

FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 17—4-H SESS Archery Shoot, Oelwein
January 21—Judging Team—6:30 pm—Extension Office
January 21—Youth Committee Meeting—8 pm—Extension Office
January 23—Dan Burkhardt's Retirement Party
January 24—Citizenship Meeting—1-2:30 pm
January 24—County Council Meeting—2:30 pm—Extension Office
January 25—Area Record Book applications due
February 21—4-H SESS Archery Shoot—Oelwein
February 26 & 27—State 4-H Volunteer Training—Ankeny
February 28—Citizenship Meeting—1-2:30—Extension Office
February 28—County Council Meeting—2:30—4—Extension Office
March 6—Area Record Book Interviews—Oelwein
March 7—Omelet Brunch—9:30-1—Fairgrounds
March 23—FSQA Training—7 pm—Extension Office
April 20—FSQA Training—7 pm—Extension Office

Welcome New Members!

We are delighted that you have chosen to join the Fayette County 4-H Program. Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you have questions about the program, need forms or help with anything. We are happy to have you with us!

Join us for Dan's Retirement Party....

A retirement party for Dan Burkhardt will be held on Saturday, January 23rd from 1:30-3:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Fayette. All 4-H members, parents, family and friends are invited to attend. If you are interested in donating money towards a gift to present to him that day, please send monetary donations (checks payable to Patti Dillon with Dan's name in the memo line). Please send checks to Patti Dillon, 32861 Acorn Rd., Strawberry Point, IA 52076. Dan will officially retire from serving the last 38 years at Fayette County Extension on January 31, 2010.

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Beef Weigh-in

A big thank you to Brian Harper, Megan Crilly, Scott Smalley, Galen Kelly, Blake Rau, Scott Albrecht, Dustin Taylor, Mike Cline, Bob and Joyce McFarlane for assisting at the weigh-in and to Jeff Thoms and Derek Smith for setting up for the weigh-in. A total of 65 market animals were weighed in by 37 4-H/FFA members.

Upcoming Weigh-ins

- The Market Swine Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, April 10 from 8-11 at CGB in Fayette.
- The Market Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 8-11 at the Fayette County Fairgrounds.

More information will be sent to swine, sheep and meat goat project members closer to weigh-in dates.

Fair Booth Theme

The 2010 fair booth theme will be "Set the Stage".

Communications & Foods Fair Day

Communications, Clothing and Foods Fair judging will be held on Monday, June 28.

COOL (Country of Origin Labeling)

For details go to <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>.

ATTENTION DAIRY CLUB MEMBERS

A re-organizational meeting for the Fayette County Dairy Club members to plan for the year will be held on Sunday, January 17th at 2 pm in the Cyclone Room at the Extension Office. This meeting is open to all youth interested in being a part of the Fayette County Dairy Club. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

FSQA TRAINING AND TESTING DATES ANNOUNCED

FSQA training classes are being offered on Tuesday, March 23 and Tuesday, April 20 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Fayette County Extension Office. There are two sessions being offered; members are required to attend only one.

Intermediate and senior members have the option to take a test instead of the training. Those interested in testing must contact the Extension Office to set up a time. FSQA certification is required for all meat animal exhibits at the State Fair. Certification is also required for all Fayette County Fair swine exhibitors. Please pre-register at least one day before the training or testing date by calling the Extension Office at 563-425-3331.

CLUB PROGRAMS

Club Programs for the 2010 year are REQUIRED and due to the Extension Office. Please include as much information as possible but for sure the location and time. The Risk Management Policy and insurance covers those events that are listed on the club program. If your club decides to do an event that is not listed in your program book, please contact the Extension Office prior to so club members have adequate coverage.

Club programs are still needed from Arlington Igniters, Auburn Town & Country, Diligent Dovers, Eldorado Eagles, Fayette County Crossovers and Oelwein Cool Clovers.

OMELET BRUNCH

The 4-H Omelet Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 7th at the Dance Pavilion on the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Serving will be from 9:30 am-1 pm. This is an annual county 4-H fundraiser which proceeds are used to help pay the program development fee. Each 4-H member who has paid their program development fee will be sent 1 free ticket; additional tickets may be purchased for \$5 each at the Extension Office or at the door day of the brunch. Clubs wanting to sell tickets prior to the brunch may do so. Club leaders will be responsible in picking up tickets and distributing to club members and returning money to the Extension Office.

SILENT BASKET AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

During the Omelet Brunch we will once again have a silent auction. Clubs, families, and/or individuals are asked to donate items for the auction. All auction baskets will start with a \$15 bid. Please bring auction baskets to the office before 5 pm Friday, March 5th or to the Dance Pavilion Fairgrounds before 9:30 am on Sunday, March 7th.

SMALL ANIMAL CAGES FOR SALE

Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in breeding cages and/or misc. accessories for guinea pigs or small breed rabbits.

CLUB TRIP OPPORTUNITY

The Waterloo Black Hawks Hockey team is offering discounted tickets for all Iowa 4-H'ers and parents for the Friday, January 22, game vs. Youngstown and Saturday, January 23, game vs. Omaha. Tickets are \$7 each (regular price is \$12) and must be ordered from the Black Hawks box office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 21. Please place ticket orders by contacting Tim Harwood by calling 319-296-7581 or emailing radio@waterlooblackhawks.com

STATEWIDE VETERINARY MEDICINE WORKSHOP

Are you in 7th-12th grade and interested in finding out about careers in veterinary medicine? If so, you are invited to join current veterinary students for a day of hands-on activities and interaction sessions on February 27th. This FREE workshop, grant funded by the Mahr 4-H Scholarship, will be packed full of workshops including suturing, anatomy, parasitology, and physical examinations. Registration begins at 8:30 am in the Fish Tank Lobby at the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. The day will wrap up at 3 pm. For registration/information email Courtney Blake at cblake@iastate.edu or visit http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Documents/Public2_10VetMedWorkshop.pdf (note underscore between the 2 and 10)

IOWA STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is hosting a 4-H Day at the Iowa State women's basketball game versus Kansas State on Saturday, February 27th, 2010 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. Tip-off is at 7:00 pm. **Ticket price is just \$15 per person!** Ticket includes admission to game, pre-game tailgate party (food & drink) at the Extension 4-H Youth Building, exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt and a \$2 donation to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Join your fellow 4-H'ers and Cyclone fans from 4-6 pm for a 4-H pre-game tailgate that will be held at the [Extension 4-H Youth Building on the ISU Campus](#). A catered meal will feature pork provided by the Iowa Pork Producers Association. In addition to admission to the game and tailgating with your fellow 4-H'ers and Cyclone fans... you will receive an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt! Pick up your ticket(s) and t-shirt(s) at the tailgate event prior to the game. They will not be mailed in advance.

Don't miss out, buy your tickets today at www.extension.iastate.edu/store and type in "4H ISU WBB in the search box." Don't forget to submit your t-shirt order online after making your ticket order at <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDFITkxKeEFYdVdyYkdFaFN5aGxuMFE6MA> Last year nearly 1,000 4-H members, families, leaders, staff and volunteers attended.

NE IOWA 4-H RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Get more involved in 4-H and expand your horizons! If you are 9-12 grade, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards or to represent Iowa in upcoming conferences on the state and national levels including: National 4-H Conference (9-11 grade); Iowa Youth Technology Team (9-11 grade); National 4-H Dairy Conference (9-12 grade); State 4-H Project Awards (9-12 grade); National 4-H Congress (10-11 grade) and State 4-H Council (10-11 grade).

For more information please contact the Extension Office. Applications and support material are due to the Extension Office by Monday, January 25th. Interviews are scheduled in March at Oelwein and Mason City.



SESS Archery Shoots

Northeast Iowa Bowhunters have extended an invitation to Fayette County 4-H Shooting Sports club members to participate in bow shooting from 1-3:30 pm at their club located in the upper level of the Triple D Lounge in Oelwein on the following dates:

January 17

February 21

March 21

**Notices will not be sent—
mark your calendar today!**

If you are interested in attending these events, please call the Extension Office so we have a list of who to contact if an event is cancelled due to weather.

Scholarships Available

Iowa 4-H Scholarship —
The 2010 Iowa 4-H Scholarship applications and information is now available for the public and county offices at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm>.

Lloyd E. Meehan Scholarship

Information is available by contacting the Extension Office. This scholarship is open to those interested in attending Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Application deadline is February 15, 2010.

Christina Hixson Award

100 high school seniors will receive a total of \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for 4 years) to be used at Iowa State University. For more information call 800-262-3810 or visit www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson

ATTENTION LEADERS

If you missed the fall required leader training held on November 9th, the training is now available online or by stopping at the Extension Office to obtain a copy of the DVD and materials.

2010 VOLUNTEER RETREAT

The retreat is February 26 & 27 at DMACC in Ankeny. Registration deadline is February 12 and the cost this year is only \$10! <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/retreat.htm>

SESS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Spring 2010 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports instructor training is scheduled for March 26-28, 2010 at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The registration information has been posted on the new 4-H SESS website under Activities and Events on the bottom portion under 4-H Resources. The registration can be found on the link under the Calendar of Events on the Activities and Events page (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/ShootingSports/sessevents.htm>). The spring training is always our largest training of the year, so get your registrations in early.

CLUB MEETING DATES

Arlington Ignitors —
Auburn Town & Country —
Banks Go Getters — Sunday, January 3, 1 pm
Clermont Comets/Country Cousins — Sun., Jan 17, 6 pm
Diligent Dovers —
Eden Outer Limits — Saturday, January 9, 11 am
Eldorado Eagles —
Fayette Firecrackers — Thursday, January 7, 7 pm
Fayette Co. Crossovers —
Fayette Co. Hoofbeats — Monday, January 11, 7 pm
Fremont Friends — Sunday, January 3, Noon
Harlan-Fremont — Sunday, January 10, 7:30 pm
Harlan NRG — Sunday, January 10, 5 pm
Oelwein Cool Clovers —
Pleasant Valley Sharpshooters — Sun., January 10, 5 pm
Scott Hot Shots — Sunday, January 10, 1 pm
Windsor Sparkplugs—Monday, January 4, 7:30 pm

SUMMER HELP!

Looking for a job working with youth at day camps and helping at the Fayette County Fair? Contact the Extension Office for job description and application.

Clover Kids



Connection

Dear Clover Kids,

As I put this issue of the Clover Kids Connection together it is really cold outside so I got thinking about the different animals and how they survive when it is this cold. I saw this cute craft idea on freakidscrafts.com and thought how cute it this! I know we don't have polar bears in our area but I'm sure each of you know a little something about the polar bear. I hope you enjoy making this craft while staying inside where it is warm.



Egg Carton Igloo and Polar Bear

Supplies

- 1 egg carton, empty
- 1 cotton ball
- 3 small black pom-poms
- 2 medium white pom-poms
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors
- White spray paint

Instructions

Assembly Instructions for Igloo

Take the egg carton and cut between each cup.

Glue six of the cups together in a circle pattern, five on the outside with one in the middle.

Leave an opening to add one more cup later.

Take one egg carton cup and cut an upside down "U" shape doorway out of the egg cup.

Glue the doorway egg cup in place to complete the bottom circle.

Next continue gluing the igloo together by placing three more egg carton cups on top of the bottom six cups.

Then place the final one egg carton cup on top to complete the igloo shape.

Spray paint the igloo white. Let dry.

Assembly Instructions for Polar Bear Pal

Take the cotton ball and glue three small black pom-poms to the cotton ball make a face, two eyes and a nose.

Then glue two medium white pom-poms to the cotton ball for ears.

To complete the Igloo with Polar Bear Pal glue the polar bear pal in the doorway of the igloo.

Clover Kids Day

A Clover Kids Day is being planned for all Fayette County Clover Kids and will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Maynard Community Hall. Theme this year is "A Day on the Farm." If you are a current Clover Kids member please watch for a personalized invitation to arrive in your mailbox.

Clover Kids Meeting Dates

- Dover Clover Kids — Sunday, January 3, 2 pm
- Dynamite Clovers — Sunday, Jan. 10, 4 pm
- Fayette Clovers —
- Lucas Kids — Sunday, January 17
- Pleasant Valley — Sunday, January 10, 5 pm
- Scott Hot Shots — Sunday, January 3, 2 pm
- Windsor Sparkplugs — Mon., Jan. 4, 7:30 pm

ZOONOSES

Zoonoses is a word that describes diseases that are contagious from animals to people. I thought I would list a few of these diseases that might be of concern to those that show livestock so that you might avoid them.

Salmonella This is disease that is likely the most common zoonoses. Humans catch it from animals that are shedding it, usually from diarrhea. The disease is spread when a small amount of fecal material gets on a mucus membrane of the lips or nose as a person is handling an infected animal. Most of the species of animals that you will encounter in the show world acquire and shed this disease.

Symptoms in animals range from extreme diarrhea with a fever and recumbence to a minor loose stool. Young or stressed animals will show the worst symptoms.

Symptoms in people: vomiting, diarrhea, muscle soreness, and overall sickness. It usually takes an individual about 6-72 hours after exposure to get sick. People will be very sick for 24-48 hours. Young or old people may show more severe symptoms. I suggest that if you are seeing symptoms such as this you seek medical attention; be sure to tell doctors that you have animals that are sick with diarrhea.

Prevention and precaution: If you have diarrhea in show animals be sure to wash your hands carefully after being around them. The infection can stay on shoes and clothing. Make sure these items are kept away from small children. I recommend taking show and boots off before you go into the house to avoid contaminating rugs and carpets. Sick animals should be isolated from others as they may be contagious.

Ringworm Skin disease caused by a fungus that lives on the hair follicles and skin. People that have not gone through puberty are more susceptible because of PH levels. The fungus prefers skin conditions that children have and will grow more rapidly and in more places on the body. Adults can have disease; however it is usually softer and thinner areas of skin such as the inner arms and scalp.

Symptoms in animals: common in sheep and cattle although pigs can have it also. The lesions are crusty and round or oval shaped. Itching and hair or wool loss on the animal and in extreme cases bleeding and oozing from the infected area.

Symptoms in people: round crusty lesions that itch and gradually spread in a circular pattern. There is usually one spot to begin with that can turn into multiple areas.

Prevention: do not expose children to infected animals. Wear rubber gloves when handling and doctoring an animal that has ringworm. Wear rubber gloves when handling and doctoring. Keep lesions covered with antifungal medication to cut down on the amount of shedding. Launder blankets and tack, the fungus can be spread from contact with contaminated objects.

Leptospirosis This disease is spread from the urine of infected animals. Rodents often carry it and contaminate the show animal's drinking water.

Symptoms in animals: when the contaminated water is consumed the show animals may acquire the disease. The degree of sickness is variable, some animals run a fever and go off feed while other show very little symptoms at all. There may be blood in the urine at some point in the disease.

Symptoms in people: This disease is acquired by getting a few drops of urine splattered in your mouth or eyes. I have seen a few people get very sick from this disease. It has two stages; the first stage is overall body infection that delivers symptoms of weakness, aching, fever, or just a general illness. In the next phase, the disease settles into the kidneys and is shed through the urine for several weeks.

Prevention: Be careful when working with animals and make sure you wash your hands before you eat or drink anything. If you see symptoms as described above, seek medical attention and inform the doctor that you have been around animals.

There are many more diseases that are capable of being transferred to people from animals. Make sure that when you see a doctor you inform them that you have been around domesticated animals. Many doctors do not think to ask this question and often overlook some of these zoonotic diseases unless they are informed that it is a possibility.

Common sense and good judgment are essential to avoid most of these diseases. If you have a sick animal, consider that the disease could be spread to you or your family and practice preventative measures to ensure a healthy household.