



4-H Family News

September 2009

Dear 4-H Families,

With Fall just around the corner it is time to start thinking about the new 4-H year. Record books should be to your leaders who will look over them to ensure you have all proper forms before turning them into the Extension Office. The official end of the 2008/2009 4-H year is the Awards Program which is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th starting at 4pm. In October you will receive your re-enrollment form for the 2009/2010 year from your leaders. The due date for these is November 8th.

National 4-H Week is October 4-10 this year. Although it is important to share your experiences in 4-H with your friends all year long, this is the week we are recognized nationally. Remember, there is a place in 4-H for anyone of any age.

As always, the newsletter has a lot of very important information so please make sure to read over it. If you have any thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

Misty Hinson
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Dates to Remember

September

- 18 Record Books Due to Extension Office
- 19 Intermediate & County Council Apps. Due
- 19 Orthel Jolly Workers Meeting
- 20 Elcon Indians Meeting
- 22 Fall Leader Training
- 26 Garner Lucky Clovers 1st Meeting
- 28 Record Book Judging Begins
- 28 Concord Challengers Meeting
- 30 Bock Scholarship Due

October

- 3 Britt Creative Clovers 1st Meeting
- 4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- 8 T-Shirt Designs Due
- 9-11 Vote on T-Shirt Designs
- 10 Garner Fall Festival - 4-H Booth
- 10 Britt Broncos Meeting
- 25 Orthel Jolly Workers Meeting
- 31 Garner Lucky Clovers

November

- 7 Britt Creative Clovers
- 8 4-H Awards Program
- 8 Re-enrollment/Medical Forms Due
- 21 Garner Lucky Clovers
- 26-29 Chicago Trip

December

- 5 Britt Creative Clovers
- 19 Garner Lucky Clovers

Future Dates

- January 9 - Beef Weigh-in 9:30-11
- February 26-27 - 2010 State Leaders Retreat, DMACC, Ankeny
- June 29-July 1 - 2010 State 4-H Conference
- July 27-Aug. 2 - 2010 Hancock County Fair
- August 12-22 - 2010 Iowa State Fair

Hancock County

Fair Grounds Beautification

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up and paint the fair grounds at the end of June. The Fair Board greatly appreciated your help. Many hands make the work lighter and faster.



Re-enrollment Forms

Leaders will receive re-enrollment and medical release forms for current members by the end of September or beginning of October. Please take time right away to fill them out and return them to your leader or to the Extension Office by November 8th.

Intermediate and County Council

As we begin the new 4-H year we also need to begin the new 4-H County Council year. Applications went out to all Intermediate (7th & 8th grade) members and all Senior (9th - 12th grade) members during the first week of September. All applications are due/postmarked by Friday, September 18.

Area Recognition and Awards

Congratulations to Kristi Larson who participated in Area Recognition and Awards in March where she advanced on to the Iowa 4-H Recognition Day. Kristi was one of more than 100 members who participated on Aug. 29 on the campus of Iowa State University. Kristi was recognized for her accomplishments in the Poultry Project.



You too can participate in Area Awards. More information will be sent to high school 4-H members later this fall.

There are many things that we do as a county during this week to promote 4-H.

Leaders work with their clubs to create posters that are then hung up around Hancock County as well as sending thank you notes to all of the livestock auction buyers from fair.

County Council kids record Public Service Announcements for the radio as well as assist with the 4th grade class visits and have the County Supervisors sign a proclamation announcing National 4-H Week.

If you have ideas about other activities we could do to promote the 4-H program both in and outside of Hancock County please let us know!

Record Books

Just a reminder that Record Books are now past due to your leaders. If you have not yet turned yours in you need to call your leader and the Extension Office ASAP!

High School Seniors: If you applied for the Chicago Trip that takes place over Thanksgiving Weekend and you now think there is a chance you will not be able to go please call the Extension Office. Due to past issues there is a chance this trip will not be offered in the future.

County & State Fair results

County Fair results can be found on the Fair Board's web site at: <http://www.hancockcountyfair.com/> These results along with the State Fair results will also be posted on the Hancock County Extension web site at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/kidsteens.htm>



Bock Scholarship

Applications for the Mitchell and Ida Mae Bock Scholarship are due to the Extension Office by September 30. Turn your record books in to your leaders just as you have in the past. If you have any questions or want the application sent to you by e-mail give me a call.



Beef Project Members

Due to the dates of the 2010 Hancock County Fair (July 27-Aug. 2) you need to be cautious when selecting your animals this fall. Beef weigh-in has been scheduled for Saturday, January 9th from 9:30am-11am which means there will be another 200 days until fair. Remember, any animal weighing over 1500 pounds CAN NOT be sent to the packer; arrangements would have to be made at a local locker.



State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 2009 State Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at Jester Park. Once again, the event will coincide with the State Judge's Certification. This joint venture was a great success last year, so we're doing it again this year. Entries are due to the State 4-H Office on Sept. 18th. Information on rules and the entry form are at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookhorse.htm>.

Hancock County Awards & Recognition Program

The awards program has been scheduled for Sunday, November 8th beginning at 4pm at the Garner-Hayfield Auditorium. Invitations will be sent out at the end of October. Remember, the awards program is a way to close out our current 4-H year and is open to everyone not just those who applied for awards.

2009 4-H Hall of Fame

On Sunday, August 23 Hancock County inducted Roger and Deb Schmit into the 4-H Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair.



Roger and Deb Schmit are truly a treasure to the Hancock County 4-H program. They have been involved in 4-H as youth, through the fair board, as parents and now as 4-H grandparents. They were instrumental in many fair improvements and additions that continue to benefit the youth of our county today. Roger and Deb support our youth and we are very lucky to have their continued involvement.

T-Shirt Design Contest!!

We have decided that our Hancock County 4-H T-shirts need an updated look. Put your creative skills to use by creating a design! Check out the enclosed flyer for more details.

Back to College!

Keep 4-H Alumni in touch and up to date on the happenings of Hancock County 4-H! Send an e-mail to Misty at mhinson@iastate.edu with your grad's college address!

Club Notes

Britt Broncos

Leaders: Nancy Horstman & Jane Johnson

- Club Meeting: Sat., Oct. 10 - 1pm - Meet outside the Britt Public Library - Leader Surprise!
- Fort Custer Maze in Clear Lake

Concord Challengers

Leaders: Michelle Dornbier & Kristi Clark

- Club Meeting: Mon., Sept. 28 - 7pm - Garner Public Library

Elcon Indians

Leaders: Rosemary Weaver & Deb Duregger

- Club Meeting: Sun., Sept. 20 - Fort Custer Maze in Clear Lake

Ellery Country Clover

Leaders: Jennifer Kropp & Sherri Post

- Club Meeting: Contact Jennifer at 641-587-2706 for meeting information.

Orthel Jolly Workers

Leaders: Jan Bier, Sheryl Chizek, DeEtta Kluver, Kathy Larson & Ellen Tusha

- Club Meeting: Sat., Sept. 19 - 12-2pm - Garner Ed. Center - election of officers
- Club Meeting: Sun., Oct. 25 - 6pm - Northwood Corn Maze

Clover Kids

Leader: Misty Hinson

Britt Creative Clovers: 9-10:30am at the Britt Public Library. Oct. 3 & Nov. 7

Garner Lucky Clovers: 9-10:30am at the Garner Education Center. Sept. 26 & Oct. 31

2008/2009 Intermediate County Council

Tara Barker	Brie Bier
Kim Dornbier	Trey Jass
Ashley Smeby	Kevin Tlach
Maddie Tusha	Nic Tusha
Jared Wellik	Mark Wellik

Intermediate Council Happenings

Garner Fall Festival - Sat., Oct. 10 - They will have an informational booth with activities for kids and a bake sale.

2008/2009 Senior County Council

Emily Bertilson	Ellen Bertilson
Lindsey Burgardt	Sara Formanek
Cole Greiman	Kyle Greiman
Zach Greiman	Greg Gremmer
Courtney Jass	Whitney Johnson
Danelle Kohlmeyer	Libby Kropp
Kristi Larson	Katie Lonneman
Valerie Luppen	Mary Pistek
Brianna Schmidt	Katelyn Terhark
Michael Tlach	Liz Tusha

County Council Happenings

Judging Junior record books.

Baking items for the 4-H booth at Garner's Fall Festival





FIRST LEGO League Club Update



The FLL team has 8 members that go by the name of F.I.R.E. (Future Intelligent Robotic Engineers). They are currently working on the 2009 challenge that has a theme of transportation. Each team must make a 5 minute presentation as well as building and programming a robot for specific missions. If you have questions or would like the team to give a demonstration, please let me know. More information about this national program can be found at www.usfirst.org

Carol Opp

School Enrichment Coordinator

Share Your Talents!

Are you a parent or grandparent of a current 4-H member? Maybe you are just a supporter of the 4-H program. Whatever your status we would love you to share your talents with our members! We would like to offer project workshops for our members for the 2009/2010 4-H year that will officially begin in November. We want to hear from you if you are willing to assist with a workshop or you just have an idea for one. If workshops are not your interest area there are many other ways to get involved with the 4-H program. Call the Extension Office today!!

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By now most people have heard about the many changes that ISU Extension is going through. With that in mind, I would like to introduce two new people that will be working with our staff and Extension Council in Hancock County.



Fall is quickly upon us, and crop maturity has changed rapidly over the course of the past several weeks. These changes, along with the cool, crisp evenings usher in the beginning of a new season here in north central Iowa.

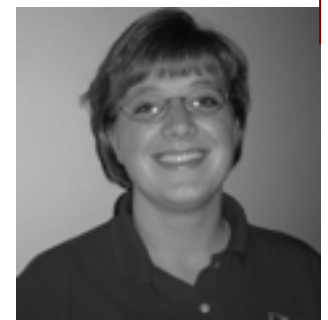
I am the new Regional Extension Education Director for Region 2 which encompasses Hancock, Winnebago, Kossuth, Emmet and Palo Alto. Prior to this new position, I was the O'Brien County Extension Education Director and was serving in Osceola County as interim Director. I grew up on a diversified crop and livestock farm north of Goodell in Hancock County.

We have always known that 4-H does an excellent job of providing leadership, citizenship and community development skills for life-long learning, but a Tufts University Research result offers additional evidence. Their results showed that, "One year of 4-H makes young people 3.5 times more likely to contribute to their families, themselves and their communities." This is why we have such strong convictions with our volunteers, parents and leaders.

4-H enrollments will be coming into the office over the course of the next month. I encourage you to invite a friend to a meeting or activity and show them what 4-H has done for you.

Finally, I want to say "Thank-you" to those of you that I have met over the past couple of months and look forward to meeting many more 4-H families as we enter this new season!

Hi! I'm Lisa Berkland, the 4-H program specialist serving the Region 2 area of Palo Alto, Emmet, Kossuth, Winnebago and Hancock. For those of you who've been around awhile, I served Hancock County for a few years back in the mid 1990's. My husband and I farm in Palo Alto County and have 2 children, ages 6 & 8.



As you know, ISU Extension is going through a lot of changes. We are going to get through this by all working together to make the best even better! In 4-H, we will still be about meeting the needs of youth for belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. We will do this by providing the essential elements of 4-H, things like having engaging programs, giving youth a voice, giving youth choices providing safe environments and providing caring adults. Our end results will continue to be leadership, citizenship, and communication skills, as well as project knowledge and personal life management skills.

I look forward to meeting you (and re-meeting some of you), and getting to know both you and your family!