



# Floyd County 4-H Clover Leaves Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events Floyd 4-H Calendar

Dear 4-H'ers and 4-H Families,

HAPPY PUMPKIN TIME!!

It's beginning to look like harvest season with a chill in the air, rainy days, and the ever changing colors of the leaves on the trees.

I would like to congratulate all of our 4-H'ers on their awards received at Awards Night. It was a night to celebrate and be proud of all our accomplishments that Floyd County 4-H'ers have made this past year. A big thank you goes out to the County Council, 4-H Committee, and those clubs who provided the cookie refreshments; without you Awards Night wouldn't be possible!!!

National 4-H Week is this week. Celebrate by inviting a non-4-H friend and their parent to one of your club meetings and share with them all the fun 4-H has to offer. Our clubs will become stronger and better as a result of positive involvement and opportunities for youth.

Well that's a wrap-up for this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call the Extension office at 641/228-1453, or e-mail me at [lmehmen@iastate.edu](mailto:lmehmen@iastate.edu).

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| October 4      | Awards Night @ Brick Bldg., Fairgrounds, 7pm                 |
| October 4-10   | National 4-H Week  |
| November 3     | 4-H Committee Mtg. @ Extension office, 7pm                   |
| November 5     | New Member and Parent Orientation @ Extension office, 6:30pm |
| November 21    | 4H Sewing Workshop @ Extension office, 1-4pm                 |
| November 26-27 | Holiday-Office Closed  |
| November 26-29 | Chicago Awards Trip  |
| December 1     | Re-enrollments Due   |
| December 12    | Beef Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds, 9am-12pm                        |
| December 21    | County Council Mtg. @ Extension office, 6:30pm               |

## Fair Dates for 2010

Floyd County Fair July 21-25  
Iowa State Fair August 12-22

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability.



## A Note from Kendra Crooks, YFS

4-H Families,

As you probably know by now, ISU Extension has under-gone a staffing re-organization due to our budget cuts. I want to assure you that the county 4-H program will continue and the Extension office will remain in place. However, I will no longer be serving the Floyd County 4-H program. I have been reassigned to serve as a 4H Urban Specialist in Black Hawk County. As of September 1, my office will be at the Black Hawk Co. Extension office in Waterloo. As a part of the re-organization process, I was allowed to preference the regions/urban area then was placed by the Program Director and Human Resources staff. So please know that it wasn't that I wanted to leave Floyd County. While I am happy to have a job with the 4-H program, I was saddened to see that I would no longer be serving any of the counties I'd grown to know and care for nearly nine years. Extension's Region 3 (Floyd, Mitchell, Cerro Gordo, Worth, Franklin Co.) 4-H program will now be served by Gail Castillo, 4-H Program Specialist.

I will miss working with all of the great youth, families and volunteers. Please know that I will be keeping an eye on the program and expect to see Floyd County 4-H families and volunteers continue to enjoy and support this great program and GROW GREEN!!

## Floyd County 4H Website

Look at the Floyd County 4H website for all kinds of 4H items, events, and forms.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/floyd/kidsteens.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/floyd/kidsteens.htm)

If you have trouble viewing this website, please contact the office to help you.

## Recruitment Begins



Remember if you have friends who would like to join 4-H, now is the time to invite them to one of your club meetings or events. Remember 4-H is for everyone!!

## County Council Members Wanted!!

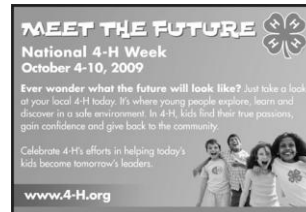
We are currently seeking 4-H'ers that will be in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in serving on the 2009-2010 County Council. This is a great opportunity to experience leadership, citizenship, and communication skills. Anyone who is interested in joining county council please contact the Extension office.



## Awards Night

A Big THANK YOU goes out to the 4-H Committee for all their help with record books and project award interviews. Also thank you to the County Council and 4-H Committee for all their help with Awards Night!!! The wonderful cookie refreshments were made and provided by Llove Those Llamas and Union Busy Bees. Once again, thanks to everyone!!!

## National 4-H Week



National 4-H Week will be October 4-10. We will be kicking off the week with Awards Night, showcasing the talents of Floyd County

4-H'ers. Start thinking about posters and displays your club could put together to help recruit new members and advertise your club in your area. Wear your 4-H shirts and promote how to "Make the Best Better".

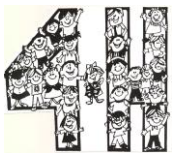
Do you know how much time your club leader(s) spends on organizing and preparing for your club meetings? Have you thanked them lately? National 4-H Week is a perfect chance, so please thank your leader(s) for all they do for your club!!

## 4-H Junior Livestock Program

The Butler County Extension office is sponsoring an evening of fun and education for junior (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr.) 4-H members interested in livestock. The program will be held Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at the Butler County Extension office. 4-H'ers will learn through hands-on activities, basic livestock terminology, how a cow's digestive system functions and much more. Presenters will be Dale Thoreson, ISU Extension Dairy, Beef and Forage Specialist, Mary TeWinkel, 4-H Program Specialist, and Pat Derdzinski, County Extension Education Director. Please pre-register to the Butler County Extension office by Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> by calling 319/267-2707. Please let them know what livestock you are interested in learning about.

## Grommet Bag Sewing Workshop November 21

There will be a sewing workshop on November 21 at the Extension office from 1-4pm. All fabric and materials to complete the grommet bag will be provided, please bring your own spool of neutral colored thread. Space is limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration is required and cost will be \$15. Registration form is included in this newsletter.



## New Member Orientation November 5

Are you a new 4-H member or are you thinking about enrolling as a new member of Floyd County 4-H? Do you have questions about 4-H? On Thursday, November 5 at the Floyd County Extension office from 6:30-8:00pm, we will be having a new member orientation for you and your parents to find out all about the 4-H program. Pizza will be served. Pre-registration is required to the Extension office by Monday, November 2 so we know how many are coming and how much pizza to order. Be sure to attend!!

## Beef Weigh-In



Beef Weigh-In is scheduled for **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds from 9am-12noon. Please note the time change.** Cost for ear tags will be \$1.00 per tag. This year again, we will be using retinal imaging for state fair cattle. This verification process will take place at the weigh-in. Cost for this verification will be \$5.00 per head.

## Re-enrollments/Enrollments Due December 1

Enrollments, Re-enrollments, Medical Releases, Dues (\$30), and Insurance (\$1 or \$2 for horse project) are due to by December 1. On your forms, check over the personal information and make sure your address (including phone numbers), grade, etc. are correct. Also remember to fill out the project section. Circle YES if you want to re-enroll in a project and Circle NO if you want to drop the project from last year. Fill out the codes of the project(s) you want for this year. Codes are found on the project listing included with your re-enrollments. Projects listed on the form are the projects you were enrolled in LAST year.

## Dues Fee Assistance Available

With the 4-H dues increasing this year, there is financial assistance available from the Iowa 4-H foundation for 4-H families that need help paying their annual dues fee (\$30). The application and guidelines can be found on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website at <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/financial/applications/index.htm>

Applications can also be picked up at the Extension office. Please note that the application form requires a brief statement of need and signatures from both a parent or guardian and a county Extension staff member or program specialist.