



Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Newsletter

November 2009



Calendar of Events



November

November 7	Awards & Recognition Banquet, 6 pm, Starlite, Lawler
November 9	Nashua-Plainfield Clover Kids
November 10	Nashua-Plainfield Clover Kids
November 12	Nashua-Plainfield Clover Kids
November 13	2009 Pioneer Grant Reports due to the Extension Office
November 17	Fredericksburg Clover Kids
November 19	Fredericksburg Clover Kids
November 23	Fredericksburg Clover Kids
November 24	Youth Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.
November 26-27	Holiday – Office Closed

December

December 1	Re-Enrollments Will Be Due
December 1	Pioneer Grant 2010 Applications DUE to Extension Office
December 9	New Hampton Clover Kids Breakfast Club
December 10	“Holiday Crafts” in Nashua for 2 nd & 3 rd Graders
December 15	“Holiday Crafts” in Fredericksburg for 2 nd & 3 rd Graders
December 15	2009 Iowa’s Promise...Our Youth Grant Reports due to the State 4-H Youth Development Office
December 17	“Holiday Crafts” in New Hampton for 2 nd & 3 rd Graders
December 28	Beef Weigh-In, Link’s 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and Lynch Livestock 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
December 25-26	Holiday - Office Closed
December 29	Coiled Gourd Basket Class, Extension Office, 9 -3 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch.
December 30	Beef Weigh-in Snow Date

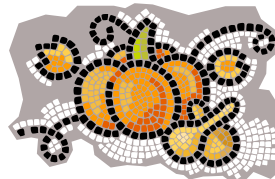
January 2010

January 18	Leader’s Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.
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March

March 2	FSQA Training
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Beef Weigh-In Date Set

December 28, 2009

SNOW DATE IS:

December 30, 2009

The Beef Weigh-In has been scheduled for **December 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Link's Livestock in Bassett and 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lynch Livestock in Lawler.** Again this year, **ALL** State Fair beef animals will need to have retinal scans completed instead of the DNA samples (nose printing and hair samples). Due to the extremely high price of a retinal imaging machine, Chickasaw County will not have this option available at the county weigh-ins. Therefore, anyone who would like to exhibit a beef animal at the State Fair will need to take their animals to the Floyd County Beef Weigh-In on Saturday, December 12 at the Floyd County Fair Grounds in Charles City. Floyd County's volunteers will be ready to retinal image Chickasaw County participants at 11:30 a.m. **YOU MUST CONTACT PATRICE OR JOLENE BEFORE DEC. 8 IF YOU PLAN ON HAVING YOUR ANIMAL IMAGED AS WE WILL NEED TO GET OUR COUNTY EAR TAGS TO FLOYD.** Only those that are planning to exhibit beef at the state fair will be able to weigh-in and have their animal tagged on this day. All other exhibitors will need to come on Dec. 28 to one of the county locations.

If you have any questions about the beef weigh-in, please contact Patrice at the Extension Office.

REMINDER: **CHRISTMAS CARDS**



The Chickasaw Co. Extension Office sends out Christmas cards to our county supporters. So clubs please make cards with envelopes and bring them into the Extension Office. It would be great to be able to send every one of our donors a card again this year!

Reminder: **Enrollments and Re-Enrollments**

Please turn in your medical and Code of Ethic forms with your enrollment forms by
December 1, 2009

Members and leaders – new and return: What project areas do you want to learn more about? You have until May 1 of 2010 to make changes – add or drop. If you are re-enrolling, look over the personal information and make any changes such as address, phone, e-mail, grade, date of birth, parent information, etc. If you would like material circle YES under Need Lit. Only check it if this is your first year in the project area. If you were in the same level last year, you will not receive material. Also, please check to see if other family members have the material that you could use to help keep our cost down. If you have any unused project material, return them to the office for another member to use.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to each of you that either completed the 4-H year, a record book or a club officer obligation. Each of you are an asset to the Chickasaw County 4-H Program.

Coiled Gourd Basket Class

There will be a Coiled Gourd Basket Class held on Tuesday, December 29 at the Extension Office. Sue Kuennen will be the instructor. Participants will learn about gourd culture, growing, harvesting, cleaning and preparing them for creative, artistic art forms. Bring a sharp scissors with you, all other supplies and tools will be provided. You must pre-register and pay the fee prior to Dec. 17. Class size is limited so register early. Cut off deadline is **Dec. 17th**. Class fee will be \$10 per person.

2010 Pioneer Grant

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs in your county are encouraged to apply for “seed money” to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information and application are on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html> Applications and letters of support are due to the Chickasaw County Extension Office by December 1.

Low Cost 4-H Projects

Consider these ideas to use your time, energy, money, and materials wisely! Select projects that help your family and community, are inexpensive, and meet your project goals! Here are some ideas to get you started:

Citizenship – Develop a club award for leaders or write a thank you note to your leaders.

Photography – Make a calendar using your own photos.

Woodworking – Use scraps of wood to make a project which could later become a fair exhibit.

Camping – Plan the meals for a summer family camping trip and how to safely pack the food.

Clothing – Make a tote bag from scraps of material or old blue jeans.

Livestock & Pets – Make a health care schedule for your animal (s).

With or Without Animals – Learn about the basic colors and markings of rabbits.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2010

The theme for the 2010 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference has been decided: *Set the Stage*. And, please mark your calendars now for this event, **June 29-July 1, 2010**. More details about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will come after the next state 4-H council retreat, scheduled for Jan. 9-10, 2010.

Our World in Focus: The Irreplaceable Wild— Annual Public Photography Contest and Exhibit

Iowa 4-H'ers are invited to submit photographs that focus on wild plants and animals of Iowa, the United States, and the world. Deadline for contest entries is Tuesday, December 1. An 8x10” copy of the photo and a required artist statement describing the subject matter should be sent via mail or email to UNI Museums in Cedar Falls. Prizes will be awarded and entries displayed at the opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 2:00 pm. For rules, entry forms, and mailing address visit http://www.uni.edu/museum/calendar/photo_contest/index.html



The Christopher Columbus Awards

The Christopher Columbus Awards program presents an opportunity for 4-Hers that are interested in math and science to apply their interest in serving their community. The Christopher Columbus Awards program is a national competition that taps the natural curiosity and creativity of kids to better their communities. The program is **designed for sixth through eighth grade students**, and they must work in teams of three or four with an adult coach. The team must identify a problem in its community, and devise a solution that requires the team to obtain hands-on experience with the scientific process-exploring, analyzing and drawing conclusions-and learn how to apply it to everyday life. They have invited Iowa 4-H to participate.

The finalist teams receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World ® in Orlando, Florida, to compete in the final judging, and also to attend the Christopher Columbus Academy. The Academy is an educational opportunity that gives the finalists firsthand experience with discovery and innovation, while being guided by experts in science, technology and education.

At an awards ceremony held at Walt Disney World, two gold medal winning teams will receive a \$2000 savings bond each and a plaque for each team member along with a plaque for their school/club and one team will receive a \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant to bring their service idea to life. The competition is geared toward middle school-age children, and gives kids experience in solving real-life problems using the scientific process of exploring, analyzing and drawing conclusions. Find out more at <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Galen Franzen recently gifted his livestock trailer to the Chickasaw County 4-H program. This is now property of our organization and will be used at the fairgrounds in ways that will help make tasks easier to get done. We appreciate the generosity that Galen has given us and I'm sure that it will be put to good use. If you know Galen, make sure you thank him when you see him.

Afterschool Clover Kids:



Don't forget the "Fall Festival of Fun" Clover Kids Afterschool Program in Nashua Nov. 9, 10 & 12 and in Fredericksburg Nov. 17, 19 & 23.

Also.....

"Holiday Crafts" for Clover Kids in 2nd & 3rd grades will be held in Nashua Dec. 10, Fredericksburg Dec. 15 and New Hampton Dec. 17.

