

4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER May 2009

A newsletter for Boone County 4-H members, leaders, and their families

Go Green Craze Club Incentive



Incentive: Do at least **ten Go Green Craze** activities from the resources provided or your own ideas. Earn a **4-H water bottle** and **one fill** of lemonade or iced tea in the bottle at the 4-H foodstand during the July 15 – 20, 2009 Boone County Fair for each member and leader of your club who participate in **Go Green Craze**. Members and leaders are encouraged to use the refillable bottle during fair to reduce trash. 4-H **Go Green Craze** water bottles can be refilled with icy, cold water for \$.25 during fair.

Goals of Go Green Craze 2009

4-H Clubs – increase 4-H membership; implement best practices of “Vibrant” 4-H clubs; incorporate Fun, Friends, Voice and Choice into 4-H events.

Environment: learn about and practice “reduce, reuse, recycle” and environmental stewardship at 4-H meetings and at home; emphasize bicycle, outdoor activities, and gardening 4-H projects.

Money and Energy Savings: share low cost ideas for 4-H projects; practice money and energy saving ideas at 4-H meeting and at home; explore Iowa vacations and low cost recreation ideas.

Go Green Craze Recreation Ideas

Car Relay – talk about effects of cars on the environment (air quality, use of fossil fuels, noise, etc.), alternative means of transportation, importance of maintaining cars, carpooling, or traffic congestion. Rules: Form lines of 8 players each. Mark a starting line and then a goal line 20 feet away. Each player will be a car with a different mechanical problem. Starting with #1, each player moves to the goal line and back to the starting line by doing the action indicated. The first team with all cars back is the winner.

1. Flat tire – hops
2. Engine trouble – 3 steps forward, 1 step back
3. Wheel off – walk on two feet & one hand
4. Battery dead – pushed by #5
5. Pushes #4
6. Junker = move on all 4's in both directions
7. Steering problem – runs zig zag
8. Good racing car – run

Earth, Air, Fire, Water

Form and circle with IT in the center. It points to a player and calls out one word – earth, air, fire, water. Before IT counts to ten the player needs to respond with an appropriate response.

Earth – animal that crawls or walks

Air – bird, insect, or animal that flies

Water – animal or fish that swims

Fire - player must remain silent.

No animal may be used more than once. The player who makes an incorrect response becomes IT.

Congratulations Graduating High School Seniors!



Tjaden Ahrens
Jacoby Bice
Rebecca Davis
Jessica Frantum

Liz Baumgarn
Meagan Dale
Bryce DeMoss
Jessica Glasgow

Samantha Groehn
Kevin Hansen
Marcus Heineman
Josie Kramer
Skyler Rinker
Jamie Soderstrum
Jess Stoll
Jacob Venner
Holly Wrage

Hannah Hadaway
Andrew Heineman
Bryant Hunter
Heidi Manken
Thad Satre
Trevor Stephens
Brittany Swanson
Jordan Walters
Paul Zinnel

Dear 4-H Family,

4-H offers an abundance of fun, educational opportunities. Look inside this newsletter for more information on:

- 1) **Summer 4-H volunteers needed** and **Gardening Challenge/Fish Iowa** (gold)
- 2) **Dare 2 Explore** – Boone, Greene, Story Tri-County Junior Camp for 4th - 6th graders (turquoise)
- 3) County 4-H **Educational Presentations** and **Extemporaneous Speaking Contests** will be June 17 (red)
- 4) Boone County Scavenger Hunt for 4-H Camp/Project meetings (white)

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Visit our Web site: www.extension.iastate.edu/boone
Boone County Fair website: www.boonecountyfairia.com/

State 4-H Website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h

Dates to Remember

May, 2009

Club Meetings - Stress importance of complete, accurate identification of livestock projects on ID forms (4H 106a-f), distribute fair books and review highlights and entry forms, plan club tours and help sessions, practice for communication activities, complete registrations for summer activities, volunteer for fair committees such as judge's helper, Extravaganza, Fashion Day, review 4-H newsletter.

- 7, 14, 21, 28 Dog Obedience classes in Boone at Fairgrounds
- 15 State 4-H Youth Conference/ROUNDUP registrations due to EO with fee
- 15 Livestock Identification Forms due to County Extension Office**
- 15 4-Hers for 4-H donations and financial assistance applications due to EO
- 17 Shooting Sports – air rifles and archery at shooting shelter at 2 pm
- 18 4-H Youth Committee, Extension Office 7 p.m.
- 21 Pets and Photography project club meetings (Photography meet in lower Ledges)
- 23 Aerospace Interest Group 9a.m. beginner, 10 a.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th year, 11a.m. 5th and above
- 23 Fashion and Textiles Interest - \$15 Challenge, Ankeny
- 25 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day
- 30 Horse Interest Group workouts with horses 10 a.m. at fairground
- 31 Build new rabbit cages 1:30 p.m. at 1974 Olive Place, Woodward



June, 2009



- Thursdays - Dog Obedience classes at Boone County Fairgrounds
- Workouts with horses at fairgrounds arena – June 7, 13, 20, 27, July 5, 11
- 5 Relay for Life at Goepfinger Field - need help with kids' games 7 – 9 pm
- 6 Aerospace Interest Group – priming rockets, tips on painting, practice launch
- 14 Shooting Sports at 4-H Camp - shotguns
- 13 Rabbit tattooing by appointment call 230-0314

- 13 Poultry pullorum testing by appointment call 432-7553
- 15 4-H Youth Committee clean 4-H foodstand and meeting
- 18 Pets and Photography project meetings 7pm at Extension Office
- 20 Environmental Interest Group – fairgrounds
- 21 Conference and ROUNDUP orientation at EO at 4:30 p.m.
- 21 County 4-H Council meeting at EO at 5:00 p.m.
- 23 - 25 Central Iowa Intermediate Trip to the Twin Cities
- 17 – 19 Photography Camp for 7th – 12th grader
- 17 County Educational Presentation and Extemporaneous Speaking Contests
- 23 Boone County Fair entries due to Extension Office for animals, Fashion Day, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun**
- 24 Work day to make decorations for fair
- 28 Aerospace Interest Group judged rocket launch- 6 pm at fairgrounds
- June 30 – July 2 State 4-H Conference and Animal Science ROUNDUP at Iowa State University



Summer, 2009

July 1 Last day to accept Iowa State Fair entries due to Extension Office for animals and horticulture
July 7 Fashion Day (morning - judging, evening - style show), Decorate Your Duds and Share the Fun (evening)
July 9 Prefair cleanup July 5 & 11 - Horse Interest Group workouts with horses
July 12 4-H Dog Show in show ring beginning at 1:30
July 15 - 20 Boone County Fair "Looking to the Future - 4-Ever Green"

August 13 - 23 Iowa State Fair with theme "State Fair Time!"

Website is www.iowastatefair.com/ (for more information look under Competition/How to Enter Premium Books)

Tuesday, August 11	Horse check-in for <u>all</u> classes, Horse Poles and Barrels		
Wednesday, August 12	Horse Showmanship, Pony, Reining, English, Trail, Western Pleasure (tent.)		
Thursday, August 13	Horse Western Horsemanship (tent.), Poultry, Dairy Cow		
Saturday, August 15	Swine arrive, Horticulture judging		
Sunday, August 16	Sheep arrive, Swine and Sheep Showmanship and Premier Exhibitor		
Monday, August 17	Beef arrive, Derby/Breeding Swine, Market/Performance Sheep, Beef Showmanship,		
Tuesday, August 18	Breeding Sheep, Breeding Heifer, Beef of Merit, Market Swine		
Wednesday, August 19	Market Beef show, Dairy Goats arrive	August 20	Rabbit and Dairy Goat Shows
Saturday August 22	Meat Goat show and Sale of Champion	August 23	Dog show

General 4-H News

"4-H Ever Green" at 4-H Extravaganza on Friday of fair

Extravaganza is a fun time for 4-H'ers, younger kids, and families. It is from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17 in the community building.

Topics for working exhibits (9 - 10 am) can be related to any 4-H project.

Call Joyce to volunteer to lead a booth from 10 - 11 am related to the theme "4-Ever Green" such as:

- Crafts or art from recyclables
- Waste free snacks, reduce packaging
- Bicycle, gardening, outdoor adventures
- Energy saving or environmental stewardship
- **Or your own ideas.**



Iowa 4-H Conference

High School 4-H members and friends are invited to **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference** at ISU on June 30- July 2. Registration forms are due May 15 with the fee of \$84 for 4-H'ers and \$125 for non-4-H members. Information and registration forms are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/stateconference/index.htm



"Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams!" theme for 4-H'ers for 4-H

Clubs can donate to 4-H'ers for 4-H by writing checks to Iowa 4-H Foundation and indicating \$/member - due May 15. Thank you to the following clubs who have contributed:

Bluff Creek Wranglers Green Clovers
Madrid Merry Makers Montana Miners
Rural & City Newcomers Town & Country Pioneers

News Briefs

- Boone County 4-H Funds will reimburse \$75 to any 4-H'er attending a **state camp**. The Iowa 4-H Center is offering **day camps** for 6 - 10 year old youth with pick up in Boone and Madrid. www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/
- For sale at Extension Office - **4-H T-shirts** with "splash" logo for \$7 adult sizes S - XL and \$8.50 for XXL. We will be selling the stock on hand because there is a new design for T-shirts in 2010.
- The Community Care Committee of United Methodist Church is sponsoring **Fair Days at the Evangelical Free Church Home and Eastern Star Masonic Home** on Saturday July 25 from about 10 am - 2 pm. Any 4-H member with an animal or static exhibits is invited to bring the exhibit to show residents. Great citizenship idea! To volunteer, call Marshall and Jean King at 432-1181.
- 4-H members participating in **Robotics** project workshops in April at ISU were **Kenton & Landra Reece, Evan Irwin, Dillon Schmidt, Cody Heistand, Jake Wulf, Bryce Scott, Andrew Pierce, and Amber Walker.**

- **Ricochet**: An Extreme Leadership Adventure is for middle school students who learn about leadership attitudes, communication and decision making skills, and stress management through Challenge and adventure learning activities. Twenty-one Boone youth including the following 4-H'ers participated in the first Ricochet program in Boone.

Carissa Brown

Jaelynn Burkamper

Laura Martin
Elizabeth Sterenberg

Kenton Reece

What's new for the 2009 Boone County Fair?

* Check out the new **short videos** on how to prepare for county fair on our website (scroll down right side to 4-H Videos.) www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/kidsteens.htm

- * Planning Your 4-H Fair Exhibit
- * How to Prepare 4 Fair (goal cards, entry form & tag)
- * Static Exhibits at County Fair
- * Exhibiting Livestock at County Fair
- * Explaining Elements/ Principles of Design on Goal Cards

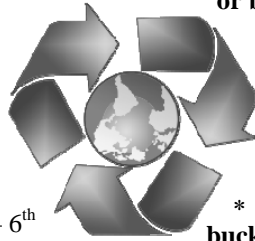
* Welcome **Courtney Tingwald** as summer office/program assistant at the Boone County Extension Office. Courtney will help with livestock entries, computer data entry, and wherever needed during county fair!

* **Go Green** classes open to any Kindergarten – 6th grade student are in the planning stage. No pre-entry, no write up, no judging, no premium money – just talk about your exhibit before the audience. Classes may include:

- Sculptor, collage or art item made from recyclables
- Kid's craft made from recyclables or nature materials
- Poster - an energy or environmental saving idea
- Poster - your favorite outdoor adventure or location.

* A **4-H family pool party** will be held on Monday evening July 20 in place of the dance. Admission will be \$1/person. Times will be 8:30 – 10:20 p.m. at the Boone pool. 4-H members may bring family and friends.

* **Fairboard members** have been working hard on painting and improvements in the **Commercial Building** including a shade awning south of the building, additional awning south of poultry area for **Helping Hands Farm**, and a **new stage** a southeast of Community Building. Events on the stage are listed in your fairbook schedule under Grandstand (South.) Also see schedule for additional activities on stage in the Community Building, including trivia contests. There will also be a **new carnival**



* Recruit six club members for an **Ag Olympics** team on Friday afternoon at County Fair. County 4-H Council will be in charge of team and individual contests (such as slippery melon and hay bale hurdles.) Prizes awarded.

* Enter a **4-H'ers in Action Photo!** Eligible photos would be - **5" X 7"** photo taken after June of last year that illustrates the theme Holidays and Seasons. Include a **caption** of no more than 75 words that tells why it is the best example of the theme. Submit to entry table on July 15 at county fair. Fairgoers will vote for their favorite which will then advance to state fair

* 4-Her's are invited to **plant flowers in planters or buckets** and bring them to the fair to "beautify" the grounds. Furnish your own planter or 2½ or 5 gallon bucket (decorate as you wish.) Bring the flowers on the 1st day of fair (Wednesday), keep yours watered during the fair, and take them back home on Sunday evening.

* **Pre-4-H Age youth lamb, youth rabbit and bucket bottle calf** guidelines are available from the Fair Board website and due June 30. Youth must be between 5 years (by first day of fair) up to present 3rd graders.

* Entries for the Boone County **Fair Queen** Scholarship Pageant are due June 15. Contestants must be 16 - 21 years of age. Judging will be Sunday, July 12 and crowning will be Thursday, July 16 following the parade at the Boone County Fairgrounds. For details www.boonecountyfairia.com/

* 2008 quilt blocks have been made into a queen sized quilt with the theme **Wildflowers in Spring**. The quilt will be on display around Boone County. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Extension Office for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be at fair on Sunday, July 19 just before exhibits are released. Money from the **quilt raffle** will support 4-H premiums.

* **4-Ever Green** is the theme for 2009 **quilt block contest**. Packets of four fabrics are available for \$3 at the Extension Office. Sew a quilt block and return it by June 26. Fairgoers vote on blocks at fair and prizes are awarded.

Ag Notes

Ag news briefs

• **Rabbit tattooing** will be Saturday, June 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Call Mindy Moeller at 515/230-0314 for an appointment. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 23.



• **Build new rabbit cages** for the fair on Sunday, May 31 at 1:30 at the home of Dean Meier at 1794 Olive Place. Bring a hammer, pliers and wear gloves. From junction of Highway 17 & County Road E27 at Luther, go west 5 miles west (across Des Moines River) to County Road R26. Turn south 3 miles, then left (east) on 300th St. about 1.2 miles.

• Twenty-five Boone County 4-H members tagged 123 **market lambs** and 19 meat goats on April 25. Four lambs and 1 goat were verified through retinal imaging for state fair. Thanks to Barb Osborn, Tom Kauffman, Jennie, Emily, and Kevin Hansen, Elizabeth and Adam Davis, Bonnie Sorenson, Larry, Sandy, and Carley Seeman.

• Due to concerns for food safety and the overseas market, packers are beginning to ask for premise identification numbers that are part of the **National Animal Identification System (NAIS)**. Premise ID must be for the

farm where the animals are kept. The form to apply is:
www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf

- State Fair **Market Broiler Class** entries are due June 1 to State 4-H Office with a check for \$60 to cover the cost of 50 birds plus entry fee. Broilers will be shipped July 1 and exhibited at state fair on August 13. More info:
www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbooksmall.htm

- **Poultry Pullorum testing** will be Saturday, June 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at fairgrounds. Call Merlyn and Mary Haringa at 515/432-7553 for an appointment. All birds that do not have a 2009 hatchery certificate must be tested. Be aware of concerns about avian flu.

- **Dog Obedience** classes will meet at the Boone County Fairgrounds on Thursdays May 7 – July 9. Call Superintendent Deb Owens at 515/795-3124 or email agilebxr@yahoo.com if you have questions.

- **Feed additives and drug additives** need to be followed according to instructions and withdrawal periods.

- **Winner's Circle Scholarships** for freshman in college with majors related to animal science are due June 1. www.iowastatefair.com/saleofchamps/scholarshipdetails.php

Turn in Livestock IDs before May 15 and get a candy bar!

(Swine, dog, horse, breeding beef, bucket bottle calf, breeding sheep, dairy goat)

- Call the Extension Office and we will send you ID forms, stop by or go online (under 4-H Livestock) www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/kidsteens.htm
- You must complete a new form each year by May 15.
- Check forms for completeness and signatures.
- Read back of ID form and keep a copy.
- Your county and state fair exhibits must be selected from the animals identified on the ID.
- State fair market beef, sheep, meat goat, and swine must be verified at species weigh-in.
- If animals are not owned by the exhibitor or a family member, a **management agreement** must be approved by the 4-H Youth Committee.

4-H Horse Opportunities

- **Horse Interest Group workouts with horses** at east horse arena at Boone County Fairgrounds (helmets and boots required.) Arrive early, park off the street, and be ready to ride at **10 a.m.** on Saturdays or **3 p.m.** on Sundays. Keep horses on north side of arena – away from spectator area. Dates - **May 30, June 7, 13, 20, 27, July 5, 11.** If weather is questionable, call Ext. Of. at 432-3882 two hours before start time and listen to message for change of plans.

- Show bills for the following horse shows are at the Extension Office:

May – Sept. Quad County Saddle Club in Madrid
 May 10 – Iowa Paint Horse (all breeds welcome)
 May 24 Dayton Wranglers Memorial Open Show
 May 30 Dallas Co. 4-H June 20 Webster Co. 4-H
 June 21 Audubon Co. 4-H June 27 Crawford Co. 4-H

June 27 – Come and Prepare for County Fair by Jester Park (sponsored by Jester Dreamers 4-H Club

- **Equestrian helmets are required for all mounted and driving events** including warm up at the Boone County and Iowa State Fair. We are collecting orders for equestrian helmets until **May 15** from National Safe Kids Campaign. You may try on helmets at the Extension Office.

Equestrian Helmet Discount Program

Name _____

Phone # _____

Size	Price	Quantity
X-small (up to 21")	\$20	_____
Small (21 to 22")	\$20	_____
Medium (22 to 23")	\$20	_____
Large (23" and over)	\$20	_____
Total		_____

Make check payable to Boone County ISU Extension



Horse Committee is selling \$10 caps embroidered with the 4-H clover or a horse as a fund raiser. See at EO.

State fair premium books will be online. Entry forms only at EO

www.iowastatefair.com/competition/howtoenter.php. Entry forms are not online but will be available from the Extension Office in early June. State fair entry forms and fees are can be turned in the same time as county entries on June 23 or no later than July 1. The following information is needed: signatures of 4-H'er and parent, number of animals, staying in Youth Inn, and entry fees.



4-H Shooting Sports members move mulch to shooting shelter at 4-H Camp



4-H Photography project members learn

computer manipulation of photos in April.

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Due May 15 to Boone County Extension Office

Livestock Identification Reports
(Horse, dog, breeding sheep, meat goats, dairy cattle and goats, swine, breeding beef including breeding heifers, cow calf, produce of dam, and bucket bottle calves)

(Turn your ID form in at the Extension Office before May 15 and get a candy bar from Natalie!)

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Crops, ROUNDUP registration and fee

Club 4-H'ers for 4-H donations

Equestrian helmet orders

*County Fair Entry Forms are due any time before **June 23** for **all** animals, fashion day, and communications. Forms are available from club leaders, the Extension Office, or online at www.extension.iastate.edu/boone

Dare 2 Explore at Tri-County Junior 4-H Camp

Junior 4-H members who are completing 4th, 5th, or 6th grades are invited to Dare 2 Explore Boone, Greene, and Story Tri-County Junior 4-H Camp Wednesday, August 5, 10:00 a.m. to Friday, August 7, 8:30 p.m. at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center. Campers will have three fun filled days learning new skills, making new friends, reuniting with other campers, testing their skills during camp activities, and enjoying the great outdoors. Family members are invited to a BBQ and closing ceremony campfire on Friday evening.

Everyone will join in the fun of chilling science experiments from Antarctica Climate Secrets, swimming, team building on the teams course, campfires, outdoor cooking, crafts, an evening of dancing and relaxation, and plenty of good food! Campers will choose other activities from high ropes, climbing tower, mega zip, fishing, air rifle, hikes, creek walk, canoeing, kayaking, and archery & atlatsl.

The registration form is enclosed and due by July 24.

One more male counselor (at least sophomore) is needed for the camp. If interested, contact Annette Brown who is planning the camp, annbrown@iastate.edu.

