



The Clover Leaf

December 2011

Calendar of Events

December

- 5 Shooting Sports (SESS) Meeting 6:00 PM
7 Teen Council 6:00 P.M. Mazzio's Pizza
17 Beef weigh-in, SCC, 8:00-11:30A.M.
23/26 Extension office closed for Christmas

January

- 2 Extension office Closed for New Years
4 Teen Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.
5 Clothing Fair Committee Meeting 5:00 P.M.
5 Communications Fair Committee 6:00 P.M.
5 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.
9 Shooting Sports (SESS) Meeting 7:00 P.M.
11 Rabbit/Poultry Fair Committee 5:00 P.M.
11 Horse Fair Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.
16 Office Closed for MLKJr. Day
19 Cat/Small Pet Fair Committee 5:00 P.M.
19 Dog Fair Committee 6:00 P.M.
24 Livestock Judging Fair Committee 5:00 P.M.
24 Swine Fair Committee 6:00 P.M.

February

- 1 Teen Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.
2 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.

**SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH IN HAS BEEN
RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 12TH TO
MAY 5, 2012**

Market Beef Weigh-in Scheduled

The Beef weigh-in will be held on Saturday, December 17 at the fairgrounds from **8:00-11:00 A.M.**

You must have tag number, calf registration number or Sire name and/or registration number if you plan to show in registered purebred class. This information will ONLY be accepted at weigh in.

Iowa State Fair Participants:

We will be retinal eye scanning all Market beef that will be participating in the State Fair. The cost is \$8.00 per head.

AK-SAR-BEN participants:

If you are thinking about attending AK-SAR-BEN this year you need to notify us at weigh in. A DNA sample will have to be collected at weigh in for market beef animals at \$8.00 per head.

County Fair only participants:

Market Beef will be using the same procedure as last year. **Registered Beef** must have a legible tattoo **before** weigh-in, breed information, sire information, and/or registration number that day. **Tattoos must be in place before weigh-in. The Committee will not be available for this procedure.** **Breeding Heifers** do not have to be weighed in, but must be identified by May 15, 2012 on the Breeding Beef ID form with a tattoo listed.

Please remember your waiver form signed by the 4-H member or parent that is unable to be at the weigh-in. These are required if you cannot attend the weigh-in.

Leaders

Leaders please remember to bring in your clubs portion of the program fee by December 15. \$20.00/ member and preferably in one installment.



Reminder: If you are helping on a consistent basis in a 4-H club or providing transportation for 4-H club members during activities, you must be screened. Please call the leader of your 4-H club who will then call the office to start the process.



Have you checked out the new State 4-H Website lately? The website has a fresh new look and expanded resources. Please check out the site at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h

Also Check out Iowa State University Extension, Des Moines County on facebook!

Teen Opportunity

Henry County is happy to host a Teen/County Council Leadership Training on Wednesday, December 28th from 10am-2pm. Youth interested in attending will learn teambuilding and leadership skills to help them be strong leaders in their county's 4-H Program. Lunch will be provided, and we guarantee a fun time of meeting new 4-H'ers from Region 20 and playing fun and interactive games! Please let Sara know if you would like to participate, open to all youth 8-12th grade.

County Wide Shooting Sports Club

4-H Safety and Education in Shooting Sports (SESS) uses skills and disciplines of shooting to assist young people and their leaders in obtaining knowledge and developing life skills. **The disciplines include archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and wildlife skills.** This NEW Club is open for all current DMC 4-H members and invites new members to join also. If you are in the 4-12 grade and are interested in joining this club, come to the following: January 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the J Street Youth Center on Jefferson Street in Downtown Burlington. Any questions or directions to this location contact Sara at 319-394-9433.

4-Her's in 9-12th grades

If you are interested in the following opportunities please contact Sara at the office for an application.

Applications and support materials are due in the office January 31st.

State Council, State Project Awards, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, and Iowa Youth Technology Team. Area and state selection process for the above opportunities involves: completing an application form, gathering and putting together up to 4 pages of written support material or a 10 minute video, audio tape, CD, or DVD and an interview at the state level.

For more information use the following website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>

Scholarship Opportunities

There are lots of scholarships available for both entering freshman and returning alumni of the Iowa 4-H program offered through both 4-H Foundation and other avenues. Information including lists and eligibility, instructions and helpful hints, applications and hints on letters of recommendation can be found at the following website or contact the extension office for more information.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships>

Holiday Cards

In the past, the Iowa 4-H Foundation has asked 4-H clubs to make handmade cards for various holidays and special occasions throughout the year – cards that we could send to our donors. The response was always great, but we honestly have more special occasion cards than we can use and do not need any more member made Christmas cards at this time. Knowing that some clubs count this as a community service project, we suggest that cards could still be made, signed by members, and delivered to residents in your community – especially elderly residents who live alone or in senior housing or care facilities. Cards also could go to county board of supervisors, Extension council members, state legislators, fair board members and others who make decisions that affect 4-H programs in our county. Teachers, janitors, volunteer firefighters, military servicemen and women, and other hometown heroes are other people in your community who deserve a note of appreciation.

The 2011 Family Fun Night and Awards Programs were held on November 12th at the YMCA in Burlington. About 100 members, leaders and families attended the event. Congratulations to everyone who received recognition and thanks to those who helped that evening. After the awards program, everyone was invited to use the facilities at the Y from 8:00-10:00 PM. Families had fun playing basketball, racquetball, and swimming. Refreshments were also served.

Project Awards for 4-H members who showed outstanding knowledge in their project area and worked on their project throughout the year were given. These awards are not based on judging or performance at the county fair. The following members received a certificate & pin in each of the areas listed. Will Breuer – wood working. Mikala Denney – Home Improvement, Beef, Swine. Sam Lane – Swine, Beef. Darby Massner – Photography, Woodworking. Keaton Keitzer – Beef, Swine. Kori McLaughlin – Beef, Swine. Austin Oetken – Cat. Mallory Pohren – Horse, Sewing. Curtis Messer – Beef, Sheep. Sarah DeBerg – Photography. Allie Massner – Beef, Clothing Selection. Sophia Breuer – Fashion Review, Communications. Grace Breuer – Fashion Review, Beef, Communications. Dustin Pfeiff – Breeding Beef. Austin Faeth – Horse, Dog, Rabbit.

The 4-H awards were also presented to the following: Meritorious is defined as: having merit, deserving reward, praise. Each year this award goes to someone that is just such a person. This year's recipients of the Meritorious Service Award was Maureen McLaughlin. Alumni award goes to someone who definitely is an Alumni of the 4-H program, receiving this honor were both Rolland Fritz and Carol Messer. Honorary Award is for someone held in high regard and is greatly respected by his peers, this years recipient was Emmett Messer.

The following special awards are given to older 4-H members who had demonstrated outstanding abilities as 4-H'ers and as citizens. Youth are recognized in the areas of Achievement, Citizenship and Leadership. Members receiving this award have demonstrated a high skill level in these areas. She has participated in 4-H and other activities at the local, county and state levels. The Leadership Award went to Kori McLaughlin.

Three members were recognized this year as Outstanding 4-H members. Nominations for the Outstanding 4-H member award this year were received from Leaders and committee members. This award helps to recognize members who have had outstanding careers in Des Moines County 4-H. Over the years, they have developed their leadership skills through their club and community, communication skills from doing presentations, and organizational skills through record keeping. The three most Outstanding 4-H Members were recognized as Cody Belknap, Kaci Keitzer and Mary Breuer.

Members and leaders were recognized for their years of membership. As were committee members and teen council for their outstanding service and dedication to the 4-H program in Des Moines County.

Leader Awards

5 Years of service

Dan Messer

Kim Becker

Mindy Mehaffy

Tara Dowd

10 Years of service

Marla Miller

Steve Nelson

20 Years of Service

Richard Pfeiff

25 Years of Service

Bernie Laue

Thanks go to all those that helped at the Awards and Family Fun Night. The Youth Committee helped in so many ways; set-up, registration, serving refreshments, helping with the presentations, and clean-up. The Teen Council also helped extensively with the night's activities and did a great job of announcing the awards. Thanks again!

Those of you that did not receive your award pin please stop by the office and pick them up.



Important!
4-H Information Enclosed!



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