

4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

April, 2009

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

✿ **May 1 deadline for enrolling** in 4-H in order to exhibit at this year's fair. Projects may be added at any time (except animal projects which must be in possession and/or identified by May 15.)

✿ **297 4-H members in Boone County** as of March 31. Last year Boone County had 312 members – your help is needed to surpass that goal! Invite friends to join 4-H for fun, friends, family, voice and choice.

✿ **April 25 Volunteer Day at 4-H Camp**

Bring your family, friends, or club. There will be jobs for all skill levels. Come between 9 am to 3 pm (morning, afternoon, or both.) Rain or shine. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. Please call the camp and let them know you are coming 515/795-3338.

✿ **Congratulations**

- **Kelsey Westrum** will advance from area to state consideration for Communication project 4-H award. Boone County was also represented by **Aja Porter**. Thank you to **Kelsey, Aja, Jake Venner, and Carissa Brown** for taping videos on how to get ready for fair for our website.
- Thank you to **Landra Reece, Andrew Larson, Kelsey Williams, and Lauren Haglund** for sharing their 4-H experiences with 4-H Youth Committee and Extension Council members on March 23.
- **Bluff Creek Wranglers** have been awarded a \$250 Iowa's Promise Youth Grant to create a safe, fun activity area for children attending horse shows with their families by building two small feed bunks filled with sand & toys. Co chairs are **Alexa Lingren and Audra Haglund**.
- Attending the Central Iowa Area Senior Retreat on March 28 – 29 were **Spencer Larson and Grant Isaacson**.

✿ Contribute to **4-H'ers for 4-H**. The Iowa goal is **\$2.50 per 4-H member**. Consider having each member bring \$1 and match from the club treasury. *Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams* is 2009 theme. The donations support Conference, summer 4-H camps, and financial assistance. Last year Boone County clubs contributed **\$629**.

✿ **4-H Discounted Events Tickets**

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces **discounted tickets for 4-H families** at the Iowa Events Center and the CY Stephens Auditorium in Ames. For more information go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org

✿ **Plan ahead for a fun 4-H summer!**

- **Tri County Junior Camp** will be August 5 – 7 at the 4-H Camp for 4-H members just completing 4th – 6th grades from Boone, Greene and Story Counties. You will spend three days and two nights at the 4-H Camp and experience many outdoor activities.

- Central Iowa Area **Intermediate** (7th and 8th graders) **Trip to the Twin Cities** will be June 23 – 25. Cost for Boone County 4-H members for three days and two nights is **\$170**. (Total fee is \$255 of which \$45 is paid by 4-H funds and \$40 is paid by George Leonard funds.)

- **Voyage to Greatness** is the theme for **State 4-H Youth Conference** to be held June 30 – July 2 at ISU for 8th – 12th graders. Registration is due to the EO by May 15 with the fee of \$84 for 4-H members and \$125 for non-4-H teens.

- Explore the creative art of photography including basic camera settings, portraits, close ups, landscapes, and computer enhancement at **Photography Camp** for 7th – 12th graders to be held June 17 – 19 at the 4-H Camping Center. www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/kidsteens.htm Boone County 4-H funds will pay \$75 towards the camp cost.

- **Iowa Youth Hunter Education Challenge** for youth ages 12 – 18 at the 4-H Camp June 5 - 7. Individual/team entries due May 1 \$80. www.iowadnr.com/law/yhec/index.html



Twister at 4-H Junior Fun Night on March 6, 2009.

✿ **4-H Photographers Wanted!**

Want to expand your photography skills while learning about our state's history? All ages may apply for the 2009 Camera Corps! Photographer, Tim Florer, announces that the 2009 Camera Corps will be focusing on the CCC and WPA projects that were built around Iowa in 1930's. Participants will receive feedback on their photos from Mr. Florer, as well as the opportunity to participate in an educational seminar. Application, information and other resources are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicinfo.htm.

Dear 4-H Family,

4-H Camp – Enclosed on yellow is a listing of all camps offered at Iowa 4-H Camping Center (located in Boone County east of Luther.) Boone County 4-H club members will be **reimbursed \$75** (\$25 from County 4-H funds and \$50 from the Boone County Endowment) after they attend a state 4-H camp. Check out the camp website for more information on the summer camps, facilities, and summer employment. www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/. Financial assistance is available to 4-H'ers for Conference and camps. Call for a confidential application. State financial assistance application forms are due **May 1**

On **Sundays April 5th, 19th, and 26th** there will be camp tours from 4:00-4:30pm, zip line and climbing tower open from 5-6:00, followed by a hot dog & s' more roast, camp fire program and introduction to camp staff at 6:00pm. Free for all ages. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes for climbing, camp store will be open, bring lawn chairs. RSVP to 515/795-3338.

Wednesday, June 3, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Join 4-H camp staff for a BBQ picnic dinner, try out the climbing tower and archery range, make a camp craft, take a wagon tour of camp, visit the overnight camp cabins and day camp lodge, and meet the camp staff and directors. Please RSVP to 515-795-3338.



April 19 – 25, 2009 is National Volunteer Week with theme **Celebrating People in Action**. Take time to say “**Thanks**” to the 4-H club leaders, fair superintendents, and committee members who generously share their time and talents with Boone County 4-H youth.

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Boone County ISU Extension: www.extension.iastate.edu/boone

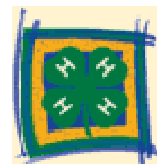
State 4-H Youth www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/

Dates to Remember

April, 2009

Club Meetings - Youth must be enrolled in 4-H and program development fee paid by May 1; Livestock ID's (4-H 106 a-f) due by May 15; update records, discuss county educational presentations and extemporaneous speaking, discuss summer events and registration deadlines (camps, Conference, ROUNDUP); recruit County 4-H Council; confirm 4-H'ers for 4-H donations.

- 16 Pets and Photography project meetings 7 – 8 pm at Extension Office
- 18 Environmental Interest Club at Arboretum
- 18 Shooting Sports work day at 4-H camp starting at 9 am
- 23 & 30 Robotics 4-H project workshops 6 – 8 pm at Coover Hall at ISU
- 25 thru May 2 State Fair Derby Pig Weigh Ins. Contact the EO for more information.
- 25 Volunteer Day at 4-H Camp, call for lunch 515/795-3338
- 25 Sheep Weigh-In from 9:00 - noon at the Boone County Fairgrounds
- 25 Fashion and Textiles Group – Garbage Fashion Show – 1 – 3:30 pm at Elm Lodge – 4-H Camp
- 26 Horse Interest Group, natural horsemanship workshop from 3 – 4:30 pm showing at fairgrounds
- 28 and 30 3rd grade Outdoor Classrooms (Aja Porter doing 4-H club promotion)



May, 2009

Club Meetings - Distribute fair books and review changes 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.

- 1 Members must be enrolled in 4-H and \$20 fee paid in order to exhibit at fair**
- 1 State Financial Aid applications due for summer camps and Conference
- 1 & 2 Ricochet leadership adventure for 7th and 8th graders – Boone Middle School
- 2 & 23 Aerospace Interest Group 9 am beginners, 10 am 2nd – 4th year, 11 am 5th & above
- 2 Environmental Interest Club – 7 – 9 am volunteer at Johnny Appleseed
- 3 Horse Interest Group – grooming and showmanship demonstration 3 – 4:30 pm
- 7, 14, 18, 25 Dog obedience classes at fairgrounds
- 15 State 4-H Youth **Conference** registrations and **4-H'ers for 4-H** donations due
- 15 Livestock Identification Reports due to County Extension Office**
- 17 Shooting Sports at 4-H Camping Center 2 pm
- 21 Pets and Photography project meetings 7 – 8 pm



Summer, 2009

June 13	Poultry Pullorum testing and rabbit tattooing
June 17	Educational Presentation and Extemporaneous Speaking Contests
June 23	County fair entries due (Iowa State Fair entries can be accepted until July 1)
July 7	Fashion Day (morning - judging, evening - style show) and Share the Fun (evening)
July 15 - 20	Boone County Fair with 4-H theme "Looking to the Future – 4-Ever Green"
August 13 - 23	Iowa State Fair with theme "State Fair Time!"



Ag Notes

ID forms and fair book online

All livestock identification forms are on the website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/info/livestockidforms.htm

- ID forms are due by **May 15** to Boone County Extension Office.
- Check forms for completeness and signatures.
- Read back and keep a copy for your records.
- Remember: Your county fair exhibits must be picked from the animals identified on the ID.
- If animals are not owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with a family member, a **management agreement** or horse lease must be approved by the 4-H Youth Committee. Download the form from website above or contact Extension Office.

Identification forms can also be picked up at the EO or call 515/432-3882 and we will mail copies to you.

Sheep and meat goat IDs will be completed at weigh-in on April 25.

Dog IDs will be completed at first meeting on May 7.

Nominate yourself to attend Animal Science ROUNDUP

Animal Science ROUNDUP is an opportunity to spend three days (June 30 – July 2) at Iowa State University learning about horses, beef, sheep, swine, or dairy. To be considered for ROUNDUP, 9th graders or above need to answer the following questions by **April 20**.

Include your name, club, and grade.

? Highlights of my years in the project.

? Why would I like to attend ROUNDUP?

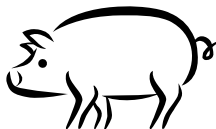
? How would I share what I learned with others?

The 4-H Youth Committee makes the final selection. Producer groups and county 4-H funds pay the registration fee for one delegate/specie.

Pick up tags for purchased swine and complete IDs by May 15

4-H families need to tag **purchased pigs** (\$1/tag) and record the tags, ear notches, and descriptions on Swine Identification forms by **May 15**. Tags, tagger, and ID forms must be picked up at the EO.

Farrowed pigs (to a sow belonging to the 4-H'er or in partnership with a family member) need



to be ear notched and ID forms complete with **birth date** by May 15.

Iowa State Fair market and breeding swine must be tagged, tattooed, DNA taken, and verification forms completed at sites around Iowa **April 25 – May 2**. State Fair Derby swine (minimum of 2/exhibitor) will be weighed. Cost is \$5/pig. A DNA punch tag will be used. www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookswine.htm

Complete dog ID form at first class on May 7

Deb Owens announces that the first dog obedience will be Thursday, **May 7** at the Boone County Fairgrounds. First year dogs and handlers meet at 6 pm. Second year and above dogs and handlers will meet at 7:00 pm

Bring to the first session (only **1st year members do not bring dogs to first session**):

- Proof of the dog's **rabies** and distemper shots
- Information to **complete Dog ID** including years of training, dog's breed, & birth date.

Be sure to complete dog ID by May 15.

Email Deb at agilebxr@yahoo.com with questions.

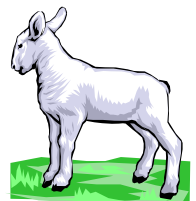


Sheep and meat goat weigh-in on Saturday, April 25

Weigh, tag, determine face color, and complete identification forms for market lambs, commercial ewes, and meat goats at the Boone County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. – 12 noon on April 25. Cost is **\$1** per lamb/goat for county only tags. Remember to bring birthdates for any lamb that may be a commercial ewe.

Enter by Gate A on Industrial Park Road, have lambs health inspected and tagged in trailer, weigh on scales in show ring, reload in front of sheep barn, and exit by gate south of swine barn. Bring **COOL** affidavit signed by the person you purchase lambs from. Affidavit available at www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/news/livestock.htm.

Iowa State Fair verification (retinal imaging, signatures of member & parent) costs **\$5 per lamb/goat**.



Ag news briefs

- All animal **record keeping forms** (including Rabbits, Poultry and Small Pets project record) and examples on how to complete are available at the Ext. Of. or online at www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/news/4hrecordkeeping.htm
- Standard of Perfection **breed books** for rabbit and poultry are available for check out at EO.
- **Rabbit tattooing** will be offered Saturday, June 13 beginning at 9:30 am. Call Mindy Moeller at 515/230-0314 for an appointment. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 23 and recorded on fair entry form.
- **Poultry pullorum testing** will be Saturday, June 13 beginning at 9:30 am. Call Merlyn and Mary Harringa at 515/432-7553 for an appointment to Pullorum test. All birds that do not have a 2009 hatchery certificate must be tested. Cost is \$1/bird.
- Ask about **Scholarships** available from Story County Master Gardeners (hort. related majors due April 10) and 25 Winner's Circle Scholarships by Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (freshmen and upperclassmen) www.ifaa.org/scholarships.html (due June 1.)
- State Fair **Market Broiler** Class entries are due June 1 to EO with a check for \$60 for 50 birds (which includes vaccination and shipping) plus \$1 entry fee. A family may split the 50 birds between the enrolled 4-H'ers in the family. Birds will be shipped about July 1 and exhibited at the State Fair on Thursday, August 13. Look under poultry at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbooksmall.htm
- 2009 **Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute (IAYI)** will be June 8 - 11 at ISU for high school sophomores to seniors at a cost of only \$50. The theme is *Where is Agriculture Taking You – The Journey Begins* and will explore current topics in agriculture. Apply by May 1. Application and details at www.iada.state.ia.us/index.html
- **Fair day** at Eve Free and Eastern Star Nursing Homes will be Saturday July 25. 4-H'ers are invited to bring animals and static exhibits to show the residents. To volunteer for this citizenship activity, call Marshall King at 432-1181.



May 4 3-4:30 pm Grooming and Showmanship

Workouts with horses at east arena at fairgrounds

Sat. May 30 10 am Basic handling and riding

Sun. June 7 3 pm Halter and showmanship

Sat. June 13 10 am Horsemanship and pleasure

Sat. June 20 10 am Barrels and poles

Sat. June 27 10 am Trail

Sun. July 15 3 pm Make up day

Sat. July 11 10 am Practice for fair

- **ISU Block and Bridle** horse show is April 17 - 19 at state fairgrounds with entries due April 10. \$8/class or \$30 all day for 4-H classes.

www.stuorg.iastate.edu/bbhorseshow//

- Discount tickets for **PBR Rodeo** at Wells Fargo arena on May 8 and 9. Call Jason Evans at 515/564-8146.

- The 4-H Horse Committee is looking for sponsors for horse class awards (\$25) and donations for sand to improve the horse arena at the fairgrounds. Contact Dawn at the Extension Office.

- **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 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



Rabbit and Poultry FSQA on March 12, 2009.
Proper rabbit showmanship techniques



Good Production Practice #3 Intramuscular and subcutaneous injections, needle and site selection



Good Production Practice #4 Proper Care and Handling
How much water does your animal need?

Many opportunities for 4-H horse project members to learn/show

- **Horse Interest Group** dates and topics. Meetings at Boone County fairgrounds in show ring or east arena.
April 26 3-4:30 pm Natural Horsemanship

Boone County Fair and Iowa State Fair

Thank you donors for printing fair books and herdsmanship

Please thank the following donors who provided funds for printing a fairbook for each 4-H family.

West Central Coop % Ron Soendker

Farm Credit Services of America % Tom Venner

Thank you to **Monsanto** % Nate Cottingham for providing herdsmanship awards.

Watch videos on how to get ready for fair starring Boone County 4-H'ers

www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/kidsteens.htm (scroll down on right side to 4-H Videos)

Topics include: Planning Your 4-H Fair Exhibit

Static Exhibits at County Fair

Exhibiting Livestock at County Fair

(soon to add – Elements and Principles of Design)

Check out Boone County Fair website www.boonecountyfairia.com/

* **Fair Queen** Contest is open to contestants ages 16 – 21. See website for guidelines and entry form. Crowning will be Thursday, July 16 after the parade.

* Boone County Fair Board sponsors a (new) **youth rabbit, youth lamb and bucket bottle calf class** for youth age 5 (by first day of fair) to finishing 3rd grade. ID forms are due June 30.

* Fair sponsor packages are available -- \$100 to \$750.

* IJBBA sanctioned open beef show on Sunday, July 19.

Check in from noon – 1:30 and show beginning at 3 p.m. in showing at Boone County Fairgrounds.

The Boone County Fairboard would like to thank all 4-H members, leaders, and families for helping with the **Pancake Fundraiser**. 757 meals were served. Funds will be used to replace carpeting around the community building and sealing the floor. Please turn in money from ticket sales to your club leader or Ext. Of.



Quilt block contest -pick up your fabric

“4-Ever Green” will be the theme for the **2009** quilt block contest at the Boone County Fair. Youth and adults can pick up packets containing four fabrics at the Extension Office for \$3.

Quilters select a pattern and sew a 9½” X 9½” quilt block with the fabrics and return completed block by **June 26**. Fairgoers will vote for their favorite block at the Boone County Fair and prizes will be awarded.

The **2008** “Wildflowers in Spring” quilt blocks have been sewn into a queen sized quilt which will be on display around the county until July. Raffle tickets for the quilt go

on sale May 1 and cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Money from the raffle will support 4-H fair premiums. Thank you to Connie Sturtz and Beth Christianson.

“4-H’ers In Action” Photo Exhibit

Any 4-H member may enter a 5” X 7” color photo taken after June 1, 2008 that shows a 4-H’er or group of 4-H’ers illustrating the theme “Holidays and Seasons.” Include a caption of less than 75 words that tells what is happening in the photo. At the fair, fairgoers will vote for their favorite photo and the photo with most votes will represent Boone County in a display at the Iowa State Fair.

4-Ever Green at 4-H Extravaganza

4-H Extravaganza will be from 9 – 11 am on Friday July 17. Call Joyce if you or your club would lead one of the following activities at Extravaganza:

- ☺ Crafts or sculptures from recyclables
- ☺ Helpful Hydrogels
- ☺ Prints from the garden (vegetables)
- ☺ Getting to know your bicycle
- ☺ Recycle for the birds (feeders)
- ☺ Chocolate chip cookie mining
- ☺ Waste free lunches, reduce packaging
- ☺ Painting with string, straws, marbles, toothbrush
- ☺ **Or your own ideas**



2009 State Fair premium books online

Iowa State Fair livestock **entry forms** will only be available from the Extension Office and can be completed June 23 with county fair entries (or **no later than July 1**). The 4-H premium book can soon be accessed at www.iowastatefair.org (click on “Competition” and “How to Enter/Premium Books.”)

State fair livestock **updates for 2009** include:

Retinal imaging identification for market beef, meat goat, and sheep.

Family members who can help with fitting are defined as parent (mom, dad, step-parent, legal guardian), brother, sister, step-sibling. No coaching verbal on non-verbal.

Beef – no artificial tails allowed. Purebred and commercial heifers must have readable tattoo.

Horse rules will follow updated “Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa” – July 2008.



Eight 4-H members sewed rag quilts on February 28.

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Extension Launches Interactive Learning Website for Managing Tough Times

AMES, Iowa --- Hard times are hitting families, farmers, businesses and communities that are struggling to stay on their feet. Iowa State University Extension can help put some balance back into these times. At Managing Tough Times, www.extension.iastate.edu/answers, ISU Extension brings together facts, tools and experts so individuals, businesses and communities can answer the hard times with solutions. Most of these resources are no cost or low cost.

The Managing Tough Times Farming in Today's Changing Economy section offers calculators, articles, videos and expert contact information for the traditional farmer, as well as transitioning farmers and small scale farmers. Farmers who want help creating an in-depth financial plan to guide their decisions can connect with ISU Extension associates through the Web site. Farmers considering transitioning out of farming can watch a video that explains the help available through the Beginning Farmer Center.

Help lines, interactive Web sites, experts and publications that address family issues are available under the heading For Families and Households. Help is categorized under finances, nutrition and health, and coping with stress. Use the recipes, tips and expert blogs to provide nutritious meals on a limited budget. Find out how to connect with a listening and understanding ear through help lines like

Iowa Concern (800) 447-1985 and Teen Line (800) 443-8336.

Businesses and communities experience special challenges during tough times, but knowing where to go for assistance makes it possible to manage those times. Managing Tough Time's Surviving Economic Uncertainty link lists resource centers, experts, Web sites and current programs that can make a difference any time, but especially right now. Businesses that want to understand the market potential of government procurement or reduce the barriers inherent in government contracting are linked to contacts. A survey that can be used to better understand residents' food security needs is linked to the site. It isn't impossible to develop community and business leaders during these times; go to the site for a list of ISU Extension leadership programs.

Continually updated to meet changing needs, the Managing Tough Times Web site www.extension.iastate.edu/answers delivers the best available resources from Iowa State University Extension, land-grant universities and other reliable resources. With links to eXtension, Managing Tough Times is an interactive learning environment delivering the best, most researched knowledge from the smartest land-grant university minds across America.

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