

4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 2008

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



COMMUNICATIONS CRAZE 2007 - 2008

COMMUNICATIONS CRAZE Club Incentive

To earn the club incentive of **\$1.25 food coupon** for each member and leader of the club to use at the 4-H foodstand, do the following by June 24, 2008 (forms on website www.extension.iastate.edu/boone)

- Complete seven activities related to Communications - from project guides, ideas on website, or your own ideas
- Complete *4-H Communications Club Incentive and Evaluation* for club
- Have as many members as possible complete the *Iowa 4-H Communications Self-Reporting Assessment*

COMMUNICATIONS CRAZE Group Program Idea - Who's Listening? (Level 2 *Putting It Together* pp 12-13)

People express themselves in a variety of ways: facial expressions, body language, gestures, and intonation. The same applies to how people listen. Observe communication between people and the type of listening.

Act out or describe a time when you remember listening in each of the four ways:

Passive listener - sporadic eye contact with speaker, expressionless look, may nod occasionally

Selective listener - looks away at other things, gives a look of disinterest, jumps in before speaker is done, changes subject, may want to debate every point

Attentive listener - steady eye contact with speaker, shows sincere facial expressions, nods of simple verbal acknowledgements, and asks questions to get meaning and understanding

Active listener - shows patience, gives verbal feedback to summarize understanding of message and speaker's emotions, and asks when something is unclear. Active listeners will get two messages in one - the facts and feelings.

COMMUNICATIONS CRAZE - Try communications at the county level (information enclosed or in fairbook p. 28)

June 18 - Educational Presentations - communicating a skill, knowledge, or information to an audience that is seated and ready to listen. Select a topic related to your 4-H project or expand you club presentation. Use a power point, posters, and/or props to help get your message across. Include an introduction (capture the audience's attention), body (sell the audience on your ideas/information) and conclusion (review your most important points.) Smile and ask for questions.

July 8 Share the Fun - Perform before an audience purely for enjoyment. Involve one, two or a group of 4-H'ers in an act no longer than 8 minutes. Skits, songs, dances, comedy, plays should be well prepared, in good taste and fun for all.

July 18 - Working Exhibits - Interact with your audience (at fair) in an informal way. Set up an attractive display and invite youth and adults to stop at your exhibit. Consider having two or more 4-H'ers as people will be joining in at various stages of your exhibit. Involve the audience in doing, feeling, smelling, tasting, or judging. Have plenty of supplies.

Congratulations Graduating High School Seniors!



Michelle Blair
Don Burkhart
Megan Engleen
Michael Good

Johnna Bonnell
Zech Doran
Tawnee Gillespie
Stephanie Haberer

Nick Harrison
Matt Hurley
Rochelle Jermier
Allyson Ladd
Jessica Mathre
Thomas Peterson
Adam Strait
Courtney Tingwald

Laura Heineman
Jessie Jenkins
Holly Kauffman
Brooke Lingren
Sarah Pepper
Kara Sickau
Kiley Swanson
Joel Wilson

Dear 4-H Family,

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

- 1) **Highlights for Boone County Fairbook 2008** and **Summer 4-H volunteers needed** (gold)
- 2) **Dare to Do** (turquoise) – Boone, Greene, Story Tri-County Junior Camp (4th - 6th graders)
- 3) County 4-H **Educational Presentations** and **Extemporaneous Speaking Contests** will be June 18 (blue)
- 4) **Gardening Challenge** for youth/adult teams and **Get Hooked on Fishing!** (ivory)

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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, 2008

Club Meetings - Distribute fair books and review highlights and entry forms, stress importance of complete, accurate identification of livestock projects on ID forms (4H 106a-f), 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.

- 8, 15, 22, 29 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 Environmental Interest Group – Hop N' Seek
17 Repair a Chair for Boone Community Theater 10 am – 3 pm (Garfield School)
18 Shooting Sports – air rifles at new Shooting Shelter at 1 pm
19 4-H Youth Committee, Extension Office 7 p.m.
26 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day
31 Aerospace Interest Group – priming rockets, tips on painting, practice launch
31 Horse Interest Group workouts with horses 10 a.m. at fairgrounds



Marshmallow rockets at
Aerospace Interest Group

June, 2008



- Thursdays - Dog Obedience classes at Boone County Fairgrounds
7 Decorate Your Duds workshop 1 – 4 pm
7 Horse Interest Group workouts 10 a.m. at fairgrounds
8 Shooting Sports at 4-H Camp - Archery
14 Rabbit tattooing by appointment call 230-0314
14 Poultry pullorum testing by appointment call 432-7553
14 Environmental Interest Group – Insects Cap Erbe Park
15 Conference and ROUNDUP orientation at EO at 4:30 p.m.
15 County 4-H Council meeting at EO at 5:30 p.m.
16 4-H Youth Committee clean 4-H foodstand



Boone Shooting Sports build
new shooting shelter at camp
topic May 18 meeting - rifles

- 17 - 19 Central Iowa Intermediate Trip to the Twin Cities
18 – 20 Photography Camp for 7th – 12th grader
18 County Educational Presentation and Extemporaneous Speaking Contests
21 Horse Interest Group workouts with horses 10 a.m. at fairgrounds
21 Relay for Life at Goepfinger Field - need help with kids' games 7 – 9 pm
24 Serve pie and bars at WHO Tractor Ride from 4 – 7 pm.
24 Iowa State Fair entries due to Extension Office for animals and horticulture
24 Boone County Fair entries due to Extension Office for animals, Fashion Day, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun
24 – 26 State 4-H Conference and Animal Science ROUNDUP at Iowa State University
TBD Make decorations for Fashion Day and County Fair
29 Aerospace Interest Group judged rocket launch- 6 pm at fairgrounds

Summer, 2008

July 8 Fashion Day (morning - judging, evening - style show), Decorate Your Duds, and Share the Fun (evening)

July 10 Prefair cleanup

July 12 - Horse Interest Group workouts with horses 10 a.m. at fairgrounds

July 13 4-H Dog Show in show ring beginning at 1:30

July 16 – 21 Boone County Fair “On the Wild Side”

August 7 - 17 Iowa State Fair with theme “U Gotta Love It” www.iowastatefair.com/

Tuesday, August 5

Horse check-in for all classes, Horse Poles and Barrels

Wednesday, August 6

Horse Showmanship, Pony, Reining, English, Trail, Western Pleasure (tent.)

Thursday, August 7

Horse Western Horsemanship (tent.), Poultry, Dairy Cow

Saturday, August 9

Swine arrive, Horticulture judging

Sunday, August 10

Sheep arrive, Swine and Sheep Showmanship and Premier Exhibitor

Monday, August 11

Beef arrive, Derby/Breeding Swine, Market/Performance Sheep, Beef Showmanship,

Tuesday, August 12

Breeding Sheep, Breeding Heifer, Beef of Merit, Market Swine

Wednesday, August 13

Market Beef show, Dairy Goats arrive

August 14

Rabbit and Dairy Goat Shows

Saturday August 16

Meat Goat show and Sale of Champion

August 17

Dog show

General 4-H News

“On the Wild Side” 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 18 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 “On the Wild Side” such as:

- Iowa animals, birds, fish, bugs, bats
- Zoo or jungle animals, plants, insects
- Extreme sports, extreme crafts, extreme snacks
- **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 24 - 26. Registration forms are due May 15 with the fee of \$80 for 4-H’ers and \$120 for non-4-H members. Information and registration forms are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/stateconference/index.htm



Congratulations

- At 4-H Horse Jamboree at the Iowa Horse Fair **Hannah Hadaway** won senior champion poetry and clothing/crafts; **Cole Isaacson** - 2nd junior public speaking; **Michaela Ostendorf and Cole Isaacson** – 1st junior demonstration; 2nd place junior team grooming - **Matt Swanson, Cole Isaacson, Haley Meister, and Michaela Ostendorf**. All except Haley (Amaqua Warriors) are members of Madrid Merry Makers.
- **Madrid Merry Makers** have been awarded a Boone County Community Endowment Grant to rewire the north

horse barn at the fairgrounds. The club is earning matching funds at **Waffle Brunch with ice cream and toppings** fundraiser on Sunday, June 1 at family friendly Snus Hill Winery from 10:30 – 12:30. Cost is \$5 per person. Sponsors include Picket Fence Creamery and Corn Crib Catering. Modern Woodmen will match funds raised and the goal is \$500 in ticket sales. Tickets are only available before the event so call Cole Isaacson to reserve your ticket: 515-795-3626 or isaacson@iowatelecom.net.

“Funding Fun for Everyone!” theme for 4-H’ers for 4-H. Donate by May 15.

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

Amaqua Warriors Boxholm Blazers
Madrid Merry Makers The Northern Lights
Westside Hustlers

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/
- The **Iowa 4-H Camping Center** invites all past and current campers, parents and supporters to an Alumni and Friends Reunion Weekend on May 23, 24, 25. Hear about camp improvements, tour the camp, hike, climb the tower, enjoy a campfire and more! Registration before May 9 is \$25 and includes Saturday activities. Lodging and breakfast are additional cost. www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/
- For help with **Elements and Principles of Design** see page 22 of the fairbook and following publications available from EO. *Color, Design, and Unraveling the Mystery of Design Elements and Principles in Clothing.*
- For sale at Extension Office – **4-H T-shirts** with “splash” logo for \$7 adult sizes S – XL and \$8.50 for XXL.

- 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 26 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 Jean King at 432-1181.
- 4-H Day at Iowa Speedway in Newton is June 21. Tickets are \$15 each. See www.iowa4hfoundation.org



4-H Day at the Legislature on March 26 – Montana Miners, Madrid Merry Makers, and Courtney Tingwald

What's new for the 2008 Boone County Fair?

- * Welcome **Audrey Sturtz** as summer office/program assistant at the Boone County Extension Office. Audrey will help with livestock entries, computer data entry, and wherever needed during county fair!
- * Welcome **Brenda Fitzgerald** who will join Beth Christianson as co-manager of the 4-H Foodstand. We would welcome another person to work some hours in the foodstand – call Joyce if interested.
- * Recruit six club members for an **Ag Olympics** team on Sunday 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 July 1, 2007 that show a 4-H'er or group of 4-H'ers involved in a project, citizenship, communication, or recreation. Include a **caption** of no more that 75 words that tells why it is the



best example of **4-H in Action**. Submit to entry table on July 16 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 is 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.
- * New activities sponsored by Boone County Fair Board:
 - Essay contest for youth entitled "**Why I Love the Boone County Fair.**" Entries due July 11.
 - Sing with Cowboy Kahuna and his karaoke machine on July 18 from noon – 7 p.m.
 - K9 demonstration by Boone Police – July 18 at 1 p.m.
 - Helping Hands Farm Daily 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- * **Youth lamb** and pre 4-H age **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. Show is July 19.
- * Entries for the Boone County **Fair Queen** Scholarship Pageant are due June 16. Contestants must be 16 - 21 years of age. Judging will be Sunday, July 13 with the crowning Thursday July 17 following the parade at the Boone County Fairgrounds. For details www.boonecountyfairia.com/
- * 2007 quilt blocks have been made into a queen sized quilt with the theme **Aim for the Stars**. 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 20 just before exhibits are released. Money from the **quilt raffle** will support 4-H premiums.
- * **Wildflowers in Spring** is the theme for 2008 **quilt block contest**. Packets of four fabrics are available for \$3 at the Extension Office. Sew a quilt block and return it by June 27. Fairgoers vote on blocks at fair and prizes are awarded.
- * **Fair Booster Family** package - for \$50 you receive two tickets to demo derby, Jay Taylor, stock truck pull, horse pull, and combine derby plus one booster dinner ticket and parking permit. Contact a fair board member or Jennifer Dodd at 515/432-5899.

Ag Notes

Livestock IDs due May 15

(Swine, dog, horse, breeding beef, 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.
- 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.

Ag news briefs

- **State fair premium books will be online at** www.iowastatefair.com/competition/howtoenter.php . Entry forms will be available from the Extension Office in early June. Entry forms and fees are due to the EO at the same time as county fair entries – June 24 or no later than August 1. The following is needed: signatures of 4-H'er and parent, number of animals, staying in Youth Inn, and entry fees.

- Twenty-four Boone County 4-H members tagged 118 **market lambs** on April 26. Ten lambs were verified through retinal imaging for state fair. Thanks to Barb Osborn and Sheep Committee. Call Extension Office with birthdates of commercial ewes.

- 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 There is no fee. Tyson Fresh Meat is presently requiring Premise ID numbers from 4-H members selling swine.

- **Feed additives and drug additives need to be followed according to their instruction and withdrawal periods.** All 4-H exhibitors must comply if we want packers to purchase fair livestock. Many packers require swine to meet or exceed limits set by Japan and other countries which have stricter withdrawal periods. See: www.pork.org/Producers/JapanMRL.aspx

- State Fair **Market Broiler Class** entries are due June 1 to State 4-H Office with a check for \$54.50 to cover the cost of 50 birds plus entry fee. Broilers will be shipped July 1 and exhibited at state fair on August 7. More info: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbook.htm



- **Poultry Pullorum testing** will be Saturday, June 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at fairgrounds. Call Merlyn and Mary Harringa at 515/432-7553 for an appointment. All birds that do not have a 2008 hatchery certificate must be tested. Be aware of concerns about avian flu.

- **Rabbit tattooing** will be Saturday, June 14 beginning at 9:30 am at the fairgrounds. Call Mindy Moeller at 515/230-0314 for an appointment. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 24.



- **Dog Obedience** classes will meet at the Boone County Fairgrounds on Thursdays May 8 – July 10. Call Superintendent Deb Owens at 515/795-3124 or email agilebxb@yahoo.com if you have questions.

- **Dob obedience** classes in Madrid will be taught by Helen Young on Monday nights starting May 19 at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Call Brittany Swanson at 515/795-3419 if weather is questionable. Bring plastic bags to clean up after your dog.

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



FSQA Good Production Practice # 1 Keep accurate records. Rich shows retinal imager for animal identification.

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 east of arena (soccer games are also scheduled), and be ready to ride at **10 a.m.** If weather is questionable or for more information, call Danelle at 515/275-2404 or 515/491-7151. **Saturdays- May 31, June 7, June 21, and July 12**

- **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

- Show bills for the following 4-H invitational horse shows are at the Extension Office:
 May 31 - Dallas County June 7 - Audubon Co.
 June 14 – Madison County June 21 - Webster Co.
 July 20 – Quad County Saddle Club at Boone County Fair



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

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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)

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 24** for **all** animals, fashion day, and communications. Forms are available from club leaders, the Extension Office, or online at www.extension.iastate.edu/boone

4-H'ers to sell desserts to tractor riders. Need pies, bars, workers!

WHO Tractor Ride will use the Boone County Fairgrounds as home base on June 23, 24, and 25. Boone County Cattlemen will be serving supper to the tractor

riders on Tuesday, June 24 and are allowing Boone County 4-H'ers to sell desserts and beverages.

Please call or email Joyce with your donation of pies or bars (over 30 pies already pledged!) Bring pies to the 4-H foodstand at the fairgrounds by 2 pm on June 24. Please cut small pies in six pieces and large pies in 7 – 8 pieces and cut bars in generous servings.

Please call to work a shift from 2 – 4, 4 – 6 or 6 - 8 p.m. on June 24 to help us serve and sell the desserts. All profits will be for Boone County 4-H activities. Thanks!

Decorate Your Duqs workshop on June 7. Call to reserve your place.

Be creative at Decorate Your Duqs workshop on Saturday, June 7, from 1 - 4 in the afternoon. Each participant needs to bring a plain colored t-shirt, sweatshirt, or jacket to embellish and \$5 to cover cost of supplies. Each member will choose **one** of the following techniques. **Call Extension Office (432-3882) to reserve your place.**



1. Computer generated iron on picture - Carissa Brown - limit 4 participants
 2. Fabric paints /spray dye - Suzanne and Hannah Swanson - limit 6 participants
 3. Machine stitched appliques - Melody Bethards - limit 6
 4. Sequins, beads, buttons, ribbon, trim – Samantha and Paula Walter - limit 6 participants
- Model your garment at 4-H Fashion Day on July 8 and/or enter it as a clothing exhibit (class 511D) at county fair.

**Wanted: Youth & Adult
State Fair Workers/Volunteers**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm>

4-H Exhibits Building - help with entry and judging days, displays, clothing event, data entry, communications contests,

Evening hosts – adults or youth during the fair from 5 – 9 pm to supervise exhibits, answer questions (due July 15)

4-H Livestock - distribute T-shirts and ribbons, assist with check in/load out, help as ring steward or record keeper

4-H Media/Public Relations - take photos, coordinate news releases, promote 4-H show results

**YOUTH STAFF PAID
POSITIONS**

**VOLUNTEERS
YOUTH AND ADULTS**

Time: Up to 14 days--

Time: 1 or more days

Lodging provided at
Youth Inn and meal ticket

Apply by June 1

Apply by July 1