



DECEMBER 2010

Dear 4-H'ers and Families,

Where do I even begin to say my thank you's to all the 4-H'ers, parents and leaders for all that you did for the Family Fall Festival! You guys are amazing! All of the clubs had great scarecrow displays, great job! The judges had a hard time deciding! Congratulations to Forest Everreadies for the scarecrow contest, winning a pizza party!

And the other success was the 4-H Awards Banquet! Congratulations to ALL of the 4-H'ers for all of your hard work! Please give me any feedback (positive and negatives) regarding the banquet, because it is different from what has taken place in the past, with the combo of Share the Fun and Awards.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!! Jamie Thomsen



4-H Awards Banquet

Winnebago County 4-Hers were recognized during the Project Awards portion of the program include:

Forest Everreadies club members: Hannah Buffington, Jenna Haugen, Kylie Holst, Rachel Holst, Halle Jo Johnson, Ashley Olson, Jane Walrod, and Logan West.

Grant Gleaners: Jessica Adams, Katelin Frerichs, Carly Main, Kendall Melz, Noah Melz, Mark Milbrandt, Steven Milbrandt, Megan Moglestad, Elizabeth Hanson Roe, Jonathan Roe, and Aaron Weaver.

Logan Loganeers: Alec Anderson, Abbey Bray and Hallie Erdahl.

King Klovvers: Haley Engeseth and Samantha Sevley.

Junior Achievement Award winners demonstrate a positive attitude, participate in club and fair activities and have done outstanding work in one or more project areas. Winners of the Junior Achievement Award are Alec Anderson, Cheyanne Chapin, Zachary Dirksen, Haley Engeseth, Nathaniel Foell, Jenna Haugen, Madelynn Krutsinger, Steven Milbrandt, Megan Moglestad, Kendalyn Morgan, Nathan Porter, and Samantha Sevley.

Outstanding 4-H'ers Awards: Junior 4-H'ers (4, 5, or 6th grades) – Abbey Bray (Logan Loganeers), Halle Jo Johnson (Forest Everreadies), and Samantha Sevley (King Klovvers).

Intermediate 4-H'ers (7th or 8th grades) – Megan Moglestad (Grant Gleaners), Danielle Scherb (Logan Loganeers), and Logan West (Forest Everreadies).

Senior 4-H'ers (9th-12th grades) – Hallie Erdahl (Logan Loganeers), Ceara Fjeld (Forest Everreadies), Justin Murray (Grant Gleaners), and Tony Wubben (King Klovvers).

Recipient of the Chicago Awards Trip and the Media Reporting Award is Tony Wubben of King Klovvers. The Merit Award, which recognizes a senior 4-H'er was received by Ceara Fjeld of the Forest Everreadies.

Attention Senior 4-H members!

Exciting opportunities are available for 4-H members for:

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

While we will still have a written application and an interview, the process will be a little different this year...we'll hold one state event at Iowa State University on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Members who are not able to participate in a live interview will still be able to pre-record an interview for this event by working with the State 4-H Office.

This year your application (due February 1 to the State 4-H Office) will consist of three parts:

- 1) Recognition cover sheet
- 2) 2 pages to answer the specific questions for the recognition area
- 3) 2 pages for your own creative telling of your 4-H story and support of the recognition for which you are applying

For a packet of information about these opportunities, give the office a buzz. Information can also be found at the Iowa State 4-H Recognition site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>.

State 4-H Scholarships

Students pursuing higher education are encouraged to complete a 4-H scholarship application. More than 90 scholarships totaling nearly \$100,000 will be awarded to 4-H'ers attending a university, private college or community college in Iowa with scholarships of \$500 to \$3,200. For more information go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.htm Scholarship applications are due to the state 4-H Office February 1, 2011. High school seniors interested in attending ISU can log onto www.ag.iastate.edu/scholarships/freshman.html for additional scholarship information.

2010 Christina Hixson Award

The Hixson Opportunity Award is a \$10,000 scholarship (distributed \$2,500 per year_ offered annually to one student from each of Iowa's 99 counties that are admissible to Iowa State University. Selection is based on eligibility and potential as seen by the application, letter of recommendation and financial analysis. Students can major in any area of study and must maintain a 2.0 gpa. Application deadline is February 1, 2011. More information can be found at : www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/

CWF Trip: Washington D.C.

"The most important thing I have gained from my CWF experience is that it brought patriotism to my life by seeing the monuments, cemeteries, and our nation's Capitol. Washington D.C. became a "real" place to me and not just a place "out east!"

Can you imagine saying this after being in Washington D.C.? You'll have your chance June 11-18, 2011, as North Iowa 4-H travels east for the Citizenship-Washington Focus trip!

The CWF program helps youth increase their appreciation and respect for themselves and others, as well as increase citizen involvement. The program is held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center near Washington D.C.

Participants will meet senators and representatives and attend workshops and social activities, as well as tour sites in the Washington D.C. area, such as Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, and many memorials.

Contact the Extension Office for an application and additional information. Cost is approximated at \$1,500. Adults interested in serving as chaperones may request an application from the Extension Office.

4-H Recruitment

4-H'ers are encouraged to recruit new members for their 4-H club. The best way to get new members to join is by your enthusiasm and encouragement. Consider asking a friend to join they may join any time during the year, but must enroll before May 1 to exhibit at the fair.

Spring Volunteer Training

Generosity and service to others is an integral part of 4-H and members and volunteers are reminded of it every time they say the 4-H pledge. At the spring 2011 4-H volunteer training, volunteers and youth leaders will discover how to ramp up their community service projects by making them community service *learning* projects. Integrating *learning* and *reflection* into service projects enriches the experience for youth and the outcomes for the community. In addition, through community service learning, youth have the opportunity to explore their relationship with the community and learn how active, responsible citizens contribute to shaping the world around them. Club volunteers are asked to bring at least one youth member from their club to the training with them. County 4-H Youth Coordinators across Iowa are partnering with Regional Youth Program Specialists to deliver a hands-on training to county youth/adult teams. The club team of youth and adults take what they have learned back to their club meetings to help members expand their understanding and practice of community service learning and citizenship. Club teams will also learn about funding available through Reach Out Iowa to support service learning projects. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/services/servicelearning.htm>

This training is part of the statewide 4-H volunteer training and will be held on **Monday, February 28th**, from 7pm at the Winnebago County Extension Office.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Please register by contacting the Winnebago County Extension Office by Friday, February 25th.



Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2011

The theme for the 2011 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is: ***Aim For Adventure***. And, please mark your calendars now for this event June 28-30 if you are in 8th-12th grade, and plan to attend.

Save the Date: 4-H Day with ISU Cyclone Women's Basketball

Plans are underway to hold another 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game versus **Texas A&M on Saturday, January 22, 2011 (11am)**. Save the date and encourage your clubs to consider attending. A breakfast/brunch will be hosted prior to the game starting at 8:30am. \$15/person.



Iowa Junior Holstein Convention

Grab Your Shirts.....Slip on Your Sandals and join Dairy enthusiasts for a fun-filled Hawaiian luau at this year's annual Iowa Junior Holstein Convention on December 28-29 at the Bluffs Inn in Decorah, Iowa. All youth ages 8-21 interested in dairy are invited to attend the convention.

There will be fun quiz bowl and jeopardy competitions, mixer games, pizza and a dance. Contact Luke Rauen, Iowa Junior Holstein President at



December

- 19 County Council— 4 pm at Ext Office
- 22 County Council Deliver Food Boxes
- 23 & 24 Extension Office Closed
- 28 Forest City Clover Kids Beach Party
- 29 North Iowa Clover Kids Beach Party
- 30 Lake Mills Clover Kids Beach Party
- 31 Extension Office Closed

January

- 8 Market Beef Weigh-In
- 8 First Lego League Regional Event at Algona
- 15 Kossuth County Beef Weigh-in (State Verification)
- 17 Extension Office Closed

April

- 9 Sheep Weigh-In

June

- 28-30 State 4-H Conference

July

- 21-24 Winnebago County Fair

August

- 11-21 2010 Iowa State Fair



For any cancellations and postponements of Winnebago County 4-H activities due to inclement weather will be broadcasted on KIOW, 107.3 and KIMT, Channel 3.

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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.

