



## MARCH 2011

### Livestock Clinic

#### Livestock Club

Meeting will be rescheduled for **Sunday, March 6th at 5:30pm** at the Thompson City Hall. Open to all 4th thru 12 graders—need not already be in 4-H to become a member.

**Saturday, March 26th at 9:30am to 1:00pm at  
Winnebago County Extension Office**

Must RSVP to the Extension Office by Tuesday, March 22nd

This will count towards your FSQA certification if you are showing livestock at the fair.

### Thompson Lions Club Fundraiser

Support the Winnebago County Fair. The Thompson Lions Club will sponsor a fund raising event to generate dollars to support various aspects of the Winnebago County Fair.

**Sunday, April 3,** Lions Club members will sponsor a soup lunch from 11:30-1:00 at the Branding Iron Round-up Room in Thompson.

#### Officers Training

For 4-H Club Officers: has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to [jthomsen@iastate.edu](mailto:jthomsen@iastate.edu) by March 1st.

As part of the fee for the various soups at noon participants will be treated to hear Al Batt at 1:00. Al Batt is from rural Hartland, Minnesota. Mr. Batt is a writer, speaker, storyteller, and humorist. He grew up in southern Minnesota and writes three weekly humor and nature columns for several newspapers as well as doing a regular radio show on several regional radio stations. Mr. Batt has written jokes for a former President of the United States and his writings have appeared in several books and magazines including "Chicken Soup For The Soul." All age groups can relate to Al Batt's style of humor.

Serving will begin at 11:00 and end just prior to Al Batt speaking. After expenses, the funds will go toward Winnebago Fair activities. Tickets cost \$7 and may be obtained from any Thompson Lion Club member or by contacting club president Scott Flo at [cano6@wctatel.net](mailto:cano6@wctatel.net) or by calling 641/584-2915.

### Fair Enhancement Committee Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser on Saturday, April 9th at 6pm to raise money for entertainment at the Winnebago County Fair. It will be held at the Branding Iron in the Round-Up Room with a buffet dinner and entertainment. Dinner is sponsored by Forest City Farmers Co-op Assoc. Tickets are \$20 each or you can buy tickets for a table seating 8 or 10 people. Monetary awards will be given for best decorated table. We would love to see a table of leaders and parents for each club!!

## COOL (Country of Origin Labeling)

As many of you know, the USDA implemented the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details—go to the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at: <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>. As confusing as it may seem, the process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple and shouldn't cause too many headaches.

### What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

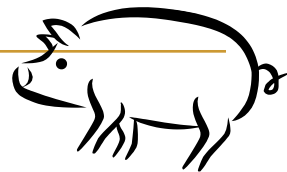
The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at, <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc>. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records, purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from other MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

The newly revised "Iowa 4-H Policy Regarding Clover Kids Members Working with Animals" now allows all Clover Kids aged children (Kindergarten through third graders) to participate in safe, educational, and developmentally sound small animal activities. Appropriate animals for this age group (K – 3rd grade) are pets and bucket bottle projects. Specifically excluded animals are swine, horses, beef (other than bucket bottle), and dairy (other than bucket bottle).

## Swine Intent forms due March 20th



Information for the 2011 State Fair 4-H swine weigh-in process is now posted on the swine page at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm>. A tentative listing of sites and times are posted along with updates and changes for 2011. Remember, the Intent to Participate form is due to the State 4-H Office by March 20<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be mailed/emailed

## FSQA Certification (Food Safety & Quality Assurance)

**Who needs to certify?** Any 4-H'er that will be showing beef, swine, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Winnebago County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair must be certified.

### What is the certification/recertification process?

All youth ages 9-11 as of Jan. 1, 2009 will need to attend an approved training/workshop each year. Youth ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1, 2009 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 as of Jan. 1, 2009 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.

If a youth is 19 before January 1st and a senior, how are they certified? They will need to certify through the adult program.

## FSQA Training/Workshop: Monday, April 4th 6:30-8:30pm

\_\_\_ at the Winnebago Co. Extension office. This is required for all 9-11 year olds who will be exhibiting livestock, rabbits and poultry at the county or state fair. Call the Extension Office (641.584.2261) or email ([jthomsen@iastate.edu](mailto:jthomsen@iastate.edu)) to register. ***There must be at least 8 youth signed up to hold the class.***

## FSQA Testing

The FSQA test for 12-18 year olds can be taken any day, Mon.-Fri., at the Extension Office. Please call ahead to make arrangements.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Trap Shoot League

Interested in Shooting Sports? Join us at Florence Park at the NEW shooting range for 4-H Trap Shoot League. We will meet once a week for 8 weeks. Come try it out and learn more about it at the Open House on **Sunday, April 17th from 2-4pm**. There will be food, open shooting, games, **door prizes** and a chance to sign up for Trap Shoot League!!! Tell your friends and hope to see you there!

## 4-H Volunteer Training—Feb 28th

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, at 7:00pm 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.

## 4-H Camp Financial Aid—March 1st

Families can apply to the Iowa 4-H Foundation for financial help to attend our summer camp sessions. 4-H membership is not required. Assistance is based on financial need and the total number of applicants. Families must pay their own registration deposit (\$50 or \$75) per camper. The 4-H Camp Financial Assistance Application and Guidelines are available at your local ISU Extension office or can be downloaded at: [www.iowa4hcamp.com](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com). Return the completed application and a copy of your camp registration form to your county Extension office by MARCH 1. Applicants will be notified by March 25, after which the original camp registration form and deposit can be sent to the Iowa 4-H Center.

## Summer Program Assistant Position

Assist with the planning and implementation of the Winnebago County Extension youth program. Must enjoy working with people, particularly youth, and have strong organizational and communications skills. Knowledge of ISU Extension and 4-H helpful. Applications accepted until March 20. Application and job description may be obtained from the Winnebago County Extension Service Thompson, Iowa

641-584-2261 or 888-408-6606. We are an AA/EEO Employer

## Hold April 4 for State Fair Update Webinar

Please hold the evening of Monday, April 4, 2011 for a webinar related to the revised 4-H state fair classes and evaluation forms. The target audience will be exhibit judges and volunteer leaders. Additional information will be coming in the new couple weeks as plans come together for the webinar.

## March

- 6 Livestock Meeting—5:30pm
- 20 County Council Meeting
- 26 Livestock Clinic 9:30am-1pm

## April

- 4 FSQA Training—6:30-8:30pm
- 9 Sheep Weigh-In  
Fair Enhancement Fundraiser - 6pm
- 17 Trap Shoot Range Open House 2-4pm

## May

- 1 Last day to add/drop projects
- 15 Livestock I.D.'s due to Ext. Office

## June

- 15 Small Animal I.D.'s due
- 28-30 State 4-H Conference

## July

- 1 State Fair livestock entries due
- 6 County Fair Entry Deadline
- 18 Fair Clean-up Day
- 20 Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue
- 21-24 Winnebago County Fair

Aug 11-21, 2011 Iowa State Fair



## Winnebago County Extension

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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.

