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4-H NEWSFLASH

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Dear 4-H Families,

“School’s out for the summer!” If you haven’t been working on 4-H exhibits, now is the time to begin. Start sewing a new outfit, grab the camera and take lots of pictures, practice cooking by making supper for the family. These are just a few ideas to get you started thinking about trying something new for the Crawford County Fair this year.

Leaders, make sure to get forms for working in the Feed Bag and watching the 4-H Exhibit Building returned to the office as soon as possible. All clubs are required to work a shift in each building. Clubs not signed up by June 26th will be assigned a time slot. Also the forms for Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge and Communication need to be returned to our office by June 26. It is hard to make a schedule for these events if we don’t know who plans to participate.

The Crawford County Extension office is pleased to welcome Brett Malone back as our summer assistant. Brett will be helping out this summer with many different activities. Please welcome Brett when you see him.

Coletta Weeda
County Education Extension Director

FROM THE DESK OF JAN HENNINGSEN

The 2009 Crawford County Fairbook is available in our office or online on the Crawford County ISU Extension web page. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford for information and entry forms.

DNA FOR AK-SAR-BEN

If you are interested in showing feeder calves, swine or lambs at Ak-Sar-Ben they will need to be DNA tested. This is required by Ak-Sar-Ben. We have set aside a day to do this at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, on Thursday, June 11th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We would appreciate it if you would call the Extension office @ 263-4697 and let us know if you are planning to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben. This will help us know how many to prepare for.

FSQA TRAINING/TESTING (LAST CHANCE!)

On Wednesday, June 17th, we will hold the last FSQA training and testing. The time is 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Extension office at 35 South Main. This will be the last time to attend either the training or take the test that day. If you have not completed FSQA, we will not be able to accept your livestock entries for the County Fair or State Fair.

FASHION REVUE/CLOTHING SELECTION/\$15 CHALLENGE

The entry form for Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge is available from your 4-H leader or extra copies are available in the Extension office. Entries are due to our office by June 26. On the form, you will notice it mentions only 1 exhibit is allowed in each category. **That means 1 Fashion Revue, 1 Clothing Selection and/or 1 \$15 Challenge.** When an individual brings more than one exhibit in a category, the judges have had concerns about what you have really learned. We suggest you select the outfit you have put the most thought into for your exhibit.

Also remember, \$15 Challenge has to have been purchased at a garage sale, consignment store or resale shop. **It can not be an outfit purchased new from a store—that would fit into Clothing Selection.**

The forms for judging are available on our website as a Word file so you can type into them. Paper copies are also available from the Extension Office. Judging will be Thursday, July 16, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison beginning at 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATION JUDGING

The communication judging will be held on Saturday, July 18th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. Consider sharing an educational presentation or working exhibit. If you don't want to talk and are an intermediate or younger, Pride of Iowa might be for you. Maybe you sing, play the piano or dance. These are all talents you could use in Share the Fun. You might even win a trip to the State Fair. If you aren't sure what communication events are all about or what is involved, ask your leader, an older 4-Her, or call the Extension office. Think about it and let your 4-H leader know so they can fill out the form which needs to be turned into the office by June 26.

DISCOUNTED GRANDSTAND TICKETS DURING THE FAIR

The Crawford County Fair Board has decided to offer 4-H/FFA members and their families discounted tickets to attend grandstand events during the 2009 Crawford County Fair.

Discounted Grandstand tickets for Fair week 4-H/FFA Individuals & Immediate Family Only July 31, 2009, August 1, 2009, and August 2, 2009

4-H/FFA Individual \$15.00

If you get the individual ticket for **\$15.00** you would save **\$18.00**

Sprint Car Race \$15.00

Rodeo \$10.00

Figure 8 Races **\$8.00**

\$33.00 full price

You will save \$18.00

4-H/FFA Family \$40.00

If you buy a family ticket for **\$40.00** it will cover the father and mother and all kids that are living at home. A family can save a lot of money and have a great time at the speedway.

Every individual will have their own pass with their name on it to enter the grandstand.

The deadline for purchasing the 4-H/FFA discounted tickets is July 25, 2009.

If you are interested in buying an individual or family ticket or have any questions on this, please contact **Rose Brodersen at 269-0079 or e-mail her with the names for family or individual passes at pank@frontiernet.net**. After the tickets have been ordered, they can be paid for and picked up at the fair office.

ENTRIES NEEDED FOR QUILT BLOCK TO REPRESENT CRAWFORD COUNTY

The Iowa State Fair is inviting Iowans to be involved in designing a quilt tile for the Richard O. Jacobsen Exhibition Center, a multi-use facility on the Iowa State Fairgrounds scheduled to open in 2010. A quilt design from each of Iowa's 99 counties will be displayed on the exterior walls of the Jacobsen Exhibition Center.

Designs must consist of a patchwork pattern using geometric shapes with no animals, words, symbols or logos allowed. There is a specific palette of colors which can be used in the design. The Crawford County Extension office has examples as well as the color palette available for reference. Designs must consist of four 8" by 8" tiles to form a 16" by 16" block. A 1" white border should be left on all 16" sides. Everyone who is interested in designing a block is encouraged to stop by the office for more information and to submit their creative designs. It will be a great way to put your mark and Crawford County's mark on history at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Designs must be submitted to the Crawford County Extension office by July 17. Crawford County Fair attendees will have the opportunity to view the designs and vote for the "People's Choice" award during the county fair. The award winners will be announced following the Crawford County Fair.

Poultry Pullorum-Typhoid Testing & Rabbit Tattooing Clinic

Poultry Pullorum-Typhoid Testing and Rabbit Tattooing Clinic will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds at 2 P.M. Meet at the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. Pointers will be given on grooming, showing and showmanship for poultry and rabbits. Get your questions answered before the fair. There will be no charge for tattooing any rabbits at the clinic.

The 2009 Health Requirements for the Crawford County Fair require that all poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. This means we need a copy of testing certification or a copy of your current NPIP flock card (not the number of the hatchery where you purchased the birds). This must be provided when you check-in your birds at the fair. Pigeons and broilers are not required to be tested. Birds tested at the June 27th Clinic will be done at no charge to the 4-Her. However, birds tested by Mary Wadsworth at other times by special arrangements will be charged \$0.50 per bird. Any birds without the proper paperwork at check-in will be tested prior to the show at the owner's expense of \$2.00 per bird.

ACHIEVEMENT SHOWS

Local club achievement shows will be scheduled in the next few weeks. All non-livestock exhibits which you plan to exhibit at the fair must be entered on an entry form and evaluated at this show. Tags for each exhibit will be available at the achievement show from your leaders. Leaders can get them at the Extension office. There are pink cards for 4th graders only and yellow cards for everyone else with a place to mark on them for what age group. We also have green cards for horticulture exhibits.

STATE CONFERENCE

We have 23 Crawford County youth attending State 4-H Conference in Ames, IA, from June 30-July 2. They are: Amber Hinnens and Casey Vetter from Arcadia; Bonnie Erlbacher and Alex Vary from Dow City; Katie Staley, Ryan Staley, Nolan Staley, Brandon Vogt, Tyler Roberts and Kysa Roberts from Charter Oak; Jerod Thies and Shelby Goslar from Ute; Makayla Smith from Ricketts, Thomas Buresh, Bridget Buresh, Jennifer Houston and Ashley Reetz from Dunlap; Ryan Healy and Nick Fitzsimmons from Vail; Aaron Baughman from Schleswig; Daniel Thelen, Kelsey Vetter and Bria Vogt from Denison. Chaperones for the group will be Doris Jepsen from Charter Oak and Brett Malone from Dow City. Have a great time and learn something new and exciting! Be sure to ask them about their Conference experience in July and sign up next year for 2010 Conference.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES

If you are interested in exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair with your livestock or horticulture projects, you must have your entries turned in by July 1st to the Extension office. The Iowa State Fair requires all 4-H swine, sheep, dairy, rabbits, poultry and beef exhibitors to have Iowa 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) training or testing. If you took the training or the test, your certificates are on file in the Extension office and a copy will be sent in with your entry form.

Again this year the Iowa State Fair book is on line. The web site is www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php . We will have the entry forms at the Crawford County Extension office in June.

CLAY COUNTY ENTRIES

If you are interested in attending the Clay County Fair with your livestock project, those entries are due to the Extension office by July 30th. The Clay County Fair is requiring all 4-H swine, beef, sheep, goats, dairy, rabbits and poultry exhibitors to have Iowa 4-H Food Safety & Quality Assurance Training (FSQA) also.

AK-SAR-BEN ENTRIES

If you are interested in attending Ak-Sar-Ben with your livestock, you must have your entries turned in by Friday, August 14th at the Extension office. ID's needed to be turned in by June 15th in order to show at this show. Lambs need to have been DNA tested on May 2nd or June 11th. Swine need to have been DNA tested at an approved site which will held on June 11th. Market beef had to be DNA tested on December 28, 2008, and feeder calves need to be DNA tested on June 11th also.

LEADERS – IMPORTANT

Your entry forms will be ready for you to pickup for the fair the **first part of June**. You might want to pick these up before your next meeting. These entries are due July 1st to the Extension office. The forms for livestock are all different colors this year again and forms for non-livestock are white again this year. We also have the blue entry forms for the horse exhibitors. You will need to fill out one form per horse. This makes it much easier to get everyone in the right classes with their horses. Your horse exhibitors will also need to sign a liability wavier that needs to be turned in with their entry form. You can also pick up all the forms your youth will need for non-livestock judging.

YOUTH – WHAT WILL THE JUDGE ASK?

Questions judges ask depend on your exhibit goals and type of project. You will find it helpful to write a clear, short, one-sentence goal statement before you begin to create your exhibit.

After knowing your goals, the judge will ask you about the learning involved, that is, how information was gathered, materials used, and problems that were solved, and what new skills you learned. The judge will also look at the general appearance of the exhibit as far as neatness and attractiveness. In addition, the judge will want to know your future plans and what you have learned.

COPYRIGHT GUIDELINES

“It is the responsibility of individual 4-H’ers to be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities for county and state fairs. 4-H’ers are encouraged to create their own original work and illustrations so they can avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material.”

If you are not sure about what constitutes correct copyright material, contact the Extension office.

2009 Fair Royalty

The entry fee for each Little Miss Princess and King of Clowns contestant will be \$5.00, Queens \$20 and Kings \$15 this year. Entry forms for 2009 Crawford County Fair Royalty are available at the Extension Office and Crawford County Bank. If you have any questions, call Jean Nihsen at 263-4981.

Lost & Found

We have a Northern Iowa Basketball hoodie at the Extension office. It may have been left at fruit pickup or FSQA training. If you are missing your sweatshirt, call or stop by to claim it.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 1 - County Council meets
- 8 – Clover Kid Camp @ Yellow Smoke (if enough signed up)
- 9 – Junior Camp @ Yellow Smoke (if enough signed up)
- 11 – DNA testing of feeder calves and swine for Ak-Sar-Ben
- 17 – **Last chance FSQA training & testing at Extension office**
- 20 – 4-H Grooming clinic in Carroll
- 26 - Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge and Communication registrations due
- 27 - Rabbit Tattooing Clinic & Poultry Testing at the Fairgrounds
- 27 – Good Handy Helpers Open Horse Show @ Expo Building
- 30 – State 4-H Conference, Ames

July

- 1 & 2 – State 4-H Conference, Ames
- 1-Crawford County and Iowa State Fair entries due to Extension office
- 3-Holiday, office closed
- 12-16 - Charter Oak Achievement Days
- 16-Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge judging at Zion Lutheran
- 18-Communication judging at Zion Lutheran
- 25-Non-livestock judging at Armory
- 26-Dog show in the Morton Building at the Fairgrounds
- 28-Weigh-in Day and Check-in Day
- 28-Queen, King, Little Princess and King of Clowns @ Denison High School Fine Arts
- 29-Flag raising, Poultry show, Horse show, state fair and outstanding pictures taken, Livestock judging contest, and U-Fit-It Contest
- 30-Swine show and Rabbit show
- 30-Clay County Fair entries due to Extension office
- 31- Goat show, Sheep show and Communications in 4-H Building

August

- 1-Beef Show, Pet Show, and Style Show
- 2-4-H Dance sponsored by County Council
- 3-Livestock sale
- 7-12-Four County Fair
- 13-23-Iowa State Fair
- 14-Ak-Sar-Ben entries due to Extension office

September

- 1-Record Keeping due to leaders
- 12-20-Clay County Fair
- 15-Record Keeping due to Extension office
- 22-27-Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition

October

- 4-10-National 4-H Week





I pledge
My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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