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**Decatur County's  
Focus on 4-H**

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**STRIVING TO DEVELOP CAPABLE PEOPLE  
August 2009**

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We made it through fair! Now you can start working on next years projects. I hope that everyone had a safe and fun fair. Rest is what is needed since State Fair is just around the corner.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 4-H'ers who participated in the fair. Everyone did a great job! Keep up the good work.

Yours in 4-H,

Jack Van Laar  
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- ☉ Your 4-H Newsletter is a method of communicating information to you ... between them, if you have access to the Internet, check out our web page for current updates: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/decatur/>
- ☉ If you have a meeting event you'd like posted, contact Kala or Boni Rhum by email [kleeper@iastate.edu](mailto:kleeper@iastate.edu) or [rhumboni@iastate.edu](mailto:rhumboni@iastate.edu) or call 641-446-4723.

At a Glance:

**August:**

August TBA, AK-SAR-BEN entries due in County Extension Offices

August 1, American Royal DNA Nomination due

August 11, Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibit Entry Day—Check-In

**September**

September 24-27, AK-SAR-BEN Livestock Exposition and Rodeo, Omaha, Nebraska, for information call 402-554-9600

## **Write THANK YOU'S**

The Livestock sold well at the Decatur County Fair Livestock sale again this year. The good prices are the result of the generosity and support of many people in the Decatur Community. If you sold livestock at the 2009 Decatur County Fair sale, please take the time to send them a thank you note. You will receive your check soon. Of you don't know who bought you project, there will be a paper attached to your check to see who purchased your animal.

Also, for all of those who received trophies or plaques at the fair we encourage you to thank that sponsor, too! A hand written note is appropriate and the sooner written the better. Congratulations on a successful 2009 Decatur County Fair.

## **Iowa 4-H Day at the Iowa Speedway**

Ever dreamed about going to a race at the Iowa Speedway? Well now you can. For a mere \$15, we've made it affordable for all 4-H families, volunteers, friends, supporters and staff to attend. We had such great response from the Iowa State Women's Basketball game (more than 900 people), we thought we would offer another 4-H Day for youth to connect with 4-H'ers from across the state. On September 19, 2009 you and your family, friends, club and county are invited to attend the USARPro Cup Series. ASA Late Model Series is celebrating its Seventh Anniversary season in 2009 and prides itself on grooming prospective future racing stars as they make their way up the proverbial racing ladder.

To purchase tickets, download the form at

<http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/DOC/Events/4HDay2009OrderForm.doc>

**NOTE:** This offer is open to anyone and everyone.

In addition to admission to the race, every ticket comes with \$5 in Rusty Bucks for use at the concession stands as well as admission to the Billy Currington Concert.

## **Volunteer for Stitch This!**

Named one of the top 11 events at this year's Iowa State Fair, Stitch This! is sure to gain a lot of attention for the 4-H Building this year. We need your help with this event. Since all 13 teams will be working throughout the 4-H Exhibit Building, we need volunteers to help monitor these work spaces.

We're willing to schedule shifts from 2-10 hours. If you work 5 or more hours, we'll provide a free admission ticket to the fair. So are *you* available to help on August 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>? If so, email Shelly Greving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu). Even if you aren't able to volunteer, you won't want to miss this exciting new event!

## Grant Opportunities for 4-H Programs

Is there a club in your county interested in working on an environmental project or robotics? Check out these two grant opportunities:

### 1) Grants Available for Local Environmental Team/Volunteer Activities

- Announcing 2009 Wells Fargo Environmental Affairs Green Team Iowa Grant Program
- Contributions ranging from \$500-\$2500, to non-profits focused on the following three categories: Renewable Energy, Green Buildings and Sustainable Agriculture.
- These categories are not exclusive, but activities in those areas are encouraged.
- Program aims to fund activities that promote team member engagement and local environmental volunteer efforts.

For an application, please email [GreenTeamIowa@wellsfargo.com](mailto:GreenTeamIowa@wellsfargo.com).

Deadline for completed applications is noon August 24. For more information, contact Brad Gerndt, Founder & President, Wells Fargo Environmental Affairs Green Team Iowa, [GreenTeamIowa@wellsfargo.com](mailto:GreenTeamIowa@wellsfargo.com), 515-324-2878, cell: 515-291-4376.

### 2) JCPenney Afterschool Fund FIRST Robotics Team Mini-Grants.

- 38 mini-grants totaling \$92,500 are available.
- All members of either new or existing teams must be enrolled 4-H members.
- Team must be located in a JCPenney Geographic District
- Team must recognize the JCPenney Afterschool Fund on promotional material
- Team must compete in at least one sanctioned robotics competition. (for information about FIRST competitions in Iowa contact the E-SET office [4heset@iastate.edu](mailto:4heset@iastate.edu))

Application Deadline: August 7, 2009

Award Amount Range: \$500 - \$10,000

Project Start Date: 08/31/2009

Project End Date: 05/28/2010

<b>Teams</b>	<b>FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC)</b> (14-18 years of age; teams consist of up to 40 youth )	<b>FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC)</b> (14-18 years of age; teams consist of up to 10 youth)	<b>FIRST LEGO League (FLL)</b> (9-14 years of age; teams consist of up to 10 youth)
New Teams	4 grants of \$10,000 each	10 grants of \$2,000 each	5 grants of \$1,000 each
Existing Teams	4 grants of \$2,500 each	10 grants of \$1,500 each	5 grants of \$500 each
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 grants: \$50,000</b>	<b>20 grants: \$35,000</b>	<b>10 grants: \$7,500</b>

To review the RFP and apply for funding, please visit the online portal at <http://grants.4-h.org/>. (Note: you will have to register on the website before you can see grant details).

For further information about FRC, FTC, and FLL in Iowa contact the E-SET office [4heset@iastate.edu](mailto:4heset@iastate.edu)

## **STATE FAIR 4-H PARTICIPANTS FOR 2009**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Tanner Burton  
Kaite Ridgway  
Jade Lecy  
Annalise Minnick  
Dalton Rhum  
Jacob Scott  
Lucas Black(2)  
Truly Mothershed

### **FOOD AND NUTRITION:**

Truly Mothershed(2)  
Michaela O'Grady  
Andrea Moser  
Taylor Waddell  
Annalise Minnick

### **SCI, MECH & ENG:**

Kirk Hatfield  
Marcus Foltz

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT:**

Annalise Minnick

### **VISUAL ART:**

Preston Pedersen  
Truly Mothershed

## **LIVESTOCK:**

### **BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS: Shows Tuesday Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> @7:30am**

Jordan Hullinger(2)  
Jascy Hullinger

### **MARKET BEEF: Shows Wednesday Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> @7:30am**

Jordan Hullinger  
Mindy Shields(2)

### **MARKET SHEEP: Shows Monday Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am**

Andrea Moser (8)  
Morgan Thorpe (7)  
Catelin Persall(4)

### **RABBIT: Shows Thursday Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am**

Dalton Rhum(8)

### **CLOTHING:**

Michaela O'Grady  
Dain Saxton

### **Historical:**

Hanna Mendenhall

### **HOME IMPROVEMENT:**

Annalise Minnick  
Lydia Martin

### **AG & NAT. RESOURCES:**

Jacob Scott

### **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Tucker Waugh