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# Hardin County Highlight

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Dear 4-H Families,

September is an important month in 4-H. Not only are we beginning 4-H club meetings, we are also busy working on 4-H record books. All record books are due Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Extension office or to your 4-H club leader. Don't forget to apply for an award by filling out the award applications included in this newsletter. Return this form with your record book by September 15.

Continue to make the best better,

Teresa Perry  
County Youth Coordinator

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 3	Fairgrounds clean up, 5-7:00pm
September 8	Make up fairgrounds clean up
September 10	County Council meeting
September 15	Record books DUE CCC/POW Fundraiser at Eldora Pizza Ranch, 5pm
September 21	Fall Leader Meeting
October 4-10	National 4-H Week
November 14	Awards Night

**Reminder to all State Fair non-livestock exhibitors and Iowa Falls State Bank participants –**  
Your exhibits have been returned to the Hardin County Extension Office. Please stop by soon and pick them up! Our office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – noon and 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

## **4-H DEVELOPMENT FEE**

The statewide 2009-10 4-H Development Fee will be \$30. The Hardin County fee will be \$15 per member. Funds from the 4-H food stand will be used to pay the other \$15. No child will be denied access to 4-H programs based on his or her ability to pay. Please contact Teresa Perry at the Hardin County Extension Office if you are in need of assistance; your request will be kept confidential.

### WANTED: YOUTH TO HAVE A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

**Who:** 4-H members currently in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grades

**Date:** June 4 – 13, 2010

**Cost:** \$1,400

Webster, Hamilton, Humboldt, Hardin and Wright counties team up for this once in a lifetime trip to the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Time will be spent in Washington D.C., at the National 4-H Center and other capital city locations, with travel time on both ends of the trip. Some of the sites being planned for this trip include the Holocaust Museum, a trip to Gettysburg and a dinner theater. Over 250 4-H members from several states will attend the CWF conference the same week. This is an outstanding opportunity and a great way to meet new friends from across the country. Registration and a deposit of \$300 is due by October 31<sup>st</sup> (payable to Webster County Extension) to the Hardin County Extension Office. The application form can be found online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/kidsteens.htm>



### HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR RECORD BOOK?

The county fair is over...your exhibits have been judged...what else is left to do? One more step! All 4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to complete a record book. **Record books are a great way to highlight all of your activities in your 4-H career and apply for project awards.** Forms are available at the Hardin County Extension Office or on our website and click on record keeping at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/kidsteens.htm>. Record books are due September 15.

**How are record books and the Awards Banquet related?** 4-H'ers must complete a record book to be able to apply for a project award. The project award application is attached. Please check mark what project area you would like to apply for and insert the application in your record book. Complete your record book and return it to your club leader or to the Extension Office by September 15. The Youth Committee will decide who will receive project awards. If you are selected to receive an award, you will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

**Who turns in a record book?** All 4-H'ers are encouraged to turn in a record book to the Hardin County Extension Office. This includes all 4<sup>th</sup> graders and first year 4-H'ers. Everyone is eligible for a 4-H Club Leadership Award (form attached). Record books will be returned at the Awards Banquet.

### What awards can I apply for?

1<sup>st</sup> Year Members Award – (any grade, 1<sup>st</sup> year) no application necessary  
Project Awards – (4-12<sup>th</sup> grade) application attached, two years in project area  
Club Leadership Award – (4-12<sup>th</sup> grade) application attached  
Mary Gilbert Nutrition Award – (4-12<sup>th</sup> grade) see essay details  
Chicago Award Trip – (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) application attached  
Personal Development Awards (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade) highest recognition awards, mark application

**What is the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Member Award?** All first year members, regardless of grade in school, are recognized for their membership. We want to reward youth for making a commitment to the 4-H program and encourage them to continue being a 4-H'er in Hardin County. If this is your first year and are not sure how to get started, please call (641-648-4850 or 1-888-648-5005) or stop by the Extension Office to pick up a binder and your forms. Binders are free to first year 4-H'ers and include the title page, goal sheets and a yearly summary. You may need other forms including: Photography, Market Animal (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat), Breeding Animal (beef, sheep, swine), Dairy, Dog, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbits, Pet, Cat.

**What are project awards?** Project awards are given to 4-H members based on their project area in their record book. Record books have to be turned in to receive an award. Example: Sue wants her food and nutrition project records judged. Sue has to have two years of records in order to apply for an award. She made jam two years ago and made muffins this year. She completed her project records with her project goal sheet, pictures, and report from the fair. If the 4-H youth committee decides to award her, she will receive her medallion at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

**How do I apply?** Attached to this newsletter you will find an "Application for Hardin County 4-H Awards." Fill out this form and mark which projects you would like to have judged in your record book. Place it in your record book when turning it in to the Hardin County Extension Office by September 15.

**Can I apply for more than one project area?** Yes! You may apply for as many as you would like, as long as you have two years of records.

**If I receive an award my second year in 4-H (for example), will I ever be able to apply for this award again?** Yes! Awards are divided into three categories: Juniors 4-6 grades, Intermediates 7-8 grades, and Seniors 9-12 grades. If you receive an award as a junior, you may apply again once you are an intermediate. You can receive an award up to three times (junior, intermediate, senior). Please remember more is expected from your records as an intermediate and senior.

**What is the Club Leadership Award listed on the Awards Application?** The Club Leadership Award recognizes those that have been an active member of 4-H. This includes attending club meetings, participating in club demonstrations and presentations, helping with community service projects, and completing a record book. All 4-H'ers (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to apply. Complete the form attached and return it with your record book by September 15<sup>th</sup> to the Hardin County Extension Office or to your club leader.

**What is the Mary Gilbert Award listed on the Awards Application?** 4-H'ers can apply by submitting a one page summary of their experiences and projects relating to their nutritional efforts during the year. Nutritional learning experiences, exhibiting at the county fair and communications will all be considered. Summaries are due September 15 with your record book and recognition will be announced at the 4-H Awards Banquet. One award will be given to each 4-H age group: \$50 – Senior, \$30 – Intermediate and \$20 – Junior.



**What is the Chicago Award Trip?** The Chicago Award Trip is an opportunity for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers to be rewarded for their involvement in 4-H in Hardin County. You will also meet new people, have new experiences and see some great sights. The trip is generously paid for by the Hardin County Bankers Association. Your only expenses are a few meals and spending money. The trip is November 26-29. Hardin County can select three 4-H'ers for this trip. Complete the attached application and include with award materials in record book by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**What are the Personal Development Awards?** The five personal development awards listed on the award application are for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade members only. A 4-H member may only receive these once.

Achievement –recognizes 4-H members who have shown outstanding personal growth through participation in a variety of 4-H projects and programs.

Agriculture –recognizes 4-H members who have acquired and demonstrated great strides in an agriculture program(s). The recipient must be an active member participating in a livestock or other agriculture related project area.

Ak-Sar-Ben – recognizes 4-H members who make significant progress toward leadership through service in the 4-H program. The recipient need not have participated in Ak-Sar-Ben, but must be active in county program.

Citizenship – recognizes 4-H members who have learned the meaning of citizenship and have demonstrated their understanding through good citizenship practices.

Leadership –recognizes 4-H members who have acquired and demonstrated leadership skills and abilities in individual 4-H projects and overall 4-H program.

**After the awards banquet, what do I do with my medallions?** When you receive your first award as a 4-H'ers, you will receive a wooden plaque to place your medallions on. If you fill your wooden plaque, another one can be purchased from the Extension Office.



## *Fall Leader's Meeting*

When: Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Where: Hardin County Extension Office  
Time: 6:00pm with a light meal

Bring record books from 4-H'ers in your club!

If you will not be present please call the Hardin County Extension Office at 641-648-4850 or toll free at 1-888-648-5005. We look forward to seeing you then!



**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**  
**“Celebrate 4-H”**

**National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2009** and we want YOU to be a part of it! It's time to celebrate and share what 4-H is all about. So what exactly does that mean? **Celebrate 4-H** - This means we want you to celebrate all of the opportunities, experiences, learning and FUN that happens in 4-H. Encourage others to join 4-H and take advantage of club meetings, fair, projects, camp, community service activities, and fun.



**4-H WINDOWS DISPLAY CONTEST FOR CLUBS**

A great way to “celebrate 4-H” and get the word out about your club is decorating a window and setting up a display at a local business in your town. Your imagination is endless...decorate with pictures, posters, create your own 4-H theme or club motto. This is the time to begin asking people to come to your 4-H meetings. Be sure to have club information, meeting dates and times, and flyers that the public can pick up. The Extension Office can provide you with brochures. Let's show our community what 4-H is all about!

**All 4-H Clubs are strongly encouraged to participate.**

- Set up displays by Monday, October 5.
- Clubs contact local businesses or organizations to make arrangements for a club display (preferably a business with a window for the display)
- Call the Extension Office by September 25 to let us know where your display is so it can be judged.

**Displays will be evaluated during National 4-H Week on the following criteria:**

- Simplicity – Easy to see and understand the message conveyed
- Originality – Unique Display
- Interpretation of 4-H and Theme
- Quality of Work – How well the display is put together, attractiveness, neatness
- Use of available space

**Awards**

- \$50 is awarded to first place
- \$30 is awarded to second place
- \$20 is awarded to third place
- \$10 is awarded to every club who participates in the 4-H club window display

**4-H AWARDS NIGHT**

4-H'ers, parents, and family are all welcome to attend the **Awards Banquet, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Youth Building on the fairgrounds in Eldora. There will be a potluck meal beginning at 5:30pm. If you are new to 4-H or have never attended the banquet, consider making this one your first! This is a great time to meet other families and clubs, as well as celebrate 4-H enjoy a delicious meal.

**More details will be in the October newsletter!**

## **NEW FACES IN HARDIN COUNTY**

As Iowa State University Extension is restructuring, you will be seeing additional faces in the Hardin County Office. Please introduce yourself when you have the opportunity to meet them and welcome them to Hardin County.

Rich Wrage is the Regional Extension Education Director for Region 8. Region 8 includes Boones, Hardin, Marshall and Story Counties. Rich was the County Extension Education Director in Boone County for 15 years. Rich will be assisting the Extension Council in identifying opportunities for collaboration, programming and volunteer development. You can contact Rich at [rwrage@iastate.edu](mailto:rwrage@iastate.edu).

Annette Brown will be serving Hardin County as the 4-H Youth Specialist. She has worked for ISU Extension for 21 year and previously served Hardin County for a few years during this time. Annette will be using 4-H and Extension resources to provide youth with many opportunities to gain skills they will use now and throughout their lives. You can contact Annette at [annbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:annbrown@iastate.edu).

Darwin Miller, Hardin County Extension Education Director, will continue to serve Hardin County until his retirement in January 2010.

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