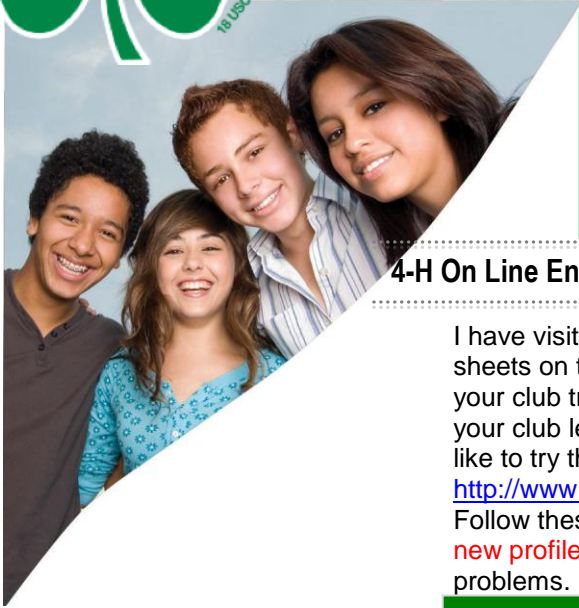




# UNION COUNTY EXTENSION



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## 4-H On Line Enrollments & Fee Deadline has been extended, please get this taken care of

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, 641-340-0312.

### Market Beef Weigh – in Date

Market Beef weigh in has been set for Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm at the Union County Fairgrounds. The date has been set for Friday afternoon and early evening to try to accommodate all exhibitors. Please make sure you are enrolled in 4-H online. **You will not be able to weigh in unless you are enrolled**. This weigh in includes all market heifers, market steers, and returning bucket calves that will be shown in a returning bucket calf market class. Please bring your COOL papers with you.

### 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>

### Important Information For All Livestock And Animals Exhibiting At County & State Fair

There are many new rules and Identification processes this year for all animals. Please find your species in the following pages of this newsletter and review the process for the animals you plan to exhibit. There will be more detailed information coming out closer to deadlines; however, I want everyone to be aware of the changes ahead of time. **If you have not cashed your check from the 2011 County Fair Livestock Auction, please get that done. That account is closed at the end of each year.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO 4-H RECORD BOOK AWARD WINNERS



The 2011 Union County 4-H Record Book Award Winners are announced.

Front Row – Alexis Baker – Horticulture, Food & Nutrition, Home Improvement, Bronze Achievement Award, Lauren Hadley – Sheep

Micha Stephens – Sewing, Clothing & Fashion, Photography, Clover Achievement Award, Elsie Hartsook Memorial Award, Joan Baker Junior Achievement Award

Mark Waigand – Beef, Food & Nutrition, Animal Science, Clover Achievement Award, Joan Baker Jr. Achievement Award

Back Row – Cali Foglesong – Aerospace, Leadership, Child Development  
Garrett Abell – Communication

Emily Robinson – Clothing & Fashion, Photography, Silver Achievement Award

Gavin Sickels – Science & Technology

Allison Hadley – Clothing & Fashion, Home Improvement

**Not present** – Billie Fogle – Self Determined, Sewing & Needle Art

Hannah Fogle – Photography, Visual Arts

Erica Abell – Consumer Management, Silver Achievement Award

Kennady Fry – Winkler Creativity Award

Jessica Cramer – Mary Clayton Memorial Award

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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 judges tip sheets can also be found here.

## Leadership Opportunity Still Available

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.

## Aerospace Club Meetings to Begin in January

The Short term aerospace club will be starting up in January this year instead of June. All returning members and new members, please contact Jennifer or Cali Foglesong, Cheryl Purdum or the extension office, so we can get meeting information out to you.

## Leaders & Club Officer Notes

Thank you to all club secretaries and leaders who have emailed me your attendance lists and yearly plans. If you have not, please, 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](mailto: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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month and for 4-H mentors. Please let me know if you are interested.

### Opportunities Beyond the County

#### 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](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf).

#### **2012 North Central Iowa Beef Conference.**

Youth in grades 4 – 12 are welcome to attend. The event will be Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> in Iowa Falls. There is no cost to attend, and registration is due Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to the 4-H Beef Page, at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/beef.htm>.

#### **Agriculture Council of America (ACA) Essay Contest**

Ninth- to 12th-grade students submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Feeding the Future, Filling the Gaps" and the deadline is Feb. 1, 2012. The ACA asks teachers and parents to encourage student participation.

The theme presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay and/or create a video focusing on how today's growers are overcoming challenges to provide a safe, stable food supply and sustain the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

The national written essay winner receives a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 8 at Whitten Patio at the USDA. During dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to read the winning essay as well as join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a festive ag celebration. The video essay winner wins a \$1,000 prize, and the winning video will play during the Celebration of Ag Dinner.

Visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org) or [www.hpj.com/agdayessay](http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay) to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.

#### **Climbing Aconcagua**

In December, you are in for a virtual treat! University of Alaska Extension Educator Esri/4-H GIS Grant recipient Steve Brown will be climbing Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America. You can follow his ascent (he will be carrying a SPOT GPS receiver that will transmit his coordinates on the mountain to an online map every 10 minutes while climbing), and participate in activities that allow you to experience mountaineering you're your lower altitude location! You can learn more and follow him on his expedition at: <http://www1.cyfarnet.org/act-CYFAR/mom/12-11-Climb/>. Available now.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> and check-out is 4:00 p.m. Friday December 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

### 2012 Iowa 4-H Scholarship Information Posted

The Iowa 4-H Scholarship information for 2012 is now posted at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm). There are 80 Iowa 4-H Scholarships for incoming freshmen fall 2012 or current/continuing college students. **All application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than March 1, 2012 for consideration.**

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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](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or (515) 294-1607.

## Grants for Projects

### **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.

### **Have You Been Looking For a Way to Extend Yourself Through 4-H? Why Not Try Out For the Tech Team, State 4-H Council, or National 4-H Congress or Council!**

#### State 4-H Recognition 2012 Materials Posted

State 4-H Recognition materials are now posted on the web and ready for you to access. Opportunities that require state application include: Iowa 4-H Youth Tech Team, State 4-H Council, State 4-H Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference. Applications are due on site or postmarked no later than February 1 to the State 4-H office. Applicants also will participate in an interview on Saturday, March 24 in Ames.

Link for **Public Recognition webpage:** <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

This site has information about all of the opportunities to apply for as well as links for the application materials. You'll notice for each opportunity, there is a link that explains what they're applying for and a link to the actual application that includes a cover sheet and application questions. The application links are PDF format or MSWord.

Youth can also access the evaluation forms, which serve as a good resource when creating support materials and answering short-answer questions. At the bottom of the page, there are also links with helpful tips for designing support material and preparing for interviews. Brenda Allen, 515-294-1567, [bsallen@iastate.edu](mailto:bsallen@iastate.edu)



## NEW RULES & PROCEDURES FOR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

- ❑ **Livestock Documents**  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock.htm>

- ❑ 4-H/FFA Memorandum of Understanding

### **Families must verify info. that staff entered into 4hOnline**

- Animals CANNOT be ID'ed as both an FFA and 4-H project
- Applies to all species
- Details on market animals vs. breeding animals within a species
  - Ex., 4-H'er may show market beef in 4-H, and breeding beef in FFA, but not market in both programs
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**Online Livestock Judging Videos** <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestockjudging.htm>

**State 4-H/FFA Livestock & Meats Judging Contest - New Date: *June 18, 2012***

***There will be more detailed information coming closer to Identification time. Market Beef exhibitors must go into 4-H online by FEB. 1<sup>st</sup> to verify what county has entered. Call if you have any questions a week after beef weigh-in.***

### **Market Beef**

4-H'er/Family must verify info. in 4hOnline by Feb. 1, after county has entered weigh-in data.

### **Breeding Beef**

**Identification Process – By May 15**

- **All breeding beef must be identified by May 15th in 4hOnline by the 4-H'er**
- **ALL** information must be completed on the form especially birth dates, registration numbers for purebred heifers and tattoo numbers for both purebred and commercial heifers.
- Blank tattoo fields will not allow heifers to show at State Fair period. No exceptions
- All heifers, **purebred and commercial**, need tattoos and must be in 4hOnline by May 15
- If a heifer was weighed in as a market heifer initially and the 4-H'er now wants her as a breeding heifer, he/she must re-enter the heifer into 4hOnline as a breeding heifer by May 15th. A heifer is not allowed to be identified as both a commercial heifer and as a market heifer.

### **Sheep Reminders/Changes**

- Commercial Ewes
  - Must have 4-H Tag
  - Must have retinal images – **New**



### **Market Sheep & Commercial Ewes**

**Identification Process – By May 15**

- Retinal images (required for State Fair animals); including commercial ewes (**new for 2012**)
- Commercial ewes need 4-H tag as well
  - **4-H'er/Family must verify info. in 4hOnline by May 15**

### **Purebred Breeding Sheep**

**Identification Process – By May 15**

- All purebred breeding sheep must be entered into 4hOnline by the 4-H'er



## Swine ID

- 2012 Weigh Dates For State Fair Swine
  - Sat., April 21 – Sat., April 28
- Sites announced in late winter

### ALL Swine

#### Identification Process – By May 15

- **State Fair Swine** - ALL swine (derby, market, breeding) that want to be eligible for State Fair entry must attend a regional identification site. There are various sites throughout the state and usually occur in the 3rd-4th week of April
- Every 4-H'er must fill out the "Intent to Participate Form" online by mid-March.
- The "Intent to Participate Form" and a listing of the weigh-in site locations can be found at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects/livestock/swine>.
- The state swine weigh-in crew members will bring all 4-H LS 106 ID forms, ear tags, weigh scales, and all other necessary materials with them to each site. If available, County Staff may be asked to assist at various swine sites.
- All swine will be tagged, a DNA sample collected, ear notches read, and derby pigs will be weighed. This April ID period is the only time swine can be nominated for State Fair
- **Keep in mind, actual Iowa State Fair entry still needs to be made by July 1st. The April ID period is only a nomination, not a State Fair entry.**
- The State 4-H Office will enter all State Fair swine into 4hOnline for 4-H'ers to verify by May 15
- **County Fair Swine** – If swine (for example derby pigs) are required to go through a weigh-in process, county staff will enter that info. into 4hOnline; otherwise, 4-H'ers will enter their pigs into 4hOnline like other May 15 species
  - Swine wanting to nominate for Ak-Sar-Ben, must go through the county office for DNA hair samples, listing on an ID form, payment, etc.

## Meat Goat Changes

- Added to 2012 Sale of Champions
  - Grand Champion 4-H Market Wether
  - Grand Champion FFA Market Wether
- Schedule changes for State Fair
  - Arrive: Wed., Aug. 15 @ 8 AM –Noon
  - Check-in: TBD on Wed., Aug. 15
  - Show:
    - Market Wethers: Noon, Thurs., Aug. 16
    - Breeding Does: 8:00 AM, Friday, Aug. 17



### at Goat Wethers

#### Identification Process – By May 15

- All weigh-ins must be completed
  - Retinal images (required for State Fair animals)
  - Staff enters information into 4hOnline

#### • 4-H'er/Family must verify info. in 4hOnline by May 15

Breeding meat does must have a tag/tattoo number and a birth date written on the ID form

### Breeding Meat Goat Does

#### Identification Process – By May 15

- All breeding meat goat does must be entered into 4hOnline by the 4-H'er



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### **Dairy Goat Identification Process – By May 15**

- **All dairy goats must be entered into 4hOnline by the 4-H'er Identification Process – By May 15**

### **Horse**

#### **Identification Process – By May 15**

- **All horses must be entered into 4hOnline by the 4-H'er**
- The .jpg feature is not available at this time. It will be available before May 15<sup>th</sup>. I will keep you updated.**
- .jpg photos must also be uploaded (4 photos per horse; front, rear, left side, right side)
- For leasing agreements on horses, refer to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H106CL.pdf>

#### **State Fair 2012**

- Entry Limits Increased
  - 2 horses, 4 **5** classes
- 4-H'er does not have to indicate specific classes/horses @ entry time
- New classes added
  - Miniature Horse Showmanship
  - Miniature Horse Driving
  - Miniature Horse In-Hand Trail
- Be sure 4-H'ers and counties read the rules on ownership and leasing of horses

#### **Youth Horse Jamboree - 2012: March 24 & 25, ISU Campus, Ames**

- ❖ Website ready by Jan. 1
- ❖ Entries due March 1
- ❖ Look for updated materials, new events

#### **Horse Ownership/Leasing**

Leasing requirements -If a 4-H'er leases a horse, that's the ONLY riding horse they can ID


- If a family includes more 4-H'ers than horses, siblings can ID the same horse; but that's the only horse they can ID
- Substitutions are allowed for State Fair entries IF the replacement horse is listed<sup>th</sup> in 4hOnline (or ID form) by May 15

### **Dog**

#### **Identification Process – By May 15**

**All dogs must be entered into 4hOnline by the 4-H'er**

### **Poultry**

- Poultry are not required to be entered into 4hOnline for State Fair
  - All poultry make entry for State Fair for their specific classes on the State Fair Entry Form by July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Market Broilers only must make entry by June 1<sup>st</sup> with the State 4-H Office
  - The market broiler rules and entry form can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/projects/livestock/poultry>
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## Rabbit

### Identification Process – **By May 15**

- **New for 2012:** Rabbits must be entered into 4hOnline for exhibition
- Tattoo in LEFT ear is required and must be in 4hOnline
- **May 15 ID deadline** for:
  - All commercial and/or fancy rabbits
- July 1 ID deadline for:
  - All meat rabbits
  - Roasters
  - Single Fryers
  - Meat Pens
- All rabbits make entry for State Fair for their specific classes on the State Fair Entry Form by July 1st



## Rabbits in 4hOnline

- Left Ear Tattoo – **New ID in 4hOnline by May 15**
  - Meat Rabbits by July 1
    - Roasters
    - Meat Pens
    - Single Fryers
- **New Rabbit Class** Premier Rabbit Breeder
  - Novice
  - Junior
  - Intermediate
  - Senior

Recognize 4-Hers who have gained outstanding Rabbit Project skills and knowledge from breeding, raising, selecting and exhibiting their own rabbits entered in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show, and have shared their rabbit knowledge and skills with 4-Hers and at other events during the 4-H year.

**State Fair Entry Process – If you have your animals verified in 4-H online, you may then enter your animals in the state fair. Verification is not the state fair entry. That will occur later, before July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

**JULY 1**

**Entry Process for 2012 (To Be Determined)**



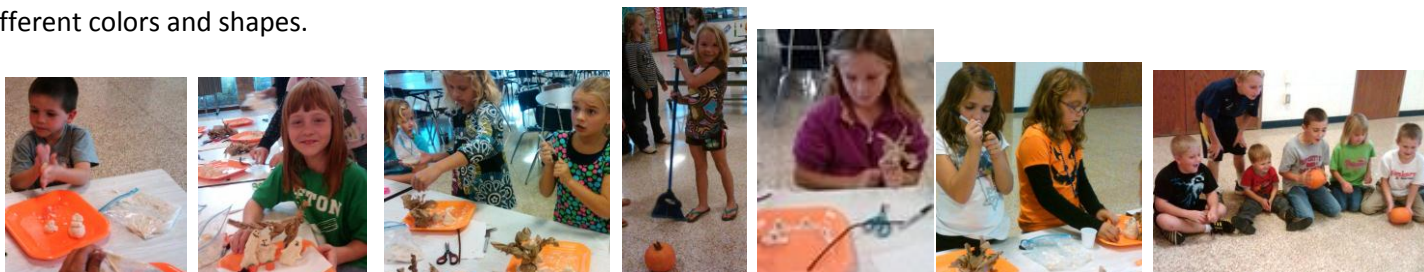


We have been having a great time at our Clover Kid's Meetings. Since we didn't have a November newsletter, we will have a really long newsletter that will include our activities from both October & November.

Clover Kids started their year off with great numbers. We had sixty-six kids in attendance at The Creston Clover Kids' meeting at the extension office, and sixty one at the East Union High School commons for the East Union Clover Kids' meeting. We were so happy to see such great attendance.

Salt dough ghosts, paper bag trees and pipe cleaner spiders were constructed for our projects of the month. We had some pretty spooky trees and ghosts. Some kids created spiders from pipe cleaners to go along with our word for the month, arachnid. Most of our kids knew that spiders are arachnids, but most of them learned something that they didn't know. They learned that ticks are also arachnids.

Our discussion centered on visual arts and the elements of design. We found color, shape, texture and lines in our projects. We also found several elements of design in our story for the month, Spookly the Square Pumpkin. Spookly was an odd shaped pumpkin. He was square not round like most other pumpkins. When the farmer sowed his seeds the next year, he sowed many of Spookly's seeds. The pumpkins from those seeds were many different colors and shapes.



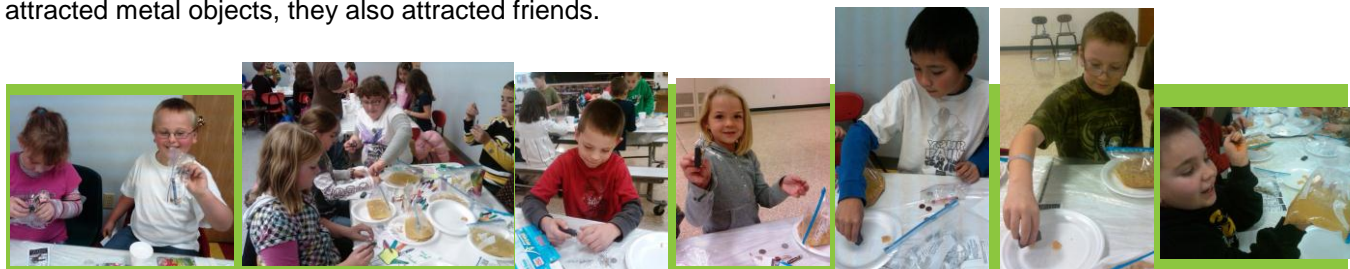
The kids also found things other than the elements of design in the book Spookly the Square Pumpkin. They found several character counts. Spookly was square and always wanted to be round like all of the other pumpkins; some pumpkins weren't very friendly towards Spookly because he was different, until one day when there was a storm. The rest of the pumpkins found out that sometimes it is better to be square than round. Spookly saved the day. They found that Spookly was caring and responsible. He was also a good citizen.

The East Union Clover kids were able to burn off some of their energy with a game of pumpkin rolling. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out. We are always looking for good volunteers.

Our November meeting was a lesson on food & nutrition and science. "Nails for Breakfast" that was our major activity. The kids extracted the food grade iron from Total cereal. The Total cereal company claims that a serving of total cereal contains 100% of our daily requirements of iron, and yes we could see the iron fillings in our cereal. We learned that we need iron because it is a very important part of our blood that helps moves oxygen throughout our body. Iron is an important mineral that keeps us from become fatigued (our word for the month).

We had a whole bag full of different items so that we could see what magnets would attract and what they would not attract.

Our story of the month was Marta's Magnets. The kids found several character counts. Marta's magnets not only attracted metal objects, they also attracted friends.



See You Next Month!



# Project Updates / Calendar / Friendly Reminders

## PROJECT UPDATES

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

Public 4-H Weekly News webpage

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news.htm) and public 4-H Exhibit Judges Information webpage

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/adults/judges/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/adults/judges/)

□ 4-H Public Forums

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/forums/4-h-public-forums>—read Q & A or post a question

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 07 – Union County Adventurers

Dec. 11 – New Hope Boosters

Dec. 14 – EU Clover Kids

Dec. 18 – County Youth Council

Dec. 20 – Afton Flying Eagles

Dec. 30 – Beef Weigh -in

## 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](mailto:x1purdum@iastate.edu)

Send us 4-H photos for the newsletter

County Youth Coordinator in the office most Tuesdays - Thursdays

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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