



GUTHRIE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Record Keeping

It's time to reflect on the year and evaluate your accomplishments. Yes, that means it's time to complete those record books and award applications. Forms can be obtained from your leader, at the extension office, or if you go online at www.extension.iastate.edu/guthrie/kidsteens you will be able to type directly into the form on your computer. By completing your records, you will be rewarded for your hard work, plus, you will have the information when you get ready to fill out applications and scholarships at the end of your high school career. We will not have a record keeping workshop, but if you want assistance or have questions, don't hesitate to call or set up a time to get some help. Forms are due to the office by September 26.

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

Post-Fair Meeting and Potluck

Superintendents and the Youth Committee are hosting a Post-Fair meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at the Community Building to discuss the 2011 Guthrie County Fair. A potluck will begin at 6:30, with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Lemonade, water and tableware will be provided; bring your favorite dish to share. Anyone who would like to come is welcome. Please come with constructive ideas, and positive attitudes to help us make 2011 even more successful.

LOCAL 4-H NEWS

2011 Fall Volunteer Training

“Health” is an integral part of 4-H and we are reminded of it every time we say the 4-H pledge. Whether you are a novice who wants to learn more or a Master “Clover Chef”, join your 4-H volunteer colleagues at the fall 2011 volunteer training. We will “test” our 4-H recipe and check to make sure we are including the essential elements and key ingredients that go into a healthy and robust 4-H program. Master Clover Chefs (experienced volunteers) will share how their use of the essential elements “cooks up” successful outcomes in their club members. See what it takes to be a Master Clover Chef – and bring some of your own “secret ingredients” that spice up your club and program to share with others!

This training is part of the mandatory statewide 4-H volunteer training and will be held on Thursday, September 22 from 6:30—8 p.m. at the Guthrie County Extension Office.

In addition to the state training, you will get enrollment packets, information, and instructions on the online enrollment process.

The advantage for leaders will be that they can go online at any time and check the enrollment status, project choices and other information about each of their members. Members will be able to update their own information.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Please register by contacting the Guthrie County Extension Office by September 20.



Congratulations to Ben and Bridgette, the 2011 4-H King and Queen!

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



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.



Club and Member Information

4-H FIND OUT

4-H Find Out is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. If you would like to help, please contact the Extension Office. Youth and adults are needed to make this a success. We will have information about 4-H Clubs and Clover Kids as well as activities for the youth.

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing clothing, shoes or sunglasses after the fair, check out the lost and found at the Extension Office.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Attention all high school members!

Iowa 4-H is planning to take summer trips in 2013 to the Washington, D. C. area with youth from various states. You will attend workshops, go on field trips, see historic places, and participate in other FUN activities at the National 4-H Center and on Capitol Hill. Watch your email for more information.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK -

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 2—8. Start thinking now about ways that your club can increase awareness of the 4-H program and recruit new members. Ideas include wearing your 4-H T-shirt to school, inviting a friend to the October meeting, or decorating a window in your community. If you have a idea, be sure to share it with your club or the Extension Office. Celebrate 4-H!



PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

The search is on to find a top youth volunteer. If selected you could receive \$1000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D. C. in May, 2012. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, please go to: <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc> The application deadline is November 1, 2011.

PIONEER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Applications are available for 4-H clubs to apply for money to fund a community improvement project.

Check with agencies in your area for ideas of where you can help. Information and forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html

THANK YOU

Be sure to send a thank you to your trophy sponsor, support group, sale buyer, leaders and others who helped make the fair a memorable event for you.

ONE MORE THANK YOU

Farm Credit Services of America donated \$5 to each Guthrie County 4-H member's 2011-2012 enrollment fee. Be sure to thank them for their generosity at 105 Theater Circle, Perry, IA 50220.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Calendar

GUTHRIE COUNTY CALENDAR

September

- 22 Leader Training—Extension Office 6:30 pm
- 25 Post Fair Meeting—7 pm at the Community Bldg (Potluck at 6:30 pm)
- 26 Awards Applications Due to Extension Office

October

- 3 Youth Committee Meeting—EO—7 pm
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 27 4-H Find Out - EO 6 pm

Dates to Remember

November 6—Awards Night

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Mary Barnett Library is again sponsoring the Festival of Trees during the holidays. If your club is interested in having a tree or other display, contact the library by November 15 to reserve a spot. These must be in place by Thanksgiving weekend.

GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY

The fair photos can be found on the web site www.countrystudionimaging.com.

If anyone wishes to order something or has questions, they need to call Peg Gannon at 515-386-2027 or email her at: pgnon@netins.net. The photos can also be viewed at the Extension Office.

AWARD APPLICATION Q & A

Why should I apply? Now is the time to receive recognition for all your hard work the past year. Applications are available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/guthrie/kidsteens.htm> or can be picked up at the Extension Office.

What awards are available?

All members keeping records for the first time will be recognized.

Project awards are for members who have enrolled at least 2 years in a project area.

Junior, Intermediate and Senior awards.

For members in grades 9—12, there are the James Leo Community Service Award, Shubel Owen Communications Award and the Ak-Sar-Ben Award.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

With the new 4-H year around the corner, we are looking to continue the strong growth we've recently had in Guthrie County. Your challenge this year will be to recruit new members and to keep the current members. There will be 4 ways that your club can meet the challenge by **December 1**:

- Club with the highest number of new members.
- Club with the highest percentage of new members.
- Club with the highest number of members retained in their club.
- Club with the highest percentage of members retained in their club.

Each winning club will get \$50 to use as they wish.

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