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4-H is part of the Iowa State University Extension Service bringing research based education and information to the citizens of Iowa in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, families, youth, communities, and business and industry.

Dates to Remember

November 10	JMG Club Meeting (6:00 pm) LC
November 13	Fall Leader Training (6:00 pm) EO
November 21	Shooting Sports Org Meeting (6:00 pm) VGC
November 22	Farm to City Day (10:00 am-4:00 pm) SM
November 22	Teen Council Toys for Tots Shopping TBA
November 27-28	Happy Thanksgiving! EO closed
November 27-29	Chicago Awards Trip
December 1	4-H Enrollments Due!!!!
December 13	County Beef Weigh In (9:00 am-12:00 pm)
December 25-26	Merry Christmas! EO closed
December 29	State Beef Weigh In (9:00-12:00 pm) FC
January 1	Happy New Year! EO closed
January 2	Club Officer Training (10:00 am) EO
January 2	Scholarship Workshop (12:00 pm) EO
January 4	Intermediate Council Meeting (1:00 -4:00 pm) LC
January 24	4-H night at the Outlaws! (7:30 pm) FG
April 18	SpringFest (Share the Fun, Comm) NIACC

EO=Extension Office LC=Learning Center
FG=Fairgrounds VGC=Ventura Gun Club
SM: Southbridge Mall FC=Franklin County

Shooting Sports

An organizational meeting will be held for any 4-Her's interested in shooting sports as a project area. We will meet at the Ventura Gun Club on Friday, November 21 from 6-8 pm. We will be talking about how we would like to proceed with Shooting Sports as a county, and possibly set up a Spring Shooting/ Archery League. Please call the office to register by Wednesday, November 19, so I know how many snacks to bring! Also remember to sign up for shooting sports as a project area!

We need volunteers, if we want to meet our goal of starting an active Shooting Sports team! Any parents who are willing to be trained as Shooting Sports leaders or coordinators please plan to attend!



Spring Fest Update

The date has been set for our spring communications, Share the Fun, and individual performances event. Spring Fest will be held at NIACC on April 18, times to be announced. Start thinking about your club's Share the Fun act, and your individual communications act now!!

We need a TV!

The 4-H Learning Center is in need of a TV. If you might know of one available for us to have, that would be great! We can use it for trainings and day camps throughout the year. We could also use display boxes to place photography projects on display, if you know of any not in use or someone who could make one or two for the Learning Center, let us know.



4-H Exhibit Judges Training Offered

2008-09 4-H Exhibit Judges trainings will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at the AEA267 in Cedar Falls.

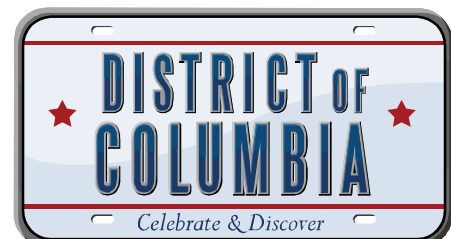
Information about the training sessions will be available on the 4-H Judges Information webpage at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicjudgesinfo.htm> Registrations are due to the Delaware County Extension Office by November 7, 2008.

Citizenship - Washington Focus

Applications and information were sent to 4-Her's in grades 10-12 this month, and now it's time to turn them in! If you are interested in registering for the program held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center near Washington, D.C, from June 13-20, 2009, get your registration and your \$200 non-refundable deposit in NOW to save your seat!

The cost for this trip is approximated at \$1200, and the Cerro Gordo County 4-H Foundation will be paying \$500 per 4-H member, leaving \$700 (including deposit) for 4-Her's to raise for their trip. Gail Castillo will meet with families to discuss fundraising ideas





4-H Night at the Outlaws!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 24 to cheer the North Iowa Outlaws on to a victory! Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for youth and \$8 for adults, special prices for that night only! Plan to go with your club and other friends ... and make new friends! 4-H'ers from Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, and Worth Counties will be enjoying the hockey game together. To be sure we have enough tickets, please reserve your spot by January 8 by calling the Extension Office!

Premise ID and COOL Update

Starting in 2009, all swine exhibitors will be required to have a premise ID for the North Iowa Fair.

ALL 4-H members who raise their own or purchase ANY livestock must have a COOL affidavit on file for a minimum of two years.

Forms can be found online at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/coolinfo.pdf>

Please call the Extension Office for more information or if you need premise ID forms.



FREE 4-H Projects

Goldfish make great pets, and you can have one for free! Come to the Extension Office and pick up one of our fish for your project. Don't wait!

Clover Kids

We are having a Clover Kids Explosion! Several clubs in Cerro Gordo County are offering Clover Kids an opportunity to participate in club activities, which is wonderful! In order to offer even more opportunities to these "mini" 4-Her's; we are asking for families to fill out enrollment forms for Clover Kids, so we can keep them up to date with a special Clover Kids newsletter. Encourage the Clover Kids you know to enroll now!



Beef Weigh In Updates!

All beef and sheep to be verified for state fair will need to attend a weigh in where retinal imaging will be available. Due to a decline in beef and sheep verified for state fair in Cerro Gordo County, we did not purchase a retinal imager. On December 29, from 9 am until noon, at the Franklin County Vet clinic (1 mile west of Hampton on Highway 3) Cerro Gordo 4-Her's will be able to get beef weighed in for county and state fair, as well as any needed retinal imaging. I will be there with Cerro Gordo County ear tags, and necessary paperwork, but you will not be allowed to weigh in any animals unless your 4-H enrollments are in!

If you do not plan to verify for state fair, county beef weigh in will be December 13 from 9 am until noon at the Jay Curran farm.

Dear 4-H members, families, and leaders,

The fall awards banquet was a great success, and we have officially closed the 2007-2008 4-H year! The project and senior award winners, along with the honorary and alumni 4-H member honorees, are included with this newsletter. If you would like the full awards program, give us a call at the office or check our web page.

If you have friends interested in joining 4-H, bring them with you to your next club meeting. Remember to invite their family members too, there is something for every family member in 4-H!

Now is the time to get working on projects and record books for this year! It seems a little early, but imagine how much easier it will be when all your record keeping is up to date!

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Intermediate Council

We had a great response from 7-9 graders who wanted to join the new Intermediate Council! The 13 new members will be meeting on January 4 from 1-4 pm at the 4-H Learning Center on the North Iowa Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars now!

If you are in grades 7-9 and want to join, call the office ASAP!



4-H New Member Open House

Many of you will be seeing new faces at your next club meetings! Thanks to the hard work of the Teen Council, the 4-H Ambassadors, 4-H Clubs, and local media, we had an awesome turn out at the 4-H New Member Open House! We enrolled 13 new 4-H members, and 7 new Clover Kids. Please make these new members welcome!

Club Officer Training & Scholarship/ Awards Application Workshop!

It may be Christmas vacation, but you don't want to miss this! On January 2 at 10am, we will be holding Club Officer training for all new and returning club officers. Games and COOL prizes for all who attend!

Afterwards, stick around for pizza and application assistance with Gail Castillo! Whether you are considering applying for State Council, State Tech Team, State Project Awards, or college scholarships, this training will provide you with some excellent tips on how to blow away the competition!

CGC JMG'S

The Cerro Gordo County Jr. Master Gardener club is off to a great start! We currently have seven 4-Her's and five Clover Kids! Members will be working on winter gardening projects such as perennial planting, indoor herb gardens, bird feeders, and plotting out the summer garden. If you are interested in joining the JMG group, feel free to come to the next meeting on Nov. 10, 6 pm at the Learning Center.



If you received a **Project Award plate** and do not have a plaque to put it on, call the Extension Office by December 1, and we will order one for you free of charge!