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4-H NEWSFLASH

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Dear 4-H Families,

IMPORTANT – All Livestock Exhibitors! The COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) law was put into effect for all livestock on September 30, 2008. What does this mean for 4-Her's? 4-H members need to make sure they receive documentation from the seller when purchasing their livestock projects. If you have not received anything, PLEASE contact the seller NOW and ask them to get you a form as soon as possible. If you raised your own animal, you still need to fill out a form with your home information. When you come to the fair, you will be filling out the "Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement". This form has a boxed area that states your animals listed were born and raised in the United States and you have the proper records to serve as proof.

If you would like a copy of the form you need to have the seller complete, stop in the office and we can provide you with an approved COOL form. Thank you for your prompt efforts to comply. Packers will require our office to complete a COOL form so we need to know you have the proper form on file. The enclosed insert gives you more information about COOL.

Sincerely,

Coletta Weeda
County Extension Director

From the desk of Jan Henningsen – County Youth Coordinator

CRAWFORD COUNTY CATTLEMAN'S CLASSIC

Anyone that has enrolled in the market beef project this year can bring a steer to the Denison Livestock Auction on Sunday, July 19th, at 5:00 p.m. This is for steers only. A meal will be furnished by the cattleman. If you need more information please contact Joel Kuhlmann. There will also be a meeting at the high school at 3:00 p.m. on the same afternoon, according to Randall Kuhlmann, FFA Advisor.

FAIR GROUNDS

The date for cleaning the fairgrounds will be **Thursday, July 16th** to get it ready for the 2009 Crawford County Fair. If need be, we will also have another clean up on **Thursday, July 23rd** in the afternoon. **Bring along hammers, pliers, brooms, rags, buckets, hose,** and anything else you think you will need to repair and fix things. **We will also need lawn mowers and weed eaters to trim around all the livestock buildings.** Most all of the barns need to be cleaned and swept. We need everyone to help out, not just a few, because the fair is for everyone! We will need to sweep and scrub a couple of the buildings. Thanks for your help with this matter. It would be great to see whole clubs in attendance. It is not fair to some clubs to do all the work; the fairgrounds belongs to all 4-H and FFA members and their families to enjoy. We will be keeping track again this year of who shows up to help clean and get the fairgrounds ready to go.



STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY PROCESS

Remember that the Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book is available ONLY online at, www.iowastatefair.org. At the Extension office we have the entry forms, code of ethics, ticket information, and Youth Inn information.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CLOTHING EVENT JUDGING

Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, and \$15 Challenge judging will be held on Thursday, July 16th, at 4:30 p.m. Note the time change from last year. We would like to see big numbers again in Crawford County.

Communication judging will be on Saturday, July 18th, at 9:00 a.m. We hope that we have lots of youth involved in Pride of Iowa, Working Exhibits, Educational Presentations, and Share the Fun. It is lots of fun for the youth, especially if they get to go to the State Fair and represent Crawford County.

These events will both be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison this year.

IMPORTANT NON-LIVESTOCK INFORMATION



Non-livestock exhibitors will be limited to three (3) exhibits at judging time again this year. This does not mean you are only allowed three exhibits. It means you are only allowed to have three exhibits judged by the same judge at one time. With judging at the Armory again this year, we will have roped off a part of the building for the judging. The judging area will be limited to 4-H members being judged, judges, comment writers, superintendents, and 4-H staff. Parents will be able to sit and wait for their children and hold on to the projects not being judged. Parents make sure your youth comes forward and tells our helpers what project they have to be judged.

We know that sometimes the lines get long and it seems like you are waiting forever, but we do try very hard to get everyone judged in a short time. Don't be afraid to ask one of us if you think we have forgotten you. Sometimes it just doesn't happen as fast as we want it to.

After you have been judged, you will turn in your white sheet and receive your ribbons at the check-in table. Then you can take your projects back to the fair grounds and decorate your booth in the exhibit building. The building will be locked after all the State Fair and Outstanding exhibits have been taken there. We would appreciate volunteers help us move the State Fair and outstanding exhibits to the fairgrounds. We had many people help us last year and it was wonderful to have so much help. We thank you in advance for your help with moving the projects.

NON-LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE

Listed below is the schedule for the judging of non-livestock exhibits. This will be held on Saturday, July 25th, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the National Guard Armory, east of Denison.

Clubs scheduled in the morning may check in between 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. If you aren't checked in by 9:30 a.m., we can't guarantee you will be judged in the morning. The judges will break for lunch at noon. Clubs scheduled in the afternoon may check in between 12:00 and 1:30 p.m... If you aren't checked in by 1:30 p.m., **you will not be judged.**

Clubs in the morning should check-in from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – Aspinwall Achievers, Boyer Rooters, Charter Oak Achievers, Charter Oak Boosters, Dow City Dazzlers, Paradise Pioneers, Soaring Eagles and Sunshine Friends.

Clubs in the afternoon should check-in from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. – East Boyer Rustlers, Four Leaf Clovers, Good Handy Helpers, Schleswig Sharks, Westside 4-H and any Independent members.

Remember if your exhibit is not held for State Fair or outstanding, it is up to you to take it back to the fairgrounds and put it in your fair booth.

GET YOUR PHOTOS TAKEN

State Fair and Outstanding exhibits photographs will be taken at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29th, at the big gray board on the east side of the show ring. If your exhibit was set aside by the judges for consideration for the State Fair or Outstanding; please be there for these pictures.



WHAT WILL THE JUDGE ASK ME AT THE FAIR?

The questions the judge will ask depend on your exhibit goals and how your exhibit looks. Usually the judges ask you to explain your goal. A goal is what you wanted to learn to do. You will find it helpful to write down a clear, short one-sentence goal statement before you begin to create your exhibit.

After the judge knows what your goals were, he or she will want to know how you worked toward reaching your goal. You may want to share where you found your information or how you learned the skill. You may also want to share the decisions you made and how you made the projects, or some of the problems you had and how you solved them.

Take time to think about the most important thing(s) you learned while you created your exhibit and be prepared to share this with the judge. The judge also will want you to explain what plans or ideas you have, based on what you have learned or discovered.

Practice what you will tell the judge. Visit with an adult (parent, leader, etc.) about your goals, how you worked toward them, what you learned and your future plans. It is better to simply talk with someone about these items then to memorize a speech since you do not know exactly what the judge will ask.

Remember that the judge isn't the only one who can ask questions. If you don't understand something the judge said or you would like to have their idea on something, **YOU** can ask them questions.

FLAG RAISING

The Flag raising will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at 8:00 a.m. We would really like to see everyone there by the flagpoles. Wear your 4-H shirt proudly that morning. This will be the official start to the fair. We will be honoring a 4-H family as they are inducted into the Crawford County Hall of Fame, and we will also have a couple of other awards to present that morning.



U-FIT-IT CONTEST

The U-Fit-Contest will be held again this year. It will be held on Thursday evening, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. The rules will be same as last year.

It will be a contest with a beef animal and a team of three members, including one girl, one junior member and one other member. Everyone on the team must be a member of 4-H or FFA; however, they do not have to be in the same club or chapter. The calf must be just freshly washed. No electricity will be used to groom the calf. The time limit for grooming will be 30 minutes. Grooming chutes will be used. Then the calf will be shown by one of the team members. You will be judged on how well you work together as a team and how well you use your resources.

HERDSMANSHIP

Sometimes we overlook the importance of herdsmanship at the Crawford County Fair. However, herdsmanship is VERY important because it encourages you to keep your pens and alley ways neat and clean. This demonstrates to both rural and urban visitors the concern for the health and general well-being of the animals we raise. Herdsmanship provides an opportunity to “showcase” our livestock projects in a positive light. Your herdsmanship is a reflection of not only your individual project but also that of your club’s as well. Herdsmanship will be judged on a daily basis with an award going to the club demonstrating the best work.

Sometimes, your barn neighbor may be off showing in another livestock show. What do you do if you notice their stall is dirty? Walk away or help them out? A good sportsman would pick up the shovel or pitch fork and help out. Let’s all pitch in and help!

FAIR SALE

J.R. Pauley will still cry the auction but Denison Livestock will not clerk the sale. The county banks will clerk the sale again this year with help of volunteers. After the sale, the banks will turn all records over to the Fair Board to issue checks to the youth. Youth will not receive their checks the day of the sale. They will be mailed at a later date. If you have question regarding how the sale will run, contact the Fair Office at 263-5306.

DARRELL NISSEN MEMORIAL

The Darrell Nissen Memorial Beef show will be held on Friday, July 17th. Weigh-in will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Feeder calves will show at 6:00 p.m. and rest to follow. For more information contact Malissa Smith.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

If your exhibits are selected to go to the State Fair, you need to bring them to the Extension Office so they can all go as a group. Non-perishable exhibits need to be at the Extension office by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 7th, and your perishable exhibits need to be there on Monday, August 10th no later than noon. Make sure they are all identified correctly. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office.

INTERESTED IN SHOWING AT CLAY COUNTY OR AK-SAR-BEN

Livestock entries for the Clay County Fair are due on July 30th. Please turn these entries in before the Crawford County Fair so you don’t forget. Entries for Ak-Sar-Ben are due by August 15th to the Crawford County Extension office. Don’t be late!!

4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING SCHEDULE

The schedule for hosting the exhibit building is included in this newsletter. Please consider this your opportunity to promote 4-H to the public. Be available to answer questions, locate specific exhibits, and protect exhibits from harm. Practice your communication skills by greeting the public and offering to help them.

Wednesday, July 29th

10:30-2:00- Boyer Rooters

2:00-5:30-Charter Oak Boosters

5:30-9:00-Sunshine Friends

Thursday, July 30th

10:30-2:00- Dow City Dazzlers/Cose Independent Club

2:00-5:30- Good Handy Helpers

5:30-9:00-4 Leaf Clovers

Friday, July 31st

10:30-2:00-Aspinwall Achievers

2:00-5:30-East Boyer Rustlers

5:30-9:00-Charter Oak Achievers

Saturday, August 1st

10:30-2:00-Schleswig Sharks/Shooting Sports

2:00-5:30- Soaring Eagles

5:30-9:00-Paradise Pioneers

Sunday, August 2nd

10:30 – 2:00 – Westside 4-H/Ricke Independent

Projects released at 3:00 p.m. Extension staff will take care of that.

If you have to leave and the next group has not arrived, maybe ask one of the ladies on the south end of the building to watch for you until you can find someone. Don't be gone the whole shift, that would not show very good citizenship for a 4-H member. Make sure you return and thank who takes your place. Help keep garbage picked up and sweep the floor if it is needed. Thank you for your help with watching the exhibit building.

Be sure to sign in on sign sheet so we know who helped in the Exhibit Building. We want to make sure everyone does their part.



SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Youngsters around the world are invited to enter the “See the Bigger Picture” photography contest by submitting photos of plants, animals, and anything else that captures biodiversity. The winner will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Entries are due by September 8th. For more information and to submit photos visit www.seethebiggerpicture.org.

VOYAGE TO GREATNESS

FEED BAG SCHEDULES

Listed below is the schedule for the 4-H Feed Bag at the 2009 Crawford County Fair. Please note the time your club is responsible for running the Feed Bag. Each club is asked to provide at **least ONE ADULT and TWO or THREE YOUTH** to be in the Feed Bag at their assigned time. A club may elect to divide their assignments into shifts if so desired. If your club cannot work at the specific time it is scheduled, you are responsible for contacting another club to change times. Your times should be all right, because you are the ones who picked them. If you have any questions, please direct them to Julie or Jeremy Schroeder as they will be in charge again this year. We are so thankful that this family has stepped forward to help out with the Feed Bag. They will make sure every morning that everything is in order for the day. Please keep the Feed Bag very clean. Make sure you have swept when your shift is ended.



Tuesday, July 28th

7:30-11:30 – Four Leaf Clovers

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – County Council

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – County Council

Wednesday, July 29th

7:30-11:30 – Charter Oak Boosters

11:30-3:30- Sunshine Friends

3:30-6:30-Westside 4-H Club/Ricke Independent

Thursday, July 30th

7:30-11:30-Good Handy Helpers

11:30-3:30-Aspinwall Achievers

3:30-6:30-East Boyer Rustlers

Friday, July 31st

7:30-11:30-Dow City Dazzlers/Shooting Sports

11:30-3:30- Boyer Rooters/Cose Independent

3:30-6:30- Paradise Pioneers/County Council

Saturday, August 1st

7:30-11:30-Soaring Eagles

11:30-3:30-Schleswig Sharks

3:30-6:30-County Council members

Sunday, August 2nd

Feedbag Closed

Monday, August 3rd

8:00-??? – Charter Oak Achievers

HOW TO TALK TO PEOPLE AT THE FAIR ABOUT YOUR ANIMALS

The fair is a time when many people will view an animal for the first time and see how it is cared for. It is important that you provide your animal with good care and follow good herdsmanship guidelines.

Sometimes people will stop to visit with you about your animal and how you care for it. If someone has numerous questions about the care of your animal or if they disagree with how animals are cared for or used, refer the person to the superintendent in your division or a county Extension staff member. It is best not to argue with someone who has different views from you. Please stay calm and refer the person to the superintendent or Extension staff.

**ATTENTION 4-H & FFA CLUB MEMBERS, LEADERS, PARENTS, ETC.
SHOW RING CLEAN-UP!!**

Tuesday, July 28th –Schleswig Sharks & Sunshine Friends

Wednesday, July 29th – (cleanup will include Show Ring & Expo Building) Four Leaf Clovers/ Cose Independent Club

Thursday, July 30th - Soaring Eagles, Charter Oak Achievers, Aspinwall Achievers, Paradise Pioneers, Shooting Sports Club

Friday, July 31st – IKM/Manning FFA, Boyer Valley FFA, Charter Oak-Ute FFA, Denison FFA, Dow City Dazzlers

Saturday, August 1st — Boyer Rooters, East Boyer Rustlers, Good Handy Helpers, Charter Oak Boosters

Sunday, July 20th – Westside 4-H/Ricke Independent

Monday, August 3rd – All Livestock Clubs and Chapters are needed

After each day, we are asking for help cleaning up the show ring. Clean up includes making sure the garbage is picked up, sweeping under and around the bleachers, making sure that all manure is scooped out of the show ring, and anything else to make sure the area looks better. After the sale is completed on Monday, everything will need to be completely torn down and completely cleaned up, as this is the end of the fair. This is our way of showing pride in our county fair plus it is a good community service project. All 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are scheduled to work.

IOWA MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONEST 2009

When: October 10, 2009

Where: Cutty's Okoboji, 1528 Hwy 86, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Time: 8:30 Registration

9:30 Pictures and judging

Class on spinning wool by Donna Bevelhymer

11:30 Lunch provided for contestants, family and friends can eat for \$6.00. Need to RSVP if possible by October 10, 2009

1:30 Style Show

2:30 Awards and prizes

Classes to complete are:

Pre-teen

Junior

Senior

Adult

Make it for others with wool

For registration information e-mail: ktbear@hickorytech.net

All contestants need to register and have their wool tested to complete. Material needs to be at least 60% wool.

Winners in the Junior and Senior can complete at the National level in Nashville, Tenn., on January 21-23, 2010.

Any questions: Contact Katie Olson (State Director State of Iowa) 3041 110th Street, Steen, Minn. 56173 Phone 1-712-472-2022

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July

- 1 – Crawford County Fair and Iowa State Fair entries due
- 3 – Holiday, office closed
- 12-15 – Charter Oak Achievement Days
- 16 – Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection judging at Zion Lutheran Church @ 4:30 p.m.
- 18 – Communication judging @ Zion Lutheran Church @ 9:00 a.m.
- 25 – Non-livestock judging @ National Guard Armory, decorate booths at the fairgrounds
- 26 – Dog Show
- 28 – Weigh-ins and livestock check-ins
- 28 – Queen, King, Little Princess, and King of Clowns. It will be held at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center
- 29 – First official day of Crawford County Fair 2009, flag raising, Horse exhibitor breakfast sponsored by Western Iowa Expo, poultry show, state fair and outstanding pictures taken, Horse show, U-Fit-It Contest
- 30 – Swine show, Livestock judging contest, Rabbit show
- 30 – Clay County entries due to Extension office**
- 31 – Goat Show and Sheep Show, Communication given in 4-H building

August

- 1– Beef show, pet show, and Style Show
- 2- Release of exhibits and livestock not selling at 3:00 p.m., 4-H and FFA dance under the grandstand after Figure 8 races
- 3 - Livestock sale and clean fairgrounds
- 7 – State Fair non-livestock exhibits due to Extension office
- 8 – 11 -Four County Fair
- 10 – State Fair perishable non-livestock exhibit due to Extension office by Noon
- 10 – No County Council meeting
- 13 - 23– Iowa State Fair
- 14 – Ak-Sar-Ben entries due to Extension office
- 20 – No Youth Committee meeting

September

- 1 – Record Keeping due to leaders
- 7 – Holiday, office closed
- 12-20 – Clay County Fair
- 14 – County Council meeting
- 15 – Record keeping due to Extension office
- 17 – Youth committee meeting
- 22-27 – Ak-Sar-Ben

October

- 4 - 10 – National 4-H Week
- 5 – County Council meeting
- 15 – Youth Committee meeting

November

- 2 – County Council meeting
- 19 – Youth Committee meeting
- 26-27– Holiday, office closed

December

24-25 – Holiday, office closed

28 – Tentative beef weigh-in, in Denison

SEE YOU ALL AT THE 2009 CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR!!

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