



The Clover Leaf

September 2009

Calendar of Events

September

3 Joint Youth Committee/Fair Board Meeting

6:30 PM Extension Office

7 Extension Office closed for Labor Day

23 Teen Council Meeting 6:30 PM

28 Region 20 Leaders Open House - Henry County

October

1 Record Books due

1 Award applications due

1 Teen Council application due

1 Club Recognition forms due

1 4-H Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

4-10 National 4-H Week

7 Wear your 4-H shirt to school day

8 Des Moines Co. Leaders Training - 6:00 P.M.

19 Officer Training - 6:30 P.M.

November

5 4-H Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

14 Family Fun Night/Awards Night - YMCA

7:00 - 10:00 PM

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the county fair a success. It could not happen without the many hours of volunteer help from long before set-up day through the weeks after the end of the fair. Thanks to members, leaders, parents, the Fair Board, and all the other people who helped.

We had a huge number of entries at the Des Moines County Fair this year with 2,597 entries.

Thank you notes from Members

Don't forget to write a thank you note to your award sponsors, trophy sponsors, livestock buyers and any other volunteers that helped you with your exhibits. This is very important as our sponsors and volunteers need to be recognized and thanked. This only takes a few minutes. Sponsors and buyers need to know that you truly appreciate their donations. On the bottom of the trophy there is a label with the sponsors address.

Fair Evaluations Meeting

The monthly Youth Committee Meeting will be joined by Fair board, leaders and committee members who would like to discuss fair evaluations of the 2009 Des Moines County Fair. The meeting will start at 6:30 and be held at the Extension office. The regular Youth Committee meeting will follow. This meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3. Please plan to attend.

4-H Club Officer Training

The 4-H Club Officer Training will be held at the Extension Office on October 19 from 6:30-8. Club Officers will learn the parts of a meeting and each office responsibilities. Parliamentary Procedure, guidelines for conducting a good business meeting and steps in making club decisions will also be covered. A snack will be served. Please encourage your officers to attend. Please RSVP to the office by October 16th if you are planning to attend.

Leaders Meeting

The Fall mandatory leaders meeting will be held on October 8 at the Extension Office. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. This is an important meeting to start the new 4-H year. We will talk about the fair, important dates for 2009-2010, new materials available and much more. Please have your club represented by as many leaders as possible. This will be a great chance to meet many of the people involved with 4-H as volunteers. Please make your reservation by calling the extension office by October 2.

Henry County to Host Region 20 Leaders Open House

Leaders you are invited to join the Region 20 4-H Leader Meeting!

Henry County would like to host a new and exciting event for all of the 4-H Leaders in Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa counties as a way to give you a chance meet and network with other 4-H Leaders in our new region.

Please save the date on your calendar! September 28, 2009 at 6:30 PM. A light dinner will be served along with many exciting events to make this night a fun night of making our 4-H program even better than it already is!

Dori Goble, ISU 4-H Youth Program Specialist will be covering the statewide training, "Supporting Family Involvement: Best Practices for 4-H," along with many other new and exciting topics that will leave you with many new ideas of activities to do with your 4-H clubs:

Meet Bob Dodds, our new Region Extension Education Director (REED)

Panel discussion with 4-H Leaders from each county in Region 20

Break-out roundtable sessions to meet, discuss and network about 4-H issues

Sue Bogue, State 4-H Office will be introducing a new home economics publication

Meet 4-H youth involved in new and innovative 4-H clubs

If you would like to share about what makes your 4-H club exciting, or if you have ideas of certain topics that you would find interesting for roundtable groups, please let Sara or Dori Goble at the County Extension Office, at 319-754-7556 or dgoble@iastate.edu. This meeting will also complete your fall training for the year, or your welcome to attend the Des Moines County Leaders Training that will be held on October 8th.

Hall of Fame Inductees

On Sunday, August 23, Howard Keitzer was inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame. Howard attended his first 4-H meeting in 1945 with his father but his father disapproved of 4-H and he was not allowed to join. Later in 1947 he joined the Mediapolis Junior Farmers at age 12 and his father later became a supporter of the 4-H program. During his 4-H career he raised 440 hogs, several head of cattle and had projects in farm electrification. His shortened 4-H career cumulated with a trip to Chicago as a delegate for Iowa to the National 4-H Club Congress in 1955. Howard wrote in his 1955 4-H story "This event will long be remembered in my mind for it proved to be a thrill of a lifetime".

Howard began his lifelong farming career right out of high school. He has served as a 4-H leader for the club that he once was a member and has been very active in many community organizations. He was a founding member of the Des Moines County Pork Producers. Howard served on the Des Moines County Fair Board for 18 years in the position of various officers including president. During his tenure on the Board, the fairgrounds were taken over by a new four-lane highway that came through Burlington. Several fairs were held in temporary facilities including sale barns and tents. After several years of investigating different facility options, Howard and a core group of Board members decided to form a partnership and pool funds with South-eastern Community College to build a mutual set of facilities that would serve both entities. At that time this was a new idea with these two public entities joining together and it took several legal rulings and changes to allow this to happen. Howard was instrumental in leading this project. A new agency was set up to manage these facilities called the College County Fair Joint Agency and Howard was a founding director. Howard served as president of the fair when the new grounds were dedicated in the mid 1970's.

Wendy's Night

Come Support the Teen Council on Wednesday September 9th and Wednesday October 14th at Wendy's on Roosevelt in Burlington. A portion of proceeds from 5- 7 P.M. go to the club. Eat out and support your county Teen Council.

Records Due

4-H record books for Intermediate and Senior members are due in the Extension office **October 1**. Forms are available at the office or on the web at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm.

County Members Exhibit At State Fair

The following Des Moines County 4-H members participated at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Livestock

Market Sheep - Denise Allen, Abby Eberhardt, Savannah Keitzer, Katlyn Malone, Keaton Pallister, Abigail Stucker, Emily Wischmeier & John Wischmeier

Breeding Sheep— Curtis Messer*, Keaton Pallister & Abigail Stucker

Sheep Performance - Denise Allen, Abby Eberhardt, Alex Edmonds, Amanda Edmonds, Savannah Keitzer, Katlyn Malone, Keaton Pallister, Abigail Stucker, Emily Wischmeier & John Wischmeier

Market Beef—Kohlton Malone, Kori McLoughlin*

Breeding Beef - Kayla Beckman & Jacob Darbyshire*

Beef of Merit - Kasey Abel

Derby Swine - Kayla Beckman*, Sammi Beckman, Mikala Denney*, Kori McLaughlin*, Wyatt Nelson*, Wyatt Orr*, Dustin Pfeiff*, Brody Reis.

Market Swine - Kayla Beckman, Sammi Beckman, Andrea Larson, Kori McLaughlin, Wyatt Nelson, Wyatt Orr & Dustin Pfeiff

Breeding Swine - Dustin Pfeiff, Alden Tucker

Dogs - Austin Faeth

Rabbits - Ethan Faeth

* = showmanship

Clothing Event

Ryan Adamson (Fashion Revue)
Cassie Adamson (Fashion Revue)
Paige Amenell (Clothing Selection)
Sam DeBerg (Clothing Selection)
Shyanne Shanstrom (\$15.00 Challenge)

Exhibit Building

Ag & Natural Resources— Billy Mehaffy, Stacy Stover, Katlyn Malone, Curtis Messer

Clothing - Sophia Breuer, Will Breuer, Natalie DeBerg, Megan Kupferschmid

Communications Posters— Natalie DeBerg, Micaela Williams

Consumer & Management - Brody Reis

Food & Nutrition - Mallory Riffel, Jacob Griffin, Tayler Keitzer, Katlyn Malone, Brody Reis, Stacy Stover, Jordan Zaugg

Live Healthy Iowa - Unity H

Historical/ Family Heritage - Jessica Johnson, Megan Kupferschmid

Home Improvement - Elizabeth Breuer, Mikala Denney, Abby Eberhardt, Victoria Ita, Brittany Lanz, Javier Martrinez, Rory Wagenbach

Issues - Whitney Wagenbach

Personal Development - Katie Clover, Tayler Keitzer, Susan Strawhacker

Photography - Sophia Breuer, Will DeBerg, Kathleen Gerst, Jessica Johnson, Malloey Riffel, Taylor Wilkerson, Stacy Stover, Abigail Stucker

Science, Mechanics & Engineering - Kyle Boeding, Treyton Hartman, Keaton Keitzer, Brayden Lanz

Visual Art - Mary Breuer, Jessica Johnson, Savannah Keitzer, Tayler Keitzer

Child Development - Natalie DeBerg

Communications

Working Exhibits - Will Breuer, Cally Malone and Mattie Smith, Paige Amenell, Coleman and Barret Ertzinger, Sophia Breuer

Educational Presentations - Kelsey Chase, Dalton Shadle, Jacon Griffin, Will DeBerg, Sam DeBerg, Natalie DeBerg

Share The Fun - Hillyard girls with Hilltop Helpers

Extemporaneous Speaking - Jacob Griffin, Paige Amenell



RECORD KEEPING

Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!

4-Her's have a variety of ways to learn the important skill of record keeping. Members may choose the system that meets their needs and learning styles. An excellent resource to help learn more about record keeping is the publication *Achieving Goals through 4-H Record Keeping* (4H 91), available at the Extension office.

Also 4-Her's may select one or more of the following ways to keep their records:

- basic project form
- experienced project record form
- advanced project record form
- video tape
- audio tape
- project worksheets
- portfolio
- computerized records
- create your own system

Whatever record keeping system a 4-H'er chooses, it should reflect goals, accomplishments and future plans.

Using 4-H project record forms for record books

If 4-H'ers decide to use written project record forms, they can choose among three different options. These three are called Basic (4-H 96A), Experienced (4H 96B), and Advanced (4H96C) The forms were developed for beginning record keepers and progress to more experienced and advanced record keepers. Parents and leaders should help the 4-H'er choose the form that best fits each member's interests, skill level and needs for the project.

Each form asks the 4-H'er what goals were set, look at the progress made and to evaluate their experiences. The forms are designed to help the 4-H'er learn more about record keeping and to record more detailed information and include leadership and citizenship experiences.

Records from previous years should follow the current year. Only current and the previous year should be turned in October 1st.

Remember: a project record is for the entire project (i.e. clothing) NOT for each exhibit that was taken to the fair. You can put all of your work in an area on one record sheet.

Order of Record Book

For members who keep their records in a notebook or 4-H record book, here is a guide for the order of forms.

The first page is the **Name page**.

1. This should be a plain piece of paper that has the following information on it: Current photo, Name, Age, Grade, Number of years in 4-H, the year, Club name.
2. **4-H Yearly Summary or Participation Summary.** This form includes information about participation at the local, county, area and state levels. This should be updated annually to show the work done in the most recent year.
3. **4-H Project Record.** One per project area and they can be in any order desired. The forms are available at the extension office. Any pictures or other related material may be placed behind the project sheet.
4. **4-H Story.** Members are asked to write a story highlighting the events of the year and citing activities that had special meaning to them.
5. **Self-Evaluation.** This form is used to assess the year's work and see if they met their goals or what might be done differently in the future.

Special Note:

Whatever your club is needing for record keeping, we can help at the Extension office. If you've been doing record books for a few years, be creative and try something new. If you've never done a record book, just start with a notebook, (we have some in the office for a small fee) and add the 5 basic sheets listed above. Make it simple and each year add on. You'll be surprised at how quickly your notebook will fill up.

Forms are available at the office or on the web at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm. You can also find forms at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Agriculture/recordkeeping.htm.

4-H Newsletter Now On-Line

As requested, the Des Moines County 4-H Newsletter, *The Clover Leaf*, is now available on-line at the following URL:

www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/kidsteens.htm

Awards

Project Award Applications - for 5th -12th graders (2008 - 2009 school year)

Members who want to apply for project awards need to fill out the application. A form needs to be filled out for each project area. The selection of awards will be based on the applications rather than on the records. Please note that records must also be submitted for evaluation.

Applications are due October 1.

High School Club Member Awards

Members who wish to apply for awards in Achievement, Citizenship, Leadership or the I Dare You Award need to get an application from the Extension office. Eligible members are 10th - 12th graders and 2009 graduates. **Applications are due October 1.**

Outstanding 4-H Member Award - nominations are needed for this award from Leaders and Committee members. Applications are due October 1.

Know a Deserving Adult?

If you know of someone you think should be considered for one of the adult volunteer awards, please submit their name to the Extension office by Thursday October 1. Read the descriptions below and call in suggestions for candidates at 754-7556 or 800-914-1914.

Meritorious Service Award - this award is given to a person(s) who has contributed greatly to the 4-H program. They could be involved in a variety of ways and do not need to be a current volunteer, but should have been involved over a period of time.

Alumni Award - this award is presented to someone who was a 4-H member and has had a successful career in their chosen field and contributed to their community. They do not necessarily need to be involved in 4-H currently or as an adult.

Honorary Member - this award is given to an individual's who was NOT a 4-H member but has become involved in the 4-H program as an adult. They should have been involved over a period of time and in a variety of ways, although they do not need to be a current 4-H volunteer.

4-H'ers attend Trips and Conferences

Natalie DeBerg and Megan Kupferschmid attended the State 4-H conference in Ames June 30– July 2. Over 1000 kids from across the State participated this year. They attended workshops, listen to great speakers, and met lots of new 4-H'ers. This is a great time for 4-H members in grades 9-12.

Mary Breuer, Caleb Nelson, Brody Reis, Jacob Kroll, Curtis Messer, Will Breuer, Cally Malone, Jaci Steffener, Chase Parrott, Kori McLaughlin, Haley Hillyard and Kayla Beckman all went on the Intermediate Trip to Kansas City on June 17-18. They got to meet over 80 kids from all over SE Iowa and had a great time! They went to the Science City, Money Museum, a dinner theater and Cabala's. What a great trip! Every Intermediate 4-H'er should go on this trip! Look for information on this trip to Chicago next spring.

2010 Kerr Photography Theme

"Creative H2O" Action photos

Start working on your 2010 Des Moines County Fair/ Iowa State Fair exhibits this fall. Exhibits need to be a product of the member from the current 4-H year. The new 4-H year starts in September, so you can start today.

Special awards at the County Fair

Mediapolis Telephone Co. and Danville Telecom Electronics Award – Keaton Keitzer

Best Horticulture Project sponsored by the Zaiser Family– Ashley Gerling

Kerr Photography Theme Award: Hillary Ague

Petal Pushers Award for Best Original Art - Katie Gerst

Market Basket in Memory of Lester & Inez Dietsch - Mikala Denney

Intermediate Clothing Award in Memory of Agnus Breuer - Will Breuer

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 4-10

What does your club want to do to promote it? This is a great opportunity to get 4-H in the public eye again. Here are some ideas.

- * **Club display in a store window**
 - minimum of 3 posters in window
 - please call office with place so we can take pictures and club can get credit for display
- * **Plan a special club event for recruiting youth in your community**
 - please turn in agenda, date and time
- * **Have a poster contest in your club - use the posters in the community**
 - let the office know where the posters are being displayed
- * **Radio announcements or program**
 - send in names, times, and program
- * **Volunteer to tell about 4-H in your class**
 - please let office know who and when
- * **Make banners with slogans to put on display in the community**
 - minimum of two, let office know so we can take pictures

Talk about other ideas at your September meeting each club participating in a National 4-H Week Promotional event will receive a prize to be received at Awards Night. **To receive the prize, display must be up from Monday PM the 5th through Saturday PM the 10th.**

Please let the Extension office know what you are planning by Friday, October 2 so we can take pictures and put it in the newsletter and newspapers. Any questions contact Sara at the Extension office.

Wear Your 4-H Shirt to School Day

This year I want every 4-H member in Des Moines County to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week! To do this I challenge every member to wear a 4-H shirt to school on Wednesday, October 7th. Please let your leaders know that you participated in this. Don't be shy, show your 4-H pride!

High School Members Needed!!

4-H members who are in high school are eligible to be on **TEEN COUNCIL**. The only requirements are: turn in 4-H record books, fill out application form and have an interview with a Youth Committee Member. Record books are due **October 1**.

What is it?

It's a group of high school 4-H members from all over Des Moines County who meet regularly, provide leadership for the county and have a wide variety of activities throughout the year.

Purpose

The purpose of our Teen Council is to provide a setting for High school youth to develop into good citizens, team players, great communicators, and future leaders through 4-H experiences and activities with adults and peers. **It is also our purpose to develop life-long friendships and have fun in the process.** The purpose of Teen Council is to provide leadership and service experiences for area teens. The Council will be responsible for pin-pointing area needs and problems and opportunities, and developing a plan of action to help remedy these priorities.

Members of the Area Council will:

Have a chance to develop new friends and a support network. Develop and expand on communication, leadership, and service skills. Serve as a link between county, area, and state 4-H programs. Serve as an advisory liaison to your community club.

When do they meet?

The Teen Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Occasionally it may be changed or canceled for special reasons.

Why should I join?

It is a great chance for you to meet and work with 4-H'ers from other clubs and other parts of the county. It will be good leadership experience for you and open doors for many opportunities to serve at the county, area and state levels.

Join Teen Council today!



Important!
Intermediate and Senior 4-H Record
Books are due in the Extension Office
no later than October 1!



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