



# WAYNE 4-H TIMES



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A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## JANUARY 2012

Happy New Years!!! I have a feeling 2012 will be a GREAT year!

I hope you are all getting familiar with the 4hOnline program! They continue to add more and more. As things are added I will keep everyone up-to-date through the 4-H Newsletter! Once everyone gets use to the new program I think you are going to like it! If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call or shoot me an email. I'm here to help!

As always, if you do not have computer or internet access you are more than welcome to stop by the office and use ours!

I'm looking forward to the new year ahead and am thankful for all my 4-H families!

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Iowa 4-H Scholarship information for 2012 is now posted at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm). There are 80 Iowa 4-H Scholarships for incoming freshmen fall 2012 or current/continuing college students. **All application materials must be received on site or post-marked no later than March 1, 2012 for consideration.**

Remember: if you do not have access to a computer and printer there is one in the Extension Office available for free!

#### Re- Enrollments

**If you have not yet re-enrolled please do so. This will help leaders when planning club activities and assure you will get appropriate mailings.**

**Don't forget to check with your club on how dues are handled. Please get those settled up also.**

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## What's Expected of You?

Most county 4-H programs have basic expectations of members, such as:

1. Attend club meetings. (5 mtgs or 4 mtgs and a community service project are required to show at the Wayne County Fair)
2. Do an educational presentation at your club meeting (4th graders are exempt)
3. Participate in a community service project.
4. Read the county 4-H newsletter "Wayne 4-H Times" each month to keep up to date on 4-H activities.
- 5. Work in the 4-H Food Stand at the Wayne County Fair - members AND parents**
6. IF you show or help someone show livestock you must purchase a t-shirt from Ext. Office.
  - ◆ Record books are NOT required!
  - ◆ Exhibiting at the county fair is a highlight of the year for many 4-H members. Youth are encouraged, but not required, to showcase project work at the county fair. Additionally, keeping records of project work throughout the year is strongly encouraged. Forms are available in the county office or online through the state 4-H web-page at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4-H](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4-H).

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## How Can Families Help?

The 4-H program encourages parents, grandparents, guardians, and family members to help the 4-Her with his/her projects. Here are some suggestions:

- Help youth select projects that relate to their interests/hobbies.
- Attend club meetings with your child.
- Give encouragement and supervision, but allow the 4-Her to do their own work.
- Help youth develop a record keeping system for their project work. (This may mean finding a special place for records and 4-H materials in the home and reviewing that information periodically with them.)
- Read the 4-H Newsletter and help them stay on top of dates, deadlines, rules, etc....
- Be willing to help whenever possible for the club as extra adult hands, hostess, driver, chaperone, etc. as the need arises.
- Be positive. Praise them when they succeed & be there to help when they struggle.

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

### What about these 4-H projects??

- ◇ Taking projects to fair is NOT required nor are record books
- ◇ The main focus of 4-H is building life skills - what the member does ALL year counts!

Members can:

- \*help take care of younger family members (child development)
  - \*shopping (consumer management, clothing, health, safety)
  - \*help take care of family pets (pets, animal science, vet science)
  - \*help prepare meals, set table, etc (food and nutrition, health)
  - \*draw, crafts, collections, build things w/legos (visual arts)
  - \*help others within the community (citizenship)
  - \*mow and maintain the mower (mechanics)
  - \*monitor the weather and how it affects crops, people, etc (crop production, meteorology, health)
- ◇ Projects can be from baking, star gazing, welding, restoring a tractor, growing a garden, or shopping for that perfect outfit. It is really limitless!

#### **Not sure what you are interested in or for ideas -**

Resources:

- ◇ [www://extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects](http://www://extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects)

There is a list of project areas on the right hand side

Click on a project area that may interest you - the front page of that project will give you some ideas to think about. Then click on the "Hot Sheet", again found in the right hand column. There are project ideas listed there.

- ◇ Wayne County Extension Office

There are numerous publication just full of ideas or ask the 4-H staff for help - that's why we are here!!

The office also has a computer and printer that is free for 4-H'ers to use along with a Flip camera.

Members are free to share what they have done or learned through presentations with their club members, a grandparent, friend, take a project to fair, participate in special events like "Cook This" or "Sew Things" state events, etc.

4-H just helps the members have a safe environment to try and experience new things.

2010 Alum Christopher Mason "If it wasn't for 4-H I have no idea what I would be doing." 4-H gave her a safe environment to find out about and try photography. She now hopes to make a career out of it.

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## LOCAL 4-H LIVESTOCK

# State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben Market Beef



Beef weigh in went great! We weighed in 38 head of steers and heifers.

Those of you going on to show at the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben MUST verify your information in 4-H Online. County calves may do so if they wish.

All the weigh-in information is entered if you would like to do that now. If I missed handing you the instructions or you have misplaced yours just call the Extension Office.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped!!!

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## STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITY

# Agriculture Council of America (ACA) Essay Contest

9-12 grade students submit an original, 450 word essay or a 2 min video essay about the importance of ag. This years theme is "American Agriculture: Feeding the Future, Filling the Gaps" and the deadline is **Feb. 1, 2012**.

Visit [www.agday.com](http://www.agday.com) or [www.hpj.com/agdayessay](http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay) to read official rules and for more details regarding applications.

The theme presents an opportunity for students to address how the ag industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay and/or create a video focusing on how today's growers are overcoming challenges to provide a safe, stable food supply and sustain the significant role ag play in everyday life.

The national written essay winner

receives \$1000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, DC for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 8 at Whitten Patio at the USDA. During dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to read the winning essay as well as join with industry reps, members of Congress, federal agency reps, media and others. The video essay winner wins \$1000 and video will be played.

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## VOLUNTEERS

### Keep Soaring with 4-H

Leaders: Join other 4-H volunteers, staff and 4-H members for a fun-filled, memorable weekend at the state-wide volunteer retreat. You will network and learn about innovative program that will bring fresh perspectives and activities to do in your 4-H club. Friday evening, Feb. 11 is networking /fellowship type gathering with hands on activities. Workshops, fun and networking fill the day on Saturday February 12, 2012.

All activities will be at the Des Moines Area Community Collage in Ankeny.

Registration is only \$10 and additional information is available:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteers/retreat.htm>.

### 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference

Looking for an opportunity to network with 4-H volunteers from around Southeast Iowa? Join us for the 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference! The date is set of March 31, 2012, at the Indian Hills Community College on the Ottumwa Campus. The 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference is a day packed with information, sharing and fun! Breakout sessions you may attend include 4-H Online Fear Factor Challenge, 4-H 101, Tools for Revving up Clover Kids and Essential Elements of 4-H! The cost of the conference if you

Register before March 1 is only \$10.00! If you register between March 2 and March 15, the cost is \$15.00 and between March 16 and March 30, the cost is \$20. conference registration and session descriptions will be available January 2, 2012 at your local extension office or at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/kidsteens.htm>

### Wanted! New 4-H Volunteers

Join 4-H leaders to develop skills, share ideas and have fun. Join us for a one day event to learn and share about your role as a caring adult, boosts skills to support a vibrant 4-H club and meet other new 4-H volunteers.

The interactive training is loaded with knowledge, skills, and tools needed to enhance your work with 4-H youth. Included are breakout sessions specific for 4-H clubs and Clover Kids groups. Volunteers will receive a "toolbox" - resources to support your role as club leader.

#### Dates and Locations:

Feb. 11	Ankeny	9:30 - 3:30
Mar. 10	Sioux City	9:30 - 3:30
Mar. 17	Fairfield	9:30 - 3:30
Mar. 24	Nashua	9:30 - 3:30

You may attend any session. To register, go to <http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers> and click on the link under Training in the bottom right box.

## 4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



# Calendar

*Reminder: Extension Office is CLOSED on Fridays*

## DATES TO REMEMBER - JANUARY

- 2 - Extension Office is CLOSED
  - Benton Battlers 4-H meeting 5:30 pm
  - Clay Diggers 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 - Fair Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7-22 - National Western Livestock Show, Denver CO
- 11 - Clio Southwesters 4-H meeting 6:30 pm
  - Union Hotshots 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
  - Walnut Monroe Lonetree 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
  - Wayne Wranglers 4-H meeting 6:00 pm
- 14- 4-H Night @ ISU Women's Basketball game
- 16 - Benton Busy Bees 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 - Warren Willpower 4-H meeting



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- 2 - Fair Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 6 - Benton Battlers 4-H meeting 5:30 pm
  - Clay Diggers 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
- 8- Clio Southwesters 4-H meeting 6:30 pm
  - Union Hotshots 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
  - Walnut Monroe Lonetree 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
- 12-19 - Iowa Beef Expo
- 13 - Leaders Training 6:30 pm
- 20 - Benton Busy Bees 4-H meeting 7:00 pm
- 22 - Warren Willpower 4-H meeting

### Websites:

<https://iowa.4honline.com>

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h>

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/wayne>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wayne County Fair      July 24 - 30, 2012

Iowa State Fair          August 9-19, 2012

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/WAYNE](http://EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/WAYNE)