



The Clover Leaf

September 2011

Calendar of Events

September

5 Extension Office closed for Labor Day

30 Record Books due

Award applications due

Teen Council application due

Club Recognition forms due

October

2-8 National 4H Week

6 Joint Youth Committee/Fair Board Meeting

6:00 PM Extension Office

12 Teen Council 6:30 P.M.

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. Without a thank you we may lose these contributors in the future.

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 2011 Des Moines County Fair. The meeting will start at 6:00 and be held at the Extension office. The regular Youth Committee meeting will follow. This meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6th. Please plan to attend.

Records Due

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

Leaders please note:

If you have Jr. members turn in record book to you please record the name and ribbon received and turn those names into the extension office. This way all members can be recognized at Awards night this year.

Thank You

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.

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

Attached is a sample of the NEW Project Hot Sheets. If you haven't checked out the state 4-H website go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h>

Here you can find out what's going on with 4-H throughout the state and get information on all of the areas of 4-H. Select 4-H projects from the list and explore all the project areas that 4-H has to offer. These pages discuss project material that is available and other opportunities to explore. The new Hot Sheets list communication, citizenship and leadership opportunities along with **exhibit ideas** for each project area.

Awards

Project Award Applications - for 5th -12th graders (2010 - 2011 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.** Members may win a project award once at each level of 4-H membership, once as a junior, once as an intermediate, and once as a senior. Applications are available at the extension office and online.

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 or online. Eligible members are 10th - 12th graders and 2011 graduates. Members may receive each award only once. **Applications are due**

October 1.

Outstanding 4-H Member Award

Nominations are needed for this award from Leaders and Committee members by September 15th. Then we will send an application to the member to complete. Applications are due October 1.

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 Teen 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 **first** 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!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October

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 4th through Saturday PM the 9.**

Please let the Extension office know what you are planning by Friday, October 1 so we can take pictures Any questions contact Sara at the Extension office.

Don't be shy, show your 4-H pride!

Hall of Fame Inductee

The recipient of this year's induction into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame has a 4-H and fair background that expands over many decades. Her 4-H career started as a member of the Yarmouth Hawkeye Sisters 4-H Club where she exhibited in clothing, food and nutrition, home economics, and the livestock division, just to name a few. She graduated from Yarmouth High School in 1959, went on to earn her Registered nurse degree from Iowa Methodist School of Nursing in Des Moines, and returned to southeast Iowa to pursue her career, marry her high school sweetheart, and start a family.

Using her 4-H background, knowledge, and her passion for her children to follow that path, she helped to form the North Corner Cloverettes 4-H Club in Yarmouth, when her daughter's were old enough to join, as well as support her son in the Pleasant Grove Rockets 4-H Club. From there, her blood ran green for over 40 years. Whether it as a 4-H parent, 4-H leader, committee member, or fair board member, come July and August you always knew where to find her.

She was elected the first female president of the Des Moines County Fair Board, a position she held for four of her twenty-eight years as a fair board member. For twenty-five of those years, she could be found every Thursday, in the Exhibit Hall, registering exhibits in the Open Home Economics, Photography, Horticulture, and Flower divisions of the fair. She was in charge of the Des Moines County Fair Staff for twenty years and according to her, "never really had any problems with 'her kids.'" You knew if Pat gave you "the look" you were in trouble and normally you, as that fair staff member, only got "the look" once! She introduced and implemented the Ugly Cake Contest and Pat's games, two events that everyone, especially the kids, seemed to enjoy.

She is the mother of three, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of four, all who have been involved in 4-H if old enough to join. She is their biggest supporter and fan. She is always ringside with words of encouragement and praise and there is always a loving shoulder to cry on come sale day.

It is our pleasure to announce that this year's induction into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame, from Des Moines County, is Pat Darbyshire.



RECORD KEEPING

Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!

4-H'er'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-H'er'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.

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.

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

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. A good idea is to use your project write up from projects taken to the fair.

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.

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



4-H Record Books
Due October 1st.



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