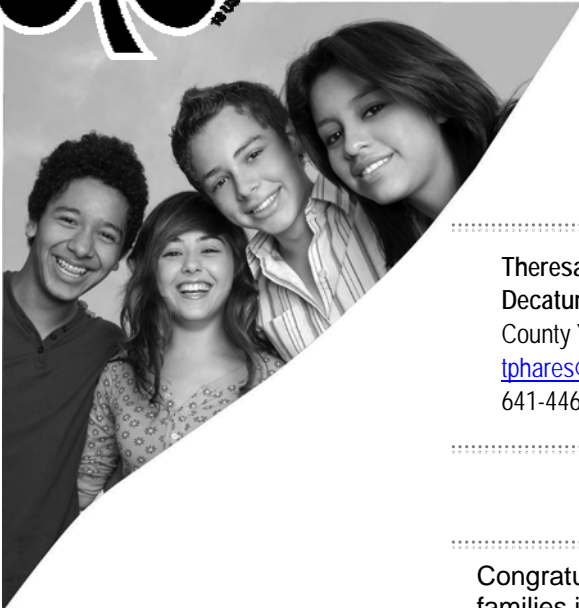




FOCUS ON 4-H OCTOBER 2010



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Congratulations 4-H'ers....the extension office has received numerous calls from families interested in learning more about 4-H. Further, National 4-H Week is right around the corner. What is your club doing for National 4-H week? Are you decorating a window, hanging posters, bringing a friend to your next club meeting? The ideas are endless. Don't be afraid to take the lead and please share your story with us. We would love to hear from you.

Yours in 4-H,

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Record Books and 4-H Awards

As you all know, record keeping is an important part of 4-H. If your record book is not current, now is the time to work on it. If you are new to the 4-H recordkeeping process or you need assistance, there are a number of ways to get help. They include: 1) calling us here at the extension office at 641-446-4723 and we'll be happy to set up an appointment to work with you, 2) calling your club leader for assistance, 3) visit with an experienced intermediate or senior club member or 4) review the 4-H record keeping materials online at:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/record_keeping.htm

A copy of the 4-H Award Application was included with last month's newsletter. Simply check off those awards on the form for which you would like to apply and for which your record book will support. You are limited to 4 total project awards. Record books along with award applications are due to your club leaders asap. Club leaders will review them, indicate if they agree with the application areas checked, and write any additional comments on the back and turn them into the office no later than October 15th.

4-H Awards Night

4-H Awards Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Central Decatur High School Commons. It will be a potluck supper with the extension office providing the main course. Please bring a dish to share. We are looking very forward to this evening.

Monsanto Fund Project

The extension office would like to spread the word that Monsanto is once again running their America's Farmers Grow Communities Project. It gives eligible farmers the opportunity to win \$2500 for their community. If they are selected as a random winner, Monsanto Fund will make a \$2500 grant to their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as 4-H, FFA, schools, fire departments and other civic groups. It is very simple to enter and works very

similar to a lottery. Farmer's simply register at www.growcommunities.com. or they can call 1-877-267-3332. Further, by registering the Monsanto Fund will donate \$1 to your local United Way to help food banks, food pantries, Meals on Wheels, and other charitable organizations dealing with hunger in the county. There is a winner(s) for all eligible counties. You may recall last year's winner was Heidi Bell. Who will win this year for Decatur County?

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



National 4-H Week October 3-9, 2010

October 3-9, 2010 is national 4-H week. As October starts a new 4-H year, let's start thinking about ways to promote 4-H in your school and community. Invite your friends to a club meeting. Make a poster. Tell your teammates about 4-H There are a million ways to promote and grow 4-H!! What will your club do?

Re-Enrollments Distributed to Club Leaders

Re-enrollment forms were distributed to club leaders on Thursday, September 23, 2010 during leader training. For those of you unable to attend leader training, please call us to make arrangements to receive them. As always, we would like to get all re-enrollments by December 31, 2010.

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.



At A Glance Calendar:

October 2010

October 3-9, National 4-H week

October 15, Record Books and applications due into the extension office

November 2010

November 20, 4-H Awards Night

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