



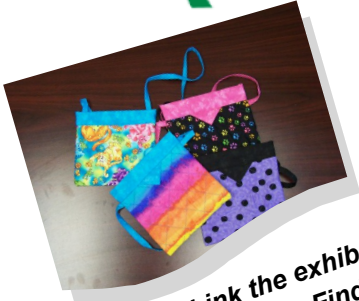
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Do you think the exhibit in the photo is considered a quilting project? Find out at the Creative Corner Sewing Camp on Saturday, October 15th. More information on the camp is inside the newsletter.

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Reflect and Celebrate on Another 4-H Year

Another 4-H year is wrapping up. We hope as you work on your record books you take the time to think about how you completed your project goals and celebrate all that you have done.

We're ready to celebrate your accomplishments on **Saturday, November 19th from 2 PM to 4 PM** at the Annual Fall Awards Program and Family Fun Night at Corner Lanes.

A new 4-H year is about to start, so please invite your friends, cousins, younger siblings, or anyone you know to join 4-H in the 2011-2012 year. 4-H will be hosting a "Find Out Night" on **Thursday, October 6th from 4 PM to 7 PM** at the Extension Office. If a new member is not able to make it, please have them contact the Extension Office at xdickinson@iastate.edu or 712-336-3488.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5 Office Closed-Labor Day
- 10-18 Clay County Fair
- 12 Shooting Sports, Expo, 7 PM
- 18 County Youth Council Mtg., 7 PM
- 20 Shooting Sports, Expo, 7 PM
- 22-25 AK-SAR-BEN
- 29 Record Books due to the Extension Office from 4-H Leaders
- 29 4-H Leader's Training, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 6 4-H Find Out Night, 4 PM to 7 PM, Extension Office
- 10 Shooting Sports, Expo, 7 PM
- 15 Sewing Camp, Extension Office, 12 PM to 3 PM
- 16 Youth Council Mtg., 7 PM
- 18 Shooting Sports, Expo, 7 PM

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 14 Shooting Sports, Expo 7 PM
- 15 Shooting Sports, Expo, 7 PM
- 19 Youth Council Meeting, Corner Lanes, 1 PM
- 19 Fall Awards Program, Corner Lanes, Spirit Lake, 2 to 4 PM
- 24 Office Closed-Thanksgiving Holiday
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4-H CLUB LEADER MEETING

The 4-H club leader meeting is **Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 PM** in the Extension Office. Dinner will be provided.

Please plan to turn in records books for your club. Club officers are encouraged to apply for awards. Please bring your club secretary and treasurer records for the annual audit. Copies are fine.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 23rd, 712-336-3488, to assist with catering.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Join others around the county, state, nation, and 80 countries around the world in celebrating the world's largest youth organization – 4-H!

October 2nd-8th has been designated as National 4-H Week. Consider:

- * Wearing your 4-H shirt to school.
- * Inviting a friend to a 4-H meeting.
- * Doing a community service project.
- * Presenting to others about 4-H.
- * Decorating a bulletin board or window.

The Extension Staff challenges all Dickinson County 4-H'ers, leaders, parents, and volunteers to wear a 4-H shirt on **Thursday, October 6**. Let's spread the word about how awesome 4-H is in Dickinson County.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



DICKINSON COUNTY "FIND OUT" NIGHT

Invite a friend to the Dickinson County 4-H "Find Out" Night on **Thursday, October 6th from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Extension Office**. This is an open house for youth in grades 4-12 and their parents to find out and enroll in 4-H. Youth and families unable to attend the event can still join 4-H.

Please contact the Extension Office to sign up for the 2011-2012 4-H year or to receive more information.

RE-ENROLLMENT MADE EASY!

The State 4-H Office has heard your plea to cut down on the paperwork and is responding with a NEW and exciting opportunity... **"4-H Online"** an on-line enrollment process you can do from home!

Starting this fall, you will be able to re-enroll in 4-H, receive project specific emails, and update contact information with a click of your mouse.

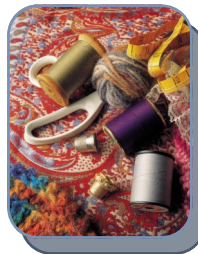
Training on how to use 4-H Online will be given to the 4-H Leaders and then brought to the club members.

We're learning by doing right along with you, but rest assured we'll help you with this new on-line enrollment process. We're excited to offer this new streamlined process and hope you enjoy the convenience.

Stay tuned for updates.



CREATIVE CORNER SEWING CAMP



Come spend **Saturday, October 15th from 12 Noon to 3 PM** at the Extension Office for a sewing camp. Learn some NEW sewing techniques and design elements with sewing expert

Marilyn Miller.

The cost is FREE! It's great to bring an adult helper too. If you would like to join us, please call the Extension Office at 336-3488 to pre-register. (The event will be rescheduled if there are not enough pre-registered.) A picture of the project that will be made is located on the front page of the newsletter.

Supplies Needed...

- 3/8 yards of TWO coordinating cotton fabrics
- Thread to match the fabric
- Working sewing machine, if you have one.
- An adult helper, if you have one.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

As you start your new club 4-H year, new officers will be elected. We encourage members to consider the responsibility associated with each position and challenge new officers to attend training.

We'll be glad to share resources and visit with you at the office or come to a meeting or provide officer information to each club. Please call the extension office to schedule a meeting or request officer materials from us. We'll be glad to help.

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.



VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

Are you or someone you know in the community great with youth, have a special talent, or just love 4-H?

If so, please encourage them to get involved with the Dickinson County 4-H Youth Development Program. A volunteer spot is available no matter what experience, age, or time available. Please contact the Extension Office if you or someone you know would like to become more involved with 4-H.

RICOCHET BOUNCES INTO OKOBOJI SCHOOLS

Ricochet: “An Extreme Leadership Adventure” is happening with Okoboji Middle School class of 2018. Through this leadership program the fifth grade class will learn about 5 dimensions of leadership: information, attitude, communication, decision-making, and stress management. Thank you to Brad Simington and Corey Langner of Farmers Savings Bank and Erika Leopold of Spirit Lake for serving as our community facilitators.



DID YOU KNOW...

- 4-H is the largest youth-serving organization in the world!
- There are more than 6 million 4-H members in the United States.
- The 4-H Program is in more than 80 countries around the world.
- Last year, we enrolled 262 youth in Dickinson County 4-H.
- The 4-H program originated in Iowa in 1902.
- Dickinson County 4-H started in 1916.
- Early “fair” events for 4-Hers in the County were initially held as competitions at the Clay County Fair in Spencer.
- 1927 marked the first “Fall Festival” in Dickinson County. It was held at the courthouse square in Spirit Lake, Iowa. This event later came to be known as the Dickinson County Club Congress and eventually the Dickinson County Fair!

GOOD LUCK CLAY COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITORS

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| Ethan Albright | Tyler Krebs |
| Olivia Albright | Zach Lindsey |
| Anna Brandt | Morgan Matthews |
| Josie Byers | Ashley Ogle |
| Keith Byers | Cody Peck |
| Rian Byers | Andrew Quail |
| Ted Doeden | Jac Radcliffe |
| Abby Eckert | Bodi Rouse |
| Mariah Gath | Hanna Schoning |
| Ali Goehring | Abby Taylor |
| Grace Goehring | Tanner Taylor |
| Greta Goodlaxson | Corri VanderWoude |
| Skylar Hansen | Jossi VanderWoude |
| Blake Johnson | Ryker VanderWoude |
| Colby Kraninger | Dayton Wilison |
| Dakota Kraninger | |

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RECORD KEEPING HELP SHEET



This year's 4-H projects are coming to a close and record keeping systems are due to club leaders at the September meeting. Leaders will review records and submit them to the Extension Office by September 29th for award consideration.

We encourage every 4-Her to keep records of their projects throughout the year. This is a skill that will be utilized for the rest of your lives in balancing a checkbook, writing a resume, and budgeting for yearly expenses.

Each record keeping system should be personalized to a way you are comfortable in keeping records, but should also be complete enough for others to understand your

- 1) goals and accomplishments
- 2) materials used
- 3) financial costs/gains
- 4) new skills or ideas learned
- 5) and any photos or newspaper clippings that help tell the story of your project area(s).

Record keeping methods may include: project sheets (available in Basic, Experienced, or Advanced), video tape, audio tape, portfolio, computerized forms, or your own creation. You'll need an award application indicating each project area you want considered for recognition. Please visit with your leader or stop by the office to get forms and information on record keeping. In addition, computerized 4-H Record Keeping templates can be found on our webpage.

A sample outline for a record book or equivalent information submitted via video or audio tape might look like the following:

I. RECORD BOOK COVER

- a. With Your Name & Club Name

II. APPLICATION FORMS

- a. Complete an award application form indicating each project area being considered for award. Slip this inside your book cover so the leader and reviewers can easily see which awards you are applying for this year.
- b. Your leader will also attach a participation form for each record keeping system. This is an opportunity for the leader to comment to you and the reviewers on your club participation during the year.

III. TITLE PAGE

- a. Include a Photo, Your Name, Age, Grade, Club, Years in 4-H

IV. YEARLY SUMMARY SHEET

- a. This form summarizes your participation in activities for the year.

V. TABBED DIVIDERS

- a. Labeled sections for each of your project areas. (i.e. Food & Nutrition, Photography, Sheep, and Swine.)

VI. WITHIN EACH TAB

- a. Include a Basic, Experienced, or Advanced Project Sheet
- b. Include any worksheets
 1. Especially Livestock, Crops, Photography, & Horticulture Project Sheets
- c. Include any support materials like photos, newspaper clippings, etc...

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/DICKINSON