

**November 2009**

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**Come to the Family Fun Night & Fall Awards!**

**It's FREE! It's FUN! It's for EVERYONE!**

**Who:** 4-H Members, Families & Friends

**What:** A night of celebration. Come honor 4-Her's for their record keeping, see new youth council members be installed, and enjoy FREE use of the 'Y' facilities compliments of the county youth council!

**When:** Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9PM

**Where:** The Bedell Family YMCA (So bring gym shoes, swimsuit, towel, etc.)

*Karen*

**Calendar of Events**

November

<b>7</b>	<b>"Sewing Saturday" Project Session</b>	<b>1-3PM</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Youth Council Meeting at the Extension Office</b>	<b>5PM</b>
	<i>(Please note the change from our regular monthly meeting.)</i>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Fall Awards &amp; Family Fun Night at the YMCA</b>	<b>6-9PM</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>4-H Member Re-Enrollment Forms Due to Extension Office</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Retinal Image Training at the Fairgrounds</b>	<b>1-4PM</b>
<b>26-27</b>	<b>Holiday / Office Closed</b>	

December

<b>1</b>	<b>Pioneer Community Service Grant Applications Due</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>New 4-H Member &amp; Family Meeting</b>	<b>6PM</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Beef Weigh-in &amp; Verification for State Fair &amp; Ak-Sar-Ben</b>	<b>10AM</b>
	<i>(Snow Date is Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>)</i>	
<b>20</b>	<b>Youth Council Regular Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>7PM</b>
<b>24-25</b>	<b>Holiday / Office Closed</b>	



## Sewing Saturday Sessions Start

- November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-3PM
- Beginners Welcome!

## New Member Meeting

- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6PM
- Bring the Family
- Come Enjoy Pizza
- And get Questions Answered

## Club Service Project Assistance

- Applications Due December 1<sup>st</sup>

## Retinal Image Training



## Make Friends! Have Fun! Join 4-H!

Remember... it's not too late to turn in 4-H enrollments. Forms were sent with last month's mailing, but if you need another one, please stop by the office or download it from our county webpage at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/kidsteens.htm>. The Code of Ethics form and Medical Information form are also available on this page. Enrollments turned in to the office by November 16<sup>th</sup> receive a \$10 discount with support from MaxYield Cooperative. Fees will be billed to clubs after the first of the year. Members have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to continue to add or drop project areas from enrollment forms, but we need to know whose enrolling/re-enrolling to keep you on the mailing lists.

## Learn To Sew!

We are kicking off the new 4-H year with project workshops to help members learn and grow in their project area. The first workshop is a "Sewing Saturday" Session at the Extension Office on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM. From first time sewer to advanced sewer, everyone is invited to attend. You can even bring mom, grandma, a helper, or a friend! Please bring a sewing machine and tools if you have them. Material will be provided this first session. **Call the office at 336-3488 by NOON Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to register.** The workshop will be cancelled if there is no interest.

## Come To The New Member Meeting!

For those of you that are new to 4-H in Dickinson County, whether it's your first year or one of your first years in 4-H... we encourage you and your families to attend this meeting on Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Extension Office. Learn about what happens during a 4-H year in Dickinson County, meet new friends, have fun, get questions answered, and enjoy some pizza and refreshments. Call the office at 336-3488 by Noon on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> to RSVP.

## Apply For A Community Service Grant!

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are available at the Extension Office. Applications and support letters are due to the office by December 1, 2009.

## Beef & Sheep Volunteers – Retinal Image Training Opportunity!

Committee members and other interested volunteers in the beef and sheep project area are encouraged to attend a regional training for retinal imaging. We're fortunate to have Iowa State Livestock Specialist, Mike Anderson, come to Spirit Lake to deliver training on this livestock verification technology. Anyone from Dickinson or surrounding counties interested in learning more about this technology or interested in helping with these verifications at beef and sheep weigh-in are encouraged to call the office at 336-3488 by noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> to register. There is no fee, but we would like a count for materials and arrangements.

**Retinal Image Training  
Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
1PM at the Fairgrounds**

## Beef Weigh-in

- Saturday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>
- 10AM – 11AM County Verifications Only
- 11AM Start State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben Verifications
- Snow Date – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Plan Now For Beef Weigh-in, Identification And Verification!

4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market beef animals, please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will be weighing, tagging, and completing Identification (ID) sheets for county calves and doing verifications for market beef animals for the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben. This process takes place at the fairgrounds in the north end of the swine barn.

**Exhibitors identifying for Dickinson County Fair ONLY -- come 10AM – 11AM.**

**Exhibitors identifying for Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben -- come after 11AM.**

### County Guidelines:

- Youth may weigh a maximum of 6 market lead animals and exhibit 4 at fair.
- Dickinson County Born and Raised calves will be tagged with one color. Calves not born in Dickinson County will be tagged a different color.
- Feeder pens must be weighed at this time. Youth may weigh a maximum of 2 pens with 3-5 animals designated per pen. They may exhibit 2 pens of 3 at fair.
- Cost of ear tags is \$1.50 each and payable to: ISU Extension.

### State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben Guidelines:

- State Fair 4-H Calves will have retinal image verification
- Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Calves will have DNA hair samples taken
- Costs each are: \$1.50 For Ear Tag, plus  
\$5.00 For Each State Fair Verification  
\$5.00 For Each Ak-Sar-Ben Verification

*Example: The cost to verify a calf for county fair, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben would be a total of \$11.50 each.*

- These fees are payable to ISU Extension.
- ***FFA Calves for State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben will be verified with DNA samples and noseprints. (FFA exhibitors are responsible for making arrangements with Ag Instructors to get ear tags, noseprint cards and hair sample envelopes.)***
- Please be prepared for weigh-in and have the following information available. You will need complete Breed information for Purebred animals, producer information, and have a signed Waiver Form if either parent or child or both are unable to attend, this waiver must be turned in to Extension staff at the verification site.

**If you are new to this project area or this process, please contact the Extension Office at 712-336-3488 with any questions. We'll be glad to help!**

**4-H and FFA Members are responsible for contacting the Extension Office if you have a conflict with this date or questions about this process!**

