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## Decatur County's Focus on 4-H

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### STRIVING TO DEVELOP CAPABLE PEOPLE October - November 2009

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Well 4-H families, thank you for another great year!!! This will make the start of my third year! This newsletter is a combination of October and November. I would also like to take a minute and thank everyone for the best wishes and congratulations cards. I'm happy to say that Landi Grace Leeper came into the world on 6<sup>th</sup> of October. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.

Jack Van Laar  
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- ☉ Your 4-H Newsletter is a method of communicating information to you ... between them, if you have access to the Internet, check out our web page for current updates: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/decatur/>
- ☉ If you have a meeting event you'd like posted, contact Kala or Boni Rhum by email [kleeper@iastate.edu](mailto:kleeper@iastate.edu) or [rhumboni@iastate.edu](mailto:rhumboni@iastate.edu) or call 641-446-4723.

At a Glance:

#### November

11, County Council meeting @7pm  
14, Awards Night 6:30pm

### County Council Meeting

County Council is open to everyone 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Please feel free to come to a meeting a see what all we have planned for the next year. We will be meeting November 11th at 7:00 pm at the 4-H building.

### 2009 Pioneer Grants Available

Once again, Pioneer Hybrid International is offering community improvement grants. Brochures, information and applications are available on-line at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html)  
Applications are due in the county Extension office December 1.

## **ENROLL FOR NEW CLUB YEAR**

It will be time again soon to enroll for a new 4-H club year. Be thinking of what projects you want to continue or new projects you want to try in 2009-10. We would love to have your enrollments back in the office by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember, you can always add projects up until **May 1, 2009**, and still remain eligible to exhibit items in that project area at the fair.

The enrollment form may also be used to order materials. Do not order materials that you have already received in the past or you will not use. Check the “NO” box in this case. There is a limit of four cost items or project publications per member. If you want more than that, you must pay for them. Use the **Pick a Project Guide** for reference. Get this from your leader or the office. Please get forms in as soon as possible.

## **4-H Awards night**

4-H Award Night is scheduled for **Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Central Decatur High School Commons**. We are planning a pot luck supper and all are invited. Please make plans to attend. It is not just for the ones that fill out the paper work. Please invite your parents, grandparents, or maybe your livestock buyer from fair. This is for you the 4-H'er to show off all of your accomplishments from the year. We are asking that for every 4-H'er you bring a side dish (Salads, veggies, desserts, etc.). Please bring what would feed your family and guests. Meaning a family of 5 eat more than one can of green beans. If you have any questions or would like to help please feel free to contact Kala. **NOTE:** The meat, green salad, tableware and drinks are furnished.

## **4-H Goals/Records/Awards**

To receive Achievement Pin/ Project Awards, a record book must be completed and submitted... Start NOW and eliminate some of the stress! Designate one of your calendars as your “4-H Calendar”; Write down ALL meetings, events, contest you attend, hours and dollars spent working in your project area, number of photos you took, meals prepared, animals managed, etc. Take pictures through- out the year. ☺ A 4-H congrats to all of those who turned in your books this fall. All that hard work will pay off in the end of your 4-H career. Trust me!

## **CLUB ORGANIZATION REMINDER**

**Yearly Program Plans-** Clubs are urged to put together a yearly club program plan outlining any field trips, outings (such as cook-outs and hay rides) or club tours planned for the year. These do not have to be too detailed or have exact dates, but all activities must be approved by the Extension office prior to the event. The plans can always be adjusted, events added or updated during the year simply by calling the Extension office.

**REMINDER:** As your club organizes for the new club year, please notify the office of the following:

- Names of officers
- Which night of the month you meet
- Where you meet

Also send these items to Boni Rhum, our web site manager at [rhumboni@iastate.edu](mailto:rhumboni@iastate.edu).