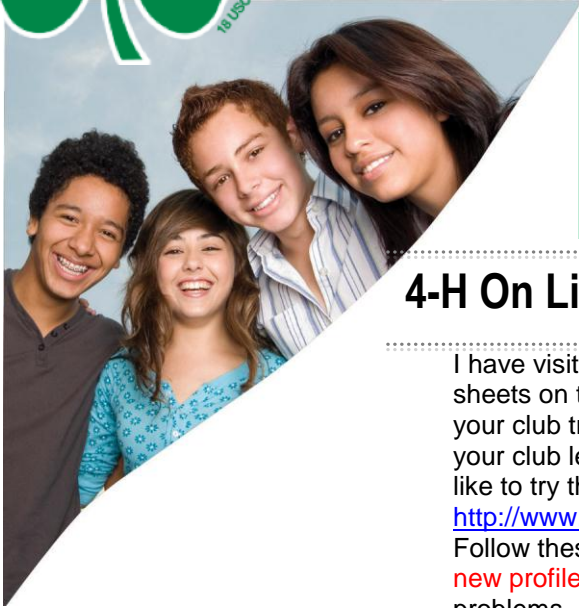




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4-H On Line Enrollments & Fees Due December 1st

I have visited some clubs, and some leaders have given presentations or help sheets on the online enrollment process. Please pay your \$30 enrollment fee to your club treasurer. All online enrollments will be pending until I receive word from your club leader or treasurer that you have paid your enrollment fee. If you would like to try the online enrollment process on your own, find the help sheets at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/EnrollmentDocs/MemberReEnrollment.pdf> Follow these instructions step by step. It is very important that you **do not create a new profile if you have been in 4-H the past few years**. This will create huge problems. If you run into problems, please call me anytime.

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Record Book Awards Ceremony – Sunday November 13th

Congratulations to all who turned in a record book. This year we were fortunate enough to do an exchange with other counties for record book judging. This gives us the opportunity to see how other counties complete their books. The record book awards ceremony has been set by the Youth Council for Sunday, **November 13th** at 3:30 pm at the Union County Extension Office. If you would like to learn more about record books and the awards, join us on the 13th for our presentations.

COOL (Country of Origin Papers)

Don't forget to get your COOL papers signed when you are purchasing market animals for the upcoming county fair. All market animals need a Country of Origin (COOL) form completed at weigh in time. This form can be obtained at the extension office or on our county website. Please add the date and your name to the form from our website.

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

Beef weigh in date has not been set at this time.

Leadership Opportunity

The Union County 4-H Youth Council is looking for 4-H'ers who have **time to commit**. Members of the Youth Council will be working with the 4-H Youth Committee. We would really like to work on marketing the 4-H program this year. This is the group who sets up fun for other 4-H er's not only at county fair time, but also throughout the year. It would be great if we could get at least two members from each club. It would be your job to take your ideas and plans back and share them with your 4-H club. If you have great ideas and **time to commit**, please contact DJ Christensen or Cheryl Purdum.

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Hot Sheets



Don't forget about our condensed project materials called "Hot Sheets". you have access to these Hot Sheets via the web any time, day or night. Log on to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>. You will then go to the project of your interest on the right hand side of the page. Once you click on the project of your choice you will be able to find the Hot Sheet and other information about your project area. If you really want the familiar project materials they can be ordered from the National 4-H Supply at your expense, or you can check them out at the extension office. Don't forget that iudaes tip sheets can also be found here.

Leaders Notes

All volunteers and leaders especially new leaders, (club, project, **Clover Kids**) are encouraged to sign up for a training sessions to acquire more tools to use with our youth. Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/> to sign up. There is a training coming up in Creston on Nov. 12. **New volunteer Tracy from Johnson County had this to say:**

I just wanted to thank you for the great new leaders training. I attended the September one in Solon. I found it very informative and FUN! I was excited to take the information I had learned back to the leaders. We had a great meeting and are looking forward to making some positive changes to the group. The youth officers are very excited to help plan and really participate. They now feel as though we are walking beside them instead of ahead of them. The meeting really opened my eyes to what 4-H is all about and all the positive that it can bring to not only the youths lives but also the volunteers. I really appreciate all the time and effort you put forth to create this great program that you put together, it has really made an impact on my role as a leader.

By now each club should have a secretary elected, or an acting secretary for each meeting if you are using a type of shared leadership. It is **very important** that I receive an **attendance list** each month. Please get this month and all of the previous months to me. I will need these before your club can exhibit at county fair. You can email them to me at x1purdum@iastate.edu or you can mail or drop them by the extension office. Please help your club secretaries out by reminding them to get the attendance in for your club.

I also need a list of your club officers and youth council members. Reporters need to get meeting activities to our papers. This is a good marketing tool for us. It reminds our community that 4-H is still strong. Please remember to submit your club's yearly plan, if you haven't already. The plan should include the date, time, location, and club activity of each month's meeting. The club **yearly plans should be completed by the club officers or leadership team and members, with the guidance of the leaders.** We realize plans can change, and that is perfectly fine. Just remember to let us know of any changes that arise. We do have to secure extra insurance for things like sledding or skiing activities.

It is a **state requirement** that **each club** have at least one **organizational leader** that has completed **a required training and a background check**. Please make sure your club has at least one person who can commit to this training, or come in to discuss the content. I have the following as organizational leaders for the 2011-2012 4-H year. Please let me know if our leadership has changed.

Thane Glynn – Douglas Boosters
DJ Christensen – Afton 4-H Flying Eagles, Youth Council
Barbara Sampson – Lincoln United
Tami Adamson – Union County Achievers
Terrinda, McIntire – Pleasant Valley Explorers
Jennifer Seales – New Hope Boosters

Colleen Beatty – Wiggles& Wags
Sarah Long – Sand Creek Pioneers
Clint & Amber Vicker, Donna Allen, Bruce Travis - Horse & Riders
Jerry & Laura Hartman- Highland Highlights
Andy & Jodi Hitz – Union County Adventurers
Jennifer Foglesong – Rocket Launchers

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THANK YOU TO ALL of the members who have recruited new members for the 2011 – 2012 4-H Year. Keep up the good work!

New Members - Mentors

If you are a new 4-H member and would like a mentor either for general 4-H questions, or project specific questions, please contact me and I will set you up with someone who can work with you. I am also always available for questions.

Volunteers

Volunteers, both youth and adult are always needed for Creston Clover Kids on the 1st Thursday of the month and for 4-H mentors. Please let me know if you are interested.

National 4-H Week

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who promoted 4-H during National 4-H Week "To Make the Best Better".



Opportunities Beyond the County

2012 Iowa 4-H Camera Corps Registration Online

2012 Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is now accepting applications. The theme for 2012 is "American Life". The application and more information can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa4-HCameraCorps>.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2012

Citizenship Washington Focus 2012 is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips returned to report that it was the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 8 - 16 or June 15 - 23 to attend the trip. 4-H'ers and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Lincoln's home in Springfield, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshops, you'll have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

The trip fee is \$1,370. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$350.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration opens October 1, 2011 and closes December 15, 2011.

To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

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More Opportunities Beyond County

Winter Hullabaloo

Join us at the Iowa 4-H Center for a winter wonderland celebration December 28-30th. Youth, ages 8-12, can come and spend three days, two nights at camp during their winter break. Campers will enjoy snow tubing (weather pending), winter night hikes, lots of crafts, games, and more. We will celebrate winter, camp style! Check-in is 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 28th and check-out is 4:00 p.m. Friday December 30th. For this three day, two night camp it is a cost of \$110. *Maybe you could get your clubs to pay part of your fee. This sounds like a great time.*

Iowa 4-H Center News

State 4-H Camp in Madrid, Iowa. **Greetings!** The summer camp season has come to a close, but did you know that Iowa 4-H Center is open year-round? The Center is the ideal place to host a club meeting, volunteer retreat, or a much needed family getaway. Check out all the opportunities that the Center has to offer for your 4-H club and family.

Looking for Volunteers: The Iowa 4-H Center is seeking volunteers for a planning committee that will help with an adventure race in September 2012. If you are interested please contact [Abbie or John](#) for more information.

Club Coupon: Looking for something fun to do with your 4-H Club this school year? Why not travel to the Iowa 4-H Center for a day or even for an overnight stay. The Iowa 4-H Center offers every 4-H Club a FREE day use rental and discounted fees for overnight stays. [Click here to check out the club coupon](#) that is available from August 15 to May 15 each year. Programming is available on request.

Extreme Makeover, Camp Edition: Eight 4-H Clubs took the challenge last spring and we are now seeking more 4-H Clubs to take the [Extreme Cabin Makeover](#) challenge! Clubs will have the opportunity to design, implement, and have fun with cabin improvements. Applications for the 2012 Cabin Makeover are due November 1st, [please click here for the participation agreement](#).

We hope you take advantage of these opportunities this year at the Iowa 4-H Center. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like more information. We hope to see you at the Iowa 4-H Center soon! In the camping spirit, Abbie Parker & John Roosa

Shooting Sports

We are still looking for adult volunteers who are interested in taking two day training for shooting sports. Find below some of the activities this can entail.

Mark your calendars for the 2012 Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Training to be held March 23-25, 2012 at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid Iowa. More information will be out around the first of the year. (Bryan Whaley)

2011 Iowa 4-H SESS State Match Results

Big Springs Range, near Montezuma, IA, was the site for the 2011 Iowa 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports (SESS) State Match on Saturday, October 15th. Approximately 130 4-H Shooting Sports members attended the event with their parents, instructors and volunteers. Throughout the day these young shooters demonstrated their skills and accuracy in multiple discipline events.

During the day 4-H members were able to interact with others, share information, learn about the aspects of competition shooting and have a safe experience. Besides shooting participants had the opportunity to participate in the Wildlife skills challenge which consisted of multiple activities and skills including identification of animals, survival situation scenario, compass work, and ethics and decision-making in hunting situations. Results from the event can be found on the Activities and Events page located on the 4-H SESS project website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/ShootingSports/sessevents.htm>.

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Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2012

It's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming Iowa 4-H Youth Conference—or to share the theme! **Brighten Your World** and attend June 26-28, 2012. More information will come after the first of the year

Save the date for the annual 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball Game!

The Cyclones will tip off at 7pm against Texas A&M on January 14, 2012. A dinner tailgate will be provided from 4:30-7pm at the Scheman Building before tip-off. This year's price to attend is \$20 per person. New for 2012 is a "4-H Leads to Careers" tour hosted by the College of Human Sciences. (limited to the first 300 who sign up). Gather your club members and get ready to have some fun and cheer on the Cyclones. [Purchase tickets here.](#) Contact Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.

Grants for Projects

2012 Pioneer Grant Information and Applications Now Available!

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

Applications and support letters for 2012 grants are due in the county Extension office on December 5, 2011. This is a suggested date! With holiday activities and Christmas vacations, the Dec.1 date allows county staff time to make comments on the club applications. These comments are very important to committee members who review the applications and decide which are funded.

Applications and support letters are due from County offices to the State 4-H Office by January 6, 2011. (Brenda Allen, Albert Grunenwald, Mary Kay Litzel)

Reach Out Iowa Grants

Sheep project youth and adults, this may be something you are interested in to possibly get a wash rack at county fair. Swine project members, this could be for you. ***Club members do you have a project for your specific club that you have been wanting to do, but didn't have the funds for?***

Are you interested in involving youth in meaningful, community-based service learning? Join us to learn more about this new program, Reach Out Iowa. Union County youth and adults interested in meaningful, community-based service learning are invited to share their ideas, help identify needs/solutions and identify meaningful service learning opportunities. An orientation session will be scheduled at the Union County Extension office. Please let me know if you are interested. Those attending will learn the benefits of service learning; help identify potential partners, and share ideas and expertise and learn about grants that are available through Reach Out Iowa. If you are already involved in service learning, come share your expertise and partner with us.

Please plan to join us and learn about this citizenship opportunity to make a difference in Union County. Reach Out Iowa is funded in part by a federal grant awarded to the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service and implemented in partnership with Iowa State University Extension in six Iowa communities: Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Humboldt, Marshalltown, Waterloo and Winterset



Highlighted Club of the Month – Union County Adventurers

The Union County Adventurers are one of the newest clubs in Union County. They are a small club with tons of adventures. They have camped and canoed, and are in the process of trying to secure a rock climbing wall for some of their adventures. At their most recent meeting, they have talked about setting up a time for ice fishing. Do you know someone who would be interested in joining this club? Maybe you would like a second club. If you have friends who enjoy outdoor activities, contact me at the extension office at 782-8426.



Farewell From Alexis & News From DJ & the Youth Council

Hey all! Well, it's November, and my AmeriCrops service ends on the 12th. I would like to thank everybody for helping make my AmeriCrops experience great! I have learned a lot, and I think I have grown as an individual.

The Union County 4-H September 11th Challenge, in support of the county food pantry at MATURA, was a success! Eleven different groups chose to participate in the challenge, including Douglas Boosters (pictured Jacey Glynn and Mason Kinsella). Nearly 2,600 pounds of food was collected for MATURA Family Development Center. Douglas Boosters took a collection at one of their meetings and weighed in 51 pounds. Sand Creek Pioneers chose to not participate in the challenge. Instead, they decided to collect food each month at their meetings and deliver it to the Afton Church. These are two great examples of Union County 4-H Clubs serving the community, and the members and leaders of both clubs should be very proud of themselves. Take care everyone. I am eager to see what other great things are yet to come from Union County 4-H youth!

Alexis Swanson

A new year for the Union County 4-H County Council has begun. The County Council meets the **third Sunday of every month at 1 PM at the ISU Extension office.** We are looking for at least 1 or 2 members from each club in the county to join us. It is important to have members from **all clubs** on the county council, this allows the information we discuss to be filtered back to the clubs as well as information from the clubs to be brought to the county council and other clubs attention. It is also a good idea to have members from your club on the County Council so that your club has a voice in the activities we do in and around our county. (Being on the County Council not only looks great on your resume it can also be a lot of fun!)

Five members representing three 4-H clubs from Union County were present at our meeting held October 16th. During our meeting we set a time and date for the Record Book Award Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the ISU Extension office on November 13th at 3:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. We discussed the offer of setting up a table at Night Eyes but unfortunately due to prior commitments of the 5 members present we had to turn down a great opportunity to get the 4-H program out in the public. I would like to think if all clubs had had a representative or two at the meeting that this project could have taken place. This is why we need all clubs to participate at the county level! We also discussed fundraising. The funds we raise at the County Council level all go back into the county in the form of activities and special events directly impacting our local 4-H members and prospective members. Please support your county council members when they are doing their fundraisers so that they can provide more activities for our entire county. Our **next meeting** will be held on **November 13th at 2 PM (for November only)**. If you would like to be on the county council please contact me at 641-344-7299. I hope to see more great faces at our next meeting! DJ Christensen, County Council Adviser



Clover Kid News



We have several, photos, so the Clover Kids news will be coming in the next day or so.





Project Updates / Calendar / Friendly Reminders

PROJECT UPDATES

Check the state 4-H website for New Project Hot Sheets & Online Games

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/06/ - Douglas Boosters at extension

11/06 – Pleasant Valley Explorers at McIntires for online enrollment

11/13 – Youth Council Mtg.

11/13 - Record Book Awards Ceremony

11/13 – New Hope Boosters Mtg.

11/14 – Horse & Riders Mtg

11/15 – Afton 4- H Flying Eagles

11/15 – Wiggles & Wags at extension for online enrollment

11/16 – EU Clover Kids

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Re-enroll

Please pick up your state fair exhibits if you have not done so

Livestock exhibitors, please get those sale checks cashed before we close out that account for the year.

Secretaries or secretaries for the month, please email me your monthly attendance
x1purdum@iastate.edu

Send us 4-H photos for the newsletter

County Youth Coordinator in the office most Tuesdays - Thursdays

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