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Happy New Year! That's right, October, the start to a new 4-H year! I can already tell that this is going to be an excellent year! I have had a lot of parents coming in to sign-up their child for 4-H which I love to have happen!

The beginning sure was a busy one with National 4-H Week, skating party, a salsa workshop, a 4-H bowling party, 3rd grade talks about joining 4-H, and a two-day staff meeting in Ames.

The start to a new year is a great time to set goals. I have set a couple of goals for myself that include building our current 4-H clubs by strengthening them with new activities, new ideas, new members! I have also set a goal to gain new 4-H members by starting a couple of new clubs! I have included in this newsletter a goal sheet for each of you to use to jot down some of your goals for the 2011-12 4-H year! Please use this as it will be a lot easier when you are trying to fill out those goal sheets the night before static judging!

There is a Youth Beef Team being started in Sac County with an insert explaining this in the newsletter.

Also as you take the time to enroll yourselves into 4H Online please also take a look at the features this great program holds for us. I have included a helpsheet that takes you through some of these features! We will be using this program to ID all of our livestock so please take a look at this!

I wish to each one of you a happy fall and a safe harvest season!

Steph Erpelding



STATE 4-H NEWS

Pioneer Grants

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs are encouraged to apply for “seed money” to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and applications are on the web at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html. Applications for 2011 grants are due to the ISU, Sac County Extension Office by **December 1, 2011**.

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Sac County 4-H Council



WELCOME the NEW members of the County Council!

Damon Cook
Kara Cowlham
Jordan Fischer
Aubrey Houska
Nicole Langbein

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Program Development Fee

The Program Development Fee (Enrollment Fee) will be **\$30** per member again this year. The **Extension Council** and the **4-H Endowment** has not met to decide the amount they will be donating. I will know more by the end of November. 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.

STATE 4-H NEWS

CWF

Citizenship Washington Focus 2012 is a nine-day trip for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips returned to report that it was the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career. Participants can select either **June 8-16** or **June 15-23** to attend the trip. 4-H'ers and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington DC. The trip fee is \$1,370. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$350 deposit will be required to secure the spot. **Registration closes on December 15, 2011**. To learn more about the trip and to get to registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf. **The Sac County 4-H Committee will put \$300 towards the cost of the trip.**

4-H IS HANDS-ON LEARNING



STATE 4-H NEWS

Extreme Makeover, Camp Edition

Eight 4-H Clubs took the challenge last spring and the Iowa 4-H Center is now seeking more 4-H Clubs to take the Extreme Cabin Makeover challenge! Clubs will have the opportunity to design, implement, and have fun with cabin improvements. Applications for the 2012 Cabin makeover are due **November 1, 2011**. Please follow the link to request a participation agreement: aeparker@iastate.edu.

STATE 4-H NEWS

4-H Day at the ISU Cyclone Women's B-Ball Game



Do you like to cheer on the Iowa State Cyclones? Would you like an exclusive Iowa State University campus tour? Do you enjoy spending an evening with your friends watching basketball? Well, attend The 4-H Day at the ISU Cyclones Women's Basketball Game! Plans are underway to hold another 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game versus Texas A&M on **Saturday, January 14, 2012**. A dinner will be provided from 4:30-6:45pm at the Scheman Building before tip off at 7pm. This year's price to attend will be \$20 which includes a meal, new 2012 edition t-shirt and ticket to the ISU Women's Basketball game against Texas A&M. **NEW!** For 2012, 4-H Leads to Careers tour hosted by the College of Human Sciences. Registration coming soon, so save the date and plant to attend this event.

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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 webpage 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.

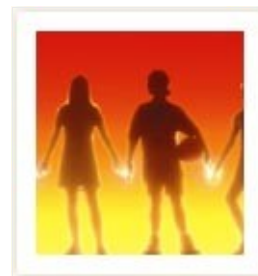
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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Prudential Spirit Award Applications

Prudential Spirit of Community Award Applications are now available online at www.prudential.com/spirit. This program recognizes youth in **grades 5-12** solely on the basis of volunteer work in their communities. If you or someone you know meets these requirements, please have them pick up an application from the ISU, Sac County Extension Office or the web. Applications are due by **November 1, 2011**. If you are selected, you could receive \$1,000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington D.C.!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Awards Event

Nemaha 4H and the 4-H Committee will be hosting an Awards Event (aka. Awards Ceremony) on Sunday, November 20th starting at 2pm at the Nemaha United Methodist Church. This will be a red carpet event so please dress up and let's have some fun!! Hors d'oeuvres will be served following the presenting of awards and induction of the County Council. Each club needs to bring one large hors d'oeuvres to the event. Everyone should attend as games will be played and prizes will be awarded for the most members at the Event according to your club percentage!

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Iowa Ag Youth Award

The KAYL, KKIA Radio Station in conjunction with the Brownfield Ag News for America network is sponsoring the 2011 Iowa Ag Youth Awards program. Information must be received by Friday, November 4, 2011. Selected winners will receive recognition and a plaque during the 2011 Awards Event on November 20th.

To Recognize: Sac youth (grades 9th-12th) in Agriculture

Mail to: 2011 Iowa Ag Youth Award C/O KAYL, KKIA, PO Box 1037, Storm Lake, IA 50588

One Page Application typed with Times New Roman 11 point font must include:

Section#1—Contact information: Applicant Name, Grade/School, Complete Address (city/state/zip), County, Parent's Name, Home Phone and Cell Phone

Section #2—List of Accomplishments related to Agriculture. No more than 250 words

Section #3—Essay of 250 words: "Why Agriculture is important to our community".

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4-H ONLINE NEWS

What do I need to do to re-enroll in 4-H?

Go to: <https://iowa.4honline.com>. Enter your family email address that was provided to the Extension Office. Choose "Family" from the "Role" drop-down box. Enter your password that your family has chosen. If you forgot your password choose "I forgot my password" and then click send my password. Open your email browser and find the email from 4HOnline and locate your temporary password. Return to 4H Online and Click "I have a profile" and re-type your email and the new password that was just sent. Paste or type your password exactly as sent by 4HOnline as it is case sensitive. Click log in. You can update your password if you had forgotten it but if you remembered it you will skip this step. You will be taken to the Member list which includes all family members enrolled in 4H: members, leaders, and volunteers. Click "Edit" to the right of the "Inactive" member listed. On the Personal Information screen, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Enroll for 2011-2012". Now you will have an editable Personal Information screen. Please complete all information that applies to you. Fields in BOLD are required. When you have completed this page, click "Continue". This brings you to the Additional Information page. Check yes for Medical Release Form as you will need to print and fill out a new form or you can initial and old one at your next club meeting. Read and check yes for the Code of Ethics and fill in the boxes with the names. No paper form will be filled out. Hit Continues. Your primary club will be listed and then hit continue. If you wish to add or delete projects you may do so at this point. Hit Submit Enrollment Form. Your enrollment status will show "Pending". Your enrollment will be marked "Active" when your Medical Form has been turned in to the Extension Office.

4-H ONLINE NEWS

If you have a new member that has siblings in 4-H!

Follow the same directions as stated above when logging in but when you arrive at the Member List select "youth" on the drop down under **Add a new Family Member**. Click add Member. Follow the same steps when filling out the Personal Information screen and the Additional Information page. You WILL have to print out the Medical Release Form and send to the Extension Office. When you arrive at the Club screen you will need to select your primary club and hit "Add". Your primary club will be listed and then hit continue. If you wish to add or delete projects you may do so at this point. Hit Submit Enrollment Form. Your enrollment status will show "Pending". Your enrollment will be marked "Active" when your Medical Form has been turned in to the Extension Office.

4-H ONLINE NEWS

I am a NEW 4-H Member and need to enroll!

Go to: <https://iowa.4honline.com>. Choose "I need to setup a profile". Choose Sac from the drop down menu for the county. Complete the information. Choose "Family" from the "Role" drop-down box. Click log in. You will be taken to the Family Information Page. Complete all of your personal information. Click Continue. You are now at the Member list page. select "youth" on the drop down under **Add a new Family Member**. Click add Member. On the Personal Information screen please complete all information that applies to you. Fields in BOLD are required. When you have completed this page, click "Continue". This brings you to the Additional Information page. You WILL have to print out the Medical Release Form and send to the Extension Office. When you arrive at the Club screen you will need to select your primary club and hit "Add". Your primary club will be listed and then hit continue. If you wish to add or delete projects you may do so at this point. Hit Submit Enrollment Form. Your enrollment status will show "Pending". Your enrollment will be marked "Active" when your Medical Form has been turned in to the Extension Office.

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OCTOBER

15 - Sac Green Team Mtg 9am
16 - Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
17 - 4H Comm Mtg 7pm
17 - Odebolt Clover Kids
18 - Wall Lake Clover Kids
19 - Reclaim Your Holidays(1 of 4)
open to anyone 12-1pm at Ext Of-
fice or 6:30-7:30 at Wall Lake
Comm Center
25 - Sac City Clover Kids

NOVEMBER

8 - Sac City Clover Kids
9 - Reclaim Your Holidays(2 of 4)
open to anyone 12-1pm at Ext Of-
fice or 6:30-7:30 at Wall Lake
Comm Center
10 - Schaller Clover Kids
13 - Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
14 - Odebolt Clover Kids
15 - Wall Lake Clover Kids
19 - Sac Green Team Mtg 9am
20 - Awards Event
20 - County Council Mtg 12:30pm
20 - Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
21 - Endowment Mtg 7pm
24 & 25 - Office Closed

FAIR NEWS

- Congrats to the Junior Consumer Judging Team as they placed 1st at the Clay County Fair with Riley Fischer placing 2nd and Grace Holmes placing 6th overall. The Senior Team placed 9th.

Senior Division

Alison Batz
Jordan Fischer
Devin Mentzer
Morgan Ackerman

Junior Division

Grace Holmes
Hannah Schmidt
Riley Fischer
Sarah Healy

- Congrats to the Clay County Fair Exhibitors!

Kyle Witzke—Blue—Mkt Heifer
Rachel Kenny—Blue—Com Heifer
Jason Kenny—Purple—Prospect Heifer
Zach Kenny—District Reserve Champion—Prospect Heifer
Jason Kenny—Purple—Prospect Steer
Rachel Kenny—Blue—Mkt Lamb
Zach Kenny—Purple—Mkt Lamb
Jason Kenny—Light Weight Champ—Mkt Lamb
Jason Kenny—Purple—Mkt Lamb
Zach Kenny—Purple—Mkt Lamb
Jason Kenny—Purple—Mkt Lamb
Jason Kenny—Res Champ Hvy Weight Black—Mkt Sheep
Jason Kenny—District Champion Senior Sheep Showman
Zach Kenny—District Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Showman

COUNTY NEWS

- The Sac County 4-H Endowment still has 2-\$250 grants available for the 2011 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 have someone that would like to her sewing machine and a lot of material. If interested please contact the Sac County Extension Office at 712/662-7131.

• Looking for the following fair trophy sponsors:

- Champion English Equitation \$10
- Rabbit Herdsmanship \$10 or any amount
- Beef Herdsmanship \$10 or any amount

- I have someone that would like to sell their Oster Sheer Master Sheep Sheerer and Stand. Please contact the Sac County Extension Office.

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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