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New 4-Her meeting for Parents

There will be 2 dates to choose from to attend a new 4-Her meeting for 4-Hers & parents on Thursday Jan. 22th from 7:30-9 pm or Saturday Jan. 24st from 10:30 am-noon at the Extension office. If you are unable to attend, the Extension office will mail out the materials that will be covered, but attendance is recommended for parents new to 4-H.

Beef Workshop

There will be a beef workshop for 4-Hers on Saturday January 17th at Nate & Gwen Christie's farm 2 miles north of Lester, 1244 Dove Ave. from 10 am-noon. Remember the beef boosters give incentive money to beef exhibitors for attending beef workshops. **Please fill out the attached registration form & return to the Extension office by January 7th**, as the presenters need to know how many kids are attending so they have enough supplies. The workshop will cover selection of beef animals for 2009 County Fair.

Beef Weigh-Ins - Beef weigh-ins for showing at the *Lyon County Fair* will be held on Saturday February 28th at Jansma Cattle Company near Rock Rapids from 8-11 am.

Congratulations! Country Kids won the pizza party for most new members recruited (11) & Happy Rockies won for the highest percent of recruited new members (50%). Both will receive a pizza party from the Extension office.

State Fair Beef Weigh-Ins -

If you intend to show beef at the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben, Beef weigh-in's will be at the Sioux Center Farmers Coop Cattle Confinement - 2818 390th St (3 miles west of Hardees/Casey's General Store stop light corner on Highway 75). Check in at the office. **State Fair & Ak Sar Ben verification goes from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on January 10th**. You will need to contact the Lyon County Extension office & make arrangements to purchase an official Lyon County ear tag for your beef identification process. Also communicate with the Lyon County Extension staff the number of head you intend to take to the weigh-in & the approximate time you intend to arrive, so they can pass that information on to the Beef committee in Sioux County. Beef weigh-ins for showing at the *Lyon County Fair* will be held Feb. 28th.

County Council Meeting

There will be a county council meeting Monday January 26th at 7:30 pm at the Lyon County Extension office conference room.

Lyon County Fair 2009 Dates

The Lyon County Fair Board has set the fair dates & will be July 13-16, 2009. **The Fair entry due date will be June 25th.** The communication/clothing event will be July 7th and the Static (non-livestock) judging will be July 9th.

Scholarship info

Iowa 4-H Scholarship Applications are available now at the Extension office, all Lyon county high schools, or access them on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html> There are scholarships for seniors in high school and for students that are currently college students. They are due Feb 2nd, 2009 to Iowa State. Carefully read the applications for details.

There are also some non 4-H scholarships that some 4-H students could be eligible for. This list is different from the 4-H scholarships and application of information that is listed on the website that reads "Other scholarship programs". The extension office has this listing as does the high schools. Due dates vary on this list of scholarships.

County Extension Director Retiring

Al Grigg, Lyon & Osceola County Extension Education Director, will be retiring on Jan 31st 2009. The Lyon County Extension office will have an open house from 2-4 pm on January 15th at the Lyon County office in honor of his retirement. Thanks Al for your years of service in Lyon County.

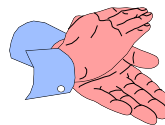
Iowa's Promise Youth Grant

Application The Application is now available for youth groups for the **2009 Iowa's Promise Youth Grants** to be used for community improvement projects are due Feb 2nd in Ames. The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development, is again offering grants up to \$250 to qualifying groups. Grant descriptions and guidelines can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/iowaspromise.html>.

2009 4-H Youth Conference

The 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is just around the corner and it's never too early to begin recruiting. The theme for this event: Voyage to Greatness. And, the dates are June 30-July 2. So, mark your calendars and begin spreading the word! If you have questions about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, please contact your state 4-H council representatives or Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu or 515-294-1567.

Area/State Recognition – You deserve



to be recognized for your efforts and have some fun too! If you are in the 9th – 12th grades, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition.

Interested 4-H members are encouraged to go to the state web site <http://extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm> to learn more about each opportunity.

Junior Winter Camp

There will be a multi county junior 4-Her (4th-6th graders) Winter Camp on Saturday, February 14th at the Prairie Heritage Center southeast of Primghar. The Prairie Heritage Center is located in the SE corner of O'Brien County at 4931 Yellow Avenue.

Driving directions: The site is located 4 1/2 miles southeast of Sutherland on Hwy 10 or 3 1/2 miles northwest of Peterson on Hwy 10, then 1 mile north on Yellow Avenue.

Watch for the "brown" Conservation signs directing you. The center is located on the west side of the road on a bluff overlooking the river valley. See the attached registration form.

<http://www.prairieheritagecenter.org/>



Beef Workshop Registration

Name (s) of 4-Her/FFA members attending workshop on Jan 17th from 10 am to noon

4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____

of years showed beef: _____

***Please return to the Extension office by January 7th.** No cost, presenters just need to know the number planning on attending. See location/directions on p. 1 of newsletter.

Christina Hixson Scholarship

Seniors.....if you are planning to go to Iowa State University, this is a great scholarship program for 1 Senior from Lyon County. **2009 Christina Hixson Opportunity Awards.**

Often missing from that spotlight are students with the ability and determination but more modest resumes or records of performance due to circumstances beyond their control. The **Hixson Opportunity Award is a \$10,000 scholarship** (distributed \$2,500 per year). The online application is now available for the 2009 Hixson Awards. The application includes an electronic request for recommendation.

www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/

FYI

- ◆ Jan17-Beef Workshop
- ◆ Jan 22 or 24-New 4-H member/parent meeting
- ◆ Jan 26-County Council Meeting
- ◆ Feb 2 - 4-H Scholarship Applications due
- ◆ Feb 14- Junior 4-Her Winter Camp-Prairie Heritage Center
- ◆ Feb 28-Beef Weigh-in at Jansma's
- ◆ July 13-16, 2009 – Lyon County Fair