



# CLOVER LEAVES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012



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Dear 4-H Families,

First of all, I would like to welcome our 22 new members!! We are so excited you have decided to enroll in Floyd County 4-H. Remember if you ever have questions or concerns; please feel free to contact us. We are happy to assist you at anytime to ensure your Floyd County 4-H experience is a memorable one!! I hope to see everyone on January 30th for New Member Night.

One of the most important things in Floyd County 4-H is to read this newsletter. It is filled with great events, important deadlines, excellent resources and support to make sure everyone is on the same page and aware of things happening in Floyd County.

Hoping everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day!! Until next time, *Lesley*

## LEADER'S MEETING FEB. 20

Leaders, mark your calendars for Monday, February 20th! There will be a leaders meeting held on the 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Gail will be here to provide you with the latest leaders training module. Upcoming events and opportunities will also be discussed. Please plan to attend.

## NEW MEMBER NIGHT DATE CHANGE!!

Are you a new 4-H member of Floyd County 4-H? Do you have questions about 4-H? We will be having a new member orientation for you and your parents to find out all about the 4-H program. Join us on Monday, January 30th at the Floyd County Extension office from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Pizza will be served. Call or email to register. 641-228-1453 or [xfloyd@iastate.edu](mailto:xfloyd@iastate.edu)



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Extension and Outreach

## IOWA SHOWPIG CIRCUIT-NEW FOR 2012

NEW in 2012! Iowa Showpig Circuit!

The Great Plains Livestock Association would like to invite you to participate in this new and exciting showpig circuit that will be starting up in Iowa in the spring/summer of 2012. Individuals wishing to exhibit their swine projects at numerous shows from April to July while collecting "points" and working towards year end awards are encouraged to participate. For many of you familiar with the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association or the Heartland Youth Show Lamb circuit, this showpig circuit will follow many of the same formats.

The Great Plains Livestock Association mission statement reads: To encourage Iowa and Nebraska youth to more eagerly participate in swine events and to promote educational and skill-building opportunities, while enhancing the knowledge of youth about the purebred, showpig, and commercial segments of the swine industry.

We are extremely excited about this new program and look forward to a large participation. Check out [greatplainslivestock.com](http://greatplainslivestock.com) for show schedules and more information regarding the circuit, or contact Jarrod and Shari Bakker at 515-291-1956 or 319-269-8014. You can also email them at [jarrod.bakker@yahoo.com](mailto:jarrod.bakker@yahoo.com) or [sharisellbakker@hotmail.com](mailto:sharisellbakker@hotmail.com). Samantha Winter can be reached at 806-543-4146 or [winter0626@live.com](mailto:winter0626@live.com)

## CHRISTINA HIXSON OPPORTUNITY AWARD

A reminder to high school seniors that information and application form for the Christina Hixson Opportunity Award to Iowa State University is online at [www.iastate.edu/hixson](http://www.iastate.edu/hixson)



## 4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the 2012 scholarship programs for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college fall 2012. More than 90 scholarships are available to Iowa 4-H'ers pursuing various fields of study at an Iowa Regent University, Iowa Private College, or Iowa Community College. Applications, forms, and information is available on the Iowa 4-H website:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships)  
Applications are due March 1, 2012.

## OUTSIDE THE COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting opportunities are available for Senior 4-H members:

- ⇒ National 4-H Conference
- ⇒ National 4-H Congress
- ⇒ State 4-H Council
- ⇒ Iowa Youth Technology Team
- ⇒ State Project Awards

Opportunities require a written application and an interview at the Interview Day at Iowa State University on Saturday, March 24, 2012. Members who are not able to participate in a live interview will be able to pre-record an interview for this event by working with the State 4-H office.

Your written application will consist of 3 parts: Recognition Cover Sheet, 2 pages to answer the specific questions for the recognition area, and 2 pages for your own creative telling of your 4-H story and support of the recognition for which you are applying. More information can be found at the State 4-H Recognition website:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition.htm)

Please contact the Extension office if you have any other questions, 228-1453. Written applications will be due February 1.

# MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING  
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

## FSQA TRAININGS

Food Safety and Quality Assurance training is required for all 4-H exhibitors showing Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Dairy and Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, and Bucket Bottle Calves. This certification may be obtained by attending a yearly class (4th-12th grades) or testing (7th-12th grades). Trainings will be offered 2 times this year for Floyd County: Saturday, March 10 from 9am-10:30am **OR** Monday, March 19 from 4:30pm-6pm. Both training will be given at the Extension office. Testing may be done by scheduling an appointment at the Extension office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



## 4-H ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Kyrstin Brunner of the Union Busy Bees 4-H Club will receive her program development dues of \$30 paid by the 4-H Committee for her winning essay in the 4-H Essay Contest that was advertised in the October Newsletter. Please view Kyrstin's essay on the back page of this newsletter. Congratulations Kyrstin!



## STATE FAIR SWINE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

The 2012 State Fair swine regional weigh-in site dates and locations will be posted at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm)

On the site you will find, 1) 2012 Updates and Weigh-In Information; 2) Regional Site List; 3) Intent to Participate form (this form must be filled out and turned in to the State 4-H Office by March 20).

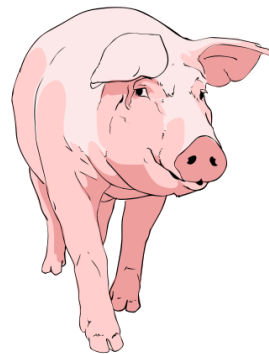
Please refer to this site if you are planning to exhibit swine at the 2012 State Fair!!

## ID FORMS DUE May 15

As a reminder animal identification forms need to be in to the Extension office on May 15 by 4:30pm or submitted in 4Honline by May 15th. This includes all mailed and faxed forms to the office. Animal ID forms would be for all breeding sheep and beef, dog, bucket/bottle calves (including Clover Kids), horses, dairy and dairy goats. The paper forms are available on the county website or can be picked up from the Extension office. No IDs will be mailed unless requested. No exceptions will be made for late forms to the office or submitted forms in 4Honline.

Included in this newsletter is a helpsheet for submitting your ID's Online. Be aware that there are animals in the system that are not required in this county to be ID'ed (i.e.: Rabbits, Poultry). Please refer to the above paragraph for required animals. If you have any questions about this or the 4Honline process, please contact the office for assistance.

## SWINE WEIGH-IN DATES



The swine weigh-in will be held Friday, March 23 from 3:00-5:00 pm and Saturday, March 24 at the Charles City High School VoAg from 8:00-10:30 am. Tags will be \$2.00 per animal weighed in. Designated weigh-ins for State Fair will be held at various locations. If interested in taking swine to the State Fair, please read "Intent to Participate" or contact the Extension Office for more information.

## 4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,  
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

