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Dear Calhoun County:

The Calhoun County 4-H Awards Program, called Roun-Da-Vu, will be held on Sunday, November 2nd in Manson. The Manson Craters 4-H club members will be our hosts. Please plan to attend.

The name for the annual awards program, "Roun-Da-Vu", has been around for longer than I have. I am curious if anyone knows how this event came to have this name? If you know, please contact our office and we will share it with everyone else.

Our office would like to introduce Ellen O'Loughlin as the new ISU Extension - Calhoun County Office Assistant. Ellen resides in Lake City and will start in our office on Monday, November 3rd. Feel free to stop in and introduce yourself to Ellen.

November is a time to be thankful for all that we have received. Take the time to thank your parents, 4-H leaders, FFA Advisors, and others who have helped you during the year. We all have people that help us along the way.

Have a special Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Chizek
ISU - Calhoun County Extension Education Director

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4-H News

November 2008

Roun-Da-Vu

The Calhoun County annual award ceremony, Roun-Da-Vu, will be hosted by the Manson Craters 4-H Club in Manson on Sunday, November 2nd starting at 2:00 p.m. at the MNW High School, 1227 16th St. in Manson. All 4-H members and their families are encouraged to attend. This is a great time to show your support to those who have worked hard and are receiving awards as well as learn about awards you are eligible to earn next year.

Re-enrollment Forms and Fees

Re-enrollment forms and 4-H fees are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 31st. 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 31st.

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 Monday, November 17th.

County Council

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

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.

Christmas Candy Workshop

On Sunday, November 30th, there will be a Christmas Candy Workshop at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Rockwell City from 2:00- 5:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5 and each participant will need to bring a container to take samples home. Space is limited to the first 16 registered. To register, call the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office at 712-297-8611. The \$5 fee will be collected at the workshop.

Northwest Iowa Area 4-H Council Sets Leadership Agenda

Brandi Murley and Brent Sexton were among 31 Northwest Iowa 4-H'ers adopting an ambitious leadership agenda for the 2008-09 Northwest Iowa 4-H Area Council. The delegation practiced leadership skills on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at the two-hour Storm Lake session. Participants explored skills needed to be both a leader and team member and some of the activities that help young leaders practice those skills.

The Area 4-H Council voted to provide leadership to a new ISU Extension youth leadership curriculum called “Ricochet.” They selected a January 3-4 retreat date to be fully trained in the leadership skills. Participants also agreed to give leadership to the NW Area 4-H Intermediate retreat and to assist with other area events when needed.

Once trained, the Area 4-H Council will look for ways to share “Ricochet” leadership learning to middle school age youth or those in other leadership roles. “Ricochet” is a leadership initiative created and sponsored by a Northwest Iowa Youth Development Team from Iowa State University Extension.

Area 4-H Council youth representatives will continue to be involved in identifying strategies to strengthen leadership education and opportunities for the area and in the counties they represent. They will form a network serving as a link between county, area and state 4-H programs. The group will also serve as an advisory for youth leadership programming.

Club Visit by Fairboard Members

Clubs who wish to have a post-fair meeting with the Calhoun County Fairboard are asked to contact Kerry Scheidegger at 515-570-3459. These meetings are intended to help the fairboard plan the best fair possible. Therefore, club members and parents are encouraged to present ideas and suggestions for events, activities and improvements they would like to see for upcoming Calhoun County Expos.

Dates To Remember

November 2nd through 8th- ISU Extension Week

November 2nd- Roun-Da-Vu in Manson

November 8th- Intermediate Trip to Ames

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

November 23rd- County Council meeting

November 27th and 28th- ISU Extension- Calhoun County office closed for Thanksgiving

November 30th- Christmas Candy Workshop

December 25th and 26th- ISU Extension- Calhoun County office closed for Christmas

January 1st- ISU Extension- Calhoun County office closed for New Year's Day

January 2nd- County Council sledding at Hyde Park

January 3rd- Market Beef Weigh-In

January 10th- Snow date for Market Beef Weigh-In