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Dear Calhoun County:

With Labor Day here and school activities in full swing, it is time to think about your 4-H record books and county project award applications. Those items should be submitted to your 4-H leaders before September 15th. Don't be bashful about completing an award application. This is a chance to earn additional recognition for your efforts. It takes a little extra time, but you are worth it!

Congratulations to all the 4-H and FFA members who participated at the Iowa State Fair. Calhoun County did very well winning many purple ribbons, trophies, and excellence awards. Beyond the awards, we are proud of each of you. It was nice to see so many new exhibitors go to Des Moines. Keep up the effort!

Late congratulatory notes to two clubs. The Manson Craters won the 2008 Calhoun County Expo Herdsmanship Award and received a check for \$20 and their club name on a permanent plaque hanging in the Extension office. We also want to congratulate the Center Willing Workers for earning the \$20 recognition for the Club Booth Display.

We have great things happening in the Calhoun County 4-H program because of great members in eleven great clubs. This is the time of year to let other people know about the many opportunities in 4-H. There is a place in 4-H for every young person. Identify friends and neighbors you would like to see join 4-H and personally invite them to your next club meeting. Share your enthusiasm about your involvement and what you have gained through your 4-H membership.

Lastly, where did the name for our 4-H awards recognition program "Roun-Da-Vu" come from in the history of Calhoun County 4-H? If you know, contact our office.

Sincerely,

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4-H News

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2008 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees

Earl and Kerri McAlexander of Rockwell City were inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 17. Eighty-two Iowa counties participated this year and selected inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to Iowa 4-H.

Without volunteers like Earl and Kerri, Calhoun County would not have the successful 4-H program that it has. They both started their involvement in 4-H as youth; Earl in Ringgold County and Kerri in Calhoun County, and continue still today through their involvement as club leaders, chaperones for CWF trips, State 4-H Conferences and other events. In addition to the countless hours of dedication they have given and continue to give to the 4-H program, Earl and Kerri are also Iowa 4-H 1000 donors. Earl and Kerri want to pass down the ideals that 4-H represents to their children Brittany and Jacy who are 4th generation Calhoun County 4-H members.

Calhoun County would like to thank the McAlexander's for the support they have given to the 4-H program.

State Fair Exhibits

Congratulations to all who participated in the 2008 Iowa State Fair. Calhoun County was represented well.

There are still several static exhibits that need to be picked up. They can be picked up at the Calhoun County Extension office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Record Books and Award Forms Due September 15th

Just a reminder, all 4-H members must turn in a record book to their 4-H leader by September 15th to receive their premium check from the Expo. Record book forms can be found on the web by going to this address: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm>

To complete the financial portion of your records, here are the values for ribbons: **Blue \$ 4.69; Red/Participation \$3.12; and White \$1.56.**

One very important thing to remember is the difference between a project and an exhibit you took to the fair. At the beginning of the 4-H year, last September, you signed up for different project areas. When you turn in your record book, you should have a record of what you learned and did while working in each project area. You may or may not have chosen to take an exhibit from that project area to the Expo. For example, if you signed up for Food and Nutrition last September and you learned throughout the year to bake pies, cookies, cakes, bars, and helped cook supper; that is what you did in the "project." Then at Expo time, you decided to bake a pie to take to the fair and to do the Food Challenge. These two items would be called "exhibits". You would list both of these exhibits under the Food & Nutrition project record sheets.

Project award and special award applications are due to your leaders on September 15th as well. Please put one award on an application form. Awards information and forms for project awards, special awards and the reading award can be found at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/calhoun/info/Project+Awards.htm>

If you have questions on how to complete record book forms or award forms, contact your club leader or the ISU Extension office at 712-297-8611.

Re-enrollment Forms and Fees

Re-enrollment forms and pick-a-project papers will be coming soon. 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.

The enrollment fee will be \$20 again this year. Please turn your fee in with your enrollment form to your 4-H leader or to the Extension office by Friday, October 31st.

County 4-H Youth Council

Are you a 4-H member going into 9th through 12th grade and are interested in planning and carrying out workshops and other 4-H activities for younger 4-H members? If so, County Council is looking for you. Mark your calendars and plan on attending the first County Council meeting for 2008-2009 on Sunday, September 28th from 6-8 p.m. at the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office.

Northwest Area 4-H Council Applications

If you are going to be in 10th-12th grade this fall, please consider applying for a spot on the NW Area 4-H Council. This is a group of about 40 youth from all over Northwest Iowa that provide leadership and service experiences for area teens. They help to find needs and problems of 4-H members in the area and then determine how they can plan an activity to help remedy these concerns. You may pick up an application at the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office or download it at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/calhoun/kidsteens.htm>

If you have any questions, please call Earl McAlexander at 712-297-8611. Applications are due to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office by September 15th.

Northwest Area Technology Team

If you are interested in robotics, GPS, computer-aided drafting, biotechnology or digital photography and are a student in 8th-11th 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 31st.

Fall Leaders Meeting

There will be a Fall Leaders Meeting on Thursday, October 2nd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office. Remember, as of 2008, all leaders must attend two mandatory meetings per year or do the training on-line or through DVD. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

A Note to 4-H Parents

4-H is a great program but it would not be without the youth and you as parents. It's the parents that are the main support to the youth; making sure they get to their meetings, encouraging them to do their best with their project work, and assisting them with their record books. I just want to thank you for all the support you give the children and encourage you to keep being involved.

Many clubs are looking for new leaders or for parents to assist with activities. If you are willing to help, please let your child's club leader know what you would like to do. With your assistance, your child's 4-H experience can be even better.

National 4-H Week

October 5th-11th is National 4-H Week. There are many different activities your 4-H club can do to help celebrate and promote 4-H. Some ideas are:

1. Wear your 4-H shirts to school.
2. Invite someone to a club meeting.
3. Make posters to hang in your community.
4. Do a club community service project.
5. Make a window display.
6. Be creative and have fun.

Pizza/ Poster Party

All 4-H members are invited to come and help celebrate National 4-H Week on Sunday, October 5th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H exhibit building in Rockwell City. We will be making posters to hang around the county and having pizza.

Please call the Extension office at 712-297-8611 by Friday, October 3rd and let Jill Mims know if you are coming so we know how much pizza to order.

4-H 101

During the Pizza/Poster Party on October 5th, parents are invited to attend "4-H 101". This is an informative session designed to help parents of 4-H members understand the 4-H program. We will go over some 4-H language, discuss important dates and deadlines, and give tips on how to help your 4-H member select project areas. We will have some time for questions, so please bring any questions you may have. This session is for any parent, not just parents of new 4-H members.

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 2nd. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Location and time will be finalized and in next month's newsletter.

Intermediate Trip to Ames

4-H members in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to join 4-H members from Pocahontas and Palo Alto counties on a trip to Ames on Saturday, November 8th. We will leave Rockwell City at 10:00 a.m. and go to the ISU Biotechnology Outreach Education Center where we will do some hands-on biotech activities just like crime scene investigators. The rest of the day includes going to the North Grand Mall where we will go play miniature golf at Lunar Mini Golf, attend an ISU hockey game and more. We will return to Rockwell city around 11:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending this activity, please return the enclosed registration form along with your \$50 registration fee to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office by Friday, October 24th. We will be taking a charter bus so seats are limited and registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Youth Fishing

There will be a Youth Fishing Clinic at the Rockwell City Recreation Area south of Rockwell City on Highway 4 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 6th. This activity is for youth of all ages. Bring your fishing pole and gear if you have it. Bait will be provided.

State Fair Results

Communication Results

Megan Bean- Educational Presentation- Merit
Haley Birks and Natasha Klocke- Working Exhibit- Excellence
Megan Collison and Savana Dettmann- Working Exhibit- Merit
Michael Dischler- Extemporaneous Speaking- Recognition
Raeann Hanlon- Educational Presentation- Merit; Share the Fun- Participation
Ben Hecht- Educational Presentation- Recognition
Ben Hecht, Tate Klocke and Colten Riley- Working Exhibit- Excellence
Zachary Hecht- Educational Presentation- Merit
Zachary Hecht and Ryan Nicholson- Working Exhibit- Excellence
Brent Sexton- Educational Presentation-Excellence Extemporaneous Speaking- Merit

Exhibit Building Results

Jacob Clark- Historical/Family Heritage-Certificate
Abby Collison- Home Improvement-blue; Issues-red; Science, Mechanics &Engineering-blue
Julia Collison- Visual Arts-blue
Megan Collison- Ag & Natural Resources-blue Clothing-blue
Taylor Davis- Ag & Natural Resources-blue
Kayla Degner- Food & Nutrition-blue
Britney Feldhans- Visual Art-blue
Natalie Gemberling- Personal Development-blue
Zach Hecht- Food & Nutrition-blue
Raeann Hanlon- Child Development-blue; Consumer Management-blue
Ben Hecht- Historical/Family Heritage-Certificate
Shelby Huster- Science, Mechanics &Engineering-blue
Corey Jacobs- Food & Nutrition-blue; Home Improvement-blue
Kendra Jacobs- Poster-Excellence; Photography-blue
Sophia Johnson- Home Improvement-red
Natasha Klocke- Clothing-blue
Katie Petzenhauser- Food & Nutrition-blue; Home Improvement-blue
Jenna Remsburg- Clothing-blue
Holly Reuter- Food and Nutrition-blue
Tess Richardson- Photography-blue
Brent Sexton- Clothing-blue; Poster-Excellence; Consumer Management-blue; Issues-blue
Jordan Ukena- Photography-red

Beef Results

Abby Collison- Angus Heifer- blue
Megan Collison- Maintainer- blue; Angus Heifer-blue
Nicholas Collison- Angus Heifer- 1 purple and 1 blue; Showmanship- blue
Kelan Richardson- Commercial Heifer- blue

Sheep Results

Megan Collison- Showmanship, Intermediate- blue; Commercial Ewe, black face div. 1- purple; Market Lamb, black faced-3 blue; Performance Lamb, div. 2- blue
Kayla Degner- Showmanship, Intermediate- blue; Market Lamb, black faced-2 blue; Performance Lamb, div. 3- blue
Raeann Hanlon- Showmanship, Intermediate-blue; Market Lamb, black faced-2 blue; Performance Lamb, div. 2- blue
Brent Sexton- Showmanship, Senior-blue; Market Lamb, black faced- blue; Performance Lamb, div.1- blue

Swine Results

Abby Collison- Showmanship- blue; Commercial Gilt- 1 purple and 1 blue; Derby Barrow- red; Market Barrows- blue

Horticulture Results

Blair Bennett- Beans, snap- red; Beets-1 purple and 1 blue; Carrots- blue; Cucumber, slicing- purple, 1st; Eggplant- red; Onion, white- red; Onion, yellow- 1 purple, 2nd and 1 blue; Peppers, sweet, bell, green-white; Peppers, sweet, banana, yellow- red; any other veg.- 1 red and 1 white
Brooke Bennett- Beans, snap- blue; Beets- blue; Carrots-1 blue, 2nd and 1 red; Cucumber, slicing- blue; Eggplant- red; Onion, white- blue; Onion, yellow-1 blue and 1 red; Peppers, sweet, bell, green-red; Peppers, sweet, banana, yellow- 1 red and 1 white; any other veg.- red
Jenny Coon- Eggplant- red; Peppers, hot- white; Kohlrabi- blue; Peppers, sweet, bell, green- red; Tomato, slicing- red; Tomato, cocktail- red; Squash, summer- red; Sweet Corn- red; veg. collection- red; Potato, red- red; Beets- blue; Cabbage, round- red

Molly Thompson- Beans, snap- blue; Beets- red; Cabbage, red- blue; Onions, red- blue, 1st; Onions, white- blue; Onions, yellow- 1 purple, 1st and 1 blue; Peppers, sweet, bell, green- red; Potatoes, red- red;

Potatoes, yellow/gold- purple, 1st; Tomato, slicing- blue; Tomato, cherry- blue; any other veg.- 1 purple, 2nd and 1 red; Cabbage, jumbo- 1st

Dates To Remember

September 6th- Youth Fishing at the Rockwell City Recreation Area from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

September 6th through 14th- Clay County Fair

September 15th- Record books and award applications due to 4-H leaders

September 15th- Applications for the Northwest Area Council due to ISU Extension - Calhoun County office

September 24th through 29th- Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show

October 2nd- Fall Leaders Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office

October 5th through 11th- National 4-H Week

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

October 24th- Intermediate trip registrations due to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office

October 31st- Re-enrollment forms and fee due to the ISU Extension- Calhoun County office

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

November 2nd- Roun-Da-Vu in Manson

November 8th- Intermediate Trip to Ames