



# CLOVER CONNECTION



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## From the Desk of Steph Erpelding

Congratulations to everyone that was honored at the Awards Ceremony! Most of the enrollment forms have been entered on the 4H online system. If you have not taken care of this yet please read in the newsletter how to complete this process. My goal is to have all of the enrollments completed by December 31st. Please remember that you also need to sign and date the Code of Ethics/Conduct form and the Medical Release Form.

Winter is the best time to start thinking or even starting a 4-H exhibit for the fair as you are stuck in the house. You could even try out that new Food & Nutrition recipe or your Pride of Iowa recipe for your family gatherings. January will be here before we know it and that means FSQA and Beef Weigh-In. The FSQA training/testing session will be January 3rd from 1-3pm for the training and the testing will begin at 1:30pm at the Extension Office. Please call to reserve your spot now! Weigh-in will be at the Harold Peyton farm near Lytton starting at 1pm on January 8th! See the newsletter for more information on both of these and many more items!

I would like to wish each and every one of our 4-H Families, Volunteers, Fairboard Members and Staff a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Steph Erpelding*



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## STATE NEWS

# 4-H Youth Conference 2011

It may seem early, but mark your calendars now for the 2011 4-H Youth Conference, **June 28-30, 2011**. The theme will be Aim for Adventure. Questions about the 4-H Youth Conference please contact Lexie Cook, Elizabeth Feilmeier or Lauren Houska. Mark your calendars!!

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## STATE NEWS

# State Recognition



It is that time of year to start thinking about applying for State Recognition Opportunities. There have been many changes to the application process. Applications for the Iowa 4-H Youth Tech Team, State 4-H Council, State 4-H Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference are due to the State 4-H Office by February 1st. All applicants will participate in an interview on Saturday, March 26th in Ames. For more information and how to apply go to: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm). On this link you will find information about each opportunity you are applying for, the actual application that includes the cover sheet and application questions. There will be 4-5 questions that will need to be answered as part of the application. Your answers can only fill up 2 pages. 2 pages of support material will need to be attached which could be a story, newsletter, resume, photos with captions, documented records, letter of recommendations, etc. You can apply for 2 project awards but only one can be received. There will be no taped interviews. All award recipients will be recognized at state conference in June 2011. If you have any questions please contact the Sac County Extension or email: [erpeldin@iastate.edu](mailto:erpeldin@iastate.edu).

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## COUNTY NEWS

# Beef Weigh-In

The market beef weigh-in will be held **Saturday, January 8, 2011 from 1-3pm** at the Harold Peyton farm near Lytton. All market beef to be shown by 4-H and FFA members at the Sac County Fair must be weighed-in and identified. 4-H and FFA members, if you wish to show at the Iowa State Fair we will be using the retinal imaging machine which will cost \$2.50/head. If you wish to show at Ak-Sar-Ben you must have your market animals DNA taken at this time and the cost is \$5/head. If parents and/or 4-H members are not going to be at the weigh-in a waiver must be picked up before the weigh-in at the Extension Office and then brought to the weigh-in already signed. Please listen to KAYL 101.7 for any changes due to the weather. We will again be having the Beef Pen of 3 again this year. They must be weighed-in on January 8th! To be eligible to show at the Sac County you must be in 4th grade or have completed 4th grade and to be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben you must be in 5th grade or have completed 5th grade.

**Cost:** County Only - \$1.25/ear tag  
County & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$6.25

County & State Fair - \$3.75  
County, State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$8.75

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## STATE NEWS

# My 4-H. My Commitment. Gala

The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be hosting its 2nd annual Gala on **February 19, 2011** at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. The event will feature the Science, Engineering and Technology project areas within 4-H, as well as the many amazing accomplishments of Iowa 4-H'ers. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. Table sponsorships are being sold for \$1,000 each, Individual registration is \$100 and couples are \$150. To reserve your table, make a reservation, donate an auction item please contact Shelly Greving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or 515/294-1607.

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## COUNTY NEWS

# Program Development Fee



The Program Development Fee (Enrollment Fee) will be **\$30** per member again this year. The **Extension Council** will be donating **\$10** per member (new this year) and the **4H Endowment** will be donating **\$10** per member. If there are any family members that need help paying the fee please call Steph at the Extension Office as there are many scholarships available to cover the cost.

Financial assistance is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation for 4-H families that need help paying their annual program fee. The application and guidelines can be found on the Foundation website at: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/financial/applications/index.htm>. Financial awards are allocated as requests are received and as long as funding is available.

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## COUNTY NEWS

# FSQA

All beef, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy (cattle & goat), poultry, and rabbit exhibitors **MUST** be certified in order to exhibit at any fair. Here are the **NEW CHANGES!** If you are in grades 4-6 you must attend the training session. If you are in grades 7-9 you have the option to take the intermediate test or attend the training. If you are in grades 10-12 you have the option to take the senior test or attend the training. The training and testing will be held **January 3, 2011** at the Extension Office **from 1-3pm. The testing will begin at 1:30pm.** Please sign-up by calling the Extension Office at 712/662-7131. If you don't remember when your certificate expires please call the Extension Office. This year will be a transition year so please call if you are confused or have any questions 712/662-7131.

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### COOL

As many of you know, the USDA made COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) mandatory effective **Sept. 30th, 2008**. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's web-page at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/>. 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.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.pdf>. Page 1 explains the steps and Page 2 is the actual affidavit. If you are a 4-H'er that raises your own livestock then you will need to fill this out and keep it on file for a minimum of 2 years in case of an audit.

If you are a 4-H'er that purchases your animals from another person then the producer must fill this out and the 4-H'er must keep this on file for a minimum of 2 years. This is a good time to think about the affidavit as many of you that buy your livestock are buying now and what perfect time to get these affidavits filled out at the time of purchase! We will not ask to see the affidavit but you will have to sign the Disclosure Statement and in there it states that you have a signed affidavit on hand from the seller of the livestock you own. If you have any questions please contact the ISU, Sac County Extension Office at 712/662-7131.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### 4-H Online Enrollment

The 4-H Online enrollment system is a **NEW** way to complete your enrollment all on the computer! You can also look at your enrollment and edit it at anytime by visiting <https://iowa.4honline.com> at anytime. Remember you must enter your family email and family password. If you have not received a family password it may be because you have changed your email or did not provide an email in previous years. Please call the Extension Office. If you do not have an email I would suggest to set up an email account through gmail.com. Very simple and easy! If you missed your 4H meeting when we completed the 4H online enrollments I will be sending out your enrollment form, code of conduct/ethics, and medical forms to be signed, dated, and sent back to me. If you do not want or have an email account you will need to fill out a paper copy of the enrollment form and send it back to the Extension Office. I would like to have all of the enrollments completed by December 31st! If you have questions please call 712/662-7131 or email: [erpeldin@iastate.edu](mailto:erpeldin@iastate.edu).

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## STATE NEWS

### 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball Game

**January 22nd, 2011** at the game vs. Texas A&M. Tickets are \$15/person and the pre-game tailgate will be held at Scheman with a brunch from 8-11AM. Order tickets and t-shirts at the following link: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/isuwbb](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/isuwbb). If you have further questions please contact Shelly Greving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu).

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## DECEMBER

- 1 - Pioneer Grant Applications due
- 2 - Girl Talk in Sac City
- 2 - Schaller Clover Kids
- 5 - Horseshoes Mtg 5pm
- 11 - Jacksons Mtg 4pm
- 12 - Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 2pm
- 13 - Sac City Clover Kids
- 14 - Wall Lake Clover Kids
- 20 - Extension Council Mtg 7pm
- 21 - Odebolt Clover Kids
- 23&24 - Office Closed for Christmas
- 27 - Innovative Pioneers Mtg 7pm
- 29 - WLB/VV Wood Workshop 9-11:30
- 31 - Office Closed for New Years

## JANUARY

- 3 - FSQA 1-3pm training and testing begins at 1:30pm
- 8 - Beef Weigh-In 1-3pm
- 8-9 - State Council Winter Retreat
- 10 - WLB/VV Tour of Cookies BBQ
- 10 - Sac City Clover Kids
- 11 - Schaller Clover Kids
- 15 - Ice Fishing Clinic
- 17 - Odebolt Clover Kids
- 18 - Wall Lake Clover Kids
- 22 - ISU Women's B-ball Game
- 30 - Jacksons Mtg 1:30pm

## FEBRUARY

- 7 - Sac City Clover Kids
- 11-12 - Volunteer Retreat
- 13 - WLB/VV Mtg 1pm
- 14 - Odebolt Clover Kids
- 15 - Wall Lake Clover Kids
- 17 - Schaller Clover Kids

## COUNTY NEWS

Please hold on to the calendar of events for the 2010-2011 Sac County 4-H Program and on the backside are the livestock requirements and important deadline dates. The calendar of events is also on our website at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/sac](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sac).

I am in need of some Intermediate and Senior 4-H members to help during Clover Kids in your hometown! This is an afterschool program from 3:30-5:30. If you are interested please call Steph at the Sac County Extension Office at 712/662-7131 or email at [erpeldin@iastate.edu](mailto:erpeldin@iastate.edu)

The Sac County Extension Council has agreed to purchase 4 Lego NXT kits. These kits will be very useful to everyone in 4-H that is interested in engineering and constructing a Robot. The Council is CHALLENGING all of the 4-H clubs to purchase another 6 kits for the county to use. The kits cost about \$300 each. If you would like to view the kit please follow the link: <http://shop.lego.com/Product/?p=8547>.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please let the Office know by emailing: [erpeldin@iastate.edu](mailto:erpeldin@iastate.edu).

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The Sac County 4-H Endowment still has 2-\$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>

I need to have the Club Programs turned in to the office ASAP so I can get your meeting dates added in my calendar so insurance will cover your events!

FREE rabbits for the taking. Mini Rex—male and Hoto—female. Please call Shirley Sage at 712/466-2477.

# 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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Imagine a world of 4-H where you have something to say and grownups listen to you. Pretty cool.



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