball for Hudson High School, as well as participating in speech, FFA, choir and show choir crew.

Kamryn Kronschnabel, a member of the Big Cedar Springers 4-H Club, has been in 4-H for five years. Her projects are llama, photography, visual arts, horticulture, clothing and food and nutrition. Kamryn is active in band, chorus and speech at Union High School. She is also an author.

FOR LEADERS

Reminder to all Clubs

It is very important **we receive your club program** as soon as possible. This is to meet risk management policy and insurance coverage.

Pioneer Grant

Put your heads together and plan on applying for "Seed Money" through the Pioneer Community Improvement Program. Black Hawk County Clubs applied last year and received help to do a community service project – so plan now and talk over at your club meeting. The Pioneer Grant is to help a community service project off the drawing board and into action. Consult area agencies for project ideas with which 4-H clubs could fill a need. Requests should fall between \$25 and \$150. Applications were with leaders packets at the Leaders Meeting.



4-H Fun Night

The Costume Contest winners were:

Scariest - Charlie Magee, Lester Livewires

Funniest - Jack Worthington, South Hill Clovers

Most Creative - Abi & Naomi Henderson, Lincoln Clover

Links

Cutest - Emerson Lichty

Disney Character - Duane Larson, Cedar Valley Clovers

Best Animal - Allison Schaffer, Lincoln Friendly Links

Best Fairy Tale - Belle Olson, Big Cedar Springers

Best Pair - Maggie McCrary, Jennie Swalve, Homeschool Heroes

Best Family Theme - Madison, Marissas, McKayla Kroeger, Lincoln Elementary, Cedar Falls

Celebrity Look-Alike - Maddie & Cadie Knock, Cedar Valley Clovers

Mystery Box (Carmel Corn) - Michelle Holdt

Guessing Jar - Holly McCarthy, Downing Ave Ghost Clovers



THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Halloween Fun Night a success!!



Photo by Lynn Koenigsfeld (not pictured)





2009 4-H Awards Banquet
Sunday, November 22, 2009, 12:30PM
Electric Park Ballroom

{ NOTE DATE &
 TIME CHANGE }

This year the Awards Banquet will be held on **Sunday, November 22** at the Electric Park Ballroom, 307 Rainbow Drive, Waterloo. The menu will include a pork tenderloin sandwich, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, baked beans, a brownie, ice cream and milk or coffee.

Tickets for the banquet are \$3.00 per person for everyone with 5 and under free. We would like to know how many adults and how many are youth when you purchase your tickets.

All reservations **must be made by Wednesday, November 18**, either by dropping by the Extension Office or mailing in the Ticket Request Form found below. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Mail order tickets will be held at the door for you to pick up. Serving starts at 12:30 p.m. and continues until 1:00 p.m. As soon as you arrive, you can go through the food line. The program will start about 1:15 p.m.

2009 4-H Awards Banquet Ticket Form

Make checks payable to: Black Hawk County Extension with "Awards Banquet" on the memo line.

Clip & Return by November 18th to: Awards Banquet
 Black Hawk County Extension
 3420 University Ave., Ste B
 Waterloo, IA 50701

Name _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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