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Calendar of Events

November

- 1st 4-H Club articles due to Extension Office
- 10th Shooting Sports 7 pm @ Expo
- 16th Fall Awards 5 pm
- 22nd Sewing Workshop 1-3 pm
- 27th Extension Office Closed
- 28th Extension Office Closed

December

- 1st 4-H Club articles due to Extension Office
- 20th Beef Weigh-In
- 25th Extension Office Closed
- 26th Extension Office Closed

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4-H Clubs

- Hook 'Em Cook 'Em
- Lloyd Victors
- Milford Peppy Peppers
- Milford Pioneers
- Okoboji Hoofbeats
- Okoboji Ramblers
- Silver Lakers
- Spirit Lakers
- Superior Lakers
- Westport Over The Top

Extension Council

- Todd Ahrenstorff
- Sue Boettcher
- Ann Ditsworth
- Kia Gonnerman
- Rich Martin
- Dawn Matthews
- Connie Purchase
- Susan Reiser
- VerDon Schmidt

4-H Youth Council

- Briana Brunsvold
- Megan Bueltel
- Keith Byers
- Adam Dreeszen
- Jack Goodlaxson
- Miranda Gould
- Sara Hummel
- Caila Jones
- Jennifer Kaiser
- Alex Krebs
- Lauren Lindsey
- Dustin Peters
- Tyler Peterson
- Sadie Range

Office Staff

- Cory Peterson, CEED
- Bev Miller, OM
- Barb Utech, OA
- Amber Hallengren, CYC
- Christina Ostovic, PC
- Karen Byers, YFS
- Dennis DeWitt, Livestock

**Welcome to all the new
4-H members who just
signed up! We are excited
you have chosen to Make
Friends & Have Fun!**

Re-Enrolling Member Information

All members must re-enroll each year by completing your re-enrollment form, medical release and code of ethics. Return the paperwork to your club leaders so you can be entered as a 2008-2009 4-H member and receive all the important information we have for you!

Follow your clubs guidelines for paying the enrollment fee of \$10. Club leaders will pay the entire clubs enrollment fee to the Extension office upon receiving the invoice. Please extend your appreciation to MaxYield for generously donating \$10 towards each members enrollment fee. Leaders please collect and turn in the enrollment forms to the Extension Office by December 1st, 2008.

Please call or stop in the office if you have questions or need any further assistance.

Amber

2008 Fair Dates

- Dickinson County Fair** July 25-30
- Iowa State Fair** Aug 13-23
- Clay County Fair** Sept 12-20

ATTENTION 4-H LIVESTOCK FAMILIES



The USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at: <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm> The process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple. Animals that are "on the ground" or born by July 15, 2008, will be "grandfathered" into the program. However, any animals changing ownership and born after that date will need the COOL affidavit.

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, 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.

Plans are underway at the State 4-H office to add this topic to the 4-H FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) programs. 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to attend just that part of the training if they do not need to attend the entire two hours. If you have questions about COOL and how it relates to 4-H livestock or will be purchasing your market beef animals before the meetings, call Beth Doran at the Sioux County Extension Office (712-737-4230).



4-H SAFETY & EDUCATION IN SHOOTING SPORTS

Newly enrolled 4-Her's are welcome.
Parents please plan to accompany youth to complete paperwork!

LAST AIR RIFLE MEETING FOR THE YEAR AT THE EXPO CENTER IN SPIRIT LAKE

Monday, November 10th----7 pm

NO DECEMBER MEETING!!!

AIR RIFLE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN JANUARY.....WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR DATES!

SHOTGUN MEETINGS ARE OVER FOR THE SEASON. MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AGAIN NEXT SPRING!

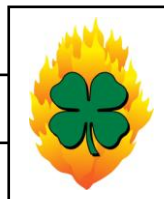
For more information call our Shooting Sports Volunteers, Tim Hoerichs at 832-3275 or Chris Hoerichs at 338-9449

SEWING PROJECT WORKSHOP!!!



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 22nd from 1-3 pm** at the Extension Office. The November Sewing Project Workshop is sure to be fun. The project will be notebook covers. You will need to bring 2 coordinating fat quarters (or 2 half yards will make 2), thread, snap, button and a notebook. Batting for this project will be provided. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 19th to Amber at 336-3488 if you plan to attend. Thanks!**

You're Invited to the 2008 FALL AWARDS PROGRAM



FALL AWARDS PROGRAM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
(NEW TIME) 5:00 PM

New this year, we will begin with a **POTLUCK** dinner. The main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your own table service. The awards presentation will begin immediately following the meal. All 4-Her's and their families are invited to come and support our youth, meet new people or visit with old friends.



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.....



Community Service Project

The Spirit Lakers 4-H Club will hold a community mitten and glove drive between Nov 15th and Nov 30th. The club is seeking donations of new and gently used mittens and gloves in all sizes. The mittens and gloves will be donated to Upper Des Moines Opportunity, the Dept. of Human Services, and local schools. Drop off boxes will be located at Hy-Vee, Fareway and the Elementary School. The club thanks you for your support.

Pioneer Grant

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa Foundation again this year. 4-H clubs in Dickinson County can apply for "seed money" to help them get started on community service projects. Grants vary from \$25 to \$250. Grant applications are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html> and are due by December 1, 2008 to the Extension Office.

4-H Scholarships

If you are a senior in high school and would like to apply for 4-H Scholarships, you need to have all applications mailed to the State 4-H Office by February 2nd, 2009. All the scholarship information can be found on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html> Please let us know if we can assist you in any way with the scholarship process.

State Volunteer Retreat

Growing Green is the theme for the 2009 State Volunteer Retreat scheduled for Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, centrally located at the DMACC facility in Ankeny. The retreat will bring together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. The registration cost for Saturday is \$25 and includes lunch and breaks. If interested call the Extension Office, 336-3488.



DECEMBER 20TH---MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

Any 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit market beef animals, please plan to attend our December weigh-in on December 20th at the Dickinson County Fairgrounds. Watch for the details in the December Cloverleaf Connection! If you have a conflict with this date please contact our office and we can help make arrangements with another county if necessary prior to weigh-in.

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