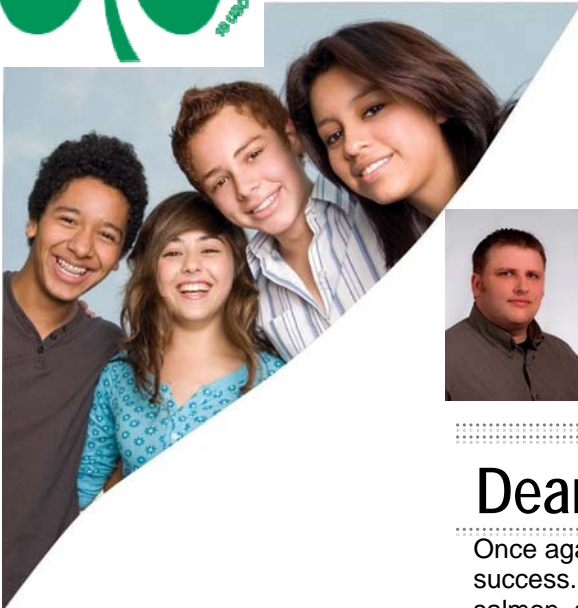




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Dear 4-H Families,

Once again our annual Polk County Service project is turning out to be a great success. We have a few random cans of beets and asparagus, government salmon, and sardines, but it is all good though and will be delivered to DMARC to distribute to area food shelters. 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 still like to contribute feel free to drop it off before the 18th of November.

Sincerely,

Phil Heckman



Parents...

Have you thought about becoming a Polk County 4-H Volunteer?

Have you talked with your club's leader to see what you can do to help with the 4-H club's events, meetings and activities?

Do you attend club meetings and events with your 4-Her? Your presence and support is important for the success of your 4-Her and the club!

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LOCAL 4-H

Recognition

The County awards program will be November 13th at 2:00. The following 4-H Club leaders will be honored for their 1st, 5th, 10th, and 30th years of service respectively.

First year leaders are MaryAnn Bane-Burrows, Ulrike Grimaldi, Rodney Hawkins, Kris Hoferman, Matthew Hoffman, LeAnn McCartan, Mary Kate Murphy, Jon Paulsen, Ann Vandelune, Michele Vermillion, Janelle Ward-Schafer, and Tina Woods.

5th year leaders are Cindy Arbogast, Kim Hood, Leesa Parkhill-Nieland, Micholyn Fajen, Monica May, Teresa Taylor, and Venessa Macro.

Tenth year Leaders are Judy Nelson and Dana Pinkley.

Thirtieth year leaders this year are Norm Veldhuizen and Cheryl Timmins.

If these are volunteers in your club please be sure to attend the awards ceremony to support them!

STATE 4-H NEWS

2012 Pioneer Grant Information and Applications

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. With holiday activities and Christmas vacations, the Dec.9 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.



STATE 4-H NEWS

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.



MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



County Awards Ceremony

Sunday, November 13th, 2011

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Polk County Extension Office

Join Polk County 4-H Families at this year's Annual Awards Ceremony! The awards ceremony is hosted by the 4-H Advisory Board

Project, leadership, citizenship, and life skill award recipients will be announced. The County Council and Intermediate Council will be inducted, and the banner clubs will be recognized. All Polk

County 4-Hers are welcome and are encouraged to attend!

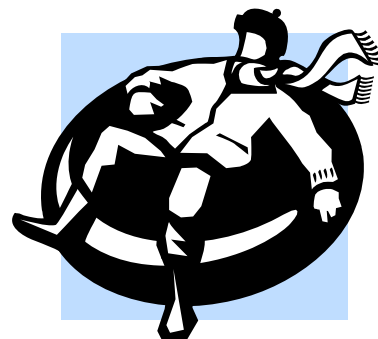
The County Wide Can Drive will still be going on at this time, so please feel free to drop off your donations that day.



Winter Hullabaloo at the 4-H Camp

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.

For more information and registration form please go to: www.iowa4hcamp.com.



Officer Training



The Officer Training workshop will be held Thursday, November 10 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Polk County Extension Office

The workshop will include an overview of 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!! In order to know how

much pizza we'll need please pre-register by calling Phil at 957-5771



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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. Do you have questions about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference? Contact Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu or 515-294-1567.



Enrolling On-Line

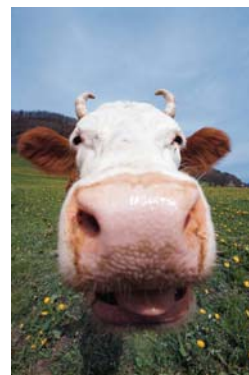
This year we will be using the on-line enrollment options for our 4-H database. This means that instead of a fistful of forms to fill out, you will be able to log into your families records and re-enroll your members for the new year. You will also be able to digitally sign your medical release and your transportation releases as well. Once you have completed the online process you will need to coordinate payment of the \$30 annual fee with your club leader and you'll be signed up and ready to go for the new year. Financial aid is available to help defray the costs of the membership fee, for more information visit the Iowa 4-H Foundation website at www.iowa4hfoundation.org.

For questions or to request assistance about the online system, please contact Phil at 957-5771 or pheckman@iastate.edu, or Amy at 957-5763 or amarek@iastate.edu.



2011 Beef Scholarship Extravaganza

The 2011 Beef Scholarship Extravaganza will be held on Friday, December 16, 2011 at Kildee Hall on the campus of Iowa State University. This challenging and competitive one-day event is open to teams of two or three high school juniors and/or seniors. Team members do not need to be from the same high school or county in order to compete. The total potential scholarship dollars available at this event is over \$7,500. For more information, go to, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/beef.htm>.



4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Project Updates

ANIMALS

Beef Weigh-in

All market beef and junior feeders will be weighed in December 17, 2010 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.**

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 18 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 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 members will be required to sign the 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. Additionally, State Fair Market Identifiers will need to log into 4-H online to verify the data after the weigh-in.

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.

LIVESTOCK ID'S

All livestock ID's for breeding beef, horses, dairy, dairy goats, dogs, llamas, breeding sheep, and swine are due **May 15, 2012**. The ID's for market beef, market sheep and swine are brought to the office as soon as the weigh-ins are completed. Date from those weigh-in will be entered into 4-H online for you by the Extension office. You will be responsible for logging in and verifying that the data entered is correct. Non-Weigh In Species can be identified anytime between now and May 15th using the 4-H on-line system. **There will not be paper copies of those forms to turn it for this year.** Each 4-H member is responsible for enter-

ing their own ID's. Directions and help sheets on how to enter this information on-line are at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/enrollment/help.htm>.



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Where: Polk County Extension Office

1625 Adventureland Dr., Altoona

When: Saturday, January 7th, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Who: All 4-Hers (4th—12th grades)

Make your reservation NOW!



Deadline for registration: Wednesday, January 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 1 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 1 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 2 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 Officer Training 6:30 pm
- 13 County Awards Ceremony 2:00 pm – Polk County Extension Office
- 16 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24-25 Office Closed

December

- 6 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 6 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 7 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 21 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 17 **Beef Weigh-In - 8:00 am – 11:00 am Iowa State Fairgrounds Cattle Barn**
- 23-26 Office Closed

January

- 2 Office Closed
- 3 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 3 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 4 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 17 Office Closed
- 18 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

February

- 1 **State Award Applications Due**
- 1 **Scholarship Applications Due**
- 1 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 7 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm

February (continued)

- 15 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 Spring Leader Training Meeting 1-3 pm or 6:30-8:30 pm

March

- 1 **Deadline for Financial aid for Camp from the 4-H Foundation**
- 6 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 6 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 7 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 12 FSQA 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- 15 FSQA 6:00 – 8:00 pm

April

- 3 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 4 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 4 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7 **Swine Weigh-In 8:00-11:00**
- 18 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 26 Leader Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 pm or 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- 29 **Deadline for Financial Aid for Conference from the 4-H Foundation**

May

- 1 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 1 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 2 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 **Sheep Weigh-In and Meat Goat Weigh-In**
- 10 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 15 **Livestock ID's Due**
- 15 **Last Day to Enroll in 4-H**



May (continued)

- 15 **Polk County Fair King and Queen Applications Due**
- 16 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 28 Office Closed

June

- 2 King/Queen Candidate Interviews
- 5 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 5 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 6 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 20 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- TBA Intermediate Trip
- TBA Photography Camp
- 26-28 State 4-H Conference

July

- 2 Polk County & Iowa State Fair Entry Packets Due to Extension Office
- 3 Intermediate Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 3 4-H Program Advisory Board 7-8:30 pm
- 4 Office Closed
- 5 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm

- 11 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 14 Clothing Event
- 18-23 Polk County Fair

- 5 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm

- 11 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

- 14 Clothing Event
- 18-23 Polk County Fair

August

- 11-21 Iowa State Fair

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