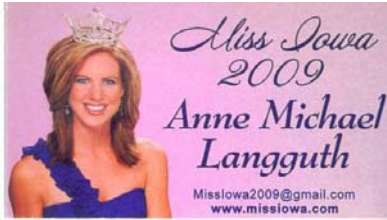




November, 2009

Adair County Extension 4-H News

Special Points of Interest



Miss Iowa 2009 will be our special guest at 4-H Awards Day. Bring your family and friends. She will be available to sign autographs after the program.

Get started on your record book for 2009-2010.

Earn a Presidential Student Service Challenge Award by logging your volunteer hours now

Countywide Beef Weigh-in, Monday, December 28th



**Extension office closed
Thursday, November 26
and Friday, November 27
for Thanksgiving Holiday.**

4-H Awards Day

- ☆ Plan to attend the 2009 4-H Awards Day program **Sunday, November 8th 2 p.m.** at the Nodaway Valley High School Auditorium in Greenfield.
- ☆ Every 4-H club will be recognized during the Awards Day program. We ask that all club members including new members and leaders come to the stage as their club is recognized. Photos of each club will be taken immediately following their recognition.
- ☆ Special awards will be presented to a number of individual 4-H'ers including those who met the minimum requirements for volunteer service awards along with Awards of the Clover, Friends of 4-H and 4-H Alumni.
- ☆ Immediately following the program, the Grove Champions and Nodaway Valley Clover Kids will be serving refreshments.
- ☆ 4-H Awards Day is a special occasion. Members are encouraged to dress up.

Welcome New Members

Adair County Hot Shots – Triston Davidson

Adair County Wing Walkers – Felicia Johnson

Harrison Hummers –Hagan Hommer, Haylee Miller, Miranda Neal, Alan Wallace, Harley Wells, Becca Winfred, Pinky Yang

Jefferson Pioneers – Logan and Maria Pruitt

Richland Royals – Ashlyn Kralik and Halee Wallace

Summerset Citizens – Jodi Baudler

Summit Super Stars – Kelsey Crees

Washington Stars – Devin Griffith

Our community club membership stands at 111 (4th – 12th graders), 13 Clover Kids and 1 Cloverbud at this time. **Help recruit new members to your club. Encourage past members to get their re-enrollment forms to the Extension office as soon as possible or drop them in a special box at Awards Day.** Enrollment forms for new members can be picked up at the Extension office, from club leaders, or at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/info/4henrollmentforms.htm>

4-H Club membership is available to all youth. Need-based scholarships are available for youth needing financial assistance in paying membership program fees. Contact the Extension office at 743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE 399 for more information.

Independent 4-H Membership

If your work, school, or church commitments keep you from being an active member of a 4-H club, please consider being an independent member. You are matched with a mentor and can still participate in project work, service projects, camps & conferences, competitive events, and county fair activities. There is a \$30 fee to be an independent member. If you are interested, give the Extension office a call for more details and to sign up.

Clover Kids Accepting Enrollment

The Clover Kids group (1st – 3rd graders) is meeting the first Saturday of each month 10-11:30 a.m. at the Extension office. Each meeting is organized around a theme with many hands-on activities. Encourage an elementary student you know to sign up by calling the Extension office. There is a one-time \$15 fee to enroll in the program. This money is used to pay for supplies.

Leadership Opportunities

Youth Action Committee

Both high school teens and adults are needed to serve on the Youth Action Committee. This group is in charge of setting county policy including developing rules for the 4-H and FFA divisions at the county fair, assisting with fund raising, and overseeing the recognition program. High school members serve a one-year term and can be re-appointed. Adult members serve a two-year term and a maximum of two consecutive terms. If you are interested, contact the Extension office for an application or go online <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/kidsteens.htm> Applications are due November 5th.

SOFA Planning Team

Any junior high or high school student interested in serving on the *Speak Out For Agriculture* planning team should plan to attend the first meeting on Sunday, November 1st from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Extension office in Greenfield.

Project Workshop

Do you have a special talent or interest you would like to share with others? Maybe it is scrapbooking, raising chickens, baking bread, or building robots. We are always looking for youth and adults who are willing to lead countywide workshops.

Aiming High Workshop-Compete for State Honors

High school students and their parents who want to learn about state awards, leadership opportunities and special honor trips should attend the Aiming High workshop **Tuesday, December 29th** designed for 9th-12th grade 4-H'ers. The workshop will be from 10:00-12:00 noon. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required by December 23rd.

Last year Ben Baudler, Joanna Blomquist, Kelsie Cass, Rachel Herr, Susan Herr, Laura Marnin, Velista Martin, and Gina Wallace all aimed high and earned state honors.

Uncommon Student Info Session

High school juniors interested in the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student program are encouraged to attend an informational program on Tuesday, December 29th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Extension office. This unique scholarship program requires a project. 4-H Alumni: Alyse Herr, Elizabeth Baudler, Ben Baudler and Kelsie Cass have been honored through this program. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child on December 29th. Please reserve your spot by calling the Extension office.

For more background concerning the program check-out their website at: www.hooverassociation.org.

Getting Started with Records

Set your project goals for the new 4-H year. Goals need to be specific and should tell how, what, and when you plan to do something. "Refinish the bookcase in my room by county fair," or "Learn how to select a market steer by weigh-in in December," are examples of specific goals with a timeline. Write goals now and add more as you go.

Goals should be recorded on your 4-H Project Record (Juniors-4H 0096A; Intermediates-4H 0096B; Seniors-4H 0096C). Set goals for each project area like photography, wildlife, or food and nutrition, not each fair exhibit.

All forms needed for your recordbook including instructions are available on our website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/records.htm> or contact the Extension office at 641-743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE399 to get your forms.

Have You Heard?

The Adair County Farm Toy Show will be held Saturday, October 31st, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the 4-H/FFA Center. This event is organized by Adair County 4-H'ers, Rob Mensing and Justin Tanner.

Seventy-one 4-H'ers completed record books this year. A dedicated team of Elaine Bohling, Chris Nelson, Jessica Rohrig, Angie Ford, Marilyn Jensen, Grace Evans, Frances Gross, Jane Langguth, Greg & Kristi Lilly, Cath Howe, and Matt Deppe evaluated all the records. This is a big job. Please thank these people the next time you see them.

Laura Marnin and Gina Wallace will be attending National 4-H Congress November 27 – December 1 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Paige McElfish, Adair County Hot Shots, and Gina Wallace, Nodaway Valley Clover Kids, will each be receiving a free pass to the 2010 Iowa State Fair. Their names were drawn from enrollment forms turned in by October 1st.

Summit Super Stars members and their families enjoyed a hayride and bonfire at their October meeting. The club purchased disinfectant wipes for the A-C Jr/Sr high school to assist with keeping everyone healthy.



Harrison Hummers enjoyed a meeting of Halloween activities including healthy snacks from decorated tangerines.

College Alert

Senior Year Boot Camp

Your high school senior year brings many important decisions. On top of making decisions you will need to be organized to take advantages of opportunities like scholarships. A special Senior Year Boot Camp for seniors (juniors are also welcome) will be held on Tuesday, December 29th from 12:00-2:00 at the Extension office. Lunch will be provided. Must sign up by December 23rd.

Preparing for ACT

Check-out <http://www.number2.com> test preparation courses. There is no fee. Spending 15 minutes a day can

pay big dividends. When you run into problems you can't solve, make sure to ask the appropriate teacher at your school to show you how to arrive at the answer. This website also has a vocabulary builder that would be great for any middle school/high school student or adult.

If you plan to enroll at **ISU in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**, check out their information about scholarships at

<http://www.ag.iastate.edu/scholarships/freshman/>

Applications must be submitted online between October 15th and January 15th.

Agriculture News

Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-in will be Monday, December 28th, at the Adair County Fairgrounds. All market beef (market steers, market heifers, and junior feeder pens) must be weighed at the countywide weigh-in to be eligible at the Adair County Fair and other 4-H shows. Members who exhibited a feeder calf or bucket/bottle calf at the 2009 county fair are encouraged to show their animal as a market beef at the 2010 fair. Remember it must be weighed-in.

Each 4-H or FFA member may weigh six market beef for lead animals and six head for a junior feeder pen. A junior feeder pen needs a minimum of three head at county fair. There is no minimum or maximum weight limit at the December 28th weigh-in, but as you select your animals you should consider what they will weigh in July at the county fair. There are 206 days between weigh-in and county fair. The average gain for all 4-H and FFA animals in the beef performance contest last year was 3.24 pounds per day. A 500 lb. animal gaining 3.24 lbs. per day would weigh 1167 lbs. at the fair. Ideally, your animal should weigh between 1150 and 1300 pounds at the county fair. Animals entered in the performance contest at county fair can not weigh over 1500 pounds when weighed in at county fair.

Exhibitors planning to show their animals at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must bring their animals to the weigh-in between 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Nomination fee for Iowa State Fair will be \$12 per head (includes ear tag). Fee for Ak-Sar-Ben will be \$5.**

Youth planning to exhibit only at the county fair need to bring their animals to weigh-in between 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Breeding Heifer Tattoos

Breeding Beef must be identified with a tattoo. If you already have your heifer, now is the time to tattoo her. The International year/letter designation for animals born in 2009 is V. If you start the tattoo sequence with a V you'll always know the year of birth.

Sheep On-Line Course

Sheep project members and their parents can learn more about scrapies by completing an on-line course: A Producer's Guide to Scrapie. It can be found at http://sheepindustrynews.com/scrapie_guide It will take you 1-2 hours to complete.

COOL Applies to All Livestock Members

COOL, a federal law, stands for Country Of Origin Labeling. If you have market beef, lamb, hog, meat goat or poultry, you need to keep records so you can prove your animal or birds were born and raised in the U.S. If you raise your own animals make sure to maintain records of your animal/s tag or ear notch and when it was born.

If you purchase your animal you will need to keep a record of what animal/s you purchased (tattoo or eartag number), when purchased, and from whom. A hand written bill of sale will work. In addition to this information, make sure to have the seller include their contact information (name, address, and phone number) and to indicate if the animal was born and raised in the U.S.

Premise ID

All 4-H and FFA swine exhibitors are required to have a Premise ID in order to sell at the Adair County Fair sale. The Premise ID number covers all family members and all species on the farm. The Premise ID number from the Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship (IDALS) is permanent so you do not have to re-apply each year. Families who plan to have swine projects and who do not already have a Premise ID number need to apply now.

You can access the form at <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf> or pick one up at the Extension office.

Swine Project Member Input Needed

The sheep division added a home-raised division at the county fair last year. It was a huge success, so the YAC wants to know if there is sufficient interest in having a farrow-to-finish division in the market hog show. (You owned and cared for the sow or gilt at farrowing and

continue caring for the pigs through market.) They would like to hear from swine project members:

Which do you prefer?

1. Our current system of dividing market swine by barrows and gilts or
2. A new system in which barrows and gilts would show together and the divisions would become farrow-to-finish and purchased?

Swine project members can call our office with your response or e-mail debhall@iastate.edu. Responses requested by November 15th.

Livestock Project Options

Do you want to have a livestock project, but don't know where to start? Let us know and we can help connect you with an experienced adult mentor.

If you don't have facilities to keep an animal, but have transportation to get to a farm to do chores, we might be able to help you connect with a producer that would sell you an animal and let you keep it on their farm.

4-H rules do require the member to provide primary care for all projects.

Ag Outlook Meeting Planned for Adults

Ag Outlook and Management Seminar will be held Thursday, November 12 in the Extension office meeting room in Greenfield. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., meeting will run from 9 a.m. – noon.

Chad Hart, ISU Extension Grain Economist, and John Lawrence, ISU Extension Livestock Economist will provide agribusiness leaders and producers with a concise evaluation of current market conditions, expected trends in the general economy, crop and livestock prices and management implications. There is no charge to attend, but preregistration is needed. To register call ISU Extension in Adair County at 641-743-8412 or toll free at 800-ISUE 399 by Monday, November 9.

Child Development Project

If you are 12 or over and help care for an infant, sign up today for the Infant CPR class on Tuesday, November 3, 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. at the Family Rewards Building in Greenfield. The class is open to all parents and caregivers including older siblings and teen babysitters. There is no cost, but sign up is required. Call the Extension office at 743-8412 to register.

My Hands for Larger Service

President's Volunteer Service Challenge

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in the President's Volunteer Service Challenge including Clover Kids.

A sample log sheet along with an explanation of what qualifies as community service is posted on our website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/communityservice.htm> or can be picked up at the Extension office. Start logging your hours now so you can be an award recipient next year. Track when you volunteer (date), the length of time, and what you do. Volunteer logs are due to the Extension office every October 1st.

Requirements for each award are as follows:

Ages up to 14: Bronze (50-74 hours); Silver (75-99 hours); Gold (100 hours or more).

Ages 15 to 25: Bronze (100-175 hours); Silver (175-249 hours); Gold (250 hours or more).

Greenfield Lighted Christmas Parade

"Wonders of Toy Land" lighted Christmas parade will be Friday, November 27th, 5:30 p.m. 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate. Each entry will be judged and cash prizes awarded: 1st place - \$75; 2nd place - \$50; and 3rd place - \$25. To enter contact Kerin Ladd at 641-343-7186.

Pentel Art Show at Opera House

Pentel Art Show will be open for viewing at the Greenfield Opera House every Thursday and Friday November 5 - 20, 1 - 6 p.m. You can meet the local artists on Saturday; to work a shift contact Ginny at the Chamber : 641-743-8444. This is an excellent service activity for visual arts members.

Babysitters Needed

The Extension office is in need of people who love small children and would like to volunteer by providing child care during special programs. We currently need childcare workers for Tuesday evenings, November 3, 10, Wednesday evening, November 18, Tuesday, December 1 and December 8, and Wednesday, December 16. Let Angie know if you'd like to volunteer by calling 743-8412 or e-mailing her at powella@iastate.edu

Grant Money Available for Service Projects

Pioneer Hi-Bred is again sponsoring the Community Improvement Grant. Applications are due to the Extension office December 1st. Applications and details are available at the Extension office or online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>

Empowering Adair County Foundation Grants

Adair County 4-H clubs may apply for up to \$10,000 for projects in the areas of tourism, recreation/culture, public services or economic well-being. Check the details on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/news/empoweringadaircounty.htm> Due November 15th.

Leader Info

When you're planning a club activity, be sure you have enough adult helpers for the size of your group. Usually 1 adult to every 8-10 youth is sufficient depending on the activity.

Written permission from parents to transport 4-H'ers in vehicles to approved activities or events is included in the Medical Information/Release Form. Be sure to comply with parent desires on who can transport their children.


Congratulations to Michael Cooley, Karen Downing, Jeannette Jorgensen, Teresa Noland, Amy Thompson, Kim Pepin, Deb Stalter, Steve Johnston, Brooke Wilbourne, Brian Lundy, Diana Huntington, Ralph Lents, Ami Venteicher, Kris Ford, Tammy Walk and Janalee Caviness for completing the required Fall Leader Training. If you didn't have a chance to attend training you need to make arrangements to do the on-line version or check-out a DVD from our office once they are available. Thank you to the leaders who attended leader training.

Watch for Mail From IRS

We have been made aware that some Iowa 4-H clubs have received notices from the IRS asking why a Form 990 was not filed for the previous tax year. If your club receives a notice from the IRS, please let the Extension office know immediately. Do not respond to the IRS, but instead get us a copy of the notice immediately.


*EO – Extension Office
 *FRB – Family Rewards Building
 (former Crook’s Clothing Building)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SOFA 2010 Planning Committee Meeting 2:30-3:30 pm, *EO Youth Council, 4 pm *EO	2	3 Infant CPR 6 – 7:45 pm, *FRB	4 Ornamental & Turfgrass CIC, 1:30 -3:30 pm, *EO	5	6	7 Clover Kids 10-11:30 am, *EO
8 4-H Awards Day 2 pm, NV High School Auditorium	9	10 Book Club for Family Storyteller Graduates 6 – 7 pm, *FRB	11 NV Early Out NV MS Service Club 11:15 am – 3:30 pm NV Middle School	12 Ag Outlook Refreshments served 8:30-9:00 am Meeting 9 – noon, *EO	13 Book Club for Family Storyteller Graduates 10-11 am, *FRB	14
15	16 IDALS Pesticide Applicator Testing, 10am-2pm, *EO	17	18 Commercial Ag CIC, 9-11am, *EO Taking the Stress Out of the Holidays, 6:30-7:30 pm, *FRB	19	20	21
22	23 Extension Council 7:30 pm	24	25	26  Extension Office Closed	27 Greenfield Lighted Christmas Parade, 5:30 pm, Greenfield Square	28
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happiest Baby/Toddler 6:30-7:30 pm *FRB	2	3	4	5 Clover Kids, 10-11:30 am, *EO
6 Youth Council 4 pm	7	8 Book Club for Family Storyteller Graduates 6 – 7 pm, *FRB	9 NV Early Out 11:15 am-3:30 pm NV Middle School	10	11 Book Club for Family Storyteller Graduates 10 – 11 am, *FRB	12
13 Extension Council 6 p.m.	14	15	16 Healthy Holiday Food 6:30 – 7:30 pm, *FRB	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25  Extension Office Closed	26
27	28 Beef Weigh-in 8:30 -11:30 a.m. Adair County Fairgrounds	29 Uncommon Student 9-10am, *EO Aiming High Workshop 10 am – Noon *EO Senior Year Boot Camp Noon – 2 pm *EO	30	31		

Club Checklist

As a club:

- ✓ Install officers and new members. Special ceremonies are available at the Extension office.
- ✓ Attend 4-H Awards Day as a group. Each club will be recognized including new members.
- ✓ Return record books. Use info received at Awards Day to have your club treasurer write checks to members who completed a record book and distribute the checks.
- ✓ Write thank you notes to Friends of Adair County 4-H Record Keepers and other Awards Day sponsors.
- ✓ Encourage your reporter or secretary to email wallaced@iastate.edu or call the office each month with an interesting activity from your club.
- ✓ Plan a holiday party. Stress belonging and generosity in your plans. Invite potential members.
- ✓ Decide on a club service project. Explore a Pioneer Grant application as a possible source of funding. Pioneer grant applications are due in our office December 1st.
- ✓ Explain the concept of community service. Help members start service logs. (See Community Service Hours Log & Descriptions) posted on our website www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/

Future Dates

November 8 – 4-H Awards Day
December 28 – 4-H and FFA Beef Weigh-in
March 31, 2010 – The Power of Youth – Iowa 4-H
June 29-July 1, 2010 –4-H Conference-*Set The Stage*
July 21-25, 2010 – Adair County Fair
August 12-22, 2010 – Iowa State Fair
September 21-26, 2010 – Ak-Sar-Ben

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Thank You

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who have joined Friends of 4-H Record Keepers for 2009:

First State Bank, Stuart
Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Orient/Winterset
Rex & Hope Wilhelm, Stuart
Farm Credit Services of America, Jim Nelson
Dean & Melodee Carstens, Adair
Wayne Bohling, Fontanelle
Adair County Pork Producers
West Central Co-operative, Adair
Paul & Gini Herr, Fontanelle
Ron & Becky Dreher Family, Adair
Kevin & Deb Stalter, Stuart

Thank you for additional financial donations to support 4-H Awards Day received from the following:

First National Bank,
Fontanelle/Greenfield/Massena/Anita/Correctionville
Union State Bank, Greenfield/Bridgewater
Farmers Electric Cooperative, Greenfield
Phyllis Raper Family
Dick & Donna Wallace, Orient

Programming for Adults

Infant CPR

Be prepared to save the life of an infant with CPR. Learn and practice these life saving procedures during this session scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. at the Family Rewards Building in Greenfield. Adults and youth 12 and up are invited. Sign up needed by calling Extension office.

Taking the Stress Out of the Holidays

Holidays are time for celebration, but they can also bring a lot of stress. Donna Donald, ISU Family Life Field specialist, give tips on reducing holiday stress on Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p 7:30 p.m. at the Family Rewards Building. Call the Extension office to sign-up.

Happiest Baby

Learn techniques to calm crying babies during a special workshop Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Family Rewards Building. Call the Extension office to sign-up.