



## December 2007 Union County Youth Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT REMINDERS.... more information inside!



- ◆ Remember to re-enroll and pay state development fee.
- ◆ Get your market beef project ready for the weigh-in.
- ◆ Sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.
- ◆ Support the Platte Producers club and enjoy a breakfast with Santa!
- ◆ Be sure to attend the officer training workshop.
- ◆ Graduating seniors—start working on your state 4-H scholarships.

## Union County Beef Weigh-in December 29th

### 4-H Enrollment & Development Fee

Thank you the to those who have submitted the enrollment forms. However, there are more that need to be turned in. Please remember to do this as soon as possible to remain on the newsletter mailing list.

While completing your enrollment form you may also pay the Iowa 4-H Development fee of \$20 per member. Please pay this directly to the club, as the treasurer then may give the office one check. The extension office will need the check by **January 1, 2008**.

### Have You Heard?

- ◆ Platte Producers 4-H Club served a meal at the Open Table.

### Welcome New 4-H Families

Many of the 4-H enrollments are in for the new year and we have many new families. This is the newsletter you will receive every month. Upcoming events, meetings, and other important information will be posted inside so be sure to read it.

I know it can be confusing at first with all the deadlines and rules, so if you ever have any questions, be sure to contact Brooke at the extension office or your club leader. We'll be glad to answer any questions for you!

A special thanks to all members  
who helped at the Awards Ceremony!

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## County Awards Night

The 2006-2007 Union County 4-H Awards Ceremony was a big success.. It had good attendance and participation. Thank you to all members who put time and effort towards the preparation and conducted the program. Congratulations to all members who participated in Union County 4-H the past year!

There are still extra programs available if you would like one. Also please make sure to check with the extension office or club leader to pick up your record book or awards.

## Beef Weigh-In



All market beef (market steers, market heifers, and pens of three) must be weighed at the countywide weigh-in **Saturday, December 29**, to be eligible at the Union County Fair and other 4-H shows. Weigh-in will begin at 8 and continue to 12. A schedule, arranged by club, has been provided for traffic control. Weigh-in cost is \$1.50 for each calf tag to be exhibited at the county fair only. For those interested in exhibiting at the state fair the cost is \$5 and for those interested in state fair and AK-SAR-BEN it is \$6.

Members who exhibited a feeder calf or bucket/bottle calf at the 2007 county fair are encouraged to show their animal as a market beef at the 2008 fair. Please note though, that it must be weighed-in. This includes prospective returning bucket heifer calves.

8:00	Platte Producers & Horse & Riders
8:30	SandCreek Pioneers
9:30	New Hope Boosters, Pleasant Valley, and Wiggles & Wags
10:00	Douglas Boosters
11:00	Highland Highlights
11:30	Lincoln United

Please note if you are weighing-in breed steers for the Iowa State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN you must have the tattoo number, registration number, and sire name for the id form. This information must be provided at time of weigh-in. If you do not yet have the registration papers, contact the breeder where you purchased the animals or contact the respected association.

## Breakfast with Santa

The Platte Producers 4-H club is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa this **Saturday, December 1**. Stop in at the restored depot from 8:30—10:00 to enjoy breakfast and get a picture with Santa. A breakfast of pancakes, sausages, and juice is available for \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids. A 4x6 photo with Santa will be available for \$3 or two pictures for \$5. This activity will be a great way to start off the holiday season



## Officer Training Workshop

All club officers and leaders are encouraged to participate in a special officer training workshop, sponsored by the youth council, on **Sunday, December 9**. It will begin at 2:00 pm at Creston High School. During the workshop you will have a chance to learn how to build a stronger officer team and plan effective meetings. In addition, there will be special break-out sessions for presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries and reporters, treasurers, and historian and photographers. Leaders may participate in any break-out session they would like.

Attending this workshop will also help your club meet a Banner Club criteria. So please encourage your club officers to attend!

## Iowa 4-H Scholarships

Graduating seniors, be sure to start working on your Iowa 4-H scholarships. They aren't due to the state office until **Friday, February 1**, but don't let this date catch-up to you. The application form may seem long, so don't hesitate to start it today as it can be found on the web. Please don't hesitate to contact the office for help in completing the application.



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## 4-H Coordinator Position

Brooke will be leaving Union County Extension the end of December to continue her education at Iowa State University. Anyone interested in the position is asked to send a letter of application and resume to Sharon by postal mail or email. Please let your family and friends know about the opportunity and encourage them to apply.

## 2007-2008 Union County 4-H Youth Council

Members of the 2007-2008 Union County 4-H Youth Council installation ceremony was held at the awards program. In addition, officers were voted in at the October meeting.

President: Candace W. (SC)

Vice President: Donovan R. (PP)

Secretary/Treasurer: Sami S. (SC)

Media : Kilee K (DB) & Ayla P. (PP)

Liaison to Union County 4-H Endowment:

Kilee K (DB) & Ayla P. (PP)

Youth Council Members:

Elizabeth B. (WW & HR)

Ryan B. (SC)

Mariah Kruse (SC)

Mollie Kruse (SC)

Dana Miller (DB)

Amanda Parrot (NH)

Paige Paxton (PP)

Holly Ross (SC)

Alex Wuebker (NH)



## ISU Garden Calendars

Do you need an inexpensive holiday gift? How about a 2008 ISU Garden calendar. There are now available for \$8 and will provide an entire year of helpful horticulture advice.



## My Hands To Larger Service

In the holiday season there are many service opportunities. Currently the extension office is encouraging members to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. The bells will be rung every Saturday and Sunday from now to the December 22 and 23rd. It will occur from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays and 1—4 pm on Sunday. There are one hour time slots and two individuals are needed for door at Wal-Mart for a total of four people per hour. We are very flexible though, so just give the extension office a call to sign up yourself or your club up today!



## Get Started Early on Record Keeping

It is never too early to get started on 4-H record keeping. Remember if you start out with all your forms, it will be much easier when finishing the books next fall. Below are some tips for working on your 4-H Record Book.

- ◆ Set your goals and be sure they answer the how, what, and when of your plan
- ◆ Be sure to record communication, citizenship, and leadership activities
- ◆ Record what you do once a month in each project area
- ◆ Keep a folder with bills and receipts from your projects

The record book form links may be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm> or you can pick them up at the extension office. Don't delay, start today and simplify your record keeping.

## County Council Corner

Congratulations on hosting a well done awards ceremony! Please thank those council members in your club for all their efforts in planning and conducting the program.

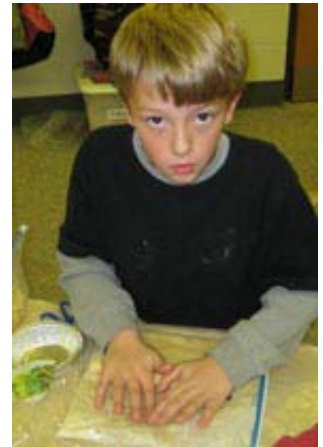
A meeting was also held on November 18. Business included preparation for the officer training workshop. The next meeting will be **Sunday, December 16th** at 1 pm at the extension office. An animal shelter service activity and fundraiser will be discussed.

# 2006-2007 Union County Awards Ceremony November 18, 2007





The November activity for the month was pie crust in a bag. We expanded on this project and made our very own apple pies. We had a discussion on Thanksgiving and what it means to each of us. Sharing is one of the things we do during Thanksgiving. Apple pies are a great thing to share. We talked about how sharing is a very big part of our character counts.



Since our project was from the fruit group we talked about how to tell if the juice we choose to drink is good for us, or if it is loaded with sugar. We learned that if the label says 100% juice, that is the juice we should choose. We need to be very careful because sometimes the box will say 100% vitamin C, and that is not the same as 100% juice.



Our story of the month was The Little House with No Doors and No Windows by Caroline Sherwin Bailey. This was a short story with no pictures. That is where our word for the month



came in. Our word this month was imagination. When the kids were asked about the word imagination, they said that it is when you make something in your mind. We decided that sometimes it is better to read than watch a movie because you can decide how you want the characters to look. What do you suppose the house with no windows and no doors is? I bet the Clover Kids can tell you if you ask them.



Thank you to all of the parents or grandparents who helped the kids bake their pies when they arrived home.



**Season's Greetings**

See You Next Month!  
Cheryl Purdum  
County Youth Coordinator, Clover Kids

**Dates to Remember**

**Youth Plus Meeting—  
 Dec. 4th, 4:00 p.m.,  
 Union County  
 Extension**

**YACC meeting—  
 Dec. 5th,  
 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
 Catholic Church in  
 Afton**

**Salvation Army Bell  
 Ringing—Dec. 1st,  
 8th, 15th, and 22nd,  
 10 a.m.—3 p.m. and  
 Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th,  
 and 23rd from 1:00  
 p.m.—4:00 p.m.,  
 Front doors of  
 Wal-Mart**

**YOUTH PLUS TEAM**

The Youth Plus team will meet December 4, 2007 at the Union County Extension Office. The Youth as Resource Group will be working with the Library Board to develop a Teen Board for the work on their teen room located at Gibson Memorial Library. The Caring Neighborhood Committee will partner with the Image Enhancement Committee to come up with a project that works for both groups. Each committee will continue to meet and work as needed throughout the coming months. Each team member was challenged to do a Random Act of Kindness throughout the month and report to the group what they did. Remember assets can be built simply through positive experiences, relationships, and opportunities.

**YEAH (YOUTH  
 EXTEND A HAND)**

Christmas Time is here! The YEAH program has some great activities coming up for the Christmas season.



Check out the YEAH newsletter to find out more details and information on these upcoming events.

**YACC (Youth Answering the Call of  
 the Community)**

The YACC members had another successful meeting in November. They had their first round of grants, where they had much discussion and thought through how each of the grants would benefit our community. They granted five area groups: the Hospice House,

Matura Headstart, Creston School Boys and Girls Club, Union County Historical Society, and St. Malachy. The next YACC meeting will be held December 5th from 8:30-1:30 at the Methodist Church in Afton.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

City Sidewalks, Busy Sidewalks! It is time again for the Salvation Army bell ringing. The money collected will go to the Salvation Army and be used for their programs. If you would like to sign up for a time to ring the bell and collect money please call 641-782-8426 or email [vwhite@iastate.edu](mailto:vwhite@iastate.edu). The dates are every Sat and Sun starting December 1st and 2nd and going until Dec 22nd and 23rd at the front doors of Wal-Mart. On Sat it is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sun it is from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There are 1 hour intervals but you can sign up for as long as you like.



**PLANET PHIL YOUTH POD RETREAT**

The Take Off to Talentocity was successful! In October YACC attended the Planet Phil Discover Talentocity Retreat. This was an awesome weekend full of learning opportunities and fun. We had nationally know speakers, service projects, and an evening at the Space and Science Center.





YEAH has been very busy in October and November. First of all, we would like to thank Rylee Winners, Hannah Johnston, Natalie Mostek, Maria Mostek, and Brenna Baker for volunteering October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fall Family Fun Night at the YMCA. Your help was greatly appreciated by the YEAH and Eagle T.I.E.S. booths. Thank you to Rylee Winners and Ryan Helm for volunteering to dress up as mascots for the Union County Law Enforcement Center at Bright Eyes in the Park October 27<sup>th</sup>. Also thank you to Anna Clark, Casey Frey, Chelcee Downing and her little cousin, Jaycee Knight, for volunteering at YACC and YEAH's candy booth at Bright Eyes. Thank you for setting up, passing out candy, and tearing down. You were great help!

YEAH will be volunteering at 3 events on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for the Lighted Christmas Parade. We will be helping serve donuts and cider at the Santa visits at the depot sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Chamber of Commerce. We will helping serve and bus tables at the Rotary Soup Supper and YEAH will be having a chocolate stand in the Extension Office Parking Lot from 4:30pm-til we are out with cups of hot chocolate for sale, fudge, brownies, sugar cookies and more as a fundraiser for YEAH.

YEAH will be hosting a Happy Hearts Holiday Toy Drive **Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>- Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Drop boxes will be at the Union County Extension Office, Union County Law Enforcement Center, Gibson Memorial Library, and Crest Baptist Church. YEAH members please donate a new or gently used toy at one of these locations and help put a smile on some Union County child's face this Christmas. All toys will be donated to Matura's Holiday Toy Distribution.

YEAH is pleased to announced we are starting a volunteer of the month award. **Our November Volunteer of the Month is Rylee Winners.** Rylee is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Creston Middle School & never hesitates to say yes to a volunteer opportunity. He is a very reliable young man. So far in the last six months Rylee has completed almost 10 hours of volunteering with YEAH. Thank you and congratulations for being a great volunteer, Rylee!

**Dates to Remember:**

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade Volunteer Opportunities**

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm YEAH Leadership Team Meeting Ext Office Conference Room**

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm Youth Plus Meeting Ext Office Conference Room**

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Happy Hearts Holiday Toy Drive Ends**

We are in the Ext Office Tuesdays and Fridays from 4:00-5:30pm at 105 W. Adams or 782-8426 or available any day by email, Jeova: [jeova2010@hotmail.com](mailto:jeova2010@hotmail.com) and Kilee: [lilkralik\\_09@hotmail.com](mailto:lilkralik_09@hotmail.com) Please feel free to contact us if you would like to volunteer or if you know of anyone or event in need of volunteers.

Happy Volunteering!

Jeova Flores and Kilee Kralik, YEAH co-coordinators

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# Mark Your Calendar!

### December

### January



	<b>1</b>	Enrollment forms due		<b>1</b>	Extension Office Closed
	<b>1</b>	Breakfast with Santa		<b>7</b>	Horse & Riders Mtg., 7 PM
	<b>9</b>	Officer Training Workshop, CHS, 2 PM		<b>8</b>	4-H Foundation Mtg., 6:30
	<b>9</b>	Highland Highlights Mtg.		<b>8</b>	Platte Producers Mtg., SWCC, 6:30 PM
	<b>10</b>	Lincoln United Mtg., 6:30 PM		<b>9</b>	Union County Unicorns Mtg., 7:30 PM
	<b>12</b>	Union County Unicorns Mtg., 7:30 PM		<b>14</b>	Lincoln United Mtg., 6:30 PM
	<b>16</b>	County Council Mtg., 1 PM		<b>20</b>	County Youth Council, 1 PM
	<b>18</b>	Platte Producers Mtg., Fareway, 6 PM			
	<b>24-25</b>	Extension Office Closed			
	<b>29</b>	Beef Weigh-In, 8 AM			



	<b>13</b>	East Union Clover Kids Mtg.		<b>10</b>	East Union Clover Kids Mtg.
	<b>20</b>	Creston Clover Kids Mtg.		<b>17</b>	Creston Clover Kids Mtg



	<b>4</b>	Youth Plus Mtg., 4 PM
	<b>5</b>	YACC Mtg., Salem Luthern Church, 8:30 AM—1:30 PM

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Every  
Saturday & Sunday



	<b>1-10</b>	Happy Hearts Holiday Toy Drive
	<b>3</b>	Leadership Mtg., 4 PM

If your club or event is not on the calendar, please check with your club leader. Leaders, please contact the Extension Office to add club events to the calendar. Thanks!

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