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

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**STRIVING TO DEVELOP CAPABLE PEOPLE
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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We made it through State fair! Now it is time to start working on your Record Books and getting your Enrollments turned in!!

Yours in 4-H,

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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 or rhumboni@iastate.edu or call 641-446-4723.

September:

Labor day office Closed

Record Book Workshop:

I will be more than willing to help anybody wanting to get started on their record book or anyone needing help to finish them up. This year we will be meeting at the Extension office so you have access to a computer and a printer. Do one project at a time, type it and push print. It is done!!! September 16th will be the first meeting @ 6:30pm. If this date will not work for you or you would like to come in after school PLEASE just call the office I will work something out to help you.

Record Books DUE!

Record books are due in the office by October 9th! We encourage all 4-H'ers to turn on in. If you need help PLEASE call the office and I will be more than willing to help you out! Once you learn they are simple to keep up with!

Enrollments:

Club leaders will be getting their re-enrollment packets at the next leaders meeting. As I'm typing this they are being printed. Enrollment fees are going up this year. They are \$30.00 but a big Thanks to our Extension council who pays for half. So member part will be \$15.00. Don't forget to thank your extension council!! Enrollments are due by January 1, but we are also thinking of some incentives to get your enrollments back to us sooner.

National 4-H Week October 4-10

This is your week to SHINE!!! Be thinking of creative ways to let people know about the GREAT 4-H program we have in Decatur County! National 4-H week is a good time to promote 4-H. Plan now for promotional activities in your communities, schools, townships and neighborhoods. Make a window display at a local business, wear 4-H T-shirts to school, make a poster to hang in school or local businesses, or write a letter to the editor about a 4-H club kickoff meeting with every member and a friend attending. Let us know about your club's plans and if we can assistance to you in carrying them out, please feel free to call or come by our office. During your back to school plans, don't forget to talk to your friends about 4-H. invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting or show them your 4-H projects. Friends make 4-H even more fun!!!

4-H Banquet!

The Banquet will be November 14th @ 6:30pm in the High School Commons. The Dinnerware, Meat, Salad and Drinks will be furnished. County Council asks that everyone please bring one side dish per 4-H'er. Remember this is a great way to thank the people that helped you the most this year. Invite your grandparents too. Please come and have a great time. Remember this is just not for the 4-H'ers that turned in record books. This is for all 4-H'ers! We do ask that you call the extension office so we have a rough count of people to fix for. Hope to see you all this year!

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

Included in your newsletter you will find a award application for Outstanding JR, SR, and INT. 4-H'ers. One 4-H'er will be selected for this award per division. This award is open to any 4-H'er. This award does not require the 4-H'er to turn in a record book or even exhibit at the county or state fair. You may nominate more than one person if you would like. Who can nominate 4-H'ers for the award? 4-H'ers can nominate 4-H'ers, Club Leaders, Parents, grandparents, businesses, etc. Award applications are due in the office by October 28th, 2009.