Wright County 4-H Newsletter—January 2017

4-H Family

Hope the New Year is off to a great start for you! Make sure to read through the newsletter there is a lot of important information along with events coming up and many dates. It is also time to start thinking about new ideas for project areas and exhibits for the 4-H year. Start of a new year means a new set of goals for 4-H. Remember to check the website for project hot sheet for some of those new ideas. SNOW DAYS are an excellent time to start working on fair exhibits, record keeping goals! The 3 parts to a goal: ART (action, result, and timetable). Wright County Fair July 11-17, mark your calendar! Feel free to ask questions anytime!

Making the Best Better!

This Newsletter only went by mail to those who have returned the post card that was mailed in November.

Can’t find your post card or thought you mailed it, no problem we have some here at the office stop by or call and give the information needed. All families will still receive the email from 4HOnline with link to the website for the 4-H Newsletter.

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YOUTH BEEF CONFERENCE

An educational program for Iowa youth involved in beef production will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017, at Ellsworth Community College Agriculture & Renewable Energy Center, Hwy 65 South, Iowa Falls. The youth program will run from 9:30 to 2:30 with registration beginning at 9:00am. A variety of interactive workshops and sessions are being planned for youth 4th grade through 12th grade youth who register for this event. A noon lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to stay. Please pre-register at the Extension Office by January 17. Registrations must include the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form. Both forms are available on line at www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/4h under Workshops. For more information contact the Wright County Extension Office at 532-3453.

FSQA (FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE)

All 4-H youth with a beef, dairy, swine, sheep, rabbit, goat and poultry project MUST be Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified to show at county and state fairs. Age division as listed:

- **Junior** level current grade 4th-6th, must attend one of the workshops each year.
- **Intermediate** level current grade 7th-9th,
- **Senior** level current grade 10th-12th.

**Workshops** will be held on *(must call to sign youth up for a seat for the workshops)*:
- Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Extension Office 10am—12 noon Call to save a spot.
- Thursday, April 6 at the office 6:30pm-8:30pm Call to save a spot.

*Test Out* will be held on *(must call to sign youth up for test out time)*:
- Monday, January 16 from 9am-7pm at the Extension Office
- Saturday, February 4 from 12:30pm-1:30pm at the Extension Office
- Monday, May 8 from 3:30pm-7:30pm at the Extension office

It is the intent that all Wright County 4-H’ers/FFA be completed with their test or have attended a workshop by May 15th.
JANUARY 1, 2017 - The Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) will take effect. How you use certain feed and water-based antibiotics will change.

- **What?** A veterinary feed directive (VFD) is a written statement given to an animal owner by a veterinarian that is similar to a prescription. The written statement allows the owner of the animal to purchase and use animal feed containing a VFD drug or combination drug to treat an animal according to the veterinarian’s orders.

- **Why?** Medically important antibiotics will no longer be available to use for growth promotion. The use of these products for prevention, treatment or control of a specific disease will require direct veterinary supervision. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has stated this directive is necessary to protect public health, limit the potential of antimicrobial resistance and to promote the cautious use of these animal health products only when appropriate.

- **How?** Read the label! All feeds containing VFD drugs must have the following statement: “Caution: Federal law restricts medicated feed containing this veterinary feed directive (VFD) drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.”

  - Youth must obtain a VFD order from their veterinarian, then send or take the VFD order to a feed manufacturer or supplier to get the VFD feed. If you manufacture your own feed you must have a VFD to get the medicated feed.

  - VFD feed must be fed according to the information on the label and on the VFD. You must also follow the expiration date on the VFD. VFD feed cannot be fed to animals after the VFD has expired.

*Antibiotic Examples:* Penicillins, Glycopeptides, Cephalosporins, Tetracyclines, Macrolides, Sulfas, Fluroroquinolones

*Common Names:* Chlorotetracycline (CTC), Aureomycin, Tylan, Lincomycin

*Components of a VFD:* Veterinarian’s contact information, Producer’s contact information, Location of animals prescribed the VFD, Date VFD was written, Expiration date of VFD, Name of drug, Species of animals being fed the VFD, Number of animals to be fed VFD, Why the drug was prescribed, Withdrawal time, Refills, VFD statement, Veterinarian’s signature

For more information check out the two page document at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock)
Registration Form (Due Jan. 11, 2017)

Youth Name (first, last) _________________________________________ Grade Completed: _________

Address: ____________________________ City: _______________________

Any Food Allergies: _______________________________________________________________________

Parent Name (first, last): _________________________________ Parent Cell Phone: ____________________

Parent Email Address: ________________________________________________

As a part of the registration form, and Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release form needs to be completed for all non-4-H youth and returned w/registration form. You can get one from our office and on our website:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/content/camps

Return to: Wright County Extension Office, 210 1st St. SW, Clarion, IA 50525.
Wright County District Junior Fair Scholarship Application

Postmark Due March 31

Application is online at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/content/4-h-awards

This scholarship will be awarded to up to 3 individuals for $200 each. Each winner will receive payment after January 15 with proof of post-secondary education 2.0 GPA or better at the end of the first semester and enrollment for the second semester.

Criteria and Eligibility:

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school in Wright County.

Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited school or institute within 1 year of high school graduation.

Applicant must have had a significant influence/participation in the Wright County Fair within the past three years with a minimum of four years participation.

Family members of Wright County Fair board members are eligible to apply.

Using the electronic application form, the applicant must submit the completed and signed application by March 31 (postmarked) to: Wright County Fair – Scholarship Committee, PO Box 125, Eagle Grove, IA 50533.

The applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a Wright County resident (not employed with the school district and not a member of the Wright County Fair Board) in an envelope sealed by the writer along with their application.

The scholarship committee may request to interview the scholarship applicant prior to making their award selection.

IOWA STATE 4-H COUNCIL

This is an opportunity that can benefit you and the county as the youth gains leadership and team building skills to bring back to his or her local program. The experience is focused on building leaders and reflects that in a re-vamped application this year. We are looking for youth will all kinds of backgrounds and experiences that exhibit the potential for leadership. More information can be found on this opportunity and the other state 4-H recognition opportunities at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities. Later in this newsletter is more info about state 4-H council and other opportunities.
NEW MEMBER MEETING

All new member and parents are invited to our annual new member meeting on Sunday, January 22 at the Extension Office from 4-5pm. Teen Council members will help explain what a 4-H year is like. They will talk about important deadlines, camps, workshop, fair, record keeping, and so much more. This is a great time to get questions answered and gain some understanding of what to expect this first year. Any 2nd or 3rd year members/parents want to attend, all are welcome to join us.

4-H JUDGES TRAINING
Carson IA, March 4

Please mark your calendars to attend! Registration will be available after December 1, 2016. 4-H Exhibit Judges Training for NEW and current 4-H Judges, Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Carson Community Center, located just off US Hwy 92 in Carson at 316 S Commercial Street.

New Judges training along with updates for current judges on Communication, Food and Nutrition, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Science and Engineering, Visual Arts/Home Improvement, and Photography. Check in December for more information and registration!

SESS WINTER POSTAL MATCH

Winter Postal Match registration deadline is January 31. Register online https://goo.gl/kDtgXW. Match runs November 1 through March 31. Club or County can register and pay for the team or participants can register and pay individually. You can find additional information and rules at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/shooting-sports-activities-and-events.

2017 Calendar and Information

What special-themed 4-H Camps will be offered this summer at the Iowa 4-H Center? Calendar and information is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/2017-state-4-h-camp-information. Registration will begin in March.

Junior Duck Stamp Program

Are you a student in Grades K-12? Are you looking for a fun project for the cold winter months? Prepare an entry for the 2017 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest! Google “Junior Duck Stamp” for contest rules and entry forms. Do a little research from the list of eligible species on the website and decide what species you want to depict. Decide what medium you want to use for your entry. Get started! If you would like some 9”x12” paper for your entry, let me know and I will send you some. Iowa entries must be postmarked by March 15. There are 100 winners from each state. You could be one of those winners! Good luck! Email Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov or call 515/994-3400 if you would like paper or if you have questions.
IOWA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE

The 2017 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available online and can be found at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/scholarships/

There are different 4-H scholarships listed on the link given make sure to check them all out.

Letters of recommendation need to be submitted through the online form. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. February 1, 2017. Applicants will have the ability to save and return to the application online as many times as needed. Supporting documents with instructions and helpful hints are posted as well. For questions or additional information please contact Jessica Norman jnorman@iastate.edu or call: (515)532-3453.

4-H FUN NIGHT

Mark your Calendars for 4-H Fun Night Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Clarion-Goldfield High School. The evening will be filled with: Games, Food, Fun, Friends and Prizes. All families are asked to participate in the following ways. Each club is assigned to bring pies, cakes, and or bars. Your club is listed. Parent committees are being planned to help with food stand, bingo, traffic control, tickets sales, and the raffle. Please watch for your letter in the near future. If there is an area you would like to help in, please call to volunteer. Last year royalty parents are asked to decorate the stage for coronation.

Cakes & Pies: All families are assigned to bring either a cake or pie. Please bring all pies and cakes in disposable containers and label the kind of pie!!

The club assignments are as follows:

**Pies for lunch stand:** Lake Clovers, Iowa Hawkeyes, Wright County P.I.G., & Wright Warriors

**6 Pans of Bars:** Wright County P.I.G. (Do not cut)

**Cakes for Cake Walk:** Dayton Lake, Liberty Pathfinders, and Pleasant Progressors

**Cake Walk at Fun Night:** Wright Warriors

*All clubs are asked to bring 25 chance jars again this year. Letters have been emailed to club leaders.

**Each club is asked to donate an item for the silent auction table info emailed to club leaders.

***Clubs that have not turned in booth games need to do so ASAP to the Extension office.

****Clubs that have not turned in King & Queen info need to by Jan. 14th. I have quite a few clubs/youth who have not turned in info and picture. I have sent a message to leaders who I still need info from and a picture emailed to me. Info will be emailed to leaders when I receive from clubs/youth.
4-H PARTIES, ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISING, VOLUNTEERING

I know that many clubs are planning holiday parties, fun activities, fundraising, and community volunteering and I commend you all for that! May I ask is that you keep in mind our risk management and insurance policies and keep Jessica informed on your plans so that the office knows where our 4-Hers are and what they are doing! I would also welcome any photos you would like to share of your club celebrations!

WINTER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Is your club planning to go skiing, snowboarding, sledding, ice skating or other winter recreation activity this winter? All winter recreation activities involve risks, and it is important for you to have information about your selected activity. The Permission Agreement and Release and Waiver of Liability must be obtained from the Extension Office, read carefully and signed by each participant and the parent or legal guardian. These forms must be returned to the Extension office before the planned activity. Call Jessica at 515-532-3453 or email jnorman@iastate.edu

4-H DAYS AT SEVEN OAKS

Enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing with other 4-H families and groups! Come for a full day of fun, or enjoy an evening on the slopes. These discounts are only offered on the dates shown below, and are exclusively for 4-H members and their families. Sunday, December 18th - 11am to 8pm, Saturday, January 7th - 10am to 9pm, Sunday, January 22nd - 11am to 8pm, Sunday, February 12th - 11am to 8pm, Saturday, March 4th - 10am to 9pm

Ages 12 and below: Lift ticket only $25; Ski or Snowboard Package $35 - (regular price $48); Snow Tube only $14 for 2 hours and $4 each additional hour Ages 13 and above: Lift ticket only $32; Ski or Snowboard Package $49 (regular price $65); Snow Tube only $14 for 2 hours and $4 each additional hour Park Pass: (only offered on Sundays from 4pm - 8pm): Lift ticket, rental, and snow tubing $22

These prices are valid for any 4-H group with 8 or more people in the group and lump sum payment is required. Reservations required, call and book your group today! (515) 432-9457. Visit our website to learn more about Seven Oaks, 1086 222nd Dr, Boone IA.

Remember If you do go to Seven Oaks at a 4-H event, you MUST talk to Jessica at least two weeks before you go. There is paper work that has to be completed with Jessica before the trip.

Iowa STEM Youth Advisory Board Wants YOU

Be one of 15 students across Iowa serving as the voice of your classmates to help transform the Iowa STEM movement. If you are ready to join the crusade or want to learn about this opportunity, visit: www.iowastem.gov/Youth-Board/Application, and apply by Tuesday, January 31.
APPLICATION Available for DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Community Improvement Projects

Happy to report that the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants are back for 2016-17. Accepting grants now through Jan. 17, 2017. Applications should be turned into County Extension Offices by Jan. 17.

You can find information, application tips, application, and a promotion brochure for these grants on the Iowa 4-H website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Grants can be awarded from $50 to $500 but typically will not exceed half of the cost of the total project as groups are encouraged to work at obtaining local support as a match.

Successful projects are those that enlist partnerships with other community entities, demonstrate engagement by the full 4-H club, and make a positive impact on the community. Send questions regarding the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants to Jessica Norman at jnorman@iastate.edu.

Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health

Grants for Ag Safety and Health Projects

Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health is now accepting applications for 2017 agricultural youth grants! These small grants of $500 are available to any youth group in Iowa interested in conducting a project related to agricultural safety and health. Criteria for selection will be based on objectives and use of funds. One project will be selected for the Outstanding Youth Grant Award which will be presented at the 2017 MRASH conference in mid-November. Funding will be available for travel and expenses to attend the meeting. A cash award will also be given to the top project. Applications are due February 15, 2017. Materials can be found here: www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash/programs/agricultural-youth-grants/. Ralph Altmaier; Admin Services Coordinator; Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health; 319-335-4229

4-H LEADER/VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The 2016-2017 Annual Training: Youth Engagement Strengthens 4-H! Volunteers who are club, project, Clover Kids, SESS leaders and assistant leaders are required to attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development & risk management knowledge and skills. Training occurs in each county and is designated as the annual training module. Wright County training is 6-8:00 pm on Thursday, February 23 and will be held at the Extension Office.

All 4-H Volunteers need to attend this training. There will be a light meal before the meeting, 6:00 pm—6:30 pm. RSVP to Jessica for a meal count by noon on Tuesday, February 21.

This year leaders will learn more about engaging youth in intentional, meaningful ways. By creating opportunities for youth to make decisions, take on responsibilities, and contribute to improving outcomes for themselves and others, 4-H volunteers are providing opportunities for youth to build mastery in decision making skills as well as reinforce their work towards independence.
STATE 4-H RECOGNITION DAY

The State 4-H Recognition Day will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 on the Iowa State University campus.

All applications and materials must be submitted via electronic submission in JotFormPro by 11:59 PM on February 1, 2017. Make sure you submit a viable email address for contact.

Recognition in 4-H is an acknowledgment and affirmation of the personal growth of an individual. It can be public or private. It can be within the individual or provided by others. Recognition in 4-H includes encouragement and support for learning and comes as a result of participation in educational experiences.

Recognition is one strategy to help youth become more capable and competent. It happens through recognizing and appreciating each person's effort and providing positive reinforcement to continue participating in learning activities.

For information about the recognition opportunities, please visit the 4-H Recognition Opportunities website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities. Please contact Jessica Norman, 515-532-3453 or jnorman@iastate.edu for more information.

Recognition in 4-H has several purposes:

- Recognition can be a motivator for some young people to excel and take risks.
- Recognition can foster self-appraisal skills, providing a strong foundation for each young person to engage in self-reflection and self-praise without the need for external rewards.
- Recognition can encourage and support the efforts of young people as they engage in individualized learning, peer competition or cooperation.
- Recognition, used in all its forms, can provide balance to the recognition young people receive as they move through our educational programs to increasingly difficult challenges.

Information/Application Materials

Each application contains specific application information, cover sheet, interview time request, and support material information.

National 4-H Conference - is a week-long trip to our nation's capital. Youth stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD with delegates from across the nation. The goal of the event is for youth to share their perspective on the 4-H program with national leaders, including Congressional members.

National 4-H Congress - is held over the Thanksgiving holiday each year in Atlanta, GA. The recognition event includes dynamic keynote speakers, community service in the Atlanta area, workshops on leadership, cultural issues, and team-building. Participants also get a chance to see the city of Atlanta.

State 4-H Council – This group of high school students works directly with Iowa 4-H Youth Development staff to represent the program across the state. They speak to local 4-H groups, represents 4-H’ers ideas to staff, and work in committees to plan the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, 4-H’ers for 4-H campaign, and 4-H promotional ideas.

State Project Awards – 4-H’ers who have focused on specific project areas during their 4-H experience can apply for recognition for their efforts through this program. Awarded a $100 tentative award, 4-H’ers who have demonstrated mastery, leadership, communication, and service in their project will be recognized as the top in the state.

4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program - The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training to become advocates for the program at county, regional, and state levels. Through the program, Ambassadors develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

National 4-H Dairy Conference – 4-H’ers active in the dairy project can apply for this annual conference, held in Wisconsin.
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