



Ringgold County 4-H News

November 2009

Important Dates to Remember:

November 2nd: Ringgold County Fair Association (Fair Board) Annual Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Courthouse Assembly Room

November 7th: Clover Kids 4-H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension office

November 8th: Shooting Sports Special Interest Group meeting from 2:00-4:00 pm @ Fairgrounds (will then break until April) ****Please note date change—not November 1st**

November 13th: Pioneer Grant **2009 Reports** due in County Extension Office

November 15th: County Council meeting at 2:00 pm @ Extension office

November 26th-27th: Extension Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving

December 1st: Pioneer Grant **2010 Applications** due in County Extension Office

December 4th: 4-H re-enrollment deadline to remain on newsletter mailing list

December 5th: Clover Kids 4-H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension Office

December 15th: Iowa's Promise...Our Youth Grant **2009 Reports** due in State 4-H Office

December 19th: Market Beef Weigh-In from 9:00a–12:00 noon

January 4th: Pioneer Grant **2010 Applications** due from County Extension to State 4-H Office

February 8th -15th: Iowa Beef Expo, Des Moines, for info call 515-855-4322

County Information

Fair Board Annual Meeting–

The Fair Board has set their annual meeting for Monday, November 2nd @ 7:00 pm @ the Ringgold County Courthouse Assembly Room. The meeting is open for anyone to attend. Anyone that attends may pay a \$1 membership fee which allows that person to nominate and vote as to who joins the Fair Board as an associate member, as a director, and who is elected into officer roles.

4-H Recruitment Contest–

The challenge is on once again....the club that recruits the highest number of new 4-H members by December 4th will get to have a pizza party. So get out there and recruit—I'll be counting. Please note: If a member joins your 4-H club as a Clover Kid, they are not counted as a "new" member right now. They will be considered "new" the year that they are in 4th grade.

4-H Enrollment Forms & Pick-A-Project Papers–

Enrollment forms have been/are being distributed to the club leaders. Please make sure you receive your form, make necessary changes, enroll in projects for the upcoming year, have your parent sign the form, and return it to your club leader or the Extension Office. Enrollment forms are due Friday, December 4th in order to stay on the mailing list for the 4-H monthly newsletter. Previous members DO NOT have to fill out another medical release form this year unless there have been changes.

Reminder:

The club that recruits the highest number of new 4-H members by December 4th will get to have a pizza party!!

****Please Note:** There is not a column on the re-enrollment forms for “Literature Needed.” The literature ordered every year became very costly to the 4H program. In an effort to gear more of the funds towards quality programming, the decision was made to not offer to purchase the project literature. If 4H members would like the project literature, they may check with the Extension office to see if there is a copy on file (we try to always have one for each project area); or the 4H member may choose to have Extension order the literature for them and pay the cost of doing so.

4H Enrollment Fee–

Reminder: There is a \$15 membership fee to join 4H this year (State 4H enforced a \$30 fee, but Ringgold County Extension will be finding donors to cover the other half of the fees). Before paying though, please check with your club leader(s) to see if there are any plans for the 4H club to help with the cost. There is also financial assistance available thru the Iowa 4H Foundation to help with this fee as well.

Please note: Clover Kids are exempt from this fee.

Leaders—please contact the Extension office to let us know what the club has decided (ex. club pays fee; club pays half, member pays half; members pays fee).

Record Book Judging and 4H Celebration–

We would like to thank all 4H volunteers, 4H members (especially County Council), and 4H families that were involved in the 4H Celebration. We especially appreciate your flexibility with us changing the location—not ideal, but worked. A total of 31 record books were turned in for judging this year. Congratulations to our 4H members that received project certificates, project medals, and major awards!

State Information

4-H Cookbook Fundraiser for Clubs–

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a collectible that will get you cooking. The 60th Anniversary Edition cookbook is on sale now and available for purchase at www.extension.iastate.edu/store for only \$20. However, if there is a 4-H club looking for a fundraiser, they can have county staff purchase the cookbooks online at \$10 and resell them for \$20, raising \$10 each for their club or county program.

This exclusive 192-page cookbook put the 4-H Foundation at work with Meredith Corporation’s Better Homes & Gardens Test Kitchen and Successful Farming Magazine. You will find recipes for Hometown Potlucks ranging from delicious snack mixes and dips to enchilada casseroles and a variety of fresh salads. You will even find yummy desserts including chocolate goody bars, cranberry apple casserole and praline cheesecake squares.

Save the Date: 4-H Day with ISU Cyclone Women’s Basketball–

Plans are underway to hold another 4-H Day at the ISU Women’s Basketball game versus Kansas State on February 27th, 2010 (7pm). Details are yet to come, so save the date and consider attending as a club. Prices will be similar to last year.