

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Mills County 4-H Newsletter

### MARCH 2009

### 4-H Rocks!



Mills County Fair  
17-22nd

Iowa State Fair  
August 13-23rd

## Making the Best Better



Dear 4-H Family:

The month of March brings a new season of warmer weather and new growth. (I'm, sure the warmer weather will be here any day now!) This is a great time to set your 4-H project plans into motion. There are also many events planned over the next few months to help you improve your knowledge and skills, and develop friendships at the same time.

Juniors, County 4-H Council is planning an excellent opportunity for fun on March 6 & 7. Invite a friend (can be a non-4H'er), and join other 4th-6th graders from Mills County for a night of "Fiesta" at the Malvern Community Building.

Intermediates are invited to participate in the Area Dance and overnight on March 14th & 15th. Get a group together and attend this fun event.

Seniors are invited to join in the County Council Dodge Ball Tournament being held at the Malvern Community Building on March 14th.

Three of our seniors are participating in the Area Recognition Event on March 29th. Congratulations for taking a giant step in taking on a new challenge and expanding your experiences.

Make the most of the opportunities offered to you by your clubs, county and state.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Make sure you thank your leaders for their time and commitment to you and the 4-H program.

Sincerely,

Sherry Ford  
Mills County Extension Education Director

### **Members enrolled in Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Goats, Poultry and Meat Rabbits Must take the FSQA Test and/or Training PARENTS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

New livestock members and any member 11 years old or younger (as of January 1st) must take the FSQA training on March 12th at 7:00 p.m., at the Malvern Community Building. Livestock members 12 years old and older (as of January 1st 2008), who have not tested out are encouraged to come take the test at the Extension Office before March 12th. Otherwise you must attend the training.

You may test out by setting up a time to take the test, please call to make an appointment. 624-8616  
If you do not plan to take the test, please call the office to RSVP for the training by March 12th.  
You must either complete the training or the testing to be eligible to show your animal at the Mills County Fair.

**Testing will be available at the class on March 12th. Please RSVP if you plan on taking the test at the class.**

## **2009 Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award**

Applications are now available for a \$5,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors.

The postmark deadline is March 31, 2009. For more information, contact Patricia Hand at 800-828-0475 or at

[scholarship@hooverassociation.org](mailto:scholarship@hooverassociation.org), visit  
[www.hooverassociation.org](http://www.hooverassociation.org).

## **Engineering Scholarships**

The Iowa State university College of Engineering is offering a \$500 Engineering Talent in Every County (E\_TEC) scholarship to high school seniors and transfer students from across Iowa who have declared engineering as their program of study at Iowa State. Go to

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2009/feb/121201.htm>

## **VOYAGE TO GREATNESS:**

### **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 30-July 2, 2009**

Attention all 4-Her's, grades 8-12! Come and experience the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held in Ames at Iowa State University.

You don't have to be in 4-H to attend, so if you have friends you would like to invite – bring them along! Contact the extension office with any questions at 624-8616. Mills Country 4-H Endowment will provide scholarships to all 4-Her's. Call for more information

## **TEEN CLUB**

**MARCH 15th at 5:30 pm**  
**Malvern Community Building**  
**Check your e-mail for more details**

## **4-H Day at the Legislature**

### ***The Power of Youth on***

March 31, 2009 has been cancelled, but Mills county youth are still invited to participate in a visit to the Iowa State Capitol.

Call our office if you are interested in participating.  
624-8616 by March 16th.

## **Summer Camp Information is Now On-Line**

**[www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp)**

Contact the Mills County Extension Office  
for more information

## **4-H Photography Exhibition: 4-H'ers In Action – Holidays and Seasons**

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in the third annual statewide photo exhibition titled, "4-H'ers in Action!" The theme this year will be *holidays and seasons*. The exhibition will again feature the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials

Southwest Iowa Area Council  
High School 4-Her Lock-in Activity Night  
at the Nishna Valley YMCA in Atlantic, Iowa

On March 14-15, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. Saturday until 8:00 a.m. Sunday. Go to

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/hs4Hdance09.htm> the registration fee (\$10) and return to the county extension office.

## **Wanted Camp Counselors**

Want to be a counselor for the SWIA Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Camp June 13-17th? Camp starts the 14th of June. Applications due by Friday, March 27th. Open to all 4-H members that are 16 years and older by camp. Contact the Mills County Ex-

## **4-Her's for 4-H**

The Iowa 2009 Iowa 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign is a fundraising program created by 4-H'ers for 4-H'ers. The money donated by 4-H'ers stays in Iowa to help other youth. Iowa 4-H'ers donate more money to their 4-H youth program than any other state in the nation.

The money raised goes to partially fund volunteer leaders, after school programs, the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, and financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps and state conferences.

The campaign begins March 1 and all contributions must be turned into the Extension office by May 15.

All clubs that contribute will be recognized at the awards ceremony with a certificate from Iowa 4-H foundation.

Let's try for 100% of our clubs! Information is coming in the mail to leaders.

If any questions contact ISU/Mills County Extension Office at 624-8616

**Attention Sr. 4-Her's**  
**Dodge ball Tournament**  
**March 14th at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Malvern Community Building**  
**Registration Forms available at the Extension Office**  
**Treynor, Glenwood and East Mills High School**

# REQUIRED 4-H LEADER VOLUNTEER TRAINING ON LINE NOW!!!!!!

If you have not finished the 1st session of 4-H volunteer leadership training you can now view it on-line.

**FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers>

- Click on Enroll in training and read and follow the directions.
- Print off the handouts, view the videos, take the quiz, print off your certificate and complete the evaluation. **Follow instructions for notification of completion of the training.**
- **CD's and printed handouts are also available at the Extension office.**
- If any questions please contact the ISU/Mills County Extension Office at 624-8616.

The following leaders have taken the fall volunteer training on-line or at the meeting. Please contact the office if you do not see your name. We have on-line training and CD's. We want to keep you as leaders. Training is required 2 times a year for leaders.

Blankenship, Tracy	Goos, Gina	Manning, Pam	Perkins, Jess
Blum, Bob	Gray, Colleen	Monday, Kress	Stogdill, Susan
Blum, Nancy	Hillyer, Scott	Monday, Lonny	Tackett, Patricia
Bolton, Mary	Jacobsen, Denise	Obrecht, Pam	White, Linda
Burgoin, Stacy	Kruse, Carol	Pavlik, Jackie	Whitehill, Tanya
Deitchler, John	Kruse, Jeff	Pearce, Kathy	
Deitchler, Karen	Leu, Marcia	Pearce, Rod	
Eckel, Lynn	Lincoln, Jim	Pearce, Tom	

## Attention all Swine Project Members Derby Swine Weigh-In March 28th

10:00 a.m. to noon

Contact Woody Wright 527-3713,  
Rod Greiner 525-1062, Rick Mabary 824-7570  
with any questions

You may weigh in one or two barrows. This is an optional class.  
Prizes given for this carcass derby class. Prizes range from \$20 to  
\$200.

## Area Horse Events

Mills County Horse Seminar  
Glenwood High School  
March 21st 12:30 to 4:00 pm

March 21, 2009 Tack and Clothing Swap/Sale  
Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds

Iowa Horse Jamboree March 28-29  
Ames

Cass County Horse Show-June 7, 2009

Shelby County 4-H Horse Show-June 13th, 2009

Do you want the Newsletter  
E-mailed to you?

Email Sarah at  
[snaeve@iastate.edu](mailto:snaeve@iastate.edu)

## Looking for a Cat Superintendent Please Call The Extension Office If Interested 624-8616

### FISH IOWA

Looking for enthusiastic people to help expand the FISH IOWA program. They are looking for people from across the state willing to train others through one-on-one sessions and workshops. The training will be offered June 17 & 18, 2009 at Springbook Conservation Education Center for those interested in becoming Fish Iowa instructors. Please contact: [AquaticEd\\_Info@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:AquaticEd_Info@dnr.iowa.gov)  
The Mills County Extension Office will be willing to pay for the training if you will put on workshops in the county.

### Safety Education In Shooting Sports

Last Chance for Require Safety training  
For 1st year SESS Members  
March 12th at 7—9 p.m. Extension Office

They are looking for volunteers for Wildlife and Archery Leaders. Please call the Extension Office if interested. Free training will be provided March 27th-29th at the Iowa 4-H Center

**IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarships Information Available**

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement is offering to eligible high school students in Iowa about IFAA's twenty-five (25) scholarships totaling \$39,000. These scholarships are available to incoming freshman in the Fall of 2009 at any four- or two-year post-secondary institution in Iowa who will major in. The application deadline is June 1, 2009.

You will find the following information at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/Public09IFAAInfo.pdf>:

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Linda@slweldon.net](mailto:Linda@slweldon.net) or at 515-685-3719.

**ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors**

The College of Agriculture & Life Sciences would like to invite high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to experience a day in the life of a college student. Shadow Days is hosted by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors and will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This event is a perfect opportunity for any student with an interest in the following majors in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State. For more information about our majors, check out <http://www.ag.iastate.edu/>

Interested students will get an inside look at ISU during this two day event, with a full schedule of activities and entertainment. Please RSVP by March 13 by mailing the attached registration/release form [[CONTACT CHRIS GLEASON, cgleason@iastate.edu](mailto:CONTACT CHRIS GLEASON, cgleason@iastate.edu) for the registration/release form] and \$10 registration fee to the Ambassador Advisor, Beth Foreman at 23 Curtiss Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1050. The registration fee covers all meals and provides the student with a t-shirt. Due to limited space and the popularity of this program, students who have attended previously are not eligible to come this spring. Late applications will not be accepted. Checks can be made payable to ISU Ambassadors. We hope to see you on campus!

Please feel free to contact us with any question: Shadow Day Committee; Renae Weis, committee chair, [reweis@iastate.edu](mailto:reweis@iastate.edu); Beth Foreman, advisor, [bforeman@iastate.edu](mailto:bforeman@iastate.edu), 515-294-4548

**Upcoming 4-H Events**

March 6-7 Jr. Over night 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.  
March 12 FSQA Testing and Class 7:00 p.m.  
March 14 Senior Dodgeball Tournament  
March 15 Wildlife & Archery 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
Intermediate Leadership 3:30 p.m.  
Leadership II 4:00 p.m.  
Teen Club 5:30 p.m.  
County Council 7:00 p.m.  
March 21 Horse Seminar 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
March 26 Shooting Sports 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
March 28 Derby Swine Weigh-In 10am to 12noon  
March 28-29 Horse Jamboree-Ames  
March 29 Area Recognition Interviews-Murray  
March 31 4-H Day at the Legislature

**Hunter Safety Education Classes  
Held at the Sportsman's Gun Club  
March 16, 17, 19, 21  
Call Lynn Eckel  
527-4177**

**Wildlife & Archery**  
Meeting March 15th  
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
West Oak Forest  
Call Gregg Bowden with any questions  
527-0900

**Shooting Sports (SESS)  
Will meeting March 26th  
from 6:30 to 8:30  
at the Glenwood Sportsman's Gun Club**

What is your 4-H Club doing in your county?

Send Sarah Pictures and articles  
of what is happening in Mills County  
and she will post them on the Web site  
[snaeve@iastate.edu](mailto:snaeve@iastate.edu)

# March

# 2009

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1	2	3	4	5	6 Jr. Overnight Malvern 6pm to 8am	7
8	9	10	11	12 FSQA Class and Testing 7pm	13	14 Senior 4-H Dodge ball Tournament 10 am
15 Intermediate Leadership Leadership 2 Teen Club County Council Wildlife & Archery (see newsletter for times)	16	17	18	19	20	21 Horse Seminar Glenwood HS 12:30 to 4:00
22	23	24	25	26 Shooting sports 6:30 to 8:30	27	28 Derby swine Weigh-In 10 am to 12noon  Horse Jamboree
29 Area Recognition Interviews Murray Horse Jamboree	30	31 4-H trip to the Legislature				

**Other important dates to remember**

**April:**

Leader Meeting/Volunteer Training.....April 23, 2009

**May:**

4-H County Council Worlds of Fun Trip..... May 2, 2009

Sheep and Market Goat Weigh-In.....May 9, 2009

Enrollment cards (Add/Drop Projects).....May 15, 2009

All livestock ID's due (and meat rabbits).....May 15, 2009

4-H'ers for 4-H Fund Contributions due to Extension Office.....May 15, 2009