

CLEVER POWER

The Polk County 4-H Newsletter - November 2008

Pledging our heads, hearts, hands and health.

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Can 4-H make a Difference? Of course we can!



Once again our annual Polk County Service project was a great success. We had over 500 non perishable food items including lots of canned foods, juice, and pasta. We had a few random cans of beets and asparagus, government salmon, and sardines. It is all good though and will be delivered to DMARC to distribute to area food shelters. Especial thanks go out to all the clubs that contributed to make this event a success for the hungry in Polk County. We expect that the food will stay here at the Extension Office for the next two weeks or so, so if your club still would like to contribute, call ahead we'll add it to the stack!

Sincerely,

Phil Heckman
County Youth Coordinator

Recognition

On October 21st, the Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair Association held their Annual Fair Board Meeting and elections. The election results are: District 1 – Rob Vincent, District 2 – Pat Printy, District 3 – Glen Hollister, District 4 – Craig Veldhuizen, At Large – Tracey Casey, Kyle Smith, and Don Timmins. Executive officer election results were: Glen Hollister, President; Mike Cory, Vice President; Jolynn Fetters, Secretary; Brian Hood, Treasurer.

Local 4-H Family wins the Clover Corolla!

Congratulations to Craig Griffieon of Ankeny for being named the winner of this year's 4-H Foundation Vehicle Raffle. Craig has been an activity leader for the Ankeny 4-H club for 18 years, and his wife LaVon has been the organizational leader for that club for the past 16.



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New 4-H Fishing Club Forming

We are looking for a few good men and women that have an interest in Sport Fishing to help us get a new 4-H Fishing Project Club started in partnership with Bass Pro Shops and Polk County Conservation. Bass Pro Shops will be providing meeting space and the expertise of their fishing experts. There will be volunteer opportunities, and a venue for these 4-H'ers to **communicate what they've learned to the public, as well as opportunities to practice your fishing skills.** If you are interested in finding out more about this new project club, please contact Phil Heckman at (515) 957-5771 or pheckman@iastate.edu. If you are interested in volunteering to be an adult leader for this group please contact Diana Sosalla at 957-5772 or sosalla@iastate.edu



2010 Pioneer Grant

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Founda-

tion 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/PioneerGrants.html> Applications and support letters for 2010 grants are due in the county office on December 1, 2009.

Holiday Cards for Iowa 4-H Foundation

Every year, many 4-H club members make some of the most colorful and creative holiday cards for the Foundation to share with many of our strongest and most generous 4-H supporters. The Foundation is asking for your help again this year. 4-H'ers can craft their own special Christmas and Holiday



Greeting Cards to share the spirit of the season with our special supporters. Christmas, Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, and Kwanza cards are needed; the Foundation has the greatest need for Christmas cards. 4-H'ers can sign their name (on the back) with their club name, community or county.

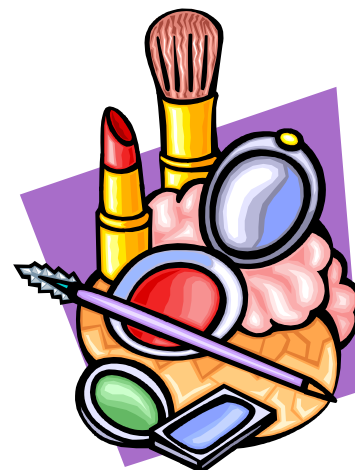
Card should all be ¼ of a normal 8 ½"x 11" page. They can be made of construction paper, cardstock, or other creative methods.

Cards must be turned in to the Polk County Extension Office by November 20 to be used this year.



Leader Meeting Make-Up

For those organizational and project leaders that could not make it to the September 10 meeting, but would still like the option to receive their Vibrancy Module #1 credit you have many options. The online training will soon be available and when available will be found at the Polk County 4-H leader Site. (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/leaders.htm>) Simple directions for completing the trainings will be available there as well. Other options for receiving credit include watching a DVD version or the state 4-H office's **online registration and web training version.** The State Leaders retreat will be in February, and both training modules are generally offered during this event, as well as a number of other workshops and hands on activities. More information about the 2010 Leaders' Retreat will be coming soon. All of these methods of training serve the same function, but leaders may choose which style is easiest for them to gain the credit needed to retain their leader status. Deadline to complete two credits of training is July 15, 2010. Every organizational and project leader need to complete two training credits each year. Leadership Module #2 will be presented on February 15, 2009. An afternoon session from 1-3 and an evening session from 6-8 will be offered.



Officer Training

The officer training workshop will be held Wednesday, November 11 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Polk County Extension Office.

The workshop will include parliamentary procedure, working together as a group, and practicing the skills of their office. County Council will lead the workshop.

We will also be providing free pizza for all that attend!!

Since we are providing pizza, you must register by calling Phil at 957-5771.



Beef Weigh-in

All market beef and junior feeders will be weighed in December 12, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The weigh-in will take place in the Cattle Barn of the State Fairgrounds. Each ear tag is \$2.00 to be paid at the weigh-in.

Be sure that you have proof of Country of Origin either by keeping accurate farm records of animals produced on your farm, or by getting an affidavit of origin from the producer from which the animal was bought. Polk County produced beef will also be identified at the weigh-in using the ear tag number and producer as part of the identification. To show in the Polk County Produced class at the Polk County Fair, the beef must be born in Polk County.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2010



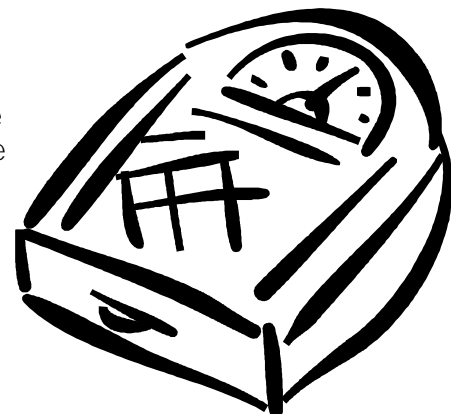
The theme for the 2010 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference has been decided: Set the Stage. Please mark your calendars now for this event, June 29-July 1, 2010. More details about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will come after the next state 4-H council retreat, scheduled for Jan. 9-10, 2010.

Youth Committee is Recruiting!

Youth Committee is recruiting some new faces for this coming year. We want you to be involved! Last year saw dramatic growth in this group and it is instrumental in planning and organizing the Family Fun Celebration each year, setting county program policies, establishing themes and recruitment ideas. It is important that youth and adult volunteers from across the county serve on the committee and we currently need members from all quadrants this year. Parents that actively **serve on the committee will have their child(ren)'s enrollment fee paid by the county for the following year.** If you are interested in serving on the club committee this year or would like more information, please call Phil at 957-5771 or you can simply come to the first meeting of the new 4-H year on October 6th from 7-8:30.

The Polk County weigh-in is also a State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben verification site. If you are planning on showing market beef at the State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, you will also need to weigh-in on December 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The cost is \$5.00 per head, per event. This will be in addition to the \$2.00 ear tag fee. The verification process for Iowa State Fair has changed this year and will be done by retinal scanning. Ak-Sar-Ben verification will continue to rely on ear tagging, and hair collection for DNA analysis. **4-H'ers will need to complete and sign the verification form, which is similar to the current livestock ID sheet.** Parents and member will be required to sign the verification form. If the parent or 4-H member is unable to attend the verification process, a Parental Waiver or Member Waiver will need to be signed and brought to the weigh-in. Those waiver forms are available at the Extension Office. Animals will NOT be eligible to show at the State Fair unless all the forms are signed. Your signature tells us that you have looked over the information and it is correct and that you have reviewed the rules on the back of the sheet as well. It is your responsibility to read and check the information before you sign it.

Any steers intending to show as a breed steer must bring their sire information to complete the verification form and have the registration tattoo in the animal's ear at verification time. 4-H'ers are limited to a maximum of six head to verify.



Weigh-In Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following weigh-in dates.

Market Beef – Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 – noon at the State Fairgrounds – Cattle Barn

Swine – Saturday, April 3 from 8:00 –noon at Don Timmins' farm in Altoona.

Sheep – Saturday, May 1 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the State Fairgrounds – Sheep Barn

Livestock ID's

All livestock ID's for breeding beef, horses, dairy, dairy goats, dogs, llamas, breeding sheep, and swine are due to the Polk Co. Extension Office no later than May 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM. This is one day earlier by virtue of the fact that the 15th falls on a Saturday this year. The ID's for market beef, market sheep and swine are brought to the office as soon as the weigh-ins are completed. Each 4-H member is responsible for turning in their ID's. Forms are available at the Extension Office or from your club leader.

2010 Polk County Fair Dates

The 2010 Polk County Fair is scheduled for July 21-26 at the Iowa State Fair Grounds. Conference Judging Day will be held on Wednesday, July 21.



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Polk Co. 4-H Club Page
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Dates To Remember

November

- 3 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11 Officer Training 6:30 pm
- 12 New Families Orientation (This is a repeat of the October Orientation) 6:30 pm
- 14 Re-Enrollment Deadline
- 15 County Awards Ceremony 2:00 pm Polk County Extension
- 18 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 20 Holiday Cards Due to Extension Office
- 26-27 Office Closed
- 26-29 Senior Trip to Chicago

December

- 1 Pioneer Grants Applications due to Extension Office
- 1 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 1 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00
- 2 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 Beef Weigh-In - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Iowa State Fairgrounds Cattle Barn
- 16 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24-25 Office Closed

January

- 1 Office Closed
- 5 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 18 Office Closed
- 20 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

February

- 1 Area Award Applications Due
- 1 Scholarship Applications Due
- 2 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15 Leader Training 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- 17 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

March

- 2 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6??? Area Award Interviews
- 10 FSQA 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 11 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 16 FSQA 1:00-3:00 pm
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April

- 3 Swine Weigh-In
- 6 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00
- 7 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 21 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 26 Leader Meeting 1:00 - 3:00 pm
or 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 30 Deadline for Financial Aid from the 4-H Foundation

May

- 1 Sheep Weigh-In
- 4 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 15 **Livestock ID's Due**
- 15 Last Day to Enroll in 4-H
- 15 Polk County Fair King and Queen Applications Due
- 19 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

June

- 1 Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 1 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 King/Queen Candidate Interviews
- 10 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 16 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- TBA Intermediate Trip
- TBA Photography Camp
- 29 State 4-H Conference (Through July 1)

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Polk County 4-**H ... We Make the Best Better!**

Elements and Principles of Design

Ever wonder how to use shape in your design? What's Rhythm got to do with a photograph? Learn the answers to these questions and more during a "hands on," activity filled, 4-H workshop.

Join other Polk County 4-Hers —

Where: Polk County Extension Office
1625 Adventureland Dr., Altoona

When: Saturday, Dec. 12th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Who: All 4-Hers (4th—12th grades)



Make your reservation NOW! (Deadline: Monday, Dec. 7)

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Starting November 9!

4-H Horticulture Project Club

Polk County 4-H is excited to announce the start of two levels of the Junior Master Gardener 4-H Club!

- Level 1 = 5th graders
- Level 2 = 6-8th graders

Club meetings will include:

- independent and group learning experiences
- life/skill and career exploration
- service learning opportunities for youth (Students use what they have learned to be of service to others.)

Take advantage now of this opportunity for in-depth horticulture learning patterned after the adult Master Gardener program.

An annual club membership fee to help cover the cost of the member materials and supplies. (This fee is in addition to the annual \$30 state 4-H member enrollment fee).

Club enrollment is limited, so call now!



For additional information and to sign up for this great opportunity, call Diana Sosalla (515-957-5772) or email sosalla@iastate.edu.

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