

NOVEMBER 2009
4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Websites

- www.extension.iastate.edu/4h
- www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbook.htm
- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/memberresources.html>
- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/ProjectLinks.htm>
- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volresources.html>



We continued to celebrate 4-H in October as we congratulated 4-H'ers for their achievements and thanked volunteers for their dedication to 4-H at the awards program held October 25. We're adding to the 4-H celebration by mailing legislators your 4-H stories that you provided at the awards program. Thank you for communicating the value of 4-H! This is a great example of a communication opportunity for 4-H'ers as we focus on leadership, citizenship, and communication skills for county 4-H project awards.

Thank you for turning in enrollment forms too! If you haven't yet, please do so now! Enrolling now better ensures you will receive county communications that pertain to your project areas. This is true for adult volunteers too. There are a variety of opportunities available from data entry to helping with a specific county event, leading a workshop, serving on a county 4-H committee and yes even being a club leader! There is a volunteer opportunity available to meet your interests and availability, whether a youth or adult. It's a great way to add value to the county 4-H program!

In the new look of Extension, we are members of region 8 along with Boone, Marshall, and Hardin Counties. Rich Wrage, former Boone County Extension Education Director, leads our team and counties as our Regional Extension Education Director. Annette Brown, our 4-H Youth Development Program Specialists, also serves these four counties now. We will be excited to share collaborative opportunities as they develop. These could even provide a great opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from our neighboring counties!

The campus 4-H staff will soon be celebrating too by unveiling the new Iowa 4-H website! Stay tuned! In the meantime, remember all the great opportunities available to 4-H'ers at discounted prices at <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/>. There is even information about donating crops to 4-H and the research that verifies 4-H is a great benefit to youth and adult volunteers at this site!

As we move forward with change, we are excited to continue sharing great 4-H opportunities with all of you!



Cloverly,
Mary Wilkins
County Youth Coordinator

Celebrate with a new 4-H shirt – It would be a great Christmas gift too! \$9.00 at the Extension Office.

OCTOBER 29-31 – 3RD ANNUAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS HAUNTED HOUSE FUNDRAISER, COMMUNITY BUILDING

The haunted house will be held in the Community Building located at 1st Street and I Avenue in Nevada on the Story County Fairgrounds. The entrance is the upstairs of the Community Building and will be friendly. Guests may go through the human size maze for \$1.00, do activities with young children, and enjoy bake sale items. Haunted house tickets will be purchased for \$3.00 at this entrance. The scary haunting experience will begin at steps leading into the basement. Be prepared for spooks, screams, and more! Guests are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes too!

Hours of operation will be:

Thursday, October 29 7:30 – 10:00 pm

Friday, October 30 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Saturday, October 31 6:30 – 10:30 pm



Except October 29, the haunted house will be open past 10:30 pm if guests are still haunting.

Story County 4-H Shooting Sports is available to all youth in grades 4-12 that become 4-H members. The group meets every other Friday evening for archery and air rifle November through April at the ISU Extension – Story County office. In addition, air rifle and shotgun is available April through September on one Saturday morning each of these months. Participants may choose to participate in a state shoot, even qualify for the National 4-H Shoot. Opportunities may be available to become a 4-H trained instructor in a discipline too. For additional information, contact Mary at 515-382-6551 or mwilkins@iastate.edu.

OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

Be sure to attend **The Howard Happy Helpers 5th Annual Haunted Hay Ride**, Saturday October 31st from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm at 60895 115th Street, Roland. The cost to ride is only \$2.00 per person and there will be a concession stand with treats.

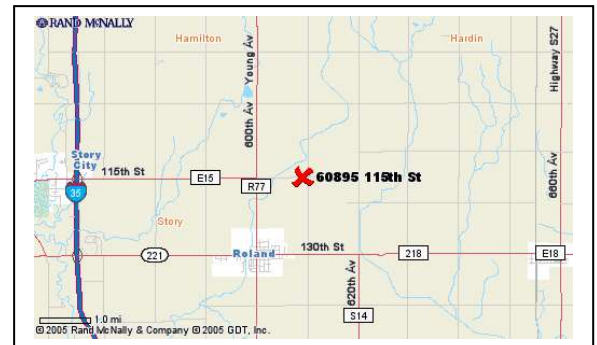
Directions:



From Roland: Go North on Cottonwood to 115th Street.
Then go East ~ 2nd place on Left

From Story City: Approx. 4 ½ miles straight East of McDonalds

From Nevada: Go North on S14 to E18. Take a Left.
Go West 1 mile and follow signs.



NOVEMBER 1 - BARNS, BUTTONS, 'N' BOWS STORY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER, CHRISTY HALL

Join us on November 1, 7 – 10 PM in Christy Hall in Nevada. The evening will be full of music by the Flying Silos, a live and silent auction, food, and fun. Featured in the live auction will be an original art work by Dean Biechler, commemorating the Story County Youth Fair, a 4-H collector's doll, and a tour behind the scenes of the Better Homes and Gardens Test Kitchen and photo studios. Get your ticket today. They are available at the Story County Extension Office, 220 H Ave, Nevada for \$10 and at the door for \$15. Check the web site www.extension.iastate.edu/story regularly to keep up to date on recent additions to the silent and live auctions.



NOVEMBER 5 – EVALUATE 4-H AWARD APPLICATION PROCESS, 6:30 PM, EXTENSION OFFICE

It's time to review the 4-H award application process and see what potential changes need to be made. Open to youth, parents, evaluators, etc. If interested, please let me know your plans to attend. A list of questions have been developed.

NOVEMBER 14 - 4-H OFFICER TRAINING, CHRISTY HALL

Develop and practice skills to help you complete your club officer responsibilities for the year or come learn about an officer role that interests you. Adult volunteers interested in facilitating a officer role are still needed. Resources are available. Please contact Mary.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Please communicate interest with Mary.

- **Thank You** to our volunteers that helped with the 4-H award application evaluation process.
- **Officer Training Facilitators** (adults) – use Extension resources to help facilitate training for one of the officer roles on **November 14** at 9:30 am. Still in need of a few more adult volunteers!
- **Club Resource Guest** – have a workshop to offer, a tour to give, or expertise to share in a project area? Clubs enjoy inviting guests that are willing to share their knowledge and skills. Let Mary know what you would share with clubs so you can be added to the club resource contact list.
- **Youth Development Committee** (youth & adults) – meets at 7 pm usually the last Monday of the month September –November and January – June. This committee helps guide the county 4-H program in marketing and programming. We are in need of youth and adult members. To find out more, contact the Extension office.

DECEMBER 19 – BEEF WEIGH-IN FOR COUNTY FAIR (PLUS VERIFICATION FOR STATE FAIR AND AKSARBEN)

Saturday, December 19 at Story County Fairgrounds from 8 am to 12 noon. If unable to attend, then contact Mary to make arrangements to attend another beef weigh-in.

- **Market beef animals you want eligible for exhibition at the Story County Fair** need to be weighed, tagged, and identified on December 19. You will also want to identify if the animal is Story County Produce (Was it born in Story County from a cow owned by a Story County resident?) When you make your county fair entry in June, then you will have the option to exhibit your animal in the Story County Produce class.
- **Second year bottle bucket calves that might be exhibited in a market class at the Story County Fair** also must be weighed, tagged, and identified on December 19. These calves that don't come to the weigh-in will not be eligible for exhibition in the second year bottle bucket market class or any other market beef class at the Story County Fair.
- **Those that plan to exhibit a pen of feeder cattle at the Story County Fair** are able to select one of those feeder calves for the carcass contest. Any animal from your feeder pen that you want eligible for the carcass contest must be weighed, tagged, and identified on December 19. All feeder cattle can come to the weigh-in. 3-5 head is a pen of feeder cattle. This project should begin by January 1.
- **Any market beef animal you want eligible for the IOWA STATE FAIR and/or AKSARBEN** needs to complete the verification process on December 19. The animal will be weighed and tagged. A retinal image will be collected for state fair. For Aksarben, a dna hair sample will be collected. There will be a fee for each animal verified for the state fair and/or Aksarben. \$5.00 per head for state fair AND \$5.00 per head for Aksarben. (no other fees apply to the December 19 weigh-in). **Exhibitor and parent signatures are required. If the parent and/or exhibitor is unable to be present with their animal at the weigh-in, then a waiver form needs to be signed and brought with the animal.** The waivers are available at the Extension office or email Mary at mwilkins@iastate.edu.
- **Regarding breed steers for state fair and Aksarben:** a legible tattoo needs to be in the ear (in the left ear because the tag will go in the right ear). The breed, tattoo and sire name or registration number must be recorded on the verification form. This information should be brought with you to the weigh-in. If this information is not on the identification/verification form by February 1, then the animal will be shown as a crossbreed.

COMMUNITY BANK 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECT LOANS

4-H/FFA members are able to contact Ben Engler at Community Bank, 515-382-3050, about loans for 4-H/FFA livestock projects. Loans may be available with 5% interest. Loan must be paid when project is complete. Parents must co-sign for 4-H/FFA members under the age of 18. Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

HEART OF IOWA OFFERS 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECT FEED OPPORTUNITIES

4-H/FFA members have the opportunity to have set-up a no interest account specifically for their 4-H/FFA livestock projects. Payment is due when the project is complete. 500 pounds is the minimum for custom feed orders. Please place orders at least 24 hours in advance. Heart of Iowa will also provide free nutritional advising and recommendations. For questions or to set up a 4-H/FFA livestock project account contact the Gilbert office at 1-800-622-1008.

CALENDAR

October

- 27 Youth Development Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Ext Office
- 29 4-H Haunted House 7:30 – 10:00 pm, Community Building, Nevada
- 30 4-H Haunted House 7:30 -10:30 pm, Community Building, Nevada
- 31 4-H Haunted House 6:30-10:30 pm, Community Building, Nevada
- 31 4-H Haunted Hayride 7:30-9:30pm, Roland

November

- 1 Story County 4-H Foundation Fundraiser, 7-10 pm, Christy Hall
- 5 Evaluation of 4-H award application process, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- 9 Fairboard, 7 pm, Extension office
- 14 Officer Training, 9:30 am, Christy Hall
- 15 Bowling/Pizza Party for clubs with 75% re-enrollment by Oct. 4
- 26 Holiday – Office Closed
- 27 Holiday – Office Closed

December

- 19 Beef Weigh-in
- 24 Holiday – Office Closed
- 25 Holiday – Office Closed



You can help promote 4-H!

- * Invite a friend to a club meeting
- * Put a 4-H poster up at your school
- * Give out 4-H brochures
- * Answer 4-H questions for others
- * Tell about your 4-H experience
- * Help host a 4-H open house in your community or at your school
- * Other ideas you/your club develop

DOLLARS AVAILABLE FROM THE STORY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

The Foundation accepts requests four times a year.....March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1. For more details on what is available, check out <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/news/foundationgrants.htm>.