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Dates to Remember

Oct. 27-Nov. 1 American Royal, Kansas City, MO
Nov. 1 Leaders' Appreciation & Awards Banquet – ILCC Cafeteria – 5:30 PM

Nov. 3-16 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)

Nov. 4 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 1:15-3:00
Nov. 12 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM

Nov. 12 4-H Lego Club Organizational Mtg. – 6:00 PM @ office

Nov. 13 2009 Pioneer Grant reports due in county office
Nov. 22 4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Nov. 23 Club Officer Training – 7:00 PM @ office

Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
Dec. 1 2010 Pioneer Grant apps due in county office
Dec. 2 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 1:15-3:00
Dec. 3 Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – 3:30-5:00 PM

Dec. 5 Sewing Workshop @ office – 9:30-?
Dec. 10 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM

Dec. 15 Iowa's Promise...Our Youth Grant 2009 reports due in State Office
Dec. 17 Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – 3:30-5:00 PM

Dec. 24-25 Holiday, Office Closed
Dec. 31 Re-enrollment form, medical/release form & fee due to office

Jan. 1 Holiday, Office Closed
Jan. 2 Beef Weigh-In – noon-3:00 @ fairgrounds
Jan. 6 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 1:15-3:00
Jan. 7 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group – 3:30-5:00 PM
Jan. 7 Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – 3:30-5:00 PM

Jan. 10 Group Financial Aid Applications for Travel due in county office

Jan. 10-25 National Western Stock Show, Denver, CO

Jan. 18 Office Closed, Martin Luther King Observance

Jan. 21 Youth Committee Mtg. – 7:00 PM @ office

Jan. 21 Clover Kids after school – West Bend/Mallard group – 3:30-5:00 PM

Jan. 22 4-H Lock-In @ Smith Wellness Center – 10:00-6:00

Jan. 24 New Member Pizza Party @ office – 5:00 PM

Jan. 24 4-H County Council Mtg. – 7:00 PM @ office – following pizza party

Jan. 31 4-H Ice Skating Party @ Grotto Pond in West Bend – 6:00-8:00 PM

Feb. 1 4-H Scholarships due to State Office

4-H clover tattoos and provided food for a concession stand. A king and queen of the carnival were crowned from a drawing of all junior (grades 4-6) 4-H members in attendance. Eric Goeders from the Fern Valley 4-H Club and Alana Rehm from the Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club were crowned our 2009 4-H King and Queen. The Penny Carnival is a fun event planned to kick off National 4-H Week.



2009 Leaders Appreciation & Awards Banquet – Nov. 1st

Plans are underway for the 2009 Leaders' Appreciation & Awards Banquet to be held on Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 5:30 p.m. at the ILCC cafeteria. Cost for attending the banquet will be \$7.00 per person with the exception of 4-H adult leaders who will eat for free. The menu will include chicken, potatoes, salad, vegetable, roll, dessert, and drink. All 4-H leaders, members, committee members, and 4-H families are invited and encouraged to attend. Help us acknowledge our 4-Hers' accomplishments and show our appreciation to our adult volunteers!

Reservations with payment should be made at the Extension office by noon on **Wednesday, Oct. 28th**. We will not be collecting money for the meal at the door. Make plans now to attend this family event that will mark the end of a great 4-H year!



4-H Penny Carnival Held at Palo Alto Co. Fairgrounds

The annual 4-H Penny Carnival was held on Sunday, October 4th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Exhibits Building on the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds in Emmetsburg. The cool fall day brought out a nice crowd of 4-H'ers, families, and friends to enjoy a great variety of carnival-type games with drawings and prizes provided by 4-H clubs throughout the county. The 4-H County Council members applied

Lego Robotics

Do you enjoy building with Legos? Would you enjoy programming a robot? Would you like to join other youth interested in the same things? Would you like to learn about a competitive event that you could get involved in that uses Lego Mindstorm kits? Are you between 4th and 12th grade?



If you've answered yes to any of these questions, please join us (both youth and adults) for an informational meeting **Thursday, November 12, 2009** at the Palo Alto County Extension office. Depending on interest, we would like to form a new type of 4-H club and eventually participate in the First Lego League competitions.

6:00–7:00 PM Explore with Lego Mindstorm kits (optional). We will have 10 kits available and several projects you can build.

7:00 PM What would a 4-H Lego club do?
How would it work? What would it cost?

7:30 PM If we have a volunteer adult leader, would you be interested in joining?

7:45 PM Dismiss or spend some more time looking at the kits.

Clay County Fair Results

Congratulations to all Palo Alto County 4-H'ers who exhibited at the Clay County Fair. Palo Alto was well represented with quality projects. The results are as follows:

Prospect Calf

Dustin Johnson – Blue

Breeding Heifer

Dustin Johnson – Purple

Justin Kibbie – Purple

Market Beef

Justin Kibbie – Purple

Josh Kibbie – Purple

Liesel Schwartzkopf – Blue

Kiersten Aldous - Blue

Horse - Performance

Katherine Hesse – 1 red (District Halter Horse – Gelding 1 yr. & older) 1 white (District Senior Western Horsemanship)

Megan Klootwyk – 1 blue (District Halter Pony – 1 yr. & older) – 1 red (District Senior Showmanship) – 1 red (District Western Pleasure Ponies) – 1 red (District Senior Western Horsemanship)

Meghan Berkland – 1 blue (District Halter Horse – Gelding 1 yr. & older) – 1 red (District Senior Western Pleasure) – 1 blue (District Senior Western Horsemanship)

Samantha Huberty – 1 blue (District Halter Horse – Mare 1 yr. & older) – 1 white (District Senior Showmanship) – 1 red (District Senior Western Pleasure) – 1 red ((District Senior Western Horsemanship)

Logan Eglund – 1 red (District Halter Horse – Mare 1 yr. & older) – 1 red (District Intermediate Showmanship) – 1 red (District Senior Western Pleasure)

Ethan Thompson – 1 blue (District Halter Horse – Gelding 1 yr. & older) – 1 red (District Junior Showmanship) – 1 red (District Junior Western Pleasure)

Horse – Games

Samantha Huberty – 1 red (District Senior Barrels) – 1 blue (District Senior Poles), 1 blue (District Senior Keyhole Race)

Ethan Thompson - 1 blue (District Junior Barrels) – 1 purple (District Reserve Champion Junior Flag Race) – 1 white (District Junior Poles) – 1 purple (District Grand Champion Junior Keyhole Race)

Katherine Hesse – 1 red (District Senior Barrels) – 1 white – (District Senior Poles) – 1 white (District Senior Keyhole Race)

Megan Klootwyk – 1 white (District Senior Flag Race) – 1 red (District Senior Poles) – 1 red (District Senior Keyhole Race)

Meghan Berkland – 1 red (District Senior Barrels) – 1 white (District Senior Flag Race) – 1 white (District Senior Poles) – 1 blue (District Senior Keyhole Race)

Sheep

Josie Wickman – 2 blues (District Lt. Weight Market Lamb) – 2 blues (District Commercial Ewe)

Beef Weigh-In – Jan. 2nd

All 4-H & FFA members must weigh in their market steers, market heifers, and feeder pens for their animals to be eligible to show at county and district fairs. In order to show at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben calves must also go through a state verification process. This year it is our plans to do it all on the same day at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds.

Weigh-in will be held on **Friday, January 2nd from noon to 3:00 p.m.** Calves being shown only at the county or district fairs will just need to be weighed – will not need to go through the retinal imaging process. Those calves are to be tagged at home prior to the weigh-in. Tags may be purchased at the Palo Alto County Extension Office at a cost of \$1.50 per tag. Anyone with a scheduling conflict for the 2nd will need to contact the Extension office at least one week prior to the 2nd so other arrangements can be made. No identifications for market beef will be allowed after the date of weigh-in.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben: 4-H & FFA members thinking they may want to show their beef animals at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben will need to make sure their animals go through the state verification process. These calves should not be tagged ahead of time and should come with the rest of the calves on the 2nd. These calves will be weighed and then run through a head chute where they will be tagged and a retinal image taken.

For the state verification process both exhibitor and parent signatures will be required for each entry. If a parent or exhibitor cannot be present at the weigh-in a signed waiver must accompany the animal. Parent and exhibitor waivers are available at the Extension office. There will also be a cost to for the verification process and that will be collected at the time of weigh-in.

* Anyone planning to state verify calves should contact the Extension Office by Wednesday, Dec. 30th and let us know an exhibitor name and # of

calves to be verified. This is so we can make sure we have the plenty of tags and enough supplies to complete the process.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Extension office at 712-852-2865 or call the beef superintendent, Bert Naig at 712-298-0289.

COOL and 4-H Livestock

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

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.doc>

Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records (calving report, PigChamp, PigTales, etc.), purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others

MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

2010 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

The dates have been set for the 2010 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! The fair will run from Thursday, July 22nd through Sunday, July 25th with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building on Tuesday, July 20th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue judging will be held on Wednesday, July 14th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 17th. Fair entry day will be Thursday, July 1st.

Enrollment & Medical Information/ Release Forms

Soon, if not already, re-enrollment forms will be coming to you from your club leaders along with the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release form. This medical release form is a requirement and requires a

number of parental signatures. It includes medical emergency contact information, health information, along with other permission statements. Leaders are required to carry a notebook with copies of this form to every meeting with the office having a notebook with all the originals. This form will be stapled to your re-enrollment form so you will need to turn in both forms and your **\$20** membership fee to actually be an enrolled member in 4-H.

Remember that you must re-enroll each year to be an active member in the computer. Be sure to check your enrollment form for accuracy and make corrections on the form. If you are switching clubs, please note that on the form, too. Leaders also need to complete an enrollment form.

REMINDER: ALL RE-ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Remember, also, that you must be enrolled in the appropriate livestock project area on your enrollment form in order to bring that animal to the fair. You do not have to be enrolled in the appropriate area to bring a non-livestock exhibit to the fair.

4-Hers need to remember that turning in these two forms and fees are their responsibility...not their leader's.

We will accept new enrollments anytime from now until May 1st. If you know of someone who needs these forms, have him/her stop at the office and pick one them or let us know and we will get them in the mail for them.

The "4-H Pick A Project Paper" will also now available at the Extension Office. This paper lists all the project areas you can choose to enroll in and literature that is available from your local Extension office. This literature is FREE – members and leaders just need to come to the office and ask for it. We will try to keep our files complete but members need to be aware that we will not keep more than a couple of each pub on file so they might have to wait for an order if we get too many requests for the same piece at one time. Orders usually arrive in 2-3 days. New materials arrive regularly. Members can get great ideas for club presentations or fair projects from this literature!

Fall 4-H Club Leader Training

For all leaders who missed our Fall Leader Training in September there are a couple of ways that you can complete this training requirement:

- 1) Check out the DVD version from our office and complete and turn back into the office the handout & evaluation form.

- 2) Go online to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers> and click on "Enroll in Training". Read and follow directions. Complete the on-line evaluation.

Both of these options will be available sometime in November (there were some technical glitches that have held up the release). If you have questions please feel free to call the office at 712-852-2865 or email me at jnaig@iastate.edu.

Club Officer Training

Have you just been elected a club officer and have no idea what's expected of you in your new position? Here is a training just for you. On **Monday, Nov. 23rd**, we will offer a Club Officer Training for all newly elected club officers. The training will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office. We will start by dividing the group into their specific club offices and then later bring them all together to work on some simple parliamentary procedure. We encourage all officers – presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, reporters, and historians – to make plans to attend.

Countywide Sewing Workshop

4-H members of all ages are invited to a county-wide sewing workshop on Saturday, Dec. 5th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Palo Alto County Extension Office. We will be learning some simple sewing techniques while completing a simple beach bag to take home. These would make great Christmas and birthday presents, fair projects, or community service projects. Cost is \$5.00 and will include pizza for lunch. Pre-registration is required with a maximum of 20 participants. **Deadline to register is Nov. 20th**. After we have received your registration you will get a list of supplies that you will need to bring to the workshop. Included with this newsletter is a flyer with a sign-up form at the bottom. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

* Volunteers with some basic sewing skills will be needed! Any older 4-H members or parents who would be willing to help with this workshop would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office at 712-852-2865 or email jnaig@iastate.edu to volunteer.

4-H Lock-In at the Wellness Center

The annual 4-H Lock-In for all Palo Alto County 4-Hers will be held **January 22nd** from 10:00 PM Friday night to 6:00 AM Saturday morning at the Arthur & Audrey Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Chaperones will be needed. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. This event is only for 4-H members. A registration form will be included in the

next newsletter. Deadline to register will be January 15th. A letter with more details will be given to all paid participants. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event!

New Member Pizza Party

We would like to welcome all new members and their parents to the 4-H program. To help us do this we will be having a New Member Pizza Party at the Extension office in Emmetsburg on Sunday, **January 24th**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All new members will receive an invitation with more details. The purpose of this party is to inform the new member and their parents about all the aspects of 4-H and to have FUN! Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend!

If you have any questions about the 4-H program, please feel free to call the office. Sometimes we forget that not everyone knows the "system".

How to re-enroll in 4-H:

1. Attend your November club meeting to get your re-enrollment form from your club leader. Attending club meetings is part of your responsibility as a 4-H member.
2. Together with a parent, fill out the two forms - front and back. **DO NOT REMOVE THE STAPLE**. These forms are to be returned to the office together.
3. Attach your \$20 enrollment fee. Return to the Palo Alto County Extension Office. Please do not fax the forms. The office is to keep the original with the original signatures in a notebook.
4. **DO THIS BY DECEMBER 31st**. **Re-enrollments must be turned in by this date in order to show at the 2010 county fair.**

Note: Parents and older club members are often needed by club leaders to give assistance to their 4-H club members. Not everyone can be a leader, but many of you have the time to volunteer to assist with one task or another throughout the year. Ask your leaders what they need help with – it might be helping with a field trip or tour, teaching a craft at a club meeting, or reminding members of club and county deadlines. Get involved with your club and lend a helping hand!

2009 Pioneer Grant Information and Applications Now Available!

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs in our county are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help 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 support letters for 2010 grants are due in the county office on December 1, 2009.

Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation

School did just start but Christmas Trees are already up in Walmart, so it's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Holiday Cards!

Every year many of our 4-H club members make the most colorful and creative holiday cards for us to share with many long-time and generous 4-H alumni, Foundation donors, and Extension supporters. I have heard from many individuals about how much they enjoy these hand-crafted notes from 4-H members... THANK YOU!

I want to ask for your help again this year. Please encourage 4-Hers to craft their own special Christmas and Holiday Greeting Cards so we can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters. Most of our 4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas Cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and backgrounds too. Also, we'd love to have your 4-Hers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county.

To help us keep postage down (so we can share more season's greetings) please make cards the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page (think of a piece of construction paper folded in half, and then in half again).

Please mail or deliver your Holiday Cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011-3630. Cards received by November 24th will be used this year. If you have any questions please contact Roberta North, rnorth@iastate.edu, 515-294-1537.

Remember: Being a 4-H'er is not just a title that gives you the right to exhibit at the county fair. It means being an active member of an organization where learning, helping others, and building life skills is most important. Are you getting the most out of your 4-H experience???

4-H Record Keeping

Now is the time for you to set goals for your project. You can do this on project record forms or just on notebook paper. Blank record book forms are on-line at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm>.

Remember a good goal can be checked or measured and has three parts: an action, result, and timetable. An example would be, "I want to learn to bake two types of cookies by Christmas." "I want to learn" is the action. What you intend to do is the result – "to bake two types of cookies". When you would like to accomplish this goal is the timetable – "by Christmas".

On the site listed above, you can also find livestock record keeping forms. Along with breeding and market livestock record sheets, there are new record forms for small animals: cat, dog, pet, poultry, and rabbit. Starting these now will help reduce the stress of completing your record book in August.

Operation: Military Kids Pays 4-H Enrollment Fee for Military Kids

Operation: Military Kids will pay the program development fee for all military kids enrolling or re-enrolling in 4-H. Military kids must have a parent, step-parent, or sibling currently in the military (but do not have to be currently deployed). Please contact the office if your child qualifies or if you know of a potential new member that would qualify.

Program Fee Assistance Available

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/application/index.htm>. Club leaders and program staff are welcome to download and distribute these materials, especially to families that may not have Internet access. Please note that the application form requires a brief statement of need and signatures from both a parent or guardian and a county Extension staff member or program specialist. There is no application deadline. Financial awards are allocated as requests are received and as long as funding is available. Priority will be given to youth enrolling in their first or second year of 4-H.



Surfing in Home Improvement

Take a minute to explore <http://artsconnected.org/toolkit>. This fun website – complete with video clips and sound showcases **design elements and principals**. The site features famous works of art relating to the element/principal being studied. This site asks youth to watch, find, and create the element/principal (even allows for printing too!). Highly interactive and a great site for getting started in home improvement. It is a winner!

Funding Opportunity for Clubs

Is your club looking for possible funding for a community service project or educational project? This year the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation is offering the chance to apply for mini grants. These mini grants have a maximum amount of \$2,500 with only a 10% match. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2009. Please let the office know if you are interested in applying so we can make sure you have all the necessary documentation that you need. Applications are available online at http://www.paloaltogaming.org/images/PDFs/pacgdc_mini_app_09.pdf.

Club Officers' Duties

The fall months are the usual time for election of club officers. Installation of officers normally takes place in November or December. All elections should be conducted by secret ballot. The following is a list of suggested guidelines for officer elections.

1. Officers should have completed at least one year of 4-H work.
2. If possible, members should only be elected to an office once in their 4-H career. This is intended to spread the leadership experience among the club members.
3. Do not combine offices unless you have too few members to fill them. Even though it seems natural to have the secretary and reporter to be the same person, this is not recommended. The purpose of holding an office is to give a young person a valuable leadership experience. Having both a secretary and reporter give that experience to two different persons.

Some general guidelines for officers in their individual offices include:

President

1. Contact the leader(s) several days ahead of the meeting to discuss information concerning announcements, new business, committees needed, coming events, and bills to be paid.
2. Arrive early and arrange for the meeting.

3. Start the meeting on time.
4. Follow parliamentary procedure. Most importantly, the president calls for a motion on decisions made and the club makes group decisions.
5. Be sure members have equal chances to express their views.
6. Appoint committees to work out details of a project or activity. Don't waste meeting time discussing unimportant details.

Vice-President

1. In charge of the meeting in the absence of the president.
2. Is the chairman of the program committee. Is in charge of all committees to see that they all function properly. The Vice-President does not have to attend all committee meetings, but has to make sure that the proper things are happening.

Secretary

1. Keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings. In the secretary's absence, the president appoints a secretary.
2. Keep the secretary's record book in order. This means that the minutes are recorded in the book in ink after each meeting. Minutes are read at the next meeting by the secretary.
3. Handle the entire club's correspondence.

Treasurer

1. Take care of the club's funds.
2. Be sure that the bank statements and bank signature card are transferred to the next treasurer.

Historian

1. Keep a record of the club for the year. This includes collecting items such as pictures and news clippings about the club and its members.
2. Organize a historian book to tell the 4-H club's story for the year.
3. Enter historian book in the fair.

Reporter

1. Keep the community informed of the club's activities.
2. Write a short news story of each club activity and meeting and turn it into the newspaper or Extension Office immediately after the event.

Club Reporters' Column

Graettinger Pirates:

The September meeting of the Pirates 4-H Club was held in the Bank Plus basement. Phillip Schmitt called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was started by Brooke Hoffman and roll call was "Name one new thing you learned at fair." Seventeen members responded. There was no secretary's report as the President and Secretary

were excused from the last meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Phillip Schmitt with a balance of \$723.96 in our account.

Old business was next with Phillip telling the members that their record books were due to the office by noon on September 24th if you wanted an award and September 30th if you didn't. Award applications were due at the same time for those who wanted recognition at the Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 1st.

New business was first, election of officers. Officers elected were: President, Dillon Thiner; Vice-President, Brooke Hoffman; Secretary, Chelsea Strohman; Treasurer, Phillip Schmitt; Reporter, Lauren Rehm, and Photographer, Noah Flaherty.

President Dillon Thiner took over the meeting and the upcoming Penny Carnival was next on the agenda. The Penny Carnival is on Sunday, Oct. 4th at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds. We will be having a 4-H meeting prior to the carnival. After much discussion, the games picked were train rides, darts & balloons, and a raffle for a pink and green 4-H backpack. Committees were picked to head up each game - Phillip, Chair of the Train Committee, Greg, Chair of the dart game, Brooke, Chair of the raffle, and Dillon will chair set-up and clean-up committee. Prices were then set for train ride – 25 cents; darts – nickel for one dart or 3 for a dime and raffle chances were a quarter a chance. Denise will be in charge of getting prizes and Amy in charge of putting the dart game together with Greg. Three members volunteered to make up the posters.

Next on the agenda was what community service projects that our club wants to do during this year. After much discussion, it was voted on to do a donation to Pedal with Pete and Relay for Life, donate a picnic table to the city, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, Christmas trays for shut-ins, cards to soldiers, rake for Fern Funk, and have the 4-H float in the Labor Day Parade.

Phillip also reminded the members to invite their friends to join our club and be sure to wear their 4-H shirt to school on Wednesday, Oct. 7th for National 4-H Week. Contact Denise if you need a shirt. He also asked the membership for a donation to Pedal with Pete and it was voted on unanimously to donate \$20 to the event. He encouraged club members to come down to the fairgrounds with your bikes on Sunday, September 20th and ride for cerebral palsy!

Next on the agenda was a discussion about our club projects for this year. We will be doing photography, communications, and poultry. It was decided to ask Mrs. Farnum and Mrs. Koenck to come and talk to our club about these project areas. We will be touring the Bancroft Hatchery in the spring for the

poultry area. The club was also informed that we would be going to Mount Kato for a tubing trip in January.

Be sure to check your newsletter for some important information on upcoming events.!

The 4-H Pledge was led by Brent Wesley. The meeting was adjourned.

The club activity was working on record books and award applications.

Secretary – Chelsea Strohman

Birthdays

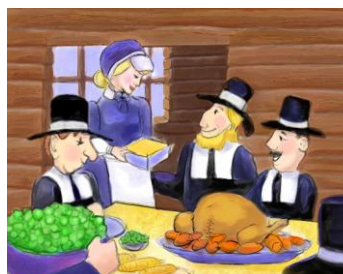
Join us in wishing the following 4-H'ers, Clover Kids, and leaders *Happy Birthday!*

November

Dominic Allen
Emma Baak
Tanner Bachman
Emily Bonnstetter
Noah Fehr
Taylor Fehr
Trevor Fehr
Brandi Goeders
Natalie Gordon
Katie Grandstaff
Calla Knobloch
Joe Lowman
Dylan Moser
Mary Nelson
Lauren Rehm
Breanna Schutz
Betty Sue Strohman
Mark Strohman
Corbin Studer
Colton Wickman
Lori Wickman
Hunter Williams
Anna Zaugg

December

Zach Anderson
BriAna Campbell
Callie Gerber
Megan Heisler
Katelyn Hoffman
Allen Jensen
Kollasch Joyce
Katie Kassel
Joel Kibbie
Ronja Klootwyk
David Loomis
Brian Merrill
Jordan Miller
Alysia Moser
Mikki Mundus
Katie Olesen
Anna Pelzer
Devona Perkins
Carissa Sundall
Michael Sundall
Dillon Thiner
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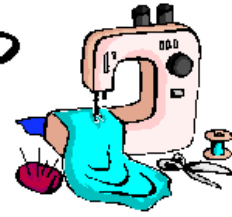
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Sewing Workshop

Dec. 5, 2009



Learn to make a lined beach bag
- use them for a fair project, Christmas or
birthday gift, a community service project, etc.

- Who:** Any 4-H member interested in learning how to sew (boys, too!)
- What:** A one-day workshop where participants will sew a lined beach bag (could have other uses, too!)
- When:** Saturday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. until projects are finished
- Where:** Palo Alto County Extension Office - in basement

Details:

- ✂ Cost: \$5.00 per person - lunch will be provided.
- ✂ Pre-registration will be required. Deadline to register will be Nov. 20th. Maximum # of participants is 20. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
- ✂ Participants will be asked to purchase their own fun fabrics, cord, and matching thread. A list of what to bring to the workshop will be given to each registered participant.

Sewing Workshop Sign-Up (turn into the office)

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club _____