

# CLEVER PLOWER

## The Polk County 4-H Newsletter - August 2008

*Pledging our heads, hearts, hands and health.*

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### Great Job Everyone!

Erin and I were both impressed by our first Polk County Fair. The Polk county fair is full of impressive and unique exhibits, hard working volunteers, dedicated parents, and enthusiastic youth. There were many difficulties presented by the construction and extra traffic, and we were impressed with the resiliency and uncomplaining nature of the entire 4-H community. This year's fair was a job well done by all!

As the 4-H year winds down, please don't forget to support our 4-H'ers who are exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair. Take a deep breath, take a few weeks to relax, and then join Erin and I in looking forward to the new 4-H year. We are very excited about all of the new things that we have planned for this next year, and we hope that you will be as well.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,



Phil Heckman  
County Youth Coordinator



Erin Pierce  
County Youth Coordinator

### Polk County Fair King and Queen

The 2008 Polk County Fair King and Queen are Matthew Smith of New Beginnings 4-H Club and Emily Mauch of Levis-N-Lace 4-H Club. Emily is the daughter of Dan and Linda Mauch of Bondurant. Matthew is the son of Roger and Kyle Smith of Runnells. Matthew will be a junior at South East Polk this fall. Emily will be attending Northwest Missouri State University. Congratulations to both Emily and Matthew!

### Polk County Fair Court

The Polk County Fair Queen's Court included: Shaylena Barcus of Madrid, Brooke Curry of Runnells, Amissa Arbogast of Ankeny, and Kelsey Nesheim of Delaware Township. The Polk County Fair King's Court included: Jason Scholbrock of Des Moines, Phillip Griffieon of Ankeny, and Dustin Howard of Elkhart. Congratulations to all of the princes and princesses!!

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## Recognition

We would like to thank the Polk County Fair Board members, superintendents, assistants, parents and 4-H members who helped before, during and after the Polk County Fair. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the fair a big success! Thank you to all of the building hosts and barn night watches for doing your part keeping our fair safe, clean, and fun for everyone!

The 2008 BBQ was a great event thanks to Arlette Hollister for her coordination and leadership. Thanks to Polk County Farm Bureau for sponsoring the meal. The BBQ committee worked hard and did a great job. Committee members are: Arlette Hollister, Melissa Hollister, Laura Hollister, Nick Vols, Carol Stock, Emilie Zehr, Doug Zehr, Jay Zehr, and Becky Stock for all their help with the BBQ as well as Johnston Forevergreens, Alleman Aces, Tip Top, Dream Horse USA, Friends Forever, Hot Shots, Innovators, Beaver Creek, and Urban Farmers who helped set up, serve, and clean up after the BBQ.

Also, thank you for donating to the BBQ. Donations are given to the 4-H Club Committee to provide scholarships and awards for the 4-H County Recognition Program. Over \$2,000 was donated that will go directly to 4-H youth.

## Iowa State Fair Reminders

Please remember to pick up your Iowa State Fair exhibits at the Polk County Extension Office after noon on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Remember that our office will be moving the following week, so exhibits need to be picked up by Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>. **State Fair exhibits will not be moved with us to the new location.**

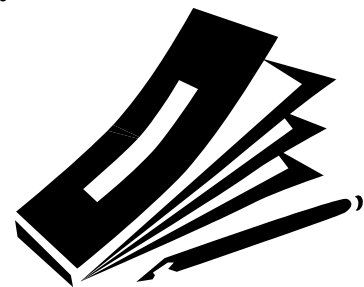
## County and Intermediate Council Applications due August 15<sup>th</sup>!

Any 4-H members who will be in the 7-8 grades are eligible to apply for the new Intermediate Council. 4-H'ers in 9-12 grades are eligible to apply for County Council. Applications for both councils are available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/members.htm>. Copies are also available at the Polk County Extension Office. The deadline for applications will be earlier this year than it has been in the past. Applications for both councils are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Also new this year, we will be requiring all applicants to participate in a short interview. We will be holding Council interviews the evening of Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 and Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-12.

Please contact either Erin or Phil to schedule a time for a short interview. These county wide councils will be a great way to meet kids and make new friends from across Polk County.

## Record Keeping and Award Applications Workshop

Record keeping is an important part of 4-H. We have already had a few questions about finishing up record books for the 2007-2008 4-H Year. We are going to hold a record keeping and Award Application workshop for kids and parents that would like some help and instruction. August 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 and from 6-9 we will be answering questions and assisting 4-H'ers in how to fill out their record books and how to fill out their county award applications. There are record keeping forms available at the extension office or online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/records.htm>. Award applications can be found on the website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/awards.htm>. Having complete records will be very helpful in filling out applications for county and state awards.



## Polk County Award Interviews

Applications for the 4-H Life Skills Award for senior 4-H members who are graduated in 2008, are due to the extension office no later than **5:00 p.m. September 2, 2008**. All other applications are due to the Polk Co. Extension Office no later than **5:00 p.m. October 1, 2008**.

Applicants for awards will participate in an interview appropriate for their grade level. You must be available at the scheduled interview times:

Life Skills interview – by appointment

Intermediate and Senior interviews - Monday, October 13 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Junior interviews - Monday, October 20 starting at 5:00 p.m.

All 4-H members may apply for up to four project awards. Applications are available at the extension office or online.



# Polk County 4-H 2008-2009



## September

- 9 Club Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 County & Intermediate Council Interviews 5:00-9:00
- 11 Leader Training 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
or 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- 13 County & Intermediate Council Interviews 9:00-12:00
- 15 4-H Enrollment Begins
- 17 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 22 Clover Kids Leader Training 6:00 pm
- 24-29 Ak-Sar-Ben

## October

- 1 County Award Applications Due
- 1 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 11 Make a Difference Day at 4-H Camp
- 13 Inter./Sr. Award Interviews
- 19 Annual Fair Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15-20 American Royal, Kansas City
- 20 Junior Award Interviews

## November

- 5 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- TBA Family Fun Celebration
- 13 Officer Training 6:30 pm
- 13 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 14 Re-Enrollment Deadline
- 19 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27-28 Office Closed
- 27-30 Senior Trip to Chicago

## December

- 2 Club Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11 New Families Holiday Party 6:30 pm
- 13 Beef Weigh-In
- 17 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24-25 Office Closed

## January

- 7 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 21 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

## February

- 1 Area Award Applications Due
- 1 Scholarship Applications Due
- 4 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- TBA State Leader's Retreat-Newton
- 12 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 16 Leader Training 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
or 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- 18 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

## March

- 3 Club Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7 Area Award Interviews
- 11 FSQA 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- 12 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 17 FSQA 1:00-3:00 pm
- 19 FSQA 1:00-3:00 pm



# Polk County 4-H 2008-2009



## April

- 1 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4 Swine Weigh-In
- 9 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 15 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27 Leader Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
or 6:00 – 8:00 pm

## May

- 2 Sheep Weigh-In
- 6 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 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
- 20 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm

## June

- 2 Club Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6 King/Queen Candidate Interviews
- 11 New Families Workshop 6:30 pm
- 13 Communication Fun Day
- 17 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- TBA Intermediate Trip
- TBA Photography Camp
- 30-July 2 State 4-H Conference

## July

- 1 Polk County & Iowa State Fair Entry Packets Due to Extension Office
- 1 County & Intermediate Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- TBA Clothing Event
- 15-20 Polk County Fair

## August

- 13 New Families Celebration 6:30 pm
- 13-23 Iowa State Fair

**Please read Clover Power for additional deadlines and updates!**

## Enrollment Incentive

We need to know who's coming back! The re-enrollment forms started going out to club leaders last week, and we are going to try and get all of our re-enrollments back in record time. In order to accomplish our goal we have decided to implement a new re-enrollment deadline for this year, and to reward those clubs and 4-H'ers who get this important task done. This year all leaders and youth who turn in a new enrollment or a re-enrollment by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> will receive this Polk County 4-H T-Shirt. It will *only* be given to those who have completed and turned in their enrollment form, their medical release, and have paid their \$30 program fee or submitted a scholarship form by the deadline. *New members will eligible for this incentive if they meet the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.*

The Polk County Fair Board voted at their August meeting to approve this T-Shirt design as an approved exhibitor T-Shirt for the Polk County Fair, so get your enrollments in early and proudly display the fact that you are a responsible member of 4-H in Polk County.



## 4-H Calendar For 2008-2009

We know that it is sometimes hard to remember all the dates and times in the 4-H year, so we are hoping to make things easier for our 4-Her's this year. Work has already been done on setting the 4-H calendar for this next year, and we would like for you to know what to expect as soon as is possible. The dates to remember section of the Clover Power will include the most current due dates and deadlines for 2008-2009. That section in this month's issue has been replaced with your own personal copy of the 2008-2009 4-H Calendar. Please read this calendar closely as there are some changes from previous years.

Because we are giving you these dates so far in advance please recognize that going forward, all 4-H deadlines will be strictly enforced. We will do our best to give you the most accurate information on dates and deadlines as soon as possible, and we will continue to update club leaders and members on a regular basis. However, with over 600 4-H'ers this past year, we cannot be responsible for individually tracking the status of all 4-H members, their certifications, exhibits, and animal ID's.

## Polk County Fair Press Release

The Polk County Fair Press release has been compiled and sent out to media outlets across the county. A special thanks goes out to the department superintendents for submitting their media reports so quickly and to Maggie Scholbrock for compiling the lists into its final 16 page entirety before press deadlines. We did our best to check for errors, and hopefully we were successful in catching them all. You will find a copy of the release at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/polk/info/4h/fair.htm>. Feel free to forward it on to any additional media outlets that you think may be interested.

### Phone Numbers, E-Mail and Website Addresses

These are our new Phone Numbers and Address.

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## Office Move: Current Details!

Our most current information is that the last day that we will be open at our current location will be Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our office will be moving August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and we plan to re-open on the 27<sup>th</sup> in our new location. The contact information listed at the end of the newsletter have been updated to reflect our new phone numbers and address. E-mail will remain the same, and will be the most reliable means of contacting us during the transition.

