

## The Clover Patch 4-H Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Members & Parents:

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments this past year and for taking an active part in the Clark County 4-H Program. I hope your 4-H experiences were good ones and that you will continue your participation in 2010. I urge you to invite a friend to your next 4-H club meeting. Please share this newsletter with all members of your family, because there is information here that will assist you when questions arise about the County 4-H Program.

*\*Due to budget cuts, we need each 4-H families working e-mail address, so that 4-H newsletters can be e-mailed to help save on postage.*

The upcoming holiday season is a great time to do community service projects for needy/lonely community citizens. Please support efforts, such as the Salvation Army Angel Tree program or just get your group together to visit/sing at nursing homes. Enjoy the Holiday Season!!



**PLEASE NOTE: 2010 4-H FAIR DATES HAVE CHANGED!**

**James Gang Amusements has rescheduled the 2010 4-H Fair to July 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (Early General Project Entry will be moved to Thursday; Livestock Entry has been moved to Saturday; Animal Show Schedules to be on same days, but some times have changed)**

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**2009-2010 4-H CORPORATION OFFICERS**

President: Paul Graf  
Vice-President: Kathy Jones  
Secretary/Treasurer: Sharon Beal

The Clark County 4-H Corporation Board meets every month (generally third Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room.

The 4-H Corporation Board is the governing body for the Clark County 4-H Program. Anytime you have any concerns or suggestions concerning the 4-H Program,

please feel free to discuss them with a Board member or the Extension Staff. All meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to appear on the agenda should contact the Extension Office (256-4591) prior to the next meeting.

***\*Congratulations to Joyce Dickson for being nominated for Clark County's 2009 Woman of the Year for all she has done with 4-H and the Extension Homemakers!!***



## COUNTY & 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Please note that **Jan. 15, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for all State 4-H Scholarships.** If you plan to further your education beyond high school, these are worth checking out. Please come by the Extension Office and pick up at least an Ind. 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form or you can go online to print out the scholarship forms at: [www.four-h.purdue.edu/ext\\_ed/index.html](http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/ext_ed/index.html). Clark County 4-H Scholarships (3 @ \$400) – deadline is also January 15, 2010.



## HIGH SCHOOL RODEO SUCCESSFUL

Many of you donated your time to this fundraising effort, which was held October 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. **THANK YOU** all for your dedication. The 4-H Corporation is most grateful to you!!

## AREA 2 CROPS/ENTOMOLOGY FORESTRY JUDGING CONTEST

The Area 2 4-H Crops/Entomology/Forestry Judging Contest will be held on Thurs., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at North Harrison High School in Harrison County. Registration deadline for entry is Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. The Area Contest registration will be held at 5:00 p.m., with the contest starting at 5:30 p.m.



At the Clark County CEF Judging Contest held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, there were 4 participants in the Entomology Contest: Sr. Div.-Josh McDonald (1<sup>st</sup>), Louis-John Murray (2<sup>nd</sup>), Rebekah Dickson (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Elizabeth Dickson (4<sup>th</sup>). This Senior Team will represent Clark County at the Area 2 CEF Contest on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Joyce and Linda Dickson for helping with the many practices and this contest!

## 4-H CLUB ADULT LEADER MEETINGS

The next Adult Leader meeting will be Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room. Committees need help!

**Please Note:** There will be a Leader Training covering **“What Every Leader Should Know”**. This will be an adobe connect program with State 4-H Specialist Dr. Carl Broady & Dr. Steve McKinley. The program will run from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Adult Leaders will reconvene in January at their meeting on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## 2009-10 Adult Leader Organization Officers:

President: Dana Warren      Secretary: Missy Stephans  
Vice-Pres.: Jennifer Lynch      Treasurer: Linda Dickson

Pres. Warren asks that club leaders sign-up for various committees: Projects, Awards, Activities & Open Class.

## 4-H FAIR TROPHIES/COMPLETION PINS



We still have a few trophies left over from the 4-H Recognition event that was held on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have not picked up your trophy(s) yet, please do so ASAP. Please check with your 4-H club leader to see if they picked up your trophy(s) for you. We have some 4-H clubs that haven't picked up completion pins for their 4-H members.

## TAKE TIME TO THANK YOUR TROPHY SPONSOR

It is not too late to take the time to send your sponsors thank you notes, as well as thanking them in person. Only if they know you, as a 4-H member, appreciate their generosity will they return to support you and your endeavors in 4-H. If you need an address that you can't find online or in the telephone book, please call the Extension Office (256-4591) and we can retrieve it for you. If you participated in the Livestock Auction, be sure to send a thank you note to your buyer and if possible stop by their business and introduce yourself.

## JUNIOR LEADER MEETINGS

The next Junior Leader meeting will be held on Mon., November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Food Center. We will be discussing committee responsibilities. Any youth in 7<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join. Junior Leader meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month (unless otherwise noted).

\*\*The December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Food Center. Come prepared to make cheese balls for a fundraiser. We are likely to have an incoming 4-H exchange from California in 2010.

## 2009-2010 Junior Leader Officers:

President: Megan Eve      Treasurer: Brett Brooks  
Vice-Pres.: Hannah Seals      Recreation: Olivia Summer lot  
Sec./Reporter: Kenton Sink      and Carrie Wiley

## BIO BLAST HELD

In October, Junior Leaders participated in the National 4-H Experiment learning the importance of biofuels. Leaders should encourage their Junior Leaders to share the fun with younger members in your clubs.

## JUNIOR LEADERS SELLING CHEESE BALLS



The Junior Leaders will be making cheese balls again during the holiday season as a fundraiser. Cheese balls can be ordered with or without nuts. They will be made in December in time for the Christmas season. Please call Teresa Burgin (293-3902) or any Junior Leader with your orders **no later than December 5<sup>th</sup>**, so that supplies can be ordered.



## **\*\*REMEMBER - DONATE PROM DRESSES & JACKETS**

The Junior Leaders are collecting old prom attire to donate to needy students. Please call Teresa Burgin at 293-3902 if you have something to donate.

### **LIVESTOCK CHANGES FOR 2010**

- **\*All State Fair Bound Livestock must follow Indiana State 4-H enrollment procedures. (Options will be explained in the upcoming Jan. livestock mailing.)**
- We will continue to use 5-digit ear tags for market lambs and flock tags for breeding ewes in 2010
- State Fair animals are expected to enroll on separate enrollment forms.
- Any rule violation will result in 4-H member not showing or auctioning their animal
- **Fair animal entry (all livestock) has been moved up a day to SATURDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Rabbits & Poultry will be checked in from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- **Show time changes:**
  - **Horse & Pony Show-1:30 p.m.**
  - **Rabbit Ambassador Contest-2:00 p.m.**
  - **Swine Show-5:00 p.m.**

**More policies are pending – watch for details in upcoming newsletters.**

### **CO. 4-H BEEF/DAIRY ENROLLMENT DAY SET FOR FEB. 13, 2010**



Please mark your calendars now for **SAT., FEB. 13<sup>th</sup>** for the 4-H Beef Steer/Market Heifer/Dairy/ID Enrollment day at the 4-H fairgrounds, starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 Noon. Steers will be weighed and double eartagged. **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS 12:00 NOON ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>**. (If you have a major conflict with this day, you must complete the 7-day extension form and turn it into the Extension Office or Kevin Christman prior to February 13<sup>th</sup>.)

Please Note: **NEW 4-H Beef project members must have a 2010 regular County 4-H enrollment form filled out and on file in the Extension Office prior to this February 13<sup>th</sup> ID date.**

### **SPRING 4-H LIVESTOCK ENROLLMENT DATE SET FOR SAT., MAY 8, 2010**

Enrollment deadline for Heifers, Sheep, Swine, Dairy (female), Goats, Poultry and Rabbits will be **SAT., MAY 8, 2010, between 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon** at the

4-H fairgrounds. Contact your Barn Chairperson if you have any questions concerning enrollment. **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS 12:00 NOON ON SAT., MAY 8, 2010.** Registration papers must accompany enrollment forms for verification on this May 8<sup>th</sup> date for registered heifers.

**Please Note: Indiana State Fair retinal scans will be done (similar to last spring), on May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **2010 4-H AREA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST SET FOR APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**

The 2010 Area Livestock Judging Contest is set for Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Little York Stockyards. More information will be sent out later. Lisa Hall will be the new Clark County 4-H team coach

**\*New Livestock Judging Camps – January 23<sup>rd</sup> or February 20<sup>th</sup> – details later.**

### **4-H HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE**



The County Shooting Sports Committee has set dates for the 2010 4-H Hunter Education course, which is recommended before joining the County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Dates are: (Tuesdays), February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, plus a range firing

date on Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Location will continue to be at Bass Pro Shop in Clarksville, from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

### **COUNTY LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our next County Livestock Committee meeting will be held on Wed., December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Ext. Office Conference Room. Final 2010 rule changes must be filed at this meeting.

### **COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM**

Lisa Hall, the new Clark County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Coach will be scheduling a call-out meeting. Any new youth wanting to participate should plan to attend. Please call Lisa at 293-4875 closer to December if you are interested in participating.

### **2010 4-H SADDLE CLUB DATES SCHEDULED**

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> will be the call-out meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Food Center. If you know of any first year 4-H member interested in showing a horse at the 2010 4-H



Fair, please let them know about this meeting. Also, have them call the Extension Office (256-4591) so they can be put on the mailing list. Other meeting dates will be listed in the next 4-H newsletter.

Mark your calendars now that the Saddle Club's Chili Supper/Auction is scheduled for Sat., March 6, 2010

## FIRE UP FOR THE 2010 4-H SUMMER CAMP



4-H Camp will be conducted **June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at Country Lake.** Camp will still be three days and two nights. We will be camping with Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Lawrence, Orange, Scott, and

Washington counties. Spread the word to your 4-H friends in Clark and surrounding counties. Camp sign-up information will be mailed in March, 2010.

**(Camp cost will NOT increase in 2010. The 4-H Corporation and 4-H Adult Leaders will be making subsidy decisions this winter.)**

### **\*\*Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors**

The Area 2 4-H Camp group is seeking 4-H Camp Counselors for June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for youth in grades 9-12. Previous experience working with youth is desired. Prior leadership, camping, recreation, or singing experience is beneficial.



Applications are available from the Extension Office and are due back by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Training sessions will be required.** Come make camp a great experience for the 4-H members in our area.

## 4-H LICENSE PLATES

When renewing your auto and light truck license plates, please remember that Indiana 4-H has a special 4-H license plate available. **You DO NOT have to apply to the Indiana 4-H Foundation (as in the past), merely go to the BMV and pick them up.** For a \$25 donation to 4-H you can display your support for 4-H on your vehicle everyday of the year. Also, \$10 of every plate sold (in Clark Co.) comes back to the Clark County 4-H Program.

## 4-H PARENTS/MEMBERS/LEADERS

If you have access to the internet and have ideas for promoting or strengthening our 4-H Program or just have a question, please feel free to e-mail me at: [rallen1@purdue.edu](mailto:rallen1@purdue.edu) You may, of course, telephone me as well at 256-4591, or please visit.

## SAFETY IN THE OUTDOORS



For those of you who hike or hunt in the fall outdoors – various hunting seasons will be open during November and December. Make sure that you wear at least one hat, shirt, or coat made with blaze orange material when going afield. This is a wonderful, but potentially dangerous time of the year. Be aware, careful and ENJOY!

## 4-H ATV SAFETY PROGRAM

We will continue to recruit audiences for Area programming efforts. Tentative plans are to conduct another ATV Safety Program in the Spring of 2010.

## FOLLOW THESE TEN STEPS TO ATV SAFETY



- 1) Always wear a Helmet and Safety goggles.
- 2) Only operate an ATV that is for your age group.
- 3) Maintain a good riding posture.
- 4) Remember, an ATV handles different.
- 5) Do a pre-ride inspection before taking off.
- 6) An ATV rider should be an active rider; when making turns, keep feet on the pegs and lean your upper body into the turn.
- 7) Climbing hills: If you have any questions in your mind, or you think it looks too steep to climb, then it probably is.
- 8) Going down hill: shift your weight to the back of the seat, down shift, and complete your descent.
- 9) Avoid "side hill" situations.
- 10) Do not carry extra riders. ATV's are meant for one rider only.

Another thing to help with the learning process is to sign-up and attend an ATV Rider Safety Course. These are provided by the ATV Safety Institute. To find a course in your area, you can call the ATV Safety Institute toll free at 1-800-887-2887, talk with the representative about your options.

## 4-H CLUB LEADERS TAKE NOTE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

It is time to be starting to fill out the Annual 4-H Club/Unit Financial Report. Reporting year is Jan. 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2009. The form must be in the Extension Office by **February 1, 2010**. We also need your 4-H Unit Activity Report for the reporting year (this is a list of the meetings/activities your club participated in this past Fair season).

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are always looking for additional volunteers, and now is a great time to express interest. You can help with traditional programs related to the 4-H or you may be more interested in helping with programs at area schools. If you already volunteer in some capacity for a 4-H activity, feel free to consider different assignments. There is not a rule saying you have to do the same thing every year. We realize your life changes and so does your interest in volunteer assignments. Don't hesitate to contact Bob Allen in order to sign up or to get a new assignment.



## ANIMAL OWNERSHIP



Are you considering buying and raising any animal(s) for 4-H exhibition? It is critical that you and your family carefully consider that it is a huge responsibility. Animal

wellness is crucially important as well. All domestic animals require plenty of space, food, water, and shelter. Please do your homework on whether you have the ability to feed them daily and can afford the costs. Our 4-H manuals can help you.

## 4-H ANNUAL HOOSIER CHEER FOR OUR HEROES

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman is once again organizing a holiday letter drive, "Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes," in support of our military service men and women. Through her partnership with Operation: Military Kids (OMK), she has requested our assistance again this year. Letters may be submitted via e-mail or postal mail by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. You may send an electronic note to: [lg@lg.in.gov](mailto:lg@lg.in.gov). You may visit [www.in.gov/lgov/](http://www.in.gov/lgov/) and click on the "Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes" link to learn more about the campaign and find mailing directions.



**Mark your calendars that the 2010 Clark County 4-H Consignment Auction is scheduled for Sat., March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## CLARK COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Did you know that the 4-H Program in Clark Co. has its own local foundation established? It is true and perhaps one of the best kept secrets with regard to potential donations and gifts to one of the premier youth education organizations in Clark County.

The Clark County 4-H Foundation has been a partner with the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for several years.

The Clark County 4-H Foundation has been established as a non-profit corporation that is exempt from taxation as a 501 (c)(3) public charity/endowment. Gifts and donations held by the 4-H foundation are placed in a permanent fund, with the principal remaining in its entirety. Only the earnings are used for only the educational endeavors of the 4-H Program in Clark County. Through this arrangement, gifts become perpetual and have the added benefit of assisting 4-H youth for many years into the future.

## November/December Dates:

- Nov. 7-20 – North American Livestock Expo, Louisville, KY
- Nov. 9 – 4-H Junior Ldr. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Food Stand
- Nov. 11 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED, Veteran's Day Holiday
- Nov. 12 – Area 2 4-H CEF Judging, North Harrison High School, Harrison Co.
- Nov. 18 – 4-H Corporation Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Nov. 19 – Adult Leaders Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Nov. 26-27 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED, Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 1 – 4-H Camp Counselor applications deadline
- Dec. 2 – Co. 4-H Livestock Com. Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Dec. 3 – 4-H Adult Leader Trng., "What Every 4-H Club Leader Should Know", 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Dec. 13 – 4-H Junior Leaders make cheeseballs, 2:00 p.m., Food Stand
- Dec. 16 – 4-H Corporation Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Dec. 24 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas Holidays
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's Holidays

# Happy Holidays!



Sincerely,

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Extension Office -  
[www.extension.purdue.edu/extsite/counties.shtml](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extsite/counties.shtml)  
then click on Clark County on the Indiana map

We also have a 4-H Facebook page in the works.