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Local 4-H Judging Teams Participate at State Judging Contest
NORTHEAST IOWA -- The northeast Iowa 4-H program was well represented at the State 4-H and FFA Livestock and Meats Judging Contest at Iowa State University in Ames. Youth from 4-H livestock judging teams in Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette and Winneshiek counties participated in the contest.

Two teams topped their divisions. The Clayton County Junior Livestock Judging Team finished in first place. Team members and their individual placings are Luke Orr, second; Katie Orr, fifth; Kennie Orr, ninth; and Melanie Lane. They scored 1,245 out of a possible 1,650 points.

The Clayton County Senior Meats Team also finished in first place. Team members and their individual placings are Kelly Walters, first; Matt Althoff, fourth; Hannah Von Handorf, eighth; and Morgan Tauke, tenth.

The Fayette County Livestock Senior Team finished in fifth place. Team members are Travis Johnson, Dan Bahe (eighth place individual), Bryan Rau, and Travis Kelly.

The Winneshiek County Junior Livestock Team finished in eighth place. Team members are Dalton Anderson, tenth; Jayden Anderson, and Elizabeth Smith.

The Allamakee County Junior Livestock Team finished in tenth place. Team members are Brock Berns, Chase Pladsen, Kourtney Woods, Kaela Woods.

The objectives of the Iowa 4-H Judging Contests are for the 4-H'ers to learn modern livestock and meat evaluation methods, practice decision-making and communication skills and develop the ability to select livestock appropriate for a defined production purpose. The Iowa 4-H Foundation Animal Science Endowment sponsors awards for the contests.

The 4-H Livestock Judging teams in northeast Iowa are coordinated by parents and volunteers and supported by Dan Lane, Iowa State University Extension Program Coordinator. Each county has an ISU
Learn How to Make a Harvest Wreath

DECORAH - Throughout the summer and fall, vegetable gardeners harvest and preserve the fruits of their labor with freezing, canning and drying. But don’t forget about the flowers! Many flowers can be air dried in a dark location and will look great in arrangements until you replace them with spring daffodils. Dried herbs & flowers can be used to make a “harvest wreath” that will stay attractive and fragrant for months. Similar wreaths can be found online for $50, or you could learn to make your own!

Iowa State University Extension will have a Harvest Wreath workshop on October 7 from 6:30-8:00 pm. at the Winneshiek Co Extension Office in Decorah. Extension horticulturist, Bob Hauer, will talk about growing and drying “everlasting” flowers, with the emphasis on varieties that air dry well. After a short presentation, everyone will be able to try their hand at making a 6 inch wreath of dried flowers, lavender and evergreen sprigs to take home.

The cost for this workshop is $8.00 for all materials. Participants should bring a clippers. To register for the workshop, call the Winneshiek County Extension Office at 382-2949 or register online at www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek by October 6. Space is limited.

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Other Releases

Seven Tips for Improving Crop Insurance Coverage During Harvest

Farmers with crop insurance coverage need to be organized to submit timely claims for indemnity payments or provide records for Actual Production History (APH). Steven Johnson, ISU Extension farm and ag business management specialist, offers seven tips to help with crop insurance coverage during harvest.

ISU Extension’s 2011 Garden Calendar Says Good Health Is a Gardening Bonus

Gardeners, novice and experienced, will be inspired by Iowa State University Extension’s 2011 garden calendar, Gardening is GOOD for you. The full-color, 12-month calendar is filled with stunning photography and information.

Iowa State University Extension news releases are available on the World Wide Web at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/.

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