



CLOVER CONNECTION



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4-H—What's in it for YOU?

The excitement of fair is over and our 4-H year is coming to an end. The weather is starting to get cooler and for most of us life is slowing down, hopefully! The time has given me the chance to reflect on the past year - all of the great things that have happened with our youth in Sac County 4-H.

4-H is a powerful vehicle for helping kids develop competence, confidence, character, and compassion for others as evidenced by research conducted last year by Tufts University. The study also revealed that kids who participated in 4-H were 3.5 times more likely to contribute to their families, themselves and their communities.

Through 4-H, youth have the opportunity to work with caring, committed adult volunteers. These opportunities for positive youth development, reduce the likelihood of youth to engage in risky behaviors such as underage drinking, smoking, bullying, and vandalism. The 4-H promise to kids and parents is: Fun, Friends, Choices, Great Trips, and Events, A safe place to learn and do new things, Leadership, Citizenship, Communication skills, Service opportunities, Scholarship opportunities, Adults who care, and Hands-On experiences.

I was able to see all of these characteristics in six outstanding Sac County 4-H'ers this weekend at the State Recognition Event! Congratulations to Tanner Berry, Lexie Cook, Brent Drey, Elizabeth Feilmeier, Lauren Houska, and Kent Irwin. See inside for a list of the awards they each received. Their hard work and dedication to the Sac County 4-H program has paid off!

Is it worth it? You BET! Tell your friends to JOIN TODAY!

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

IDA/SAC Skating Party

We will kick off National 4-H Week with the annual Ida-Sac Skating Party held Sunday, October 3 from 1-4pm at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove. Cost is \$5 with no cost to parents, grandparent, kids who want to watch. This is open to all 4-H families and their friends! Don't forget to bring money for the snack bar! There will be door prizes!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Sac County 4-H Council Applications



Sac County 4-H Council applications are due to the Sac County Extension Office by September 20. County Council is for 4-H members in high school looking to provide leadership to the county 4-H program. The county council sponsors activities such as pitch-a-pie, Junior 4-H Lock-in, Leadership Camp, penny wars, and much more! We are looking for fun and energetic people to join the team! Applications are available now at the ISU, Sac County Extension Office or our website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/sac.

FAIR NEWS

Penny War Results

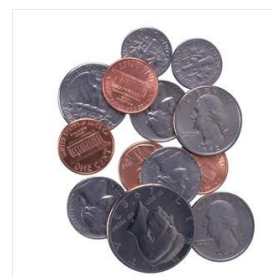
Thanks to all of you who made the Penny War such a success again this year. There was \$128.93 raised. Remember the winning club will receive 30% of all money raised and the rest will go towards the Sac County 4-H Endowment.

Winner: Early Achievers with positive 1591 points

Second Place: Viola Visions/Wall Lake Bandits with positive 936 points

Below is the amount that each club received in their box, (remember: positive points were given to those who had pennies and negative points were given to silver coins and dollar bills).

Early Achievers	\$39.21
Viola Visions/Wall Lake Bandits	\$26.36
Jacksons	\$26.08
Sac County Horseshoes	\$9.23
Richland Robins/OA Showmen	\$7.46
Schaller Shamrocks	\$7.40
Sac Green Team	\$6.70
Nemaha 4H	\$6.49



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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congrats!

Congratulations goes to Steve and Barb Determan of Early as they joined other inductees into the 2010 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair. Inductees into the Hall of Fame received recognition for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H and were presented a plaque by the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Congrats!

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Leader Training



Have you wondered how to get family members more involved in your 4-H activities? At this fall's leader training, Iowa 4-H volunteers will explore this topic and get ideas that they can incorporate. This training is part of the statewide 4-H volunteer training and will be held on **Thursday September 23, 2010** starting at **6pm** at the **Sac County Extension Office** meeting room. A benefit of participating in the face-to-face leader 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 Sac County Extension Office by **September 21st** as **there will be pizza available for supper! There will need to be one or two 4-H members from each club.**

STATE 4-H NEWS

Make a Difference Day

Celebrate National 4-H Week and help spruce up the camp! As we head into the fall camping season, we have an opportunity for 4-H families, individuals and clubs to have a fun weekend at camp. The camp volunteer work day has been set for October 23rd from 9-3, rain or shine! Sign up for volunteering by contacting John Roosa at 515/795-3338.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

State Recognition Event

The State 4-H Recognition Event took place on Saturday, August 28 on the ISU campus in Ames. Sac County 4-H was very well represented as we had six 4-H'ers being interviewed for National Conference, National Congress, and State Project Awards. Congrats! Here are the results:

Tanner Berry: Sheep Project Award
Lexie Cook: National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council
Brent Drey: Citizenship Project Award, National 4-H Congress
Elizabeth Feilmeier: National Conference, State 4-H Council
Lauren Houska: National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council
Kent Irwin: Citizenship Project Award

Check out the photos from the event at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Sac-City-IA/ISU-Extension-Sac-County/325549092436?ref=ts>

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Record Book Workshop



Don't have anything to do since fair is over? Now is a good time to start working on 4-H records! There will be two record book workshops held at the Extension Office on **September 13th from 6-9pm** and on **September 14th from 4-6pm**. Please call the office to register 712/662-7131. Record books are due to the leaders by **September 17th** and the leaders will need to turn them into the Extension Office by **September 27th**.

FAIR NEWS

Thank You!

The Extension Staff would like to express our thanks to all who helped make another fair successful, even though it was tough at times through all of the RAIN! THANK YOU! Through the help of so many, local youth gained support and developed knowledge and skills through their projects and experiences for the future. Also, Thank You to the fairboard as they did a wonderful job keeping the fairgrounds looking great and for the great evening entertainment! THANK YOU!



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STATE FAIR RESULTS

Breeding Swine

Aubrey Houska - 2 Blue
 Lauren Houska - 1 Purple
 Carter Niehaus - 1 Purple

Live Derby Swine

Aubrey Houska - 1 Blue
 Lauren Houska - 1 Blue
 Carter Niehaus - 1 Blue
 Kacie Partridge - 1 Blue

Market Swine

Aubrey Houska - 2 Blue
 Lauren Houska - 1 Purple—1 Blue
 Carter Niehaus - 3 Blue
 Kacie Partridge - 4 Blue

Swine Showmanship

Aubrey Houska - Purple
 Carter Niehaus - Purple
 Kacie Partridge - Purple

Sheep Showmanship

Tanner Berry - Champion Senior - Purple

Premier Exhibitor

Tanner Berry - Champion

Breeding Beef

Dru Kenny - 1 Purple

Rabbits

Alexis Cook - 2 Purple - 1 Blue - 1 Red - 1 White
 Damon Cook - 2 Purple - 1 Best of Variety - 2 Blue - 1 Red
 Fallon Vauble - 2 Purple - 3 Blue

Market Sheep

Lexie Berry - 2 Purple - 1 Blue
 Tanner Berry - 4 Purple
 Jason Kenny - 1 Purple - 3 Blue
 Zach Kenny - 2 Purple

Performance Lamb Live

Lexie Berry - 1 Purple
 Tanner Berry - 1 Purple
 Jason Kenny - 1 Blue
 Zach Kenny - 1 Purple

Clothing

Elizabeth Feilmeier - ISU Apparel Merchandising Award

Static Exhibits

Early Achievers 4-H Club

Lexie Cook
 Ben Degner

Renae Drey
 Renae Drey

Renae Drey
 Korey Drost
 Elizabeth Feilmeier
 Elizabeth Feilmeier
 Austin Goettsch

Aedan Hickey
 Grace Holmes

Lauren Houska
 Lauren Houska
 Morgan Hurd
 Kacie Partridge
 Alex Pickhinke
 Alex Pickhinke

Tyler Pickhinke
 Tyler Pickhinke
 Tasha Ronfeldt

Alexandria Roth
 Alexandria Roth
 Nicole Schmidt
 Maggie Steinkamp
 Maggie Steinkamp

Fallon Vauble
 Fallon Vauble

Tiffany Vauble
 Tiffany Vauble

Jamie Zimmerman

Communications

Kristin Pickhinke
 Tyler Pickhinke
 Jordan Fischer

Riley Fischer Internet Safety Merit
 Renae Drey
 Elizabeth Feilmeier
 Lauren Houska
 Brooke Hoepfner
 Grace Feilmeier
 Stephen Stangl

Grace & Elizabeth Feilmeier
 Hannah Feilmeier &

Brooke Hoepfner
 Aubrey Houska &

Jordan Fischer
 Abby Clark
 Riley Fischer
 Tyler & Alex Pickhinke
 Early Achievers
 Courtney Paysen
 Kent Irwin
 Elizabeth Feilmeier

Personal Development **Blue**

Personal Development **Red**
 Science, Mechanics & Engineering **Blue**

Consumer & Management **Red**
 Food & Nutrition **Blue**

Personal Development **Blue**
 Visual Art **Red**

Food & Nutrition **Blue**

Visual Art **Blue**

Consumer & Management **Red**

Ag & Natural Resources **Blue**

Food & Nutrition **Red**

Issues **Red**

Visual Art **Blue**

Clothing **Red**

Home Improvement **Blue**

Home Improvement **Red**

Science, Mechanics & Engineering **Blue**

Personal Development **Blue**

Photography **Blue**

Home Improvement **Red**

Photography **Blue**

Photography **Blue**

Clothing **Blue**

Child Development **Blue**

Clothing **Blue**

Ag & Natural Resources **Red**

Historical/Family Heritage **Certificate**

Food & Nutrition **Red**

Photography **Blue**

Ag & Natural Resources **Blue**

Showmanship of Rabbits Merit

Show Steers Merit

Childhood Obesity Merit

Internet Safety Merit

Setting the Stage for Others Merit

Pop Art Excellence

Ag Literacy Excellence

Healing Lotion Recognition

Quilts Merit

Paper Hats Recognition

Glitter Pens Merit

Painting in the Rain Merit

Ring Around the Posy Recognition

Charm Pin Recognition

Magnet Recognition

Regal March Participation

Secrets of 4H Participation

Lets Get Crazy Participation

Extemp Excellence

Extemp Merit

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SEPTEMBER

6 - Office Closed for Labor Day
12 - WLB/VV 1pm
12 - Jacksons 1pm
13 - Record Book Workshop 6-9pm
14 - Record Book Workshop 4-6pm
17 - Record Book to Leaders
20 - County Council Apps due
23 - Leaders Training 6pm
25 - Fishing Clinic 9-noon
27 - Record Books due to Office
28 - 4H Comm Meeting

OCTOBER

3 - County Council Mtg 11:30
3 - Skating Party 1-4pm
10 - Schaller Shamrock Mtg 4pm
17 - Early Achievers Mtg 4pm

NOVEMBER

14 - Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
21 - Awards Ceremony
25 & 26 - Office Closed

FAIR NEWS

- Please remember to send a Thank You to the trophy sponsor's. If you received a trophy or plaque there is a label on the bottom for your use to put on the envelope to mail to the donor.
- Premium checks have been sent to the club leaders. Bonus checks and swine checks were sent to the 4-H'er. Clubs will need to pay each member by check or cash for the amount they earned at the fair.
- Good Luck to the following 4-H'ers who will be competing in the Consumer Judging Contest at the Clay County Fair on September 18th.

Senior Division

Jon Stangl
Hope Brotherson
Tiffany Olerich
Amy Stangl

Junior Division

Grace Holmes
Stephen Stangl
Ben Kolbe
Allison Kolbe

- Good Luck to ALL of the Clay County Fair exhibitors!
- Congratulations to the Junior 4-H Team for placing 4th overall in the State Livestock Judging Contest! Congrats!
- Don't forget to pick up your State Fair projects at the Extension Office during normal business hours.

COUNTY NEWS

- Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 21st. More information will be coming in the October newsletter.
- The Sac County 4-H Endowment still has 3-\$250 grants available for the 2010 year! If your club is still working on a project or would like to do a project this next year please fill out an application and turn it into the Extension Office. Applications can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sac/kidsteens.htm>
- National 4-H Week will be October 3-9. This is an excellent opportunity to get the word out about 4-H. Start thinking about how your club can promote 4-H in Sac County. Here are some ideas: window display at an area business, invite a friend or two to a club meeting, set up an information booth at your school or church.

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.



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possibilities

I am only limited by my own imagination and that is constantly expanding.



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