

# CLOVER CONNECTION

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## Clovers to...

### NORTHWEST AREA EXTENSION

#### February 2009 Issue

#### 4-H Youth Council

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- All volunteers that helped with Beef Weigh-in!
- All members and family that attended Beef Weigh-in!
- Galva-Holstein Ag., Vohs Seeds, CPS– Roger Frank, Farmer's Cooperative Company, and Ida County Farm Bureau for donating generously towards our Program Development Fees!
- Randy Rohlk and Dale Ullrich for sponsoring our retinal scanner from Dickinson County this year for Beef Weigh-in!

## Congrats to:

- Tanya Burow and Sage Bennett of the Maple Huskies for answering the Clover Connection question correctly. Tanya receives the newsletter in the mail and Sage via e-mail. Great Job Girls.

## Calendar of Events

### County Happenings

Feb 11 FSQA Testing @ Extension 2-5pm  
Feb 12 FSQA Training @ Extension 5:30 to 7:30pm  
Mar 2 FSQA Training @ Extension 7-9pm  
Mar 20 Bee keeping with 4-H Workshop  
May 2 Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in  
May 15 Livestock ID's Due to Extension Office  
July 1 Fair Entries Due for Ida Co. Fair, Clay Co. Fair, Iowa State Fair  
July 29-Aug.2 2008 Ida County Fair

### Out of County Happenings

Jan 28-29 Iowa Pork Congress, Des Moines  
Feb. 2 4-H College Scholarships Due to State Office  
Feb. 2 Iowa's Promise Grant Application Due to State Office  
Feb. 6-7 State Volunteer Retreat, Newton, IA  
Feb 8-15 Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines  
Mar. 2 Area Award Applications & Support Material Due to County Office  
April 1 Area Awards Live Interviews, Storm Lake, IA  
April 4-5 SESS Leader Certification Workshop  
June 30– July 2 2009 State 4-H Conference  
Aug. 13-23 2009 Iowa State Fair





## 4-H Fundraiser

Ida County did a great job with the annual fundraiser. As a county we made a total profit of \$3739.03 coming in a bit short from last year. With this money we take out \$1.00 for each 4-H member for insurance, \$2.00 if a horse exhibitor. Then we split this money in half. Half stays in the 4-H General Fund to help with 4-H based expenses. The other half is divided up among the clubs according to the percent they sold. The percentages paid out to each club are as follows to:

Battle Badgers	25%
Blaine Clovers	10%
Maple Huskies	21%
Grant 4-H'ers	30%
Grant Champions	1%
Logan Hotshots	12%
Office	1%

Great Job Everyone!

## Bee Keeping with 4-H Workshop

Ida County Extension will be holding a Bee Keeping with 4-H Workshop, March 20 at 7 pm. The workshop presenter will be the 2009 Iowa Honey Queen, and Ida County 4-H'er Shiliah Spaulding. She will tell you about bee keeping as a 4-H project and what opportunities you could have with this. Scholarships for starting out are available and Shiliah will have all the information. Please be sure to pre-register by calling Susan at the Ida County Extension Office. Others welcome, but seating may be limited so call early, 364-3003.



**WE WILL BEE HIVING A GREAT TIME !!!!!!!**

## FSQA Information with a date and time change

FSQA (Food Safety & Quality Assurance) is a statewide program that all livestock exhibitors except dog, horse, cat, or pet are required to take. Participants will learn good production practices and proper ethics.

- All youth ages 9-11 on Jan. 1 will need to attend an approved training each year.
- Youth ages 12-14 on Jan. 1 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 15.
- Youth ages 15-18 on Jan. 1 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 19.
- At the time youth turn 19, they will need to certify in the adult Quality Assurance programs according to the adult rules

Ida County will be offering two FSQA Testing dates, and two FSQA Training Dates:

- **FSQA Testing Day** : Wednesday, February 11, from 2-5 pm @ the Extension Office
- **FSQA Training** : Thursday, February 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm @ the Extension Office
- **FSQA Training** : Monday, March 2, from 7-9 pm @ the Extension Office

**We will not be offering any FSQA Testing on FSQA Training days.** If you would like to test, come to the Extension Office on Wednesday February 11 from 2-5 pm. If you choose not to test or do not pass the test, then you must attend a two hour training session to meet FSQA requirements. Study manuals are available at the Extension Office for a \$5.00 fee.

You do not need to pre-register, just show up on the testing day or either training. If you have any questions please contact Susan at the Extension Office, 364-3003

## Setting Goals

It is very important to set goals for your project areas, as well as the exhibits you are working on. There are three main parts to each goal:

1. Action: What you want to do in your project area or with your exhibit? "Learn how to work with modeling clay." "Create a sculpture out of modeling clay."
2. Result: What are you going to do to achieve your goals? "Read publications from our club library, attend workshops, and practice with modeling clay."
3. Time Table: When are you going to work towards and complete your goals? "During the year and at the fair."



## Northwest Area Recognition

It is time to start thinking about applying for NW Area and State Recognition Opportunities. Applications for Area Project Awards, State 4-H Council, Iowa Youth Tech Team, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference. For more information, and an application contact the County Extension Office or check out this website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/info/awards.htm>

For more detailed information on each opportunity check out this website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/>

## State Project Awards

All 4-Hers in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply for State Project Awards. For more information and for applications visit:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>



## Record Keeping

It is not too early to start record keeping. If you weighed-in beef it would be a good idea to start record keeping. It is easier to do it as you go rather than trying to remember everything four months from now.

An idea for livestock project members is to place a calendar in your barn and keep track of how much you feed your animals, how often you feed them, what you feed them, and record any activity you might have with them such as if the vet came and why they came, when did you lead your beef for the first time, any important events you will want to remember!

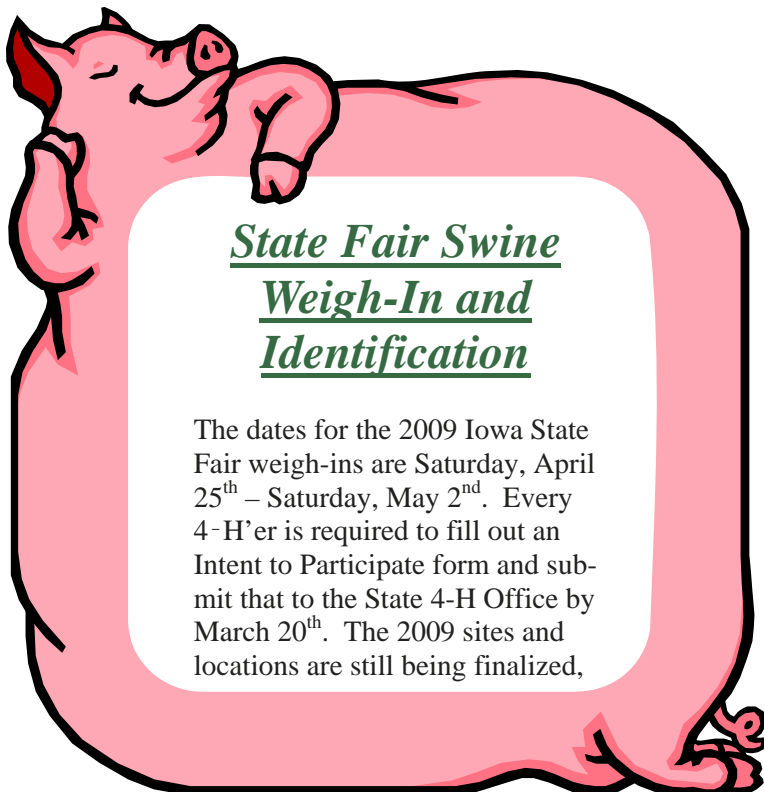
Make sure you have the correct record keeping forms for each of your projects. The Extension Office has record keeping forms on file, or you can visit the Ida County 4-H Webpage at:  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ida/kidsteens.htm>





## 2009 Iowa 4-H Scholarship Information Available

The 2009 Iowa 4-H Scholarship applications and information is now available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>. Please be sure to download and/or print all 5 items, read all eligibility criteria, and follow all instructions. All applications must have current copies of transcripts with Fall 2008 courses and grades. Transcripts need not be "official". Fall 2008 courses and grades may be a separate student grade report copy. If you have any questions, you may Email [mklitzel@iastate.edu](mailto:mklitzel@iastate.edu) or call 515-294-1519. (Mitch Hoyer, Mary Kay Litzel)



### State Fair Swine Weigh-In and Identification

The dates for the 2009 Iowa State Fair weigh-ins are Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Every 4-H'er is required to fill out an Intent to Participate form and submit that to the State 4-H Office by March 20<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 sites and locations are still being finalized,

## Two New 4-H Scholarships for 2009

We're pleased to announce the addition of two more 4-H scholarships for the 2009 school year. Endowed by several members of the Colvin Family, the Colvin Family 4-H Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H'er "who has taken their own road – one who has done their best to fully experience 4-H and life". The Colvin Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship and is open to any undergraduate attending Iowa State University in any field of study. No special application is needed, and all scholarship applicants who meet the criteria will automatically be placed into consideration for the Colvin Family Scholarship.

The second new scholarship is the Wolken 4-H Scholarship. Steve and Sue Wolken have endowed this \$500 scholarship to recognize a 4-H'er who has been a member of State 4-H Council. Current and former state council members who are undergraduates at any Iowa four-year college in any field of study are encouraged to apply. Applicants may write in "Wolken 4-H Scholarship" on the transmittal form. Please alert former state council members from your county, especially those not attending Iowa State University, about this new opportunity.



## Save the Date:

*Kids Fest will be March 12 starting at 3:30pm  
Car seat checks will be done at the Extension Office parking lot the other activities will be done at the Skate Palace. This is a great opportunity for some Community Service for 4-H Clubs to help. Contact Kathy or Susan for details. More information will be in next month's newsletter.*

## 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

### SESS Instructor Training

The Spring 2009 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports instructor training is scheduled for March 27-29, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The registration information has been posted on the 4-H SESS website under "Trainings Events and Activities". The direct link to the material is: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf>

The program continues to see a growth in the 4-H SESS program. The spring training is always our largest training of the year. Please complete registrations early.



### Youth Horse Jamboree

The 2009 Youth Horse Jamboree is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. A change this year is the location for the activities. All activities will occur in the Varied Industries Building and not the Cattle Barn. This should offer a substantial increase in visibility to the general public for the youth projects and competitions. All rules and entries are updated and can be found in the Livestock Handbook, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookhorse.htm>. (Mike Anderson)

Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend.

You don't even have to be in 4-H! You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in either animal science or crop production, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP or CSI: Crops tracks!

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! Look for more information to come! To get information as it is updated visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>



## 4-H Day at the Cyclone Women's Basketball Game

Looking for a fun 4-H club or county trip? The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be hosting a 4-H Day at the Iowa State Women's basketball game versus Kansas on March 7, 2009, 7:00 PM at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. This is the last home game of the season and senior night! Cost is just \$10 per person – which includes admission to the game, a drink, hot-dog, and an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt.

One game not enough? There is a men's basketball game at 12:45 PM that same day versus Texas Tech (however, this game is not included in the promotional offer). This is a great way for a club or county to get together and head to Ames for a day of 4-H and Iowa State Basketball. All 4-H youth, volunteers, leaders and alumni are invited to attend at the discounted price. 4-H promotions will be held throughout the game with a variety of events and activities.

Don't miss out on this exciting event! Visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and enter code IOWA4H to get your tickets! **Get your tickets today!** Go to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/t16bgz> Click on **FIND TICKETS**. Select the number of tickets under **IOWA 4-H PROMOTION**. Enter code **IOWA4H** to receive the discount. If you are attending with your club or county, notify Shelly Greiving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or call (515) 294-1607 and you will be recognized as a group attending the game.



## Gardening Opportunities

Ida County currently has a group of adults that have completed the Master Gardener class. Each Master Gardener has to complete volunteer hours after they complete their classroom work. It would be a great opportunity for 4-H members to pair up with a Master Gardener to learn about gardening and get some good project ideas. Also they would be there to help with any questions you might have about your yard, garden, landscaping, or other horticultural projects. Master Gardener's are experts at what they do and would be good resources for members. Another idea would be to invite a Master Gardener to a club meeting to talk about gardening



## WHY I LOVE 4-H



What a great time of the year to express our LOVE of 4-H. Each member (past or present), parent, leader, or volunteer this is for you. Write down the reasons Why YOU love 4-H. Then mail, e-mail, or drop them off to Susan at the Extension Office. You can write as many reasons as you want. Your response can be long or short and no answer is wrong. We will put all responses into a 4-H box and draw one or two per month. If your response gets drawn, it will be put into the newsletter and you will win a prize. Hope to hear from all of you soon. I already put a few in myself. This will replace the Clover Connection Question.

## Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee— Three Adobe Connect Sessions

The Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee invites you to tune in to the first of three Adobe Connect sessions with information on various 4-H equine opportunities and information.

These webcasts are for anyone wanting to watch; parents, 4-Hers, volunteers, Extension Staff, etc. ALL sessions will be recorded and archived for later viewing by those who cannot watch live. **Please make sure your 4-H'ers, parents, and volunteers are aware of this!**

### Session #1

**Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Topic of Interest – ***Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree*** - Learn about the Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree to be held April 4, 5 at the State Fairgrounds. Information will be given on all of the various contests kids can participate in including quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking, team grooming and the horseless horse events. What are they about? How do I enter? How do I prepare? <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/horsejamboree/>

### Session #2

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Topics of Interest – ***Horse Judging, Current topics in horse care*** – Learn about how to start a judging team in your county, the ins and outs of putting on a contest, participating in State and National contests, and current and future web resources for staff and volunteers wanting to learn more.

### Session #3

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Topics of Interest – ***Correctly Identifying your horse, 4-H State Fair Show, Special topic(s) on skill development.***

## Block and Bridle Dog Show

**When:** March 8, 2009

**Where:** ISU's Farm Bureau Pavilion

**Times:** Registration at Noon

Show starts at 2pm

Fee: \$10

Dogs must be current on vaccinations!

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<http://www.ans.iastate.edu/clubs/bbclub/?pg=33>

Conformation and 4-H Classes offered



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February 4-H CLUB MEETINGS:

Battle Badgers	Feb. 8	1:30pm
Blaine Clovers	Feb 8	4pm
Garfield All Stars	Feb 8	7:30pm
Grant Champions		
Grant 4-H'ers	Feb 8	TBA
Logan Hotshots	Feb 8	5pm
Maple Huskies	Feb 8	6pm
Shooting Sports	Feb 22	3-5pm



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