



Ringgold County 4-H News

September 2009

Important Dates to Remember:

- September 6: 4H Shooting Sports meeting from 2:00 - 4:00 pm @ Fair grounds
- September 7: Extension Office CLOSED for Labor Day
- September 10: American Royal Entry deadline (entries found at www.americanroyal.com)
- September 15: 4H & Youth Committee/Superintendents Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Extension office
- September 22 - 27: AK-SAR-BEN 4H Livestock Exposition in Omaha, Nebraska
- September 23: 4H Leader Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Extension office
- September 25: 4H Record Books due to Extension office
- September 25: Club Treasury Book and Secretary Book due at the Extension office for annual review
- October 3: Clover Kids 4H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension office: kick-off of a new 4-H year
- October 4 - 10: National 4H Week
- October 11: 4H Awards Celebration @ 4:30 pm @ Fairgrounds
- October 27 - November 1: American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri

County Tidbits

4-H Shooting Sports Special Interest Club–

Ringgold County 4-H Shooting Sports program will be starting this year with the focus being on archery. The first meeting is scheduled for September 6 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Ringgold County Fairgrounds. This special interest club is open to any current 4H community club member, as well as, someone wanting to enroll in 4H this year (new members). You may bring your own bow, but please note that it will have to be inspected and approved by our trained instructors before you may use it.

Before 4H members will be allowed to participate, they must have an adult present and must have a signed "Iowa Parental Permission/Waiver of Liability" form on file (forms will be available at the meeting). If you have questions, please contact the Extension office at 464-3333 or Jeff Fletchall at 641-414-5896.

Future meetings set for: October 4th, November 1st, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th

**Please note: There will be a \$10 per 4H member program fee for Shooting Sports Special Interest Club participants. This fee will help to cover equipment costs, supplies needed for start-up, and extra insurance costs.

4-H County Council–

Application forms have been sent to all eligible 4-H members (9th-12th graders). Interested individuals need to fill out the application form—members from last year will automatically continue as County Council members unless they wish not to—and turn in to the Extension Office by September 7. Our first meeting will be set after applications are received.

Clover Kids–

Ringgold County Extension will again be having a Clover Kids 4-H Club for youth in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. Youth that are part of the community club are welcome to be a part of this club as well as their other club. Meetings will be held the first Saturday of every month starting October 3rd from 9:00–10:00 am at the Extension Office. For more info or if you have questions, please call 464-3333.

4H & Youth Committee and Superintendent Meeting Set–

September 15th @ 7:00 pm will be a meeting with 4H & Youth Committee members and livestock superintendents to discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly about county fair. This will be the time to throw out ideas for changes to the 2010 county fair.

4H Record Books–

Now is the time to be working on your 4H record book. They are not mandatory, but we strongly encourage each 4H member to do one—wonderful life skills are learned in the process.

Almost all of the forms needed for your record book are available on the web as downloadable word documents at: www.extension.iastate.edu/ringgold/kidsteens.htm. In the right hand column is a heading “Record Book Forms”—all needed forms can be found under there. Or you can pick them up at the Extension Office. Record book covers may also be picked up at the Extension Office.

Club leaders will be getting “4-H Award Forms.” You will need to get one of these forms from your leader, put a check mark beside the project areas in which you had a project this year, and let your leader check it to make sure things are correct. This form is used by the record book judges so they know what project areas they need to look at when deciding what awards to give for the year.

If you start working on your record book and have questions or need help, please contact the Extension Office. You should have received a “Record Book” example packet either last year or when you picked up your record book cover. It should be used as a reference guide when you are compiling your book.

Reminder: Livestock project areas have 2 forms to fill out—“4-H Project Record Form” AND the worksheets (income vs. expenses) for market/breeding animals, etc.

Record books are due to the Extension Office on Friday, September 25. It is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

4H Fall Leader Training–

Have you wondered how to get family members more involved in your 4H activities? At this fall’s volunteer training, Iowa 4H volunteers will explore this topic and get ideas that they can incorporate. This training is part of the statewide 4H volunteer training and will be held on September 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Extension office meeting room.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other 4H volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Leaders, Please Note: Re-enrollment forms, “Pick a Project” papers, record book “4H Award Forms” will be distributed at this meeting.

4-H Awards Celebration–

As a 4-H year comes to an end and a new one begins...it is time to celebrate! The Ringgold County 4-H Awards Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at the fairgrounds from 4:30–6:30 pm. More details to come in the October newsletter.

State Tidbits

Iowa 4H Day at the Iowa Speedway--

Ever dreamed about going to a race at the Iowa Speedway? Well now you can. For a mere \$15, we've made it affordable for all 4H families, volunteers, friends, supporters and staff to attend. We had such great response from the Iowa State Women's Basketball game (more than 900 people), we thought we would offer another 4H Day for youth to connect with 4H'ers from across the state. On September 19, 2009 you and your family, friends, club and county are invited to attend the USARPro Cup Series. ASA Late Model Series is celebrating its Seventh Anniversary season in 2009 and prides itself on grooming prospective future racing stars as they make their way up the proverbial racing ladder.

To purchase tickets, download the form at

<http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/DOC/Events/4HDay2009OrderForm.doc>

NOTE: This offer is open to anyone and everyone.

In addition to admission to the race, every ticket comes with \$5 in Rusty Bucks for use at the concession stands as well as admission to the Billy Currington Concert.

4H Discount Event Tickets--

- 4H Weekend at Arrowhead Stadium: ISU vs KSU on October 3rd; Chiefs vs Giants on October 4th. Order form for tickets can be found at <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/>
- Iowa State Center and Wells Fargo continually offer 4H discounted ticket prices. Find out about upcoming events at: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/>

4H'ers Representing Ringgold County 4H at the Iowa State Fair Results--

Congratulations to all our Iowa State Fair Exhibitors!

4H Horse Show

- Morgan Quick - Purple, Red, 2 White
- Logan Wimer - Purple, 2 Red, White

4H Performance & Market Sheep Show

- Tyler Becker - 2 Purple, Blue

4H Breeding Swine and Derby Swine Shows

- Johnathan Triggs - Purple, 2 Blue, 4 Red
- Tyler Triggs - 6 Red

4H Breeding Beef Show

- Taylen Abarr - Red; Showmanship - Blue
- Claire Andresen - Blue
- Bailey Cameron - Blue
- Katelyn Warin - Purple
- Hagan Willis - Purple
- Chloe Yoder - Purple

4H Market Swine Show

- Johnathan Triggs - Red; Showmanship - Purple
- Tyler Triggs - Red; Showmanship - Blue

4H Market Beef Show

- April Shields - Purple

4H Meat Goat Show

- Tyler Hayse - 3 Blue; Showmanship - Purple
 - Champion Sr. Showman

Share the Fun

Tom Hosfield - Participation

4H Building Exhibitors

Taylen Abarr - Blue

Tyler Becker - Red

Michael Bentley, Ryan & Brett England - Red

Bailey Cameron - Blue

Shelby Comer - Blue

Erin Dolecheck - Blue

Elisha Doubleday - 2 Blue

Holly England - Blue

Hannah Glendenning - Red

Tom Hosfield - 2 Blue, Red

Leah Klejch - White

Madison Mobley - Blue

Shelby Reger - Red

Brook Rychnovsky - Blue

Laura Shervheim - 2 Blue

Matthew Shervheim - Red

Kaci Stackhouse - Blue

Taylor Still - Blue

Quency Vos - Red

State Fair exhibits are at the Extension office. Please pick up when you are able! Thanks.