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Dear Calhoun County:

October 5-11 is National 4-H Week and a great time for Calhoun County 4-H'ers to celebrate and share what they have learned in 4-H and the fun they have with others. It is also a time to thank our local 4-H club volunteer leaders for their time, energy, and dedication in directing the 11 Calhoun County 4-H clubs.

Congratulations to the 4-H members who exhibited at the Clay County Fair and at AK-SAR-BEN. Calhoun County was well represented at both events.

Good luck to all the 4-H'ers who took the time to complete applications for project and special awards. Calhoun County special awards and project awards will be announced at Roun-Da-Vu on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Manson. Please plan to attend.

Enjoy the various National 4-H Week activities your club has planned.

Sincerely,

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# 4-H News

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## **COOL and 4-H Livestock**

The USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at: <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm> The process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple. Animals that are "on the ground" or born by July 15, 2008, will be "grandfathered" into the program. However, any animals changing ownership and born after that date will need the COOL affidavit.

What do 4-H'ers need to do? The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.doc> Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document.

4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs to ask the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

If you have questions about COOL and how it relates to 4-H livestock, call the Iowa State University Extension- Calhoun County office at 712-297-8611.

## **Clay County Fair Participants**

Congratulations to all the Calhoun County 4-H members who participated in the Clay County Fair. Adam Siepkner received a certificate of participation for Share the Fun, Nathan Krueger received a participation certificate for Working Exhibit, and Krista Lenz received a participation certificate for Educational Presentation.

Raeann Hanlon received 2 blue ribbons and 1 red for her market sheep.

Zach Hecht received 4 purple ribbons, 4 blue ribbons, and 1 red ribbon for his market and breeding rabbits along with Best of Breed for his Champagne Dargent Sr. Doe and Best of Show for his Champagne Dargent Sr. Buck. He participated in the Jury Photo contest and received a Silver medal for his color picture.

Ben Hecht participated in the Jury Photo contest and received a silver medal for his color photo and a silver medal for his black and white photo.

Congratulations, you all did a great job!

## **Ak-Sar-Ben Participants**

Congratulations to Brent Sexton, Megan Collison and Abby Collison for participating in the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Expo.

Brent received 2 Purple and 1 Blue for his market sheep. Megan received 2 blues for her market sheep, and 1 purple for her market beef. Abby received 1 blue for her market beef. Brent and Megan received a blue in sheep herdsmanship and Megan and Abby received a blue in beef herdsmanship.

## **National 4-H Week**

October 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> is National 4-H Week. Show your 4-H pride by wearing your club t-shirt to school on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Roun-Da-Vu**

Our county's annual award ceremony, Roun-Da-Vu, will be hosted by the Manson Craters 4-H Club in Manson on November 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 2:00 p.m. at the MNW High School in Manson.

## **Northwest Area Technology Team**

If you are interested in robotics, GPS, computer-aided drafting, biotechnology or digital photography and are a student in 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade, the Northwest Area Technology Team is just the thing for you. For more details and an applications go on line to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/> Applications are due to the ISU Extension- Buena Vista County office on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Re-enrollment Forms and Fees**

Re-enrollment forms and 4-H fees are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please take the time and check to make sure all information is correct on your form. Please make changes to anything that is incorrect; phone number, email address, etc.

Look at the list of projects you are enrolled in. Please put a line through any project you wish to drop and write the project name and number for any new project you would like to start.

The health form will need to be completed too. Please make sure you do both sides and have the signatures of both the 4-H member and parent. Any incomplete forms will be returned to you to complete. Health forms also are due October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **2009 Pioneer Grant Information and Applications Now Available!**

Is your club looking for "seed money" to do a community service project? Why not apply for a Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. grant? This grant offers support to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide start up money that clubs can use to begin their projects. Grants may vary from \$25 to \$150.

The brochure, information, and application are on the web at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html> Applications and support letters for 2009 grants are due in the county office on December 1, 2009.

Get motivated and make a difference in your community with help from a Pioneer grant.

## **Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation**

School just started but Christmas trees are already up in stores, so it's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Holiday Cards!

Every year many of our 4-H club members make the most colorful and creative holiday cards for the 4-H Foundation to share with many long-time and generous 4-H alumni, Foundation donors, and Extension supporters. The Foundation has heard from many individuals about how much they enjoy these hand-crafted notes from 4-H members...THANK YOU!

Again this year the 4-H Foundation would like to ask you to craft your special Christmas and holiday greeting cards so the Foundation can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters. Most 4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and backgrounds too.

The Foundation would like to have 4-H'ers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county.

To help keep postage down please make smaller cards, around the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page (think of a piece of construction paper folded in half, and then in half again).

Please bring your holiday cards and envelopes if possible to the ISU Extension office by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **County Council**

County Council will meet for their regular meeting on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office from 6-8 p.m.

## **Dates To Remember**

October 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>- National 4-H Week

October 5<sup>th</sup>- Pizza/Poster Party at the 4-H Exhibit Building

October 24<sup>th</sup>- Intermediate trip registrations due to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office

October 31<sup>st</sup>- Re-enrollment and health forms and fee due to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office

October 31<sup>st</sup>- Northwest Area Technology Team applications due to the ISU Extension- Buena Vista  
County office

November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>- ISU Extension Week

November 2<sup>nd</sup>- Roun-Da-Vu in Manson

November 8<sup>th</sup>- Intermediate Trip to Ames

November 17<sup>th</sup>- Cards for the 4-H Foundation due to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office

November 23<sup>rd</sup>- County Council meeting

November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>- ISU Extension- Calhoun County office closed for Thanksgiving

December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>- ISU Extension- Calhoun County office closed for Christmas