



Clover Connection



It's a New Year

It's time to start a new 4-H program year and I am thrilled. I hope everyone feels the same way. As with anything, we need to make sure we completed everything for the previous year, just like the follow-up we do after fair, for example. Make sure to write your thank you notes and pick up any projects you may still have at the Extension Office. Please send me some photos of fair or your club year to smmck@iastate.edu. Those are some fair follow-up items for you. Also, be sure to complete your record book. Written works are very important forms of communication and part of the skill set you should gain from 4-H. If you have questions or need help, please contact me or your leader or an older 4-H member.

When you've finished all of that, please gear up for another exciting year. Make sure to tell third graders that look up to you how much fun 4-H is. Let's make it a point to recruit 4-H'ers this year.

Susan M McKinley County Youth Coordinator

Thank You Notes Make A Difference

Attention all 4-H'ers! If you received a trophy or an award at the fair from an individual or an organization, **please** remember to send them a thank you. Thank you notes are important. Unfortunately, we sometimes lose supporters because they don't feel members appreciate their contributions. Please do your part to recognize these generous 4-H supporters and show them that they are appreciated. There will be a sponsor list on our 4-H Web site at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass or if you have trouble locating that, you can certainly call the office. Also, don't forget your leaders and Mom and Dad. They deserve special thanks, too. We have 4-H thank you notes at the Office if you'd like to use them. Clubs should make a list of people to thank and write and sign a group thank you to them. Think about the fairboard, veterinarians, weigh-in crews, media, auctioneers, etc. Show those who have given their time and money to you and your club how appreciative you are and send your thank you notes today!



Record Books Due Soon

Your record books will be due to your club leader soon. Check with him or her for your club's deadline. Enclosed in this newsletter is a suggested guideline to follow when putting your record book together. If you are on-line, you can download a computerized template of some of the record keeping forms. Visit our web page at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass. Leaders need to turn Record Books and award sheets into the Extension Office by **September 15**.

Attention Club Secretaries, Treasurers & Historians --- We want to recognize you for your hard work. Make sure your officer books are turned into the Extension Office by September 15 to be judged! Top books will be announced at County Convention.

...and Justice for all

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Fall Leader Meeting Fun

Our fall 4-H organizational leaders meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cass County Community Center. Cards will be sent to organizational leaders and project leaders. Remember, 4-H leaders must attend two training meetings each year. This meeting we will help you get started for the year and talk about getting parents excited.

Club Photos Needed

We plan to do a power point presentation at County Convention featuring activities that clubs did during the year. In order to do this, we need 5 or more photos from each club. Action shots of members working on a service project, doing a presentation, or having fun at a party would be great. If you have digital photos, just e-mail them to smmck@iastate.edu or photographs can be submitted to the Extension Office. Please send us your pictures by September 15.

County Convention

We will celebrate National 4-H week at County Convention on **Sunday, October 11th at 2:00 PM at the Cass County Community Center.** Your 4-H uniform is required for you to walk across the stage and get your picture taken.

Assignments for Convention are:

Set-up – Brighton 4-H Club

Clean-up – Groovy Grovers & Lincoln Guys & Gals

4-H Window Display Contest

Many clubs already do displays or windows promoting 4-H for National 4-H Week. The Youth Action Committee wants to recognize clubs for your hard work. You can enter the 4-H Window/Display Contest. Organizational leaders will be sent a nomination form which is due September 15. Your window must be up by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, October 5 so YAC members can judge the displays.

Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

New to the Iowa 4-H program in 2002 was the establishment of the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. **Inductees** are recognized for their significant contributions to the 4-H youth program in the counties they served and are selected locally. In Cass County, Youth Action Committee, the program development committee for the county 4-H program, nominates someone who significantly contributed to Cass County 4-H and requires special recognition. The 2009 nominee from Cass County is the late Melodie Rubel. Melodie spent 7 years as a 4-H member in Audubon County and 16 years as a leader in Cass County. She was always determined to complete her projects and carried that attitude and passion through to her daughter and club members during her leader years. She was an excellent seamstress and helped many young girls and boys learn to sew great as well. If she were here today, she would still be helping teach children and help keep 4-H alive.

4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD
to clearer thinking
My HEART
to greater loyalty
My HANDS
to larger service
My HEALTH
to better living
For My club,
my community,
my country
and
my world



Recruit A Friend

It's time to start the new 4-H year! Do you know anyone who might enjoy being in 4-H??? Why not bring a friend to a club meeting! If you know of someone who would like to join 4-H, take them to a meeting and get them connected with your leader to start filling out enrollment forms. If they aren't sure your club works for them, send them to the Extension Office. We will help them get on their way. Our best recruitment tool is word of mouth. Tell somebody how much you like 4-H!

2009-2010 Enrollment

Enrollment forms have been printed. Leaders can pick up enrollment packets on Friday, August 28 to use at September & October club meetings. The office will be open additional hours that day if you have questions for the youth coordinator. Susan will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. that day. Enrollment Forms and Medical Release Forms are due **November 2nd**.

We enroll according to grades:

Discovery - 3rd & 4th grade

(4th graders **must** enroll in Discovery and may enroll in one additional project area that is not part of Discovery. Discovery project areas are visual arts, clothing, electricity, gardening and plants, conservation, food and nutrition, entomology, child development, photography, pets, wildlife, bicycle and citizenship and personal development.)

Juniors - 5th-6th grade

Intermediates - 7th and 8th grade

Seniors - 9th-through 12th grade

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be celebrated Oct. 4-10. Now is the time to invite friends and classmates to join in the fun of 4-H. Why not make September "Promotion" month for 4-H and 4-H Week "Celebration" week with lots of new 4-H'ers? We'd like to see each club do something special to celebrate 4-H during this week. Here are some suggestions:

1. Set up a display in your school's library or lunchroom.
2. Put up a window display in a local business.
3. Display 4-H posters in several businesses.
4. Enclose brochures about 4-H in church bulletins.
5. Present 4-H bookmarks to local schools, libraries, youth centers, etc.
6. Hold a hayride or other gathering and invite new and old members.
7. Hold a membership drive. Each member contact one non-4-H'er and bring them to a meeting. Give a prize to members who get the most potential members.
8. Have all the members of your club wear their 4-H t-shirts one day to school.

If you are doing a promotion at schools, businesses, etc. and need 4-H brochures and/or 4-H information postcards, please let us know at the Extension Office. We will run them for you at no charge, but we do need some advance notice in order to run them in a large quantity.

Did you know . . .

. . . **4-H is the nation's largest youth organization?** It has more than 7 million participants. It is in all 99 Iowa counties, in all 50 states and in more than 80 countries. One quarter of Iowa's young people are involved in 4-H.

Club Elections

4-H gives us an opportunity to practice leadership skills. As the new club year starts, remember that club leadership is very important for success. Make sure that you elect officers that will exhibit good leadership skills. Also, when you accept a leadership position, remember to be reliable, a good role model and a leader for your club.

AK-SAR-BEN

The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition is September 22-27, 2009. Premium books are available online only at www.aksarben.org. If you have questions, please refer to the premium book. Those are your rules for exhibition.

This year, the shows at the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition will be broadcast on the internet with live video and audio by DV Auction. To view the shows live, visit www.dvauction.com the day of the show to watch.

If you do not have the ability to watch the shows live or online, tune in to the world wide web. Each show's results, including champion photos will be uploaded to www.aksarben.org within 24 hours of its completion.



Pedal Tractor Races

Youth Council hosted the pedal tractor race again at the 2009 Cass County Fair. The race was held after the Grand Champion selection and Catch A Calf contest, so the fans were warmed up to excitement. Eight teams participated. And the winner is... 1st place – Benton Franklin, 2nd place – Bear Grove Blazers, 3rd place – Pymosa Pedal Pushers. Youth council also tied with Benton Franklin for time. Thank you to the fairboard for the prize money. Clubs will receive \$100, \$75 and \$50.

The youth council is a 4-H leadership group of youth in grades 10-12. Youth Council applications are due September 15 to the Extension Office. Mailings will be directed to eligible youth. The applications are also on the Web site at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass and in the Extension Office.

State Fair Static Exhibits

Congratulations to all youth who had static exhibits on display at the Iowa State Fair!

Projects are picked up the Monday after the fair ends. Please be quick to pick your projects up if you have not already. The ribbon placings of the static exhibits are listed on the back page.

Results of other youth participation at the fair will be in the October addition of the Clover Connection.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 YAC @ 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6	7 Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 Youth council meeting @ 3:00	14	15 Record books, officer books, community ser- vice & youth council applications due	16	17	18	19
20	21 Record book judging at 6:00	22	23	24	25	26
27 YC Interviews @ 2:00 p.m. Fall Leader Training @ 4:00 p.m.	28	29	30			

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4-H Exhibits Building Results

Maggi Amos	Food & Nutrition, red
Charles Ankenbauer	Comm. Posters, merit
Hannah Ankenbauer	Comm. Posters, merit
J. T. Baker	Food & Nutrition, blue
Nakia Brown	Issues, white
Aaron Buboltz	Home Improvement, blue
	Photography, blue
	S, M & E, blue
Michelle Buboltz	Clothing, blue
	Food & Nutrition, blue
	Home Improvement, blue
	Photography, blue
	Photography, blue
	S, M & E, blue
	Visual Art, blue
Linnea Casey	Visual Art, blue
Chris Evans	S, M & E, blue
Cynthia Freund	Home Improvement, red
Stephanie Freund	Visual Art, white
Luke Frisbie	Clothing, red

Victoria Frisbie
Morgan Godwin
Austin Johnk
Kristin Johnk
Casey Marshall
Sarah Masker
Erin Mathisen
Trevor McKee
Blake Miller
Kristen Misner
Rich Nichols
Caitlin Paulsen
Logan Potter
Jessica Pritchett
Tucker Sager
Garrett Schwanke
Erin Steele
Amber Stender
Curtis Ullerich

Alexandria Watson
Valerie Watson

Cheyenne Whaley
Kate Wheatley

Clothing, red
Photography, blue
Food & Nutrition, red
Food & Nutrition, red
S, M & E, blue
Personal Development, blue
Photography, blue
S, M & E, blue
Food & Nutrition, blue
Food & Nutrition, red
Ag & Natural, blue
Photography, blue
Home Improvement, blue
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Home Improvement, red
Personal Development, blue
Personal Development, blue
Home Improvement, blue
Child Development, red
Issues, blue
Ag & Natural, blue
Photography, blue