



4-H Scene

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National 4-H Week...October 5-11, 2008

Celebrate National 4-H Week!

The theme for National 4-H Week is “keeping it green!” This is especially a good time of year to tell others about 4-H! 4-H clubs in Woodbury County are promoting 4-H in their school, communities and with their friends. In this issue of the *4-H Scene* are a few ideas if you haven’t already planned your celebration. Or look in last month’s *4-H Scene*.

Here are just few of the events that 4-H clubs are planning:

- Anthon Advancers, Arlington Future Farmers, Bronson 4-H Rustlers, Grant Go-Getters and Willow Worker 4-H members will be wearing their 4-H T-shirts to school.
- Climbing Hill Crusaders will use the community sign to promote 4-H
- Woodbury Westsiders will do a window display.
- Bronson 4-H Rustlers, Willow Workers and Woodbury Westsiders will be talking to classmates about 4-H.
- The 4-H County Council is planning the 4-H Holiday for October 7. Invite a friend to come learn more about 4-H at this event!

4-H members are the best recruitment – you can tell your friends about 4-H and the fun you have all year long. Invite their family to your next 4-H meeting. Be sure to make new members feel welcome and a part of 4-H!



Have a Happy 4-H Week!

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The 4-H County Council is a group of high school youth in 10th – 12th grades who were selected to be on a council through an interview process. Members help plan events for 4-H members, help at the fair, and are ambassadors of 4-H. Members can attend your club meetings to help or promote a 4-H event.

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Opportunities for 4-H'ers

For more 4-H opportunities for both youth and adults, go to the following website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicinfo.htm>



State 4-H Office invites you to an Open House

The 4-H building on campus, in Ames, Iowa, is alive with wonderful exhibits and communication posters 4-H members have shared. On Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., they are hosting an open house to celebrate and showcase the exhibits and posters. The open house is open to everybody.

Shadow Days at Iowa State University

The College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Iowa State University would like to present high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in your county with an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a college student. This event will be hosted by the Ambassadors student organization and will take place on November 2nd & 3rd. This event is a perfect orientation to ISU for any student with an interest in any majors in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Day 1: Check-in will begin the evening of November 2nd followed by dinner and an opportunity to meet the Ag Ambassadors. Following the meal there will be a variety of activities. At the conclusion of these, students will retire for the evening with their host where they will have a chance to stay in different forms of college housing.

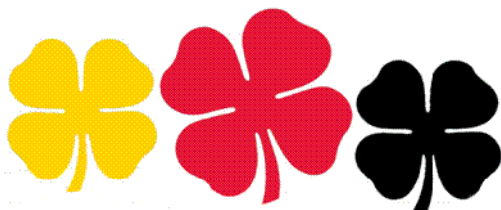
Day 2: November 3rd students will meet for breakfast, attend classes with current ISU students and take a campus tour. Following the tour, lunch will be served and students will be able to meet the dean and other faculty members. In the afternoon, students will meet with a faculty advisor to ask questions.

Please RSVP by October 14th by mailing the registration/release form (available at the Woodbury County Extension Office) 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, youth who have attended previously are not eligible to come this fall. Late applications will not be accepted. Checks made payable to ISU Ambassadors.

Disney Grant

The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are excited to announce grants of up to \$500 to support child-led service projects. These grants support children (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, if they engage younger children in planning and implementing the project.

A significant part of the service must take place on April 24-26, 2009. Applications are due October 30 and available at: <http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/DisneyMinnieGrants/DisneyMinnieGrantees2008/tabid/292/Default.aspx>



Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards constitute the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteering. Iowa 4-H has been well represented in this program, and each year several state award winners are Iowa 4-H members. Information and applications are available at www.prudential.com/spirit or by calling 1-877-525-8491. Eligible 4-Hers must complete their application forms by October 31, 2008.

Celebrate Urban Birds!

"Little Green Places" contest is a project from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It's an easy, fun way for city-dwellers to get to know their birds, enjoy the outdoors, and contribute information that scientists can actually use to study urban birds. We want to see your photo, drawing, or video of a Little Green Space that's good for birds. Have you noticed a spot that birds like? It could be an ivy-covered wall, flowers next to the stoop, a window box or your school garden, or the potted plants by your library entryway. Send a photo, drawing, or link to your video to urbanbirds@cornell.edu. We'll send the first fifty entries a copy of the new "Celebrate Little Green Places" poster and there will be other great prizes, including a \$100 gift certificate from Johnny's Selected Seeds. More can be found on their web site: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/celebration/temporary/little-green-places-photo-video-contest>. The deadline is October 31.

Pioneer Grant Brochure, Application and Information on Web

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help them get started on community projects. Applications for grants are due in the county office on December 1, 2008. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>

4-H License Plate

Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. This is a great holiday gift for that special 4-H member, volunteer, leader or staff person! The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate and to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted within one year. Get your license plate today by filling out the application form online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Application and payment by check or money order are to be sent to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. For questions, contact Shelly Greving, shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.

Pen Pals with 4-H Club in Japan

A 4-H club at Camp Zama, Japan, is interested in finding other 4-H'ers interested in becoming pen pals. Clubs interested are asked to contact Valda Campbell, director of the Camp Zama SAS program at val.campbell@us.army.mil. 4-H club members at Camp Zama are children of U.S. military members stationed in Japan. There are many 4-H clubs at U.S. military installations in the United States and around the world.

Welcome Cheryl Connot Perez

Cheryl Connot Perez is the new Youth Field Specialist for Iowa State University Extension. She will be serving Woodbury, Monona and shared responsibility for Plymouth. She started on September 29 and will be in the Woodbury Extension office. We welcome the broad experience and training she brings in youth development and education. Cheryl will be at the 4-H Holiday on October 7 and 4-H Leaders' meetings that will be held on November 6 & 8. She can be reached at 712-276-2157 ext 14 or e-mail: connotpe@iastate.edu. Please welcome her to Woodbury County 4-H!

Enrollment Forms due November 17

4-H members need to complete their enrollment form and turn the form to your 4-H Leader before November 17. Along with the enrollment form, the medical/release form, code of ethics and the \$20 program fee are also due to the Extension office by November 17. After November 17 there is a \$5 late fee added to the program fee for 4-H'ers who were in 4-H last year. There is no late fee for new 4-H members – new youth can join at anytime.

Please note: Operation: Military Kids is offering to pay the program development fee for any 4-H member whose parent(s) is in the military- includes Guard, Reserve, Active and all service branches. Please make a note on the enrollment form indicating that the 4-H'ers parent(s) are in the military.

Up-Coming Meetings

- **4-H County Council – October 19**

3:00 pm at the Fair office in Merville

Agenda: planning the 4-H Halloween Party, community service, T-Shirts for group, help for beef weigh-in

- **4-H Recognition Team – October 22**

6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office

Agenda: planning for the new 4-H year in recognition and programs and update on programs

- **4-H & Fair Committee – October 28**

7:00 pm at the Fair office in Merville

Agenda: discussion on May 15 4-H enrollment deadline, select personnel committee and date, 2008 Fair review and July entry deadline, 4-H Pie Fund and update on programs



Vibrant 4-H clubs 4-H Leaders Workshop

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Leaders' Workshop to be held on:

- **November 6, 7:00 pm at the Fire-station in Merville (across from Casey's) or**
- **November 8, 9:30 am at the Woodbury County Extension office.**

Topics will include: Learn the best practices for vibrant 4-H Clubs. Change how youth do things, not *what* they do. You will come away from the workshop with activities that you can do with your club members. Meet Cheryl Connot Perez the new youth field specialist.

4-H Organizational leaders and 4-H volunteers who interact directly with youth are required to attend two trainings a year. Anyone who is interested is also welcome!

- Thursday, November 6, 7:00 pm at the Fire-station in Merville
- Saturday, November 8, 9:30 am at the Woodbury County Extension office
- I need to check out the DVD or view on the Web

4-H Club: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

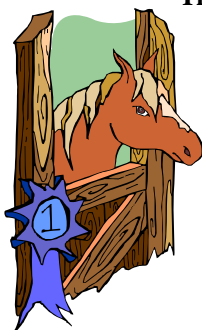
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Send to: Woodbury County Extension Office, 4301 Sergeant Rd, Suite 213, Sioux City, IA 51106. Or e-mail Lujan Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 extension #12 to preregister for workshops or to check out the DVD/view on web.

Horse News

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest that was scheduled in June has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 1st at Jester Park in Granger. For counties wanting to enter a team, information, rules, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestock/handbookhorse.htm>

The 4-H horse department is going to use a horse stall for education materials to be displayed to the public during fair. We are asking for any 4-H'ers who would like to donate any horse related educational exhibits (general health care, color, parts, and vaccines) from this year or past years' fair exhibits. If you would like to help with this endeavor please contact Jamie Johnson at (712) 253-3336 or jamievincejohnson@yahoo.com. Any comments or suggestions are welcome to help get this first year project off to a great start!



The horse superintendents want to thank all of their volunteers who helped during the 4-H and open show. Thank You! They want to remind all 4-H'ers who won trophies to remember to write their thank yous! This would be a good time during National 4-H Week if you haven't already written one.

4-H Market Beef Weigh-in January 3, 2009

Market steers and market heifers that are exhibited at county fair, state fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, Clay County Fair or other area 4-H events must be weighed and identified. **If you are purchasing animals, be sure to ask the producer to fill out a COOL affidavit for your records! Look below for more information on COOL!**



When: Saturday, January 3, 2008
(snow date set for January 10)
Time: 8:30 am – Noon
Where: Bleil and Chapman Auction Barn
Located north of Moville on D-12
Cost: County Only - \$1.50
County/State - \$5.00
County, State & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$6.00

4-H'ers/FFA members in the same family must decide before the animals are weighed, which animal each youth plans to exhibit. After the animal is weighed, no switching is allowed. 4-H'ers may weigh six market animals. **Animals must be identified as 4-H or FFA, but cannot be identified as both 4-H/FFA.**

Identification forms (ID Forms) will be available to fill out at the weigh-in. The ID Form may be filled out during weigh-in or turned into the office on or before January 15, 2009.

Exhibiting at State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben:

Please note: 4-H'ers planning to exhibit a Market Beef animal at the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must have the verification process completed. Woodbury County will be doing retinal imaging for state fair. Ak-Sar-Ben animals will also have their DNA collected, but no noseprints. 4-H'ers will have to decide on/or before January 3 if they plan to exhibit Market Beef and/or Market Heifers at the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

For State Fair animals: If parent and/or 4-H'er is not going to be at the weigh-in the parent and/or 4-H'er must sign waiver forms!

COOL and 4-H Livestock - Important Information for 4-H'ers

What does COOL mean? It stands for Country of Origin Labeling and it will affect 4-H'ers who buy and sell livestock (as well as adult producers). The USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. The process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple. Animals that are "on the ground" or born by July 15, 2008, will be "grandfathered" into the program. However, any animals changing ownership and born after that date will need the COOL affidavit.

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.doc>. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records, calving report, Pig Champ, Pig Tales, etc. purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

Plans are underway at the State 4-H office to add this topic to the 4-H FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) programs. 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to attend just that part of the training if they do not need to attend the entire two hours. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at: <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>

I Pledge My Hands to Larger Service...

All 4-H clubs and 4-H members do community service to make their club, community, country and their world a better place. Here are some opportunities for 4-H'ers or 4-H Clubs to continue that commitment.

Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation

Every year many of our 4-H club members make the most colorful and creative holiday cards for the Iowa 4-H Foundation so the Foundation can send cards to many long-time and generous 4-H alumni, Foundation donors, and Extension supporters. They often hear from many individuals about how much they enjoy these hand-crafted notes from 4-H members...THANK YOU!

The Iowa 4-H Foundation would like your help again this year... we ask 4-H'ers to craft their own special Christmas and holiday greeting cards. Most of our 4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and backgrounds too. We'd love to have the 4-H'ers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county too.

To help us keep postage down this year (so we can share more season's greetings) please make smaller cards, around the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page (think of a piece of construction paper folded in half, and then in half again). Please mail or deliver your holiday cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames, IA 50011-3630. Cards received by November 25th will be used this year. This would be a great community service project for 4-H Clubs!

Festival of Trees

The Sioux City Jaycees invite 4-H clubs to participate in the annual Festival of Trees. Each year there have been Woodbury County 4-H clubs who have participated in this event. Groups decorate artificial holiday trees which will be auctioned on December 4. Proceeds will go to the Jackson Recovery Center's Daycare Program. For a list of guidelines and an application contact the Extension office or Cheryl Nordstrom at 712-266-8748 (home), Dr. Tom Molstad 712-276-7742 or John Stoos 712-277-7152 (work).

Adult (and Youth) Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for a fun training and networking opportunity for 4-H volunteers and staff? The **2008 North Central Region Volunteer Forum** is scheduled for **November 6 – 8, in Columbus, Ohio**. Every year, over 400 4-H volunteers, youth, and staff from twelve states gather to learn new and practical ideas to help their clubs through fun, hands on workshops. Iowa volunteers who attend Forum tell us they return re-energized and with new skills and ideas to help them have a successful club year.

Information about the Forum can be found at <http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/>. Click on Registration Booklet to check out all the details. Registration deadline is October 24. Register early to get your first choice of workshops!



The \$15 Challenge Rules for 2009

As a result of the feedback from county Extension offices, The State 4-H office has developed new rules for The \$15 Challenge, a class within 4-H Clothing Selection. One of these rules in 2009 will be: "This category is designed to expand the 4-H'ers shopping experience to different shopping venues. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army or similar place. (Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts belong in the regular clothing selection class IF the 4-H'er actually selected the item(s)."

Last year was the first year for this class. 4-H'ers who are in 9th – 12th grades can be selected for State Fair. Last year Woodbury County did not have any seniors who participated in this class. This is a good time to set goals and look for bargains.

Celebrate National 4-H Week October 5-11, 2008



If you haven't already planned your celebration here are a just a few ideas for you or your club to consider.

- Decorate a bulletin board at school or church
- Add a 4-H week message to your e-mail
- Distribute cookies to donors of 4-H
- Hand out green & white jelly beans to classmates
- Plan a special 4-H open house
- Write a thank you note to your 4-H Leaders
- Have a 4-H tailgate party at the next football game
- Visit a daycare and make 4-Leaf clovers
- Plan a community service and wear your 4-H T-shirt
- Have an ice-cream social after school for 4th graders
- Tell another youth or friend the fun you have in 4-H

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| October 5-11 | National 4-H Week |
| October 7 | 4-H Holiday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Sergeant Bluff Methodist Church located on First and Baker Streets |
| October 15 | 4-H Recognition Team Membership names due to the Woodbury County Extension Office |
| October 19 | 4-H County Council meeting, 3:00 pm at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds |
| October 22 | 4-H Recognition Team Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension Office – pizza for supper |
| October 26 | 4-H Halloween Party for 4 th – 6 th graders – \$3 early registration due October 20, after October 20 \$5 fee |
| October 28 | 4-H & Fair Committee, 7:00 pm at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds Fair Office |
| November 6 | 4-H Leader Workshop at the Fire-station in Merville (across the street from Casey's), 7:00 pm |
| November 8 | 4-H Leader Workshop at the Woodbury County Extension Office, 9:30 am |
| November 10 | 4-H on Ice – Early registrations & fee of \$16 due by 4:30 pm (late fee \$18 due until November 13, 4:30 pm) |
| November 15 | 4-H on Ice – Long Lines Family Rec Center for fun & games and pizza and ice cream 4:30-6:30 pm. Hockey Game at 7:00 pm |
| November 17 | 4-H Enrollment forms from 4-H'er in 4-H this past year due to Woodbury County Extension,
After November 17 there is a \$5 late fee (there is no late fee for new 4-H members – new youth can join 4-H at any time) |
| January 3, 2009 | 4-H Market Beef Weigh-ins at Bleil and Chapman Sales Barn 8:30 am - Noon (snow date January 10) |
| August 5-9, 2009 | Woodbury County Fair (4-H Building Judging August 3 pending approval from Fair Board, August 4 Livestock Entry) |
| Aug. 13-23, 2009 | Iowa State Fair (entries due July 1) |

For 4-H information check out the Woodbury County Extension Web site at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/> and click on Kids & Teens/4-H located on the left hand side.



