January 2013

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2013! I have a feeling it is going to be a GREAT 4-H year!

We currently have four more new members! Those joining the fun are: Hunter Swearingin, Zayden Mitchell, Abby Tuttle, and Christy Petty - WELCOME!!! That brings our current enrollment up to: 124.

Those of you still needing to re-enroll it MUST be done ASAP!

Enrollment fees are now due. Please check with your leaders on your payment status.

**Remember the attendance requirement to show at fair: You must attend 5 club meetings or 4 club meetings AND participate in the CLUB community service project.

Debbie Ewing, CYC

County Fair Award donors needed for:

Beef: Trophies for Top 3rd, 4th, and 5th Market Beef
Angus Heifer Champion Banner
Angus Heifer Reserve Champion Banner

Derby Swine Champion and Reserve: Monetary

Horse: Halter Pony Reserve Champion Banner
Halter Horse Reserve Champion Banner
General Changes:
ALL animals will be ID’ed in 4hOnline - those for county fair and/or state fair, with deadlines as follows:
* Feb. 1 for market beef
* May 15th for all other species
* July 1 for State Fair rabbits
NOTE: All animals that come to a weigh in, the county staff will enter the information into 4hOnline. Families going to State Fair must verify this information. All other animals (breeding animals, dogs, and horses) families must enter their own information into 4hOnline.

4-H/FFA Identification Rule Change
√ 4-H members can now ID separate animals, but in the same “division”, in both 4-H and FFA
Example: 4-H’er could ID market lambs A, B, and C in 4-H and market lambs D, E, and F in FFA
Example: 4-H’er could ID horses A, B in 4-H and horses C, D in FFA
√ State Fair exhibition rule still applies - 4-H’er can only show in market or breeding division in 4-H, and FFA in the other (i.e. market swine in 4-H, breeding swine in FFA); for rabbit, horse, poultry, and dairy (where there are not breeding and market separations), youth cannot exhibit in both 4-H and FFA
√ County Fair - 4-H’er could show animals A, B as 4-H in county fair, then show animals D, E as FFA at the state fair

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Beef
√ Market Heifer/Breeding Heifer ID Change
* If heifer is originally weighed in as a market heifer, the animal does NOT need to be ID’ed again in 4hOnline as a breeding heifer
* If the heifer does show breeding instead of market, be sure a breed is designated at weigh-in time in 4hOnline by Feb. 1 or the heifer will only be eligible as a crossbred
√ Adding fall-aged heifers to 2013 State Fair show
    Born Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 of 2011; also heifers born in 2012 are eligible

Sheep
√ All State Fair sheep must have a 4-H tag and retinal images
    Market lambs, commercial ewes, purebred breeding ewes

Continued
LIVESTOCK INFORMATION/UPDATES - CONTINUED

Swine
✓ State Fair exhibitors can exhibit a maximum of 3 breeding gilts per breed and a maximum of 3 commercial gilts
✓ Increase maximum weight limit for market hogs from 290 to 300 lbs
✓ Discontinuation of the 4-H Derby Swine show (I hear cheering!!!)
   *No regional state fair swine weigh-ins in the spring
   *All state fair swine nominations will happen through the county office
   *All state fair market and breeding swine will still need DNA ear punch tags
   *All swine will still need to be ID’ed in 4hOnline by May 15th
   *Counties will order DNA tags and materials from state 4-H office and mail back DNA tag samples in DNA envelopes
   *Counties will determine if staff will DNA tag pigs and enter information into 4hOnline or if the 4-H’er will be allowed to obtain tags from county staff, go tag pigs and return DNA samples to county offices

Meat Goats
✓ Removal of the bracing rule; (anticipate this being enforced at the county fair as well), new rule will read as:
   **All goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H Meat Goat Show.
✓ All meat goats (weather AND does) MUST have a 4-H tag in place and wethers must have retinal images
   *If breeding meat goat does attend a weigh-in to get tagged, and are entered in 4hOnline by staff under the “weighed-in” category, the MUST have a birthdate; they do not need to be re-ID’ed under the “not weighed in” category

Rabbit
✓ All rabbits eligible for State Fair must be ID’ed in 4hOnline by July 1
✓ This applies to all breeding/fancy/market rabbits
✓ All must have a tattoo entered in 4hOnline as well

Dog
✓ Change the Sr. Handling age division from 10 -12 to 9-12 (grades)
✓ Would like to start a dog leader training committees
   Consistent rules, classes, trainings, etc. across all county and state fairs

Horse
✓ All State Fair eligible horses MUST have photos uploaded to 4hOnline by May 15th
✓ ID Changes
   Id a maximum of 5 horses per 4-H’er, of those 5, maximum of 2 can be leased
   NO leasing of halter horses; Leased horses must have a completed lease form in 4hOnline
   Each horse can only be ID’ed by ONE 4-H’er unless:
   There are more 4-H’ers in a family than horses - for example, 4-H’er A and Be could both ID horse X
   4-H’ers can ID horses in 4-H and FFA as long as they are DIFFERENT horses - for example, horse A and B in 4-H, horse C and D in FFA
   State Fair exhibitors will still have to choose to show in either the 4-H horse show OR the FFA horse show, not both;
   but they could show FFA at county fair and 4-H at state fair
✓ New 4H 511C Publication, “Rules & Regulations for 4-H Equine Show in Iowa” due in January
✓ State Fair classes dropped: 2/3 Year Old Western Pleasure, Saddleseat Pleasure, Saddleseat Equitation
✓ State Fair classes added: halter classes (horses and ponies) and flag race
Country of Origin Labeling

What is COOL?

The COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) law was put into effect for fish and shellfish on April 4, 2005. The final rule for all of the other covered commodities took effect on September 30, 2008.

This new requirement is not meant to be burdensome for producers to follow, but buyers of livestock projects (e.g., 4-H’ers or packers) will be asking for more information than they have in the past.

What 4-H’ers Need to Do

- Ask for Documentation – 4-H’ers need to make sure they collect documentation from the seller when purchasing livestock projects. Documentation could include the following:
  
  Signed affidavit from seller of livestock

  (an example can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock

- Keep documentation for 2 years minimum – 4-H’ers must keep the appropriate documentation for a minimum of two years in the case of a USDA audit.

- 4-H’ers - this includes: beef, meat goat, poultry, sheep, swine but also animals that may not be harvested until much later (cull cows, goats, etc.)

Examples of Documentation to Keep for Two Years Minimum

Buyers of livestock

- Signed affidavit from seller of livestock
- Bill of sale
- Health papers
- Brand inspection
- Supporting documents identified by USDA

Original producers of livestock

- Birth records (calving book, PigChamp, PigTales, etc.)
- Inventory records that reconcile
- Purchase and sales receipts
- Supporting documents identified by USDA

Come learn with the experts at the Showmaster Show Clinic 2013. This is a great educational opportunity for kids showing cattle and hogs. There are two options this year. February 2, 2013 at the Iowa Equestrian Center, Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and March 3, 2013 at Blackhawk Community College in Kewanee, Illinois. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The day will be broken into specie segments starting with cattle. The experts will be covering daily care and management, clipping, fitting, feeding and showmanship. Lunch will be provided with great door prizes. If you would like more information or would like to reserve your registration, please go to www.showmasterfeeds.com or call Kim Lewis at 319-430-0474.
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.
NEW MEMBER MEETING

Date: Wed. January 23, 2013
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Courthouse meeting room

There will be a New Member packet for each family. We will be talking about expectations dealing with eligibility, opportunities, record books and fair. Of course, any and all questions are welcome! If you are not new but would like to come - everyone is welcome!

PROJECT IDEAS

Outdoor Adventures
- Develop skills in the adventure you choose - backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other
- Plan an outdoor adventure for your club, friends and/or family
- Learn how to be a good environmental steward while engaging in your adventure

Exhibit Ideas: (these could be presentations, displays, videos, booklets, etc.)
- how to cook over a campfire
- knots and their different uses
- how to set up a tent
- What supplies are needed to go fishing, what supplies do you need to catch a certain type of fish
- What is the common wildlife or plants in an area

Other ideas:
- Help catch fish for a fish fry to raise money for a charity
- Teach someone how to fish
- Map trees using GPS

Note: Many of these projects can ‘flow’ into other project areas - health (the safety side), photography, food and nutrition, etc. There is also NUMEROUS information in the Extension Office on the different project areas. Don’t hesitate to call the office or email with questions you may have on projects!

Find more project information at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/

Decatur County Shooting Sports invites you:

The Decatur County Young Guns will be hosting a Predator Calling Seminar and Chili Feed on January 5th at the Decatur County Fairgrounds. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and seminar at 7:00 p.m. Larry Sills will be guest speaker for the event and door prizes will be given.

Free will donations go to help support Decatur County 4-H Shooting Sports.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH
SCIENCE TID-BIT

Have You Eaten a Flower Today?

Have you eaten a flower today? How about seeds or leaves? Some people eat leaves, seeds or even roots. There are many types of fruits and vegetables, but have you ever thought that fruits and vegetables are really different parts of the plants we eat? For example carrots are roots, celery is a stem, lettuce is leaves, broccoli is a flower, tomato is a fruit and popcorn is seeds!

LEADERS CORNER

NEW LEADERS TRAINING

County based volunteer orientation and training is crucial to volunteers being successful in their “home” counties. Each county has some unique aspects of the 4-H program that volunteers need to learn about. County Extension staff, Youth Committee members, experienced volunteers, and the regional youth program specialist from the county team who are essential frontline trainers and mentors for new volunteers. This county based team builds the relationships and support systems which will make volunteers successful.

Multi region new volunteer training is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids—both leaders and assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a multi-region new volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer.

The 6 hour training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help them be more confident and capable in their roles working with youth. The training includes breakout sessions for Clover Kid volunteers and club volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information.

Training dates and locations for New Volunteer Training for 2012-2013 Club Year

Feb. 9 Altoona       Feb. 9 Spencer       Mar. 2 Mediapolis

4-H IS FUN CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

Looking for an opportunity to network with 4-H volunteers from around Southeast Iowa? Join us for the third annual 4-H is Fun Conference! On February 23, 2013 meet everyone at Indian Hills Community College in the Advance Technologies building on the Ottumwa Campus for a day packed with information, sharing and fun! Sessions will include information about Clover Kids, Club Dynamics, Communication Projects, and Motivating Youth as well as group sessions on science and fun activities. Registration begins at 9 am and the day concludes with door prizes at 3:15 pm. Cost is $10 per person and includes lunch (Wayne 4-H program will pay the $10). Conference registration and session descriptions will be available in January.

Session space is limited so get your registration in early!
2013 State Volunteer Retreat – Feb. 8-9, 2013 DMACC Campus in Ankeny

Workshop descriptions are now posted at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat). Registration information will be posted soon!

The annual State Volunteer Retreat brings together **4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members** to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening, February 8, features **Meeting in a Bag**. In your fast paced lives as 4-H volunteers, it is not always easy to be prepared for that monthly meeting. Do you find yourself stressed out at the last minute looking for activities you can do with your members? Do you want to do hands-on learning activities with your 4-H’ers where they can learn project skills and have fun too? Join us for 5 short sessions where you will receive ideas to prepare activities to put in your 4-H Meeting in a Bag. Pull it out of the closet, and away you go to a fun-filled, educational meeting.

Saturday, February 9, is filled with a variety of workshops and networking opportunities. The wide variety of 23 workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Thanks to a grant from Monsanto, the **registration fee this year is only $20** (Wayne 4-H will pay the $20) and includes lunch and snacks.

This year’s Retreat is hosted by DMACC Continuing Education, and sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H and Monsanto. All activities, Friday evening and Saturday, will take place at the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Campus in Ankeny. It is located a few miles off I-80 and I-35 north of Des Moines. The registration fee covers use of the facility, sessions during the time you are registered, a snack on Friday evening and snacks and lunch on Saturday. DMACC will provide general CEU credit for attending the sessions. If you are traveling from a distance and attending both Friday and Saturday, check the registration forms on the website for discounted hotel arrangements on Friday night.

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**PIONEER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

DuPont Pioneer is again offering Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. 4-H Clubs are encouraged to apply for “seed money” to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants).

Changes this year include and increased potential funding amount. Due to the generosity of DuPont Pioneer, we are authorized to grant awardees up to $500 per project. Remember that requested funds still should not be more than half the cost of the total project.

Application and support letters for 2013 grants are due in the county Extension office on January 15, 2013. Applications and county staff support letters are due to the State 4-H Office by Feb. 1, 2013.
### OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE

### DATES TO REMEMBER - JANUARY

1. **EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED**
2. Fair Board mtg, 6:30 pm @ courthouse meeting room
3. Decatur County Beef Weigh in 9am - noon @ fairgrounds
4. Benton Busy Bees 4-H mtg @ 7pm
5. Clay Diggers 4-H mtg @ 7pm
6. Clio Southwesterners 4-H mtg @ 6:30pm
7. Union Hotshots 4-H mtg @ 7pm
8. Benton Battlers 4-H mtg @ 5:30 pm
9. Walnut Monroe Lone Tree 4-H mtg @ 7pm
10. Pioneer Grant Applications DUE into Extension Office

#### **NEW MEMBER MEETING**

- **23 - NEW MEMBER MEETING** @ 6:30pm Courthouse basement
- **31 - VERIFY STATE FAIR / AK-SAR-BEN beef in 4honline**

### DATES TO REMEMBER - FEBRUARY

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3. Benton Battlers 4-H mtg @ 5:30 pm
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6. State Volunteer Retreat
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 23-24 - Iowa Horse Jamboree, ISU campus
- March 29-30 - State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa
- July 24-29 - Wayne County Fair
- Aug 8 - 18 - Iowa State Fair

- Reminder: Extension Office is CLOSED on Fridays

- **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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