



# *Kossuth 4-H News*

## News for 4-H Families

July-August 2011

### Dates to Remember

(If you need more information about any of the events listed, contact the office at 515-295-2469)

#### JULY

- 1 State Fair entry deadline
- 7 & 8 Natures Detective camp, Smith Lake
- 9 \$15 Challenge Workshop, 1:15 pm, Exceptional Treasures
- 11 Pillowcase workshop, office
- 14 Latest date to hold work day or Achievement Show
- 15 All Kossuth County Fair entries due**
- 15 Clay County Fair entry deadline
- 16 Fair Clean-Up Day, 9 am, Fairgrounds
- 16 Grilling Workshop, 5 pm Smith Lake
- 24 Swimming Party for everyone! 8 – 9:30 pm  
Bancroft Aquatic Center
- 27 Extension Council meeting, 7 p.m., Ext. Office
- 28 Clothing Event interviews
- 31 Beef Heifer Award applications due to Iowa  
Cattlemen's Association

#### AUGUST

- 1 State Premier Exhibitor entries due at  
State 4-H Office (H.S. Jr. & Sr. only)
- 2-7 Kossuth County Fair**
- 2 Judging day of all Kos. Co. static exhibits
- 10 AK-SAR-BEN entries due at Extension Office
- 11-21 Iowa State Fair
- 11 State Fair Clothing event program
- 31 Extension Council meeting, 7p.m., Ext. Office

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

### Staff Notes

I want to congratulate all the senior 4-H members that participated in the 4-H County Council selection process. The mark of a leader begins with completion of the application followed by your best effort in the interview session. I am very proud of all the members for their interest in helping guide the Kossuth 4-H program.

Kossuth County was represented well at the Iowa State 4-H Conference held in Ames. The enthusiasm from our attendees was outstanding. I encourage all youth in Kossuth County to set a personal goal to attend the State 4-H and Youth conference in the future. Let's try to grow the numbers attending next year.

Sincerely,

Jean Kent  
County Youth Coordinator

Would you like to receive an email notification that the newsletter is on the website? Send an email to [jeankent@iastate.edu](mailto:jeankent@iastate.edu) and we will put you on our email list. This would also save us some paper and postage.



Kossuth County 4-H

## Swimming PARTY!!

The County Council is planning to host a swimming party at the **Bancroft** Aquatic Center on Sunday, July 24 from 8 – 9:30 pm. 4-H members & leaders, their families and friends are invited to attend! Cost will be \$1 per attendee. Games and snacks will be provided. Plan to join us for this fun event. Feel free to bring your friend too!

## \$15 Challenge Workshop – July 9

Come to Exceptional Treasures in Algona on Saturday, July 9 for the \$15 challenge workshop. We will discuss what to look for, trends and want vs. need while shopping for used clothing. After our discussion we will let you shop! The workshop will begin at 1:15 pm. We would like to have you pre-register by calling 515-295-2469 no later than July 6. We suggest you bring \$15 to shop with during the workshop. Remember this is open to boys and girls and a parent is welcome to stay too.

## Grilling Workshop – July 16

The County Council is organizing a grilling workshop for all high school members. The workshop will be held at 5 pm on Saturday, July 16 at the Water's Edge Nature Center. Learn some tips on grilling and try your hand at the grill. Cost will be \$5 to cover the cost of your evening meal. Pre-register before July 12.

## Fun Night – July 16

County Council planned a fun night following the grilling workshop and they are inviting all HS members to join them. Participants will be canoeing and playing games. It is free! If you want to come, but will not be attending the grilling workshop, plan to arrive by 7 pm. The night will conclude with a bonfire and s' mores around 11:30 pm. Let the office know you plan to attend by July 12.

## 4-H County Council activities

The 4-H County Council has been busy planning fun activities during the fair. Some events are fair parade float entry, teen dance & games. Please watch for more details. They also plan to clean in the armory before the fair.

## Pillowcase Workshop – July 11

Jean has planned a simple sewing workshop for boys and girls of all ages. Learn how to make a pillowcase hotdog style! Anyone can attend, we will cover basic sewing skills like sewing a straight line and different seam finishes. This workshop will be held on Monday, July 11 at the office. The workshop will be scheduled from 3 – 7 pm; however you only need to attend about an hour. Please call and **sign up** for the hour you want to attend by July 6. Limited attendance per hour, so you will receive individual help. You need to bring two pieces of material, one  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard and a coordinating  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd for the trim. Cotton or flannel will work great. This will make a standard size pillow case. Everything else will be provided. So pick out your favorite color, holiday or team material and make a fair project. Visit with Jean if you have questions or stop and look at the samples in the office. Simple and fun!

## FAIR UPDATE

### NEW - Exhibit release times

All exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit building will be released between 1-2:30 pm on Sunday, August 7. Livestock will be released after 2 pm. Exhibitors who have both are asked to pick up the Exhibit Building items before the auction starts or make other arrangements ahead of time with Jean.

### Fair Clean-Up day – July 16

We need everyone to help get ready for the fair! Saturday, July 16 at 9 am the fair board would like your help getting the fairgrounds ready. Volunteers will set up buildings, paint, pick up twigs, weeding, etc. Plan to come, bring a carload and check in at the Cattlemen's stand. All 4-H members signing in at 9:00 am and working for at least 3 hours will be offered a special grandstand pass to admit them anytime during the fair at a cost of \$15.00. This special price will only be offered to 4-H members who participate this day.

### FAIR ENTRY DAY: JULY 15

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** will be here before we know it and that is the day you will need to have all entries into the Extension Office. The form is in three parts: the **white** copy is turned into the office by the 15<sup>th</sup>, the **yellow** copy is for you, and the **pink** copy goes to your leader. See if you can get them in early! All members will be receiving all forms; we ask that you return unneeded forms with your completed forms. If you lose these forms, single copies are located on our website.

### Exhibitor shirts available

All **exhibitors** had the option to buy a Kossuth County Fair Exhibitor shirt for \$8. You should have ordered by June 22 through your club or chapter leader. If you forgot to order contact the office before 7/15 to see we can get you one (price might be higher) Old shirts are still accepted.

### Static Club displays

ALL exhibits will be displayed by club; the only special displays will be challenge classes, Jr. Recognition, State Fair & Alternates.

### Static exhibits (non-livestock):

Entry must be made **by July 15** at the Ext. Office. Individual members should have received an entry form to complete. If your club is having an achievement show or workday, take this form with you to complete. If you have questions, contact your leader or the office. We are using up old forms so you can just leave the division column blank on these forms. You will pick up the white copy at the fair to take to the judges and return it to the front table in the 4-H Exhibits Building before leaving. If you do not return this form, you will not get recognition or premiums since this is the form that is used to calculate this information.

### Need help with a static exhibit?

If you have questions concerning a family and consumer science exhibit you are working on, call the ISU Extension Families "Answer Line" at 1-800-262-3804. They are available to assist you Monday- Friday from 8-12 and 1-5 p.m. Feel free to contact the office too, we will try to help you or find the answers.

### Helpful hints for non-livestock fair exhibits:

- Baked items – include the recipe & source – be sure to read the *Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs* in your fair book – it has been updated just this year!
- Use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation of production of 4-H food exhibits is not permitted.
- Charts, display boards, etc. are to be measured when flat (unfolded).
- Make sure the write up is complete. For State Fair the judge will only have your write-up to learn about your exhibit and see what you have learned.
- Include the steps of completion (research, baked items that flopped and what you learned, etc.)
- Now optional - Include Design Elements/Art Principles if applicable
- If Child Dev. – include what are the ages and stages for the project, if your item is age appropriate, when you tested it out, what were the kids' responses, etc.
- Be sure to include where you got your information (source).
- Personal Development – you need to show how your involvement in the project has helped you grow and develop personally. This includes the self-determined area.

### Exhibit help available

The design sheets located on the web would be helpful when writing about design elements and art principles in exhibit write-ups. (No longer required, but helpful.) Also the *Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs* sheet is there too. If you would like a copy contact the Office. The Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label are here at the office. You need one label for each jar.

### F & N Info. - preserved food items

Preserved food exhibits should have two (2) product samples if possible. One sample may be opened for evaluation. If it is opened, it will be returned to the exhibitor for disposal after the judge has completed their evaluation. The second sample will then be put on display. If only one sample of the product is available, the judge may open the sample for evaluation and no sample will be on display. If your product is selected to go to the Iowa State Fair, you will need to send two (2) sealed samples for judging if possible. At the State Fair, one sample of the exhibit WILL be opened, judged and discarded while the second will be put on display (the contents will be discarded and the jar saved). If only one sample is available, it will be judged and no sample will be displayed during the fair.

### Copyright issues

Copyright rules and guidelines must be followed when creating a fair exhibit. Exhibits will be disqualified if they do not follow copyright guidelines. If you have questions, it is better to ask now. Jean will help you understand this if you are confused, just call the office.

### Fair Entry Forms & Tags

The following forms may be available from your leader or can be picked up at the Extension office:

- Yellow and green entry tags to attach to all fair exhibits – Photography tags are no longer required.
- Poster tags to attach to the back of Poster Art posters
- Preserved food labels for all canned exhibits
- Individual fair entry form for both livestock & non-livestock – one per exhibitor – due July 15
- Report forms for Clothing Selection/ Fashion Revue (these will be mailed after you make entry)

### What happens judging day

Come to the building with your exhibits, when it is your club's judging time, go to the check-in/out table at the south entrance, they will hand you your form to take with you to the judging tables. Tables will be labeled with the project area. When it is your turn, hand the form to the helper at the table. Next your exhibit will be judged. You will have a chance to visit with the judge about your exhibit. Get your fair form back from the workers and go on to the next table. When you have everything judged, return your form back to the check in/out table and take all exhibits to your club's space. If your form is not returned, you will not receive your fair premium money.

### Exhibit judging day

When the judge looks at and visits with you about your exhibits they need to know more about your exhibit than how your exhibit looks. This helps them decide what ribbon to award you. The way your exhibit looks is important, but it is also judged by what you learned as you made it. Judges want to know what goals you had as you made your exhibit and how you made it. This is why they talk with you as they judge your exhibit. Sometimes they will read your answers on your entry form and will still ask you some of the same questions. Talking with judges at the fair is a good way to feel good about your exhibit and learn tips for next year.

### Consider 4-H Poster Communication Class

Information on this class is found on page 40 of your fair book. Project enrollment is required. Read the class rule carefully. Note size requirements. There are four poster art themes to choose from. (a) "4-H is..." (open to 4-H'ers interpretation); (b) Join 4-H; (c) "Aiming For Adventure" (2011 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme); (d) "Nothing Compares" (2011 Iowa State Fair theme).



### **F & N challenge class**

We will be offering the challenge class with **Banana Blueberry Muffins** (find recipe on page 33 in your fairbook) this year. Everyone makes the same recipe that is listed in the fair book. Project enrollment and goal cards are not required. You must make entry by July 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can assign a time for you to have your muffins to the judge. Note there is a correction to this year's recipe: Should be: ½ cup margarine, melted!

### **Photography challenge class**

Note the photography challenge class on page 33 of your fair book. This entry does not count against the photo limit and anyone can enter. This year the challenge photo is **'FOOD'**. Judging will be done by the photo judges anytime during the judging time.

### **Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge**

Anyone interested in Fashion Revue & or Clothing Selection should note that judging will take place on Thursday, July 28 at the Kossuth County Extension Office. Don't forget about the \$15 challenge class. You may enter all three classes at the fair! Please make entry on your individual entry form. Report forms will be mailed to you a week before the judging day. Note that the Clothing Event style show will be on Wed., Aug.4 at 2 pm at the fair.

### **Fair help is still needed**

The fair is a big event and to carry it out successfully takes many people. We need more volunteers! If you have an area of interest that you would like to be a part of a team to carry out, contact the office. We will be putting schedules together soon so save your spot in an area you enjoy by calling the office by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Livestock:** You must make individual livestock entry. Forms have been sent out. We need to know the number of animals you will be bringing and the types. This information is important to insure a stall or tie space for your animal. You can only enter animals that were identified on your May 15<sup>th</sup> forms.

### **Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA)**

All livestock exhibitors (except dog, horse, llama & pet) are required to have a FSQA certification. You will not be allowed to show without it. If you completed grades 7-12 this past year, you need to come in and take the test soon. We had asked exhibitors to do this before July 15. Contact the office with questions.

### **Livestock Auction Set for Different Time!**

The livestock ribbon auction is on Sunday, August 7 starting at **2 p.m.** We will be using two auction rings with buyers bidding on the exhibitors ribbon and not on ownership of the animal. All exhibitors will be able to sell one entry per specie. Therefore, no additional fair premium will be given for livestock. Exhibitors must sign up at the livestock office within one hour following each show. The animal will not go through the auction ring. Extra ribbons will be provided for buyers if needed, you keep yours.

### **ATTENTION: Bucket Calf Exhibitors**

We received many May 15<sup>th</sup> ID forms, which we are questioning the ear tag information provided to us on many of the forms. Please remember that you **MUST have a 4-H Ear tag** (green or yellow) in your calf to exhibit at the fair. **If you provided us with a non-4-H Ear tag # please contact the office by July 15.** We will provide you with a 4-H Ear tag and make the necessary corrections to your paperwork.

**Sick animals stay home:** With all of the animals at the fair, we do not want to start any widespread diseases, so if you know your animal is sick, please leave it at home.

**Horses:** Should be vaccinated for SST and flu. You may pick up class cards at the office anytime. Complete them before fair and bring back to the horse arena **by 8:00 a.m. the day of show.** All horse exhibitors must house one horse on the fairgrounds from Wednesday evening to Sunday afternoon. Failing to do so will result in suspension from the next year show. All exhibitors are required to wear a helmet at all times. Consider vaccinating for West Nile Virus if you have not already. Remember all timed game classes will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

### **Horse stall decoration contest**

Start thinking of ideas now for horse stall decoration contest. More details will be available at the fair.

### **Sheep rule**

All sheep must be slick shorn on arrival at fair. Exhibitors will not be allowed to weigh their lambs if not sheered properly.

### **Swine: Erysipelas Booster & Premise ID needed:**

Exhibitors are reminded that pigs should have received a booster shot for erysipelas prior to the fair within the recommended time for the product they are using. Check with your vet if you have any questions. See Premise ID information further back in newsletter. Please turn your number into the office.

**Poultry:** Exhibitors are reminded that all birds (chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc.) must come from a Pullorum-free hatchery or be tested within 90 days of the fair. Either the hatchery certificate or the test certificate must be presented before unloading your birds at the fair. If you need your poultry project tested or if you are not sure if you should, please contact the Extension Office and we will help determine if you need a test and/or set a date and time to have it tested.

### **Livestock Judging Contest—New Day & Time!**

Livestock Judging will now be held Thursday night, Aug 4. Registration is from 5-5:30 pm, with the contest beginning at 5:30 pm. If you are a livestock enthusiast or you just want to learn more about judging livestock this is a great opportunity. The contest is open to individual & team 4-H & FFA members. A team consists of four members. So, gather your friends and join us on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>!

## **Restricted mammalian protein feeds and drug withdrawals**

The producer-signed affidavits are guaranteeing the packers that the cattle have not been fed restricted mammalian protein feeds. Packers are requiring this because the fast food industry is demanding this of them, the suppliers of beef products. Why? Because of the concern of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and the potential to be spread by the consumption of BSE contaminated beef by-products. Even though this has never been a problem in the U.S., the concern and fear that consumer's have must be addressed. In order to help you follow all food safety rules and regulations, the state 4-H Office has modified the previously used drug affidavit and separated the swine, beef, and sheep forms to meet these new requests. We also have a fact sheet for use with **beef** and **sheep** exhibitors explaining these new rules and regulations. They revised the previously used drug affidavit for use with **beef** and **sheep**, to include the new regulation on restricted mammalian protein feeds. These statements include the medications used, as well as certification on the use of approved feeds. 4-H'ers should keep copies of the feed tags (labels) from the feeds they use that contain animal proteins due to new regulations. If any problem should arise in the future, the paper trail of feed labels will be important. Youth should be advised that feeds that state on the label "**not intended for cattle or sheep**" should **not** be used. The revised drug affidavit for use with **swine** has added a statement about the swine dysentery information

## **Herdsmanship—NEW FOR 2011 Kossuth County Fair Livestock Exhibitors!**

What is Herdsmanship? - Exhibitors of livestock are expected to maintain their stalls as orderly as possible and must keep that part of the building occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance at all times. Exhibitors do NOT enroll in this department. Judging for the award will be done on a surprise inspection basis throughout the fair, including end of the fair cleaning of stalls/pens. We feel that the Herdsmanship Award should be a club team effort. ALL clubs with livestock projects at the fair will automatically be judged. All animal species count towards the club's daily rating. Judging will be done daily with each club receiving a 1 to 40 point rating which will be posted daily at the livestock office.

Why Herdsmanship? - Herdsmanship will allow exhibitors to promote a positive image, as well as a cleaner and safer environment in the barns. As exhibitors we need to promote the livestock industry and show fair visitors that we take pride in our animal's well-being.

## **Iowa Beef Heifer Award**

Any 4-H, FFA or Junior Beef Breed Association member who will exhibit a beef animal at the Iowa State Fair is eligible to compete for this award. Applications are due by July 31<sup>st</sup> to the Iowa Cattleman's Assn. Contact the office for an application.

## **Going to the State Fair?**

Livestock entry deadline is **July 1**. State Fair exhibitors will receive one free ticket with your entry, which is good for one day only. Additional tickets for you or your family may be purchased by July 20 at \$7.00 each or \$3.00 for children 6-11 yrs. Forms for ordering are available online or contact the Extension Office. Parking tickets are also available for exhibitors as part of your free ticket. All 4-H families are eligible for these tickets.

## **Ak-Sar-Ben**

Ak-Sar-Ben livestock exhibitor should try to get their entries into the office by **August 10**.

## **Clay County entries**

If you are planning to exhibit at the Clay County Fair, your entries are due in the office by **July 15**. Fair books are in the office for exhibitors now. Clay Co. deadline will always be the same as the Kos. Co. deadline.

## **Premise ID**

What is Premise ID? Premise identification is part of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) being developed to identify animals and track them as they move from one location to another. The purpose of the program is to create a database that will allow a rapid traceback in the event of a disease concern. Youth may already have a premise ID number for the farm where their 4-H animals are being cared for.

Who is Requiring Premise ID? Currently, Premise ID numbers are only required by Tyson Fresh Meats. Other packers are starting to follow this requirement. This is mainly due to increasing requirements and precautions on food safety from not only U.S. entities but also those overseas including the Japanese market. Premise ID numbers will NOT be required for the Iowa State Fair 4-H exhibitors, **but will be required for all swine exhibitors going to the Clay County Fair**. Keep in mind, Premise ID number requirements may increase in 2010 for all swine exhibitors and possibly other species. Stay tuned for more information.

How do Youth Obtain a Premise ID Number? The Premise ID must be for the farm where the hogs are being cared for—if that is not where the 4-H'er lives, they will need the owner of the property where the hogs are being cared for to submit the form and the 4-H'er would use that number. The form may be accessed and submitted on the web at: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animallindustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf>.

Questions/Premise ID application status: IDALS, 1-888-778-7675.

## **Still room at camp**

Nature's Detectives Camp will be held July 7 & 8 at Smith Lake for those who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Call the office right away if you want to attend or invite a friend. Participants do not need to be in 4-H.



## Livestock exhibitor checklist

By Chuck Morris, Director, ISU 4-H Office

Taking care of your animals is very important all year, but especially during the fair. The following is a checklist for you to follow to make sure you're giving your animals the best care.

- ✓ Check labels, and make sure you have observed all withdrawal times for drugs, including feed additives, prior to and during the fair.
- ✓ Give your animal enough food and water. Remember, as temperatures climb, animals need more water.
- ✓ Provide your animal with clean, dry bedding.
- ✓ Keep your animal clean.
- ✓ Keep the barn and surrounding areas clean. Place used bedding and manure in designated areas.
- ✓ Handle your animal with care at all times. Only you or someone who knows your animal, such as your parent or brother/sister, should handle your animal. People who are not familiar with animals will be walking around so please be aware of them.
- ✓ If your animal shows signs of illness or is injured, notify the superintendent in your department or Extension staff so the fair veterinarian can be contacted.
- ✓ If your animal is tied, exercise your animal daily.
- ✓ Plan a schedule with other 4-H'ers so at least one attendant is with your animals during the times the fair is open to the public.
- ✓ Always wash your hands after working with your animal to prevent spreading germs and diseases.

## Maintaining Key Markets for 4-H & FFA Projects

More and more packers are increasing their reluctance to purchase fair animals. There may be one or a number of reasons for this (drug residues, additional testing on fair animals as required by the Food Safety and Inspection Service). In order to keep this important avenue open to our youth livestock exhibitors and county fairs, youth need to be reminded on the importance and consequences of their actions. Feed additives and drug additives need to be followed according to their instructions and withdrawal periods. Every individual fair animal that goes to market does affect the market viability for everyone else. It can take only one occurrence for a packer to simply stop buying fair animals altogether.

Kossuth thoughts. Keep in mind that your need to use the premise ID of the location that the animals are housed, not by who owns them. It may take several weeks to receive the number, so it is important to complete the application right away. You turn it in now and we will record it on your enrollment form.

## Community service grants

If your club is planning a community service project and could use some extra money, consider applying for a grant from the Friends of Kossuth Youth & 4-H. They provide seed money to help fund your group projects. Contact the office for more information. Grants are due July 1 or October 1 this year.

## Grandstand Passes

Will only be offered to the 4-H members who help on fair clean up day, July 16. See details at the beginning of the newsletter.

## Scholarship winners

Congratulations to Karl Nicolaus of Whittemore and Abby Sexton of Titonka for receiving the Hixson Opportunity Award. The Hixson Opportunity Award is a half-tuition grant (estimated value of more than \$14,000 over eight semesters) to be used at ISU.

## Friends of Kossuth Youth and 4-H Scholarships

The Friends of Kossuth Youth and 4-H are offering two \$500.00 scholarships to Kossuth County high school graduates seeking post secondary education or a higher degree. The scholarships are open to all students who have completed their freshman year of college education and can show leadership and citizenship qualities. The intended purpose of the scholarships is to provide financial assistance towards completion of a 2 year degree, a 4 year degree or a master's degree. To apply for the scholarships contact Scholarship Chairperson Ronda Gray at 515-928-2711 or go on line at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/kossuth/kidsteens.htm> or at the Kossuth County Extension Office.

## Sewing machines available

We wrote a grant and received three sewing machines for 4-H and youth to use for projects. If you want to plan a workshop for your club or make something for a community service project, consider checking out the sewing machines. Individuals may check them out also.

## Iowa Youth and 4-H Conference

Iowa Youth and 4-H Conference was held on June 28-30 in Ames. Those attending were: Ryan Borchardt, Jeff Burdick, Jared Haler, Meridith Heinold, Emily Hutchinson, Matthew Hutchinson, Sierra Hutchinson, Allison Hurlburt, Stormie Johanson, Melanie Mergen, Jessica Morris, Brooke Preston, Jenna Schutter, and Heather Ziesman. Talk to these members and find out more about what they did, so you will be ready to go next year. Thanks to Mel Haler and the Palo Alto female chaperone for serving as chaperones for this great bunch.

## State Fair volunteers needed

Warm weather means that summer is upon us, and it's time to starting thinking about volunteer opportunities at the 2011 Iowa State Fair. The fair runs August 11-21. As always, there are numerous volunteer opportunities in the 4-H Exhibits Building, and on the livestock teams. These opportunities allow volunteers to share their support and expertise in many areas, as well as helping youth grow through 4-H. Additional information and applications are available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm>. Contact Mitch Hoyer at 515-294-1531, or Mike Anderson at 515-294-8617 with any questions. Come share the fun with 4-H!



### Looking for a Citizenship project?

Jean has been contacted by a local VFW saying they are looking for someone or group who would consider working on the flags that they use at the cemeteries. A group could be a 4-H club, you and a couple friends, or a group within your club. Flags are coming loose from the rods. This project might include minimum sewing skills. They have about 80 flags that need to be repaired and you would have at least nine months to complete the project. Contact Jean at the office if you might be interested. I would help you get more information and make arrangements to see one of the flags to see what needs to be done before you commit to the project.

### Pies, Pies, Pies!

Get your best pie ready! There will be a Pie Baking Contest on Wednesday August, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pies will be judged by celebrity judges and prizes will be awarded! All ages are invited to enter.

### We Need Your Blue Ribbon Recipes.

We are creating a **Kossuth County Fair Cookbook**. **Please share any of your favorite recipes.** You may enter recipes as a club or individually. Encourage your moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas to share their favorite recipes too! Please bring recipes you would like to contribute to the **Open Class Building** on entry day of the Open Class Show or any time during the week of the **Kossuth County Fair, August 2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> 2011**. We will be selling the cookbooks after the 2011 fair. All money raised will be used towards the Open Class Show or improvements in the Open Building.

## 2011 Kossuth County Fair "Blue Ribbon Days, Rock'in Nights"

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### 2011 Kossuth County Fair Judging Schedule for Exhibits Building Tuesday, August 2

The 2011 judging schedule for the Exhibits Building for Tuesday, August 2 is as follows. Your exhibits are to be brought in during the time period scheduled for your club. This includes all non-livestock exhibits. Judging will be done by areas, two judges will judge all Clothing, another two will judge all Food & Nutrition, etc. Exhibitors will get in the line that pertains to each one of their exhibits.

- 8:30 a.m. Kossuth Achievers, North Iowa 4-H & Prairie Future Farmers
- 9:30 a.m. Plum Creek Clovers, Lotts Creek Lassies & Lads
- 10:30 p.m. Co-Ed Kids, Riverdale Rustlers, Greenwood 4-H'ers & Lego Club
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- 12:30 p.m. Prairie 4-H, Emerald Sparks, Kossuth Shooting Sports & Trail Blazers
- 1:30 p.m. Titonka/Wesley 4-H, LuVerne Do-R-Best & Titonka Valley Indians
- 2:30 p.m. Fenton Forwards & Fenton Progressors
- 3:30 p.m. Clover Kids - Make State Fair and Junior Recognition Selections.

The Exhibits Building will be closed to the public on Tuesday afternoon for SF & JR selections

### Kossuth County Fair Queen Contest

The Kossuth County Fair Queen Contest will be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm. Judging will take place on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the AmericInn in Algona. Girls, age 5-21, are encouraged to enter. Great gifts will be given to all that participate. Entry forms can be downloaded from [kossuthcountyfair.com](http://kossuthcountyfair.com), picked up from the Kossuth County Extension Office, or by contacting Chandra Foertsch at (515) 341-0210 or [chandra.foertsch@gmail.com](mailto:chandra.foertsch@gmail.com). Please call Chandra if you have any questions. All entries must be submitted before July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### AG OLYMPICS

The plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Annual AG OLYMPICS** are in development! This is a competition that brings every aspect of Agricultural & Basic Living into play, an obstacle course that has no room for "talk" and only room for "ACTION"! This is a chance for you & your friends to work as a team and win **CASH PRIZES!!** This will be held at the fairgrounds at 3:30 pm. Youth and adults can participate. The Ag Olympics is a team competition that is comprised of a variety of activities relating to, but not limited to, agriculture. It made its premiere during last year's fair and quickly became one of the crowds' favorite. Several teams participated in front of a cheering crowd while working as a team completing each task ahead of them...only the best won! The tasks aren't always easy, but if you work together as a team...you have a chance! The course is not limited to those who live on a farm or involved with livestock...it can be conquered by any team willing to give it their all. The course changes each year, and there is a chance you may see some activities very similar to some of your favorite shows (i.e. Amazing Race, Survivor). Start putting your team together now!



# 4-H FAMILY POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8-9:30 PM

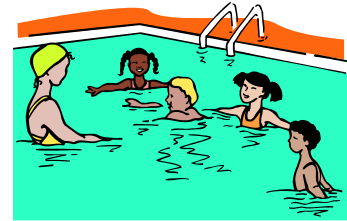
## BANCROFT AQUATIC CENTER

The Kossuth County Council is hosting a pool party. We have rented the whole pool so the slides, diving boards as well as the shallow end will be available so plan to attend and bring your family and friends!

**\$1.00** per participant

**Free Snacks** will be provided in concession area

Council members are also planning **games & activities** for all ages. Listen to KLGA if the weather is questionable.



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**HORTICULTURE** - please add to your fairbook – accidentally omitted from printed copies

**\*550A Vegetables**

From one to three different kinds of vegetables displayed in one appropriate size container (box) no larger than 15" x 30" x 6". Check out Preparing Vegetables for the fair at the website below. Exhibits that do not follow these recommendations will be discounted one ribbon grouping. Each kind or species will be evaluated separately. Please list each vegetable separately on the fair exhibit entry form.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/Horticulture/vegetables.htm>

**\*550B Flowers**

One or three stems as appropriate. Note: Intermediate and senior exhibitors must know the variety of their specimen or they will be lowered one ribbon placing.

**\*550C Most Unusual**

Vegetable or flower. This is a fun class that the exhibit could be odd shaped or unusually large.

**\*550D House Plants**

Started and potted by a 4-H member during the past year (limited to one container). To be judged on general condition of the plant and appropriateness of container (size, type, kind of material, etc.; decorative qualities of container will not be considering in judging). Attach folder indicating how and when the plant was obtained, care given, what was learned and other project details.