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Mills County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Family,

**SEPTEMBER
2009**

The 4-H year has been completed. Thank you to all of our leaders and volunteers for the time and skills you shared with us. You have continued to provide guidance and support to our 4-H members and their families, helping them achieve their goals throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of Mills County's 4-H members for your achievements in 4-H, locally and at the state level. It takes a great deal of effort for you and your families to maintain a healthy balance between school, extra-curricular activities, 4-H and families. As you completed your record books, I'm sure you were amazed at all you had accomplished in one year.

4-H Rocks!

At this year's Iowa State Fair, we were pleased that Pam & LaVern Obrecht were inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame along with representatives from other Iowa counties. Congratulations!

Congratulations, also, to all of our Iowa State Fair participants! Just participating at this level is an accomplishment of which you should be proud.

National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2009. Between now and then, talk to your friends about joining 4-H, and invite them to attend a meeting with you!

We are looking forward to another great year in 4-H!

Sincerely,

Sherry Ford
Mills County Extension Education Director

Mark your calendars!

Mills County Awards Program will be held at the Malvern Community Building at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st.

Club pictures can be taken on that day. Those pictures, or a picture submitted by your club will be published in the newspapers at a later date.



Celebrate 4-H

**National 4-H
Week
October 4-10**



National 4-H Week

National 4-H week is October 4-10th. This is your week to shine! Be thinking of creative ways to let people know about the great 4-H Program we have in Mills County! National 4-H Week is a good time to be promoting 4-H. Begin planning now for promotional activities in your communities, schools, townships and neighborhoods. Make window displays at a local business, wear 4-H T-shirts to school, make posters to hang in school or local businesses, or write a letter to the editor about the benefits of 4-H.

Teens Can Apply for Area and County Councils

High school age 4-H members who are interested in helping develop 4-H and youth programs on an area level are encouraged to apply for the 2009-2010 Area Council. Teens who should apply should be interested in the following areas:

- Meeting new friends from other counties
- Developing leadership skill
- Getting ideas to take back to their county

An overnight retreat will be held in November. Youth will participate in get-acquainted activities and then plan a variety of events and activities to be held for SW Iowa youth of all ages.

Each county may have two youth on the council. The youth are selected from a simple application which is available at the Extension office and on-line.

Apply for Mills County Youth Council!

If you are a high school sophomore or older, the Mills County Youth Council offers you an opportunity to grow and apply your leadership skills. Call the office for details, or go on-line to get an application. Applications are due to the office by October 16th, and interviews will be held October 31st, 2009.

Officer Training and Halloween Party

4-H Club Officers Training will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 25th.

The New Member Halloween Party will also take place at the Malvern Community Bldg. on Oct. 25th, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Remember Those Thank You's!!!

Did you know the trophies and plaques you work so hard to earn are paid for by people and businesses? These people care about and support Mills County 4-H'ers.

Please do your part and THANK them!!! The name and address of the award sponsor can be found on a white mailing label on the bottom or back of your award. If you are not sure of the sponsor, please contact the Extension Office.

A small thank you goes a long way in letting people know you appreciate their support.

PLEASE NOTE:

All fair premium checks, including livestock carcass checks, must be cashed or deposited before **OCTOBER 1, 2009** Checks not cashed before October 1, 2009, will be FORFEITED. This policy will be strictly enforced!

PHOTOS NEEDED!!!

Photos are needed for the annual 4-H slide show! Pictures from club meetings and outings, the fair, etc. are needed. Candid and action shots are appreciated! Email your digital photos to sbowden@iastate.edu. Please indicate names and club for each photo and turn them into the Extension Office by September 25.

Selected pictures will be used in the annual 4-H Slide Show which is set to run continuously during the Teen Club Soup Supper held prior to the 4-H Awards Program on November 1st.

SCARECROWS ON THE SQUARE CONTEST

sponsored by Mills County Heritage Club. Theme is "70 Years of Wizard of Oz". Call to reserve your club's spot 527-3157- Sandra or Susan. Must be up by 9/29 thru 11/1. Winners will be in newspapers

OCTOBER 24TH

MALVERN IOWA HAUNTED HOUSE

Everyone who says they are with 4H on the 24th will be counted- we need 200 and then we will get a great donation! Let's make sure to pass the word and tell everyone to come on the 24th!

Attention 4-H State Fair Exhibitors-exhibits are at the Extension office, please make arrangements to pick up ASAP

2009 State Fair Results

Congratulations to the following exhibitors who represented Mills County at the Iowa State Fair. (NOTE: The following information was downloaded from the State 4-H Database, we apologize for any errors or missing information)

Melonie Manning	Western Pleasure – Exhib grade 10	Blue	Gillian Anderson	Clothing Blue
Melonie Manning	Trail - Exhib grade 10-12	Red	Corey Bertini	Consumer & Management Blue
Melonie Manning	English Pleasure - Exhib grade 10-12	Blue	Corey Bertini	Photography Blue
Amber McClary	Pole Bending - Exhib grade 7-9	Red	Molly Bolton	Child Development Blue
Amber McClary	Barrel Racing - Exhib grade 7-9	Red	Anastasia Frazee	Food & Nutrition Blue
Andrea McClary	Pole Bending - Exhib grade 5-6	Red	Amanda Greiner	Photography Red
Andrea McClary	Barrel Racing - Exhib grade 5-6	Red	Kayla Greiner	Photography Red
Ashley McClary	Pole Bending - Exhib grade 7-9	Red	Ryan Greiner	Photography Blue
Ashley McClary	Barrel Racing - Exhib grade 7-9	Blue	Alex Hall	Visual Art Blue
Ashley McClary	Western Horsemanship - Exhib grade 7	White	Mary Harbor	Personal Development Blue
			Mary Harbor	Photography Red
			Colden Hillyer	Historical/Family Heritage Cert.
Royce Stortenbecker	Science, Mechanics & Engineering	Blue	Sarah Hubner	Home Improvement Red
Carissa Wallace	Personal Development	Red	Jacob Huston	Ag & Natural Resources Blue
Ana Frazee	Market Lambs	Purple	Hunter Jones Group Entry	Personal Development Blue
Nick Frazee	Market Lambs	Blue	Josie Lauridsen	Food & Nutrition Blue
Ana Frazee	Division 2	Purple	Jayme Lynn	Child Development Red
Nick Frazee	Division 2	Blue	Jayme Lynn	Communication - Posters Recognition.
Amanda Greiner	Crossbred Derby Gilts - Heavy Wt	Red	Jessika Lynn	Communication - Posters Excellence
Kayla Greiner	Crossbred Derby Gilts - Light weight	Red	Makayla McGrew	Food & Nutrition Blue
Kelsey Kruse	Crossbred Derby Barrows - Lt weight	Red	Makayla McGrew	Issues Blue
Amanda Greiner	Swine Showmanship Gr. 9-12	Blue	Stephanie McGrew	Go The Distance Red
Kayla Greiner	Swine Showmanship Gr. 9-12	Blue	Stephanie McGrew	Home Improvement Blue
Kelsey Kruse	Swine Showmanship Gr. 9-12	Blue	Stephanie McGrew	Home Improvement Blue
Amanda Greiner	Crossbred Derby Gilts - Heavy weight	Red	Hannah McVay	Visual Art Blue
Kayla Greiner	Crossbred Derby Gilts - Light weight	Red	Emily Mintle	Personal Development Red
Kelsey Kruse	Crossbred Derby Barrows - Light weight	Red	Kassidy Monday	Photography Blue
Ana Frazee	Sheep Showmanship - Intermediate	Blue	Kassidy Monday	Visual Art DQ
Nick Frazee	Sheep Showmanship - Intermediate	Blue	Hailey Murphy	Photography Red
Amanda Greiner	Swine Showmanship Gr. 9-12	Blue	Carmen Pavlik	Food & Nutrition Blue
Kayla Greiner	Swine Showmanship Gr. 9-12	Blue	Isabelle Perkins	Historical/Family Heritage Cert.
Kelsey Kruse	Swine Showmanship Gr. 9-12	Blue	Kristen Poort	Clothing Blue
Ana Frazee	Black Face Commercial Ewe - Div. 2	Blue	Sophie Ringsdorf	Photography Blue
Nick Frazee	Black Face Commercial Ewe - Div. 1	Blue	Emily Robinson	Ag & Natural Resources Blue
			Andrew Schoening	Ag & Natural Resources Red
			Andrew Schoening	Food & Nutrition White
			Lane Stortenbecker	Science, Mechanics & Engineering Blue
Sara Schoening		EP	Bread Sculpting Merit	
Carissa Wallace, Dillon Wallace, Andrew Wallace		EP	Hop in with the Basics Merit	
Matt Gunkelman		EP	From Egg to Egg Layer Excellence	
Chrissy Vinton		EP	"How to Incubate, Hatch & Raise Baby Peacocks" Merit	
Michelle Rew		EP	Seatbelt Safety Merit	
Emma Ringsdorf, Hanna Ringsdorf, Sophie Ringsdorf		WE	(none given) Excellence	
Isabelle Perkins, Emily Austin		WE	Belle & Emily's Recycled Flower Shop Merit	
Molly Bolton, Brianna Weak		WE	Welcome to Hawaii Merit	
Jessika Lynn, Jayme Lynn, Taylor Pearce		WE	Something to Crow About Merit	
Busy Bees/Future Feeders		STF	Three Stooges at the Fair Participation	
Country Cousins		STF	We're All in This Together Participation	
Silver Creek Go Getters		STF	Silver Creek Go-Getters Dancers Participation	

SESS- 4H Youth Shooting Sports Meet September 24th at 6:30pm

4-H Informational Presentation and Fun Show

(in conjunction with Council Bluffs Rabbit Breeders Fall Show)

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Westfair, Council Bluffs

An informational seminar will be presented by Council Bluffs Rabbit Breeders Association club members and ARBA judges beginning at 10:30am

4-H Fun Show will be held at 11:00 a.m.

- One rabbit can be shown per 4-H exhibitor
- Rabbits will be judged according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection
- 4-H exhibitors must wear official 4-H attire to be eligible to enter.

These events will be great learning opportunities for the novice rabbit breeder! Hope to see you there!

For information, contact Penny Nelson at 402-740-3061 or e-mail at PennyRNelson@yahoo.com.

For information about the CBRBA show, contact Sue or Gene Johnston at 712-256-0351 or e-mail at johnstontans@cox.net.

Join Mills County 4-H Teen Club!

All high school 4-H'ers are invited to join Teen Club. This group meets once a month for social activities. It's a great way to get to know other teens from our County. This group generally meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the

4H Youth Shooting Sports and other youth interested—October is **Youth Shooting Month** at SWISC— free shooting for youth—OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, & 22

Questions contact Lynn Eckel 527-4177

If you are interested in becoming a member of 4H Youth Shooting Sports project, email Stephanie to get on the list.
sbowden@iastate.edu

2009 Carcass Awards

- 1st Place Molly Dean
- 2nd Place Bailey Mass
- 3rd Place Kayla Greiner
- 4th Place Anastasia Frazee
- 5th Place Molly Bolton



Club Corner

Strategies for Successful Clubs

What makes a 4-H club successful? According to the North Carolina 4-H Program, successful 4-H clubs exhibit these key attributes:

Program Planning

4-H'ers are involved in club program planning.

Parents are actively involved in program planning and discovering the interests of 4-H'ers.

The club's program is complete with dates set for meetings, names of people responsible, and other pertinent information.

Curriculum

Club meetings are composed of a variety of learning activities (guest speakers, youth presentations/demonstrations, group planning, recreation).

4-H'ers may work together in small project groups which provide additional learning experiences for club members in addition to the regular meetings.

The total family is involved in one or more club activities.

Incorporated into the club plan are "doing" experiences for members to work on together during the year (field trips, community service projects, project work, etc.).

Club members participate in county 4-H events, activities, and programs.

Leadership

4-H'ers deliver a percentage of club programs (teach/conduct activities, give presentations/demonstrations, etc.).

Each youth has some leadership responsibility during a meeting or between meetings (lead pledges, help younger 4-H'ers, phone members to remind them of meetings, etc.).

Organization

4-H club officers function as a team and are properly trained to perform their role.

Basic parliamentary procedure is correctly used in conducting meetings.

Committees are established and function properly to complete club task (program planning, parties, community service projects, etc.).

Membership

The club has at least five active members.

Recruit new members each year.

September Meeting Suggestions:

Recruit new members.

Distribute "Pick A Project" papers and complete enrollment and re-enrollment forms.

Plan National 4-H Week activities.

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Organizational Leader Mtg 6:45 Youth Ctte Mtg 7:15	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Ext. Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Extension Council Mtg 7pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Leadership I & II at 3:30 County Council 5:00 Teen Club	21	22	23	24 4H Youth Shooting Sports 6:30 Last one until Spring	25	26
27	28	29	30	Aksarben September 22 to 27th		

Other important dates to remember

Oct 1-4 2009 NorthCentral Volunteer Training in Lincoln
 October 25– New Member Halloween Party 4:30pm
 October 25– Officer Training @ Malvern Community Bldg. 6:30 p.m.
 October 31st Senior 4-H Special Awards Interviews
 October 31st County Council Interviews
 November 1st 4-H Awards Program
 November 17th-All 4-H Volunteer Fall Training 7-9pm-

National 4H Week October 4-10th

December 1– all Club programs due to Extension Office
 Check deadline dates for all applications to Ext office

*Haunted House fundraiser in Malvern October 24th
 tell everyone to say 4H referred them!*