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Mills County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Family,

**SEPTEMBER
2008**

The 2007-2008 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 Carol Tedder was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame along with representatives from 81 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 5-11, 2008. 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 2nd.

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 5-11**



National 4-H Week

National 4-H week is October 5-11, 2008. 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 2008-2009 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 17th, and interviews will be held November 1st, 2008.

Officer Training and Halloween Party

4-H Club Officers Training will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 26th.

The New Member Halloween Party will also take place at the Malvern Community Bldg. on Oct. 26th, 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, 2008** Checks not cashed before October 1, 2008, 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 snaeve@iastate.edu. Please indicate names and club for each photo and turn them into the Extension Office by September 26.

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 2nd. Pictures will be returned following the 4-H Awards Program.

Lost and Found

We have several items left from the Fair and Horse Practice. Some of the items are boots (2 pairs), blankets, purse with books, etc. Please come to the extension office to claim these items.

Items unclaimed by November 3rd will be taken to the storehouse.

Attention 4-H State Fair Exhibitors
The exhibits have arrive at the Extension office, please make arrangements to pick up your exhibit as soon as possible.

2008 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.)

4-H EXHIBITS		
Gillian Anderson	Photography	Blue
Curt Beem	Ag & Natural Resources	Red
Blake Beier	Photography	Blue
Molly Bolton	Personal Development	Blue
Jesse Buley	Child Development	Blue
Marely Chavez	Photography	Red
Megan Dickersbach	Photography	Red
Allie Ford	Personal Development	Blue
Nick Frazee	Science, Mechanics & Engineering	Blue
Mary Harbor	Home Improvement	Blue
Mary Harbor	Personal Development	Blue
Shelby Letuli	Food & Nutrition	Blue
Katie Lincoln	Clothing	Blue
Jayme Lynn	Child Development	Red
Jayme Lynn	Communication -Posters	Excellence
Jessika Lynn	Communication - Posters	Merit
Makayla McGrew	Issues	Blue
Stephanie McGrew	Consumer & Management	Blue
Stephanie McGrew	Go The Distance	Blue
Stephanie McGrew	Historical/Family Heritage	Cert.
Stephanie McGrew	Home Improvement	Blue
Kassidy Monday	Photography	Blue
Kassidy Monday	Visual Art	Blue
Kassidy Monday	Visual Art	Red
Reiny Ostrander	Home Improvement	Blue
Carmen Pavlik	Ag & Natural Resources	Red
Carmen Pavlik	Food & Nutrition	Blue
Kristen Poort	Clothing	Blue
Kristen Poort	Home Improvement	Blue
Hannah Ringsdorf	Photography	Red
Charlie Ruff	Historical/Family Heritage	Cert.
Aaron Schoening	Photography	Red
Andrew Schoening	Ag & Natural Resources	Blue
Samantha Shores	Issues	Red
Rebeka Snyder	Food & Nutrition	Blue
Lane Stortenbecker	Science, Mechanics & Engineering	Blue
Royce Stortenbecker	Personal Development	Red
Royce Stortenbecker	Science, Mechanics & Engineering	Blue
Iris Woolery	Food & Nutrition	Blue
Communications:		
Carmen Pavlik-EP	Poultry Care	Merit
Silver Clouds-STF	Celebrate 4-H	Participation
Cassie Ford, Emily Robinson-EP	Horse Parasites	Excellence
Allie Ford-EP	How a Bill becomes a Law	Merit
Sarah Hubner-EP	Morgan Horses; Past and Present	Merit
Devon Hubner-EP	From Park Alleys to Park Avenues-The Designer Mutt	Excellence
Allie Ford, Cassie Ford-WE	Spider Headbands	Excellence
Maddie Winum, Devonne Blankenship, Ana Frazee-WE	Magnificent Magnets	Excellence
Danielle Keltner, Chloe Keltner, Emily Greiner-WE	Love Bugs	Excellence
Narelle Naeve-EP	Basketball Skills and Techniques	Excellence
Molly Bolton, Brianna Weak-WE	Top it Off	Merit
Silver Creek Go-Getters-STF		Participation
Devon Hubner	(Extemporaneous)	Excellence
Carissa Wallace	(Extemporaneous)	Excellence
Breeding Beef:		
Kayla Greiner	Charolais Cross	Purple Reserve Champion
Beef of Merit Live Results		
Joe Blankenship- 1 Red, 1 Blue		
Dog Show		
Kassidy Monday-Purple-top Handler, 1 Purple, 1 Blue, Blue-High scoring Grad.Novice B, Red-Res.High Scoring Open A		
Obedience		
Horse Show		
Meghan Gray-3 red, 1 white		
Melonie Manning- 1 blue		
Amber McClary-1 red, 3 white		
Andrea McClary-3 red, 1 blue		

State Fair Results (continued)

Horse (Continued)

Ashley McClary-1 blue, 2 red, 1 white

Performance Lambs

Devonne Blankenship-Blue

Ana Frazee-Blue

Nick Frazee-Blue

Maddie Winum-Blue

Market Lambs

Devonne Blankenship-2 Blue

Ana Frazee-3 Blue

Nick Frazee-3 Blue

Swine Derby Live

Kayla Greiner-Blue

Market Pig Show

Kayla Greiner-2 Blue

Sheep Showmanship

Devonne Blankenship-purple

Ana Frazee-Blue

Nick Frazee-Blue

Swine Showmanship

Kayla Greiner-Blue

Congratulations to: Josh Graalfs and Katie Staiert

Josh was one of the top 50 members in 4-H Project work in the state of Iowa to receive a \$100 Savings Bond for his State 4-H Project Award for Beef.

Katie will advance as a delegate at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

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.

First meeting is Sunday, September 28
5:00 p.m., Malvern Community Building
Watch your mail for more details!

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 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Organizational Leaders Meeting 7p.m.	3	4 Youth Committee Meeting 7p.m.	5	6
7	8 Extension Council Meeting 8:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Shooting Sports 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20
21 Wildlife & Archery Time & Place TBA Int. Leadership 3:30 Teen Club 5 pm County Council 6:30	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 (Tentative) 4-H and Open County Horse Show 10 a.m. Mills County Fair Grounds	29	30				

Aksarben September 23rd to 28th

Other important dates to remember

- October 26– New Member Halloween Party
- October 26– Officer Training @ Malvern Community Bldg. 6:30 p.m.
- November 1st Senior 4-H Special Awards Interviews
- November 1st County Council Interviews
- November 2nd 4-H Awards Program
- November 6th-All 4-H Volunteer Fall Training