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4-H NEWSFLASH

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Dear 4-H Families,

Thank you to all our 4-H families for a GREAT fair. Jan and I appreciate all the help getting the fairgrounds ready for the fair. I am very proud of all our 4-H members and the hard work they put into their projects.

If you get a chance to attend the Iowa State Fair, check out our Crawford County youth. There will be 14 Crawford County 4-Her's with livestock at the Iowa State Fair. Another 37 exhibits will be on display in the 4-H Building on the State Fairgrounds. We will also have 4-Her's sharing educational presentations, working exhibits and Share the Fun. Four 4-Her's will be modeling in the 4-H Style Show.

Once all the fairs are over, this 4-H year will be history! Make sure record books get completed and turned into your 4-H leader. You haven't completed your 4-H year until recordkeeping is done. Recordkeeping can be finished on the computer, by video, by audio, or hand written. Be sure to include things to help you remember what you did this 4-H year. Also remember if you exhibited 3 foods exhibits at the fair, they are written on one project form---- Don't use a separate form for each exhibit.

Coletta Weeda

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County Extension Education Director

From the desk of Jan Henningsen

FROM JAN

The Crawford County Fair is over for another year. Thank you to everyone that helped in any way. With cleaning the fairgrounds, painting, cleaning the show ring, helping with the weigh-ins, helping the day of the shows, helping with the sale of the livestock, helping load livestock to market, and also on the other end of the fairgrounds with the non-livestock exhibits with moving and setting up the exhibits, and watching the building. You all did a great job of helping make this a great Fair!

As most of you know, this was my last fair as County Youth Coordinator. I am retiring from the Extension office. My last day will be September 18th. I have really enjoyed working as the CYC in Crawford County. These years were very rewarding in many many ways. The lasting friendships that I made will stay with me the rest of my life. Words cannot express the feelings I have for the families in Crawford County.

Thank you to the clubs and families that gave me gifts at the fair, that made my heart fill with pride and joy and of course some tears in my eyes. I cannot say it enough how wonderful the youth and adults are in this county.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, to all exhibitors at the Crawford County Fair. Good luck to everyone as you go on to other shows or have sold your projects and are busy investing your money for next year's project, or paying for college, and maybe even saving some of it for a raining day. Keep up the good work.

AK-SAR-BEN ENTRIES DUE

Remember, Ak-Sar-Ben entries are due to the Extension Office by August 14th. No late entries will be accepted. All entry forms and premium books information are available online at www.aksarben.org. We also have the forms and information here at the Extension office.

THANK YOU

Make sure you all write thank you notes to buyers, trophy presenters, the people at Denison Livestock Auction, the Fair Board, the superintendents for each different area of the fair, the Crawford County Beef Producers, Crawford County Pork Producers, Farm Bureau, the Western Iowa Expo Board, private contributors, your leaders or chapter leaders, these people are all very important to the Crawford County Fair each year. Without these great people, we would not be able to put on a fair. Many of these people do things you don't even realize that are being done for you to have a great fair. You can thank your lucky stars that they are here in Crawford County and the surrounding area helping you. 4-H means a lot to me as most of you know and I want to see it grow each year.



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

Once again, the banks in the county helped clerk the sale. Do not call the banks and ask for your checks. They have done a great job and it is a very strenuous job to do, plus we want to make sure it is done right. The banks responsibility ends the day of the sale. All the books have been turned over to the Fairboard, who will be issuing your checks. Your checks will be coming out soon.

SUMMER HELP

I (Jan) would really like to thank Brett for his tremendous work and help this summer. He did a great job of getting things ready for the fair. His knowledge of the 4-H program was a great asset to us this summer. We would like to wish him the best of luck with his college career.

SENIORS

I will miss the seniors that are headed off to college to start their careers. They are a great group of young people and will be missed. Hope they come back next year and say hi! Also hope they keep in touch through out the years and keep us informed of what they are up to.

STAPLE GUNS



We are missing a few staple guns from the fair. We always had three of them and after this year we are down to one. If you borrowed a staple gun from the Junior Livestock Office and didn't return it, please bring it back to the Extension office as soon as possible. Be sure to check the bottom of your show boxes just in case it got stuck in there by mistake.

LOST & FOUND

We have several sweatshirts here at the office left from fruit sales and the fair. If you are missing your sweatshirt, please stop by the office to claim it by September 1st. After that, they will be donated to Goodwill. Two keys were also found and turn in to me Jan, if you are missing a key stop by the Extension office and identify it.

PIG TAGS

The following 4-H'ers or 4-H families need to pay for their pigs that were tagged at weigh in at the fair. Tags are \$0.50 each. Please pay the Extension office as soon as possible. Ashley, Courtney, Justin Reiser (\$6.00), Breanna and Kendall Corbitt (\$5.50), Carter Brodersen (\$1.50), Jake Sachau (\$1.00), Tim and Theresa Grote (\$5.00), Rebecca and Alex Sporrer (\$6.00), Nolan and Brad Staley (\$1.50), Owen Marshall (\$3.00), Ryan Renze (\$2.50), and Kourtney Grimm (\$3.00).

PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks are the rewards you receive from the fair based on your ribbon placings. Premium checks will be made out to each club and sent to the club leaders in September. Clubs, PLEASE deposit these checks within 30 days of receiving them. Each club will also get a list so they can make checks out to each individual person.

HALTERS

We still have several halters left from the Crawford County Fair. You will have to pickup a key from the Extension office and go out to the fairgrounds and get your halter out of the Jr. Livestock office. The halters from the beef that went to the Arcadia locker are also there. Please, pick them up as soon as possible. If not picked up by the 1st of November, they will be given to someone who needs them.

COUNTY COUNCIL

We are looking for some new youth to be on the County Council for this next year and years to come. If you are in high school and are interested, please let Jan or Coletta know at the Extension office. That way we can get your name on the mailing list, so we can notify you when something important comes up. We will be holding our regular meeting with the 2008-2009 council members in September and then in October we will be inviting the new members for the 2009-2010 year to attend. Hope many of you consider being on the council. If interested in being on the County Council, we do need your attendance at meetings and helping with the different things we do. We also need to know if 2008-2009 members plan on remaining on the council for the 2009-2010 year. Some of you did a great job of helping out this last year and then there are some of you that I didn't see much of. If you are not able to help with the County Council, it would be better you weren't listed. This way we know who is willing to help with the activities in the county. The County Council meeting will be the 2nd Monday of September. Starting in October, County Council meetings will be the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM here at the Extension Office.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



We are also in need of some more youth and adults on the Youth Committee, please consider this also. The youth do have a voice on the Youth Committee, they have some great ideas, and the adults enjoy having them there. You can let Jan or Coletta know at the Extension office if you are interested in serving on this committee.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

We need your help to nominate leaders, 4-H Alumni and Honorary members. The nomination form can be picked up at the Extension office or if you want we can mail one to you. They are due back to the office by **October 1st**. Thank you for your help with this matter.

AWARDS

Remember when applying for awards that these are project awards not an exhibit award.

A project is a year long plan in a particular area (beef, clothing, home improvement, etc.), which includes a variety of learning activities or events related to a topic. Projects are selected at the time you enroll or re-enroll in 4-H for the year. An exhibit is one part of a 4-H project (item, animal, presentation, etc.) prepared for display at fairs, etc.



All “Exhibits” must come from a 4-H “Project”. All projects do not have to be exhibited. The application is for a Project Award, not an Exhibit Award. You can pick up to five awards to apply for. Your leaders should have the applications for awards. If they don’t have the form, just use a plain piece of paper.

You can win an award more than once: you can win as a Junior, then again as an Intermediate, and then again as a Senior. Some awards are only for Juniors and Seniors in High School.

You will need to fill out only one sheet of paper when applying for an award. You can tell something about yourself to help the committee in their selection process if you would like to.

RECORD KEEPING



All 4-H’ers should turn their completed records into their 4-H leaders by September 1st.

Leaders, record keeping systems are due to the Extension office by September 15th. This date is the same each year.

There is not a specific order or way to do your record keeping system. You may turn in a notebook, videotape, portfolio, computer disc, audiocassette, or any other system you would like to do. This is your record keeping, so you can make your record keeping what you want. If you are unsure of where to start, forms are available at the Extension office or from your leader. If you prefer to fill in the forms on your computer, forms are available on our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford. These forms ask questions regarding your 4-H year and each of your projects. These are only a base. 4-H’ers should complete their records how they feel fits best. Please attach the appropriate form with your system, so the committee will know what area and award you are applying for.

Tips for completing your record keeping system:

1. Work on it a little every day.
2. Newspaper clipping and photos.
3. Your record keeping system is for your entire year, not just fair exhibits.
4. Youth are encouraged to be creative and do a system they enjoy.

ENROLLMENT & RE-ENROLLMENTS

December 1st is the date for enrollments and re-enrollments. After that date, if we don’t have them turned into the Extension office, you will not be receiving a newsletter. Please don’t let this happen to you.

The annual enrollment fee will now be \$30.00 per member per year. This is a change at the state level. Your \$30.00 per member fee is due at the same time. Each club should send one check to the Extension office for all their members. Medical Release and Code of Ethics forms are also required to be signed by everyone again.

STYLE SHOW PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Nancy Brown is searching for youth to participate in a style show on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Denison. For more information or if you want to participate, please call Nancy Brown at 712-675-4706.

OPEN HOUSE

An open house will be held at the Extension office on Thursday, September 17th for Jan, whose last day of work at the Extension office will be on Friday, September 18th. Please plan to join us in wishing Jan a long and happy retirement.

BEEF WEIGH-IN

Tentative dates for beef weigh-in are December 28th or 29th at Denison Livestock. Please mark these dates on your calendar. This will be the only weigh-in in Crawford County. All calves must be weighed and IDed by January 15th of 2010.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August

14-Ak-Sar-Ben entries due to Extension Office

September

1 – Record keeping due to leaders

14 – County Council Meeting – 7:00 at Extension Office

15-Record keeping due to Extension office

17- Jan's Retirement Open House

17- Youth Committee meeting

22-27 – Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Expo

October

4-10-National 4-H Week

12-County Council meeting (new members welcomed)

15-Youth Committee meeting

November

26-27-Thanksgiving – office closed

December

1 – Enrollments/Re-enrollments due to Extension Office

24/25 - Christmas – Office Closed

28 or 29 – Beef Weigh-In at

Denison Livestock

January 2010

**15-Market Beef IDs due to
Extension Office**

4-H CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010

SEPTEMBER

Record Keeping due to
leaders 1st
Due to Extension office 15th
Clay County Fair
Ak-Sar-Ben

OCTOBER

National 4-H Week
Member Recruitment
Set Project Goals
Leaders Training
Clover Kids

NOVEMBER

Recognition Night
Clover Kids

DECEMBER

Enrollment/Re-enrollments
due to Extension office
Beef Weigh-ins

JANUARY

Market Beef ID's due
Some scholarships are due
4-H Fruit sales
Clover Kids

FEBRUARY

Some scholarships are due
Sell fruit for March delivery
FSQA training for those that
need it

MARCH

Area Recognition
Applications Due
Fruit sales arrive

APRIL

National Volunteer Week

Sheep weigh-in

MAY

Livestock ID's due May 15th
4-H'ers for 4-H contributions
due May 15th
4-H State Conference
applications due May 1st
Dog Class at the fairgrounds
Horse riding classes at the
fairgrounds

JUNE

4-H State Conference in
Ames
Achievement shows to be
held
CWF trip
Jr. Day Camp
Int. Day Camp
Clover Kid Camp

JULY

Crawford County Fair entries
due
Iowa State Fair entries due
for livestock & horticulture
Charter Oak Achievement
Days
Communication judging
Clothing Selection/Fashion
Revue judging
Non-livestock judging
Crawford County Fair

AUGUST

Four County Fair
Iowa State Fair

SEPTEMBER

Clay County Fair
Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show

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