



GUTHRIE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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4-H Membership

I am pleased to announce the winners of the club recruitment and retention contest which ended on December 1st. The Cass Pioneers had 8 new members and Penn Power Cats had the highest percentage of new members. Most clubs have new members and we want to welcome those new members! Dodge Dodgers had 100% of their members enrolled by December 1, and Grant Sky Eagles had the highest number of members re-enrolled. Both of these clubs now have all of their members returning. Great job!

There are still some members who have not completed their enrollments. We will still accept them, and we ask that you continue to invite your friends to join 4-H.

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

FSQA—Food Safety and Quality Assurance

Join us for FSQA! All 4-H'ers showing swine, beef, dairy, goats, sheep, poultry and rabbits are required to be certified to show at the Guthrie County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

4-H'ers in grades 4—6 must attend a 2-hour certification program every year to be FSQA certified.

4-H'ers in grades 7—9 can attend a workshop every year or take a test that certifies you until you are in 10th grade.

4-H'ers in grades 10—12 can attend a workshop every year, or take a test that certifies you until you graduate.

You need to attend the training or test. Trainings will be at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. If the following dates do not work for you, call Carolyn by February 1 for FSQA dates in surrounding counties.

If you are not certain if you need to test, check your status in 4-H online or call the Extension Office to see if your certification is current.

FSQA Trainings:

Thursday, February 23—6:30—8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 25—9:30—11:30 a.m.

Both trainings held at the **Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.**

FSQA Testing:

Thursday, February 23— 3:30—4:30 p.m. Extension Office

Saturday, February 25—8—9 a.m. at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.



LOCAL 4-H NEWS

Beef Weigh—In

Beef Weigh-in will be Saturday January 7, 2012, 9 a.m. to noon at the Guthrie Livestock Auction. All market beef need to be weighed and verified for county fair, Sate Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

County Requirements:

Pay \$1.50 for ear tags. All market cattle will have hair pulled for DNA testing at weigh-in.

4-H State Fair Requirements: Retinal imaging—Cost is \$5/head.

4-H AK-Sar-Ben Requirements: DNA sample pulled—Cost is \$5/head plus ear tag fee.

Signatures can be done in 4-H online, on the ID form, or with a waiver. All State Fair entries must be verified in 4-H online.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



New 4-H Garden Club



A 4-H gardening club will hold their first meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 9 a.m. at the Guthrie County Extension Office. If you know someone who is interested in horticulture, tell them about it. Master Gardener Ruth Owen is the leader of this group which will spend the first meeting planning a garden. If you have a friend with a green thumb, or one who just likes plants, tell them to check out this new club opportunity!

Livestock Judging

If you are interested in knowing more about livestock judging, there is a new website to help you learn. It can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestockjudging> Whether livestock judging is new to you, or you have judging experience, this library of videos will be very helpful.

Cow– Calf Class

There is a change in the rules for the cow/calf pen class: Cow/calf pens will be limited to 2 per members. These will be divided into the first calf heifer class and mature cow class.

Region 12 Intermediate

Trip to Omaha

All Guthrie County 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend the Region 12 Intermediate Trip to Omaha on Saturday, April 21, 2012! Trip will include spending time at the Omaha Zoo, attending an IMAX film, and eating and playing games at The Amazing Pizza Machine! Don't miss out on your chance to have fun and meet other youth from Greene, Carroll, Crawford, Shelby, and Audubon Counties. Space is limited so the trip will be first come, first serve for participants that are interested. If we get enough interest, we may add on an extra bus! Cost of the trip will be \$70 and includes the zoo, IMAX film and the Amazing Pizza Machine. Stay tuned to the February newsletter for registration information.

The Guthrie County youth committee has approved reimbursing all participants \$30 of the cost of the trip.

4-H Newsletter

If you are receiving the 4-H newsletter in the mail but you would like to receive it only by email, contact Carolyn at the Extension Office, so she can make the necessary changes. Contact information is cjwilson@iastate.edu or 641-747-2276.



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STATE 4-H NEWS

Scholarship Information

All high school seniors planning to continue their education should check out the scholarship information at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html or at the local Extension Office. Applications are due in Ames on February 1.

Information and application form for the Christina Hixson Opportunity Award to Iowa State University is online at <http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/>



STATE 4-H NEWS

Recognition Information

Don't forget to apply for National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Project Awards, State 4-H Council, and the Iowa 4-H Technology Team. In addition to all of these opportunities being great resume builders, the recognition process is also a great way for youth to learn about themselves, gain skills in

job/scholarship applications and interviews, and meet new people. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office on February 1.

Information can be found at <http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>.

STATE 4-H NEWS

Volunteer Retreat

State Volunteer Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 10, and Saturday, February 11, at the DMACC facility in Ankeny.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will interest both new and experience volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Call your friends and make it a date! Call the Extension Office if you are interested in a ride.

Early Bird registrations with a postmark on or before January 20: \$10.00
Late Registrations with a postmark from January 21 to January 27: \$15.00

Registration materials are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/retreat.htm> or at the Extension Office.

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

STAFF CHANGE

Erica Tunink has resigned as Office Manager effective the end of December.

Extension Council has posted hiring information on the Guthrie County web page.



BANNER CLUBS

We had one club, Cass Pioneers, who met the requirements for a banner club in 2011. Look over the expectations for a banner club, posted on the website, and help your club become a banner club in 2012. The clubs that fulfill the required number of expectations will be recognized at Awards Day and possibly at the Fair. The expectations are things that many or most of you are doing already. Now you will receive special recognition for doing a great job!

GUTHRIE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$500 dollars scholarships will be awarded by the Guthrie County 4-H Foundation. There will be one \$500 scholarship given to a graduating senior and one \$500 scholarship given to a college student with 1—3 years of college remaining. All applicants must have been a Guthrie County 4-H member through their senior year of high school.

Applications can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/guthrie/kidsteens.htm> or picked up at the Extension Office. Applications are due on February 28.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT MONEY

The Guthrie County Endowment Foundation is offering assistance to 4-H members and /or clubs for citizenship or learning projects or activities.

Applications have been mailed to club leaders, or are available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/guthrie/kidsteens.htm , or can be picked up at the Extension Office.

Applications for funding are due on February 28.

HOT SHEETS

Don't forget to use the Hot Sheets to get ideas for project communication, citizenship or leadership. The Hot Sheets also have many resources to help you learn more about your project. Exhibits ideas can be found on the Hot Sheets as well. Hot sheets can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/>

If you need a copy of Hot Sheets or project materials, contact the Extension Office.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Southern Iowa VITA Coalition is offering free tax preparation by appointment only for individuals and families with incomes of \$49,000 or below for those who meet the requirements. IRS certified tax preparers will e-file federal and state returns. This service will be offered at the Guthrie County Extension Office on Thursday evenings, January 26 through April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. Call 641-747-2276 for information or to make an appointment.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Calendar

GUTHRIE COUNTY CALENDAR

January

- 7 Beef Weigh-In—Guthrie Livestock Auction
9 am to noon

February

- 1 Scholarship applications due to State 4-H Office
- 1 Award applications due to State 4-H Office
- 6 Youth Committee Meeting—EO—7 pm
- 11 Iowa Volunteer Retreat—DMACC
- 23 FSQA Testing EO—3:30—4:30 pm
- 23 FSQA Training—Guthrie Center Jr. High School
6:30 pm
- 25 FSQA Testing—Guthrie Center Jr. High School 8 am
- 25 FSQA Training—Guthrie Center Jr. High School
9:30 –11:30 am

Dates to Remember

- April 14— Swine Weigh-In
- April 21—Intermediate Trip (Region 12)
- April 28—Sheep and Goat Weigh-In
- May 15—ID forms due for all animals
- June 26-28 - State 4-H Conference— *Brighten Your World*
- July 1—State Fair Registrations due
- July 16—Static Exhibit Judging Day
- July 16—Communications Day
- August 1—Fair Entry Forms Due at Extension Office
- August 9-19—Iowa State Fair—*Nothing Compares*
- August 30—September 3—Guthrie County Fair



CLUB CALENDARS

Leaders—club calendars for the 2011-2012 year must be turned in to the Extension Office. If your club has not submitted a calendar, please do so within the next 2 weeks.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION

Here are some changes that will take effect for the 2012 Iowa State Fair:

ALL STATE FAIR ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO ID IN 4-H ONLINE.

Commercial Ewes: Must have a 4-H tag and have retinal imaging done

Rabbits: Must have left ear tattoo on ID form BY May 15. Meat rabbits are ID'ed by July 1.
New class—Premier Rabbit Exhibitor

Horse: Entry limit increased to 2 horses in 5 classes. 4-H'er does not have to indicate specific classes/horse at entry time.
New classes: Miniature Horse Showmanship, Miniature Horse Driving, and Miniature Horse In-hand Trail.

Swine: Not required to be quarantined after the show.

Breeding Beef: Need to have registration number by May 15 if registered.

The State 4-H /FFA Livestock and Meats Judging Contest has been changed to June 18, 2012.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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