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2009 Boone County 4-H Fair Friday, July 24 – Thursday, July 30

Tony's Thoughts

What does it mean when spring is here? It means that Boone County 4-H is well under way and going strong. Clubs have been organized and are planning for their activities and community improvement projects, workshops are being conducted by project leaders so youth can learn about the skills in their project area, and of course, the county fair is only about 3 months away.

The 4-H Council has focused their attention for the last five or six years on renovating the fairgrounds in order to provide the facilities that will meet the needs of the youth in our 4-H program as well as the needs of our community. It has been exciting to watch as the vision of needing additional meeting rooms for project workshops and 4-H club meetings has resulted in an overall renovation of the fairgrounds to meet the needs of the total 4-H program.

What's next? My challenge to the 4-H Council, and you as an end-user of the 4-H program, is to create a vision for our 4-H program and its educational delivery. Wouldn't it be great if fifteen years from now we were faced with a challenge of needing more space to conduct 4-H club meetings and educational workshops? It's not going to happen on its own. There has to be a vision of what our 4-H program could look like, goals have to be set to make that vision become reality, and an action plan has to be developed to accomplish those goals. That's what's next.

How can we continue to make our 4-H program the best it can be to meet the needs of Boone County's youth? What is your vision for Boone County's 4-H program? What will your role be in helping that vision become reality? I'd love to hear from you.

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Vicki's Viewpoints

Spring is just around the corner and I can hardly wait! I'm ready for spring showers, May flowers, and warmer temperatures!

I hope all of you are working on your projects; whether it be feeding & recording those receipts, the crafts "project", or maybe taking pictures. Getting started now will make the months of June & July much more enjoyable. Please make time to attend project workshops. This is a great place to get ideas and get those questions answered!

The 4-H Chicken/Pork Chop BBQ is scheduled for April 18th. Please help sell the tickets, as the proceeds benefit the Buildings & Grounds Fund.

Have a great Spring!

Vicki Ballentine
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Capital Campaign Update

Many thanks to all the families, friends, and businesses who have helped make some of the dreams of the 4-H Council come true. To date, the capital campaign has received approximately \$1.2 Million in donations, pledges, and in-kind support for fairgrounds renovations. That's awesome!!

The new sheep and goat barn has been constructed. To date funds have been available for the excavation and construction of the shell. As funds become available through additional contributions to the capital campaign this building will receive its concrete floor, lighting, electricity, plumbing and wash racks, etc.

Other improvements include the construction of a building at the north track to house a concession stand and restrooms, and the construction of new restrooms south of the barns near the horse arena, to name a few.

The 4-H Council is confident that these dreams, too, will become reality. But not until additional revenue is generated through the capital campaign.

Thank you for helping make the 4-H Fairgrounds the centerpiece for community development, economic development, and of course, youth development in Boone County.

Handbooks Have Been Distributed

By now all 4-H members should have their white 2009 handbook. Anyone who does not have theirs yet should contact their club leader immediately. Be sure to take time to read all the general rules and project rules as they outline requirements for completion and exhibition. Questions should be directed to your leader or the Extension Office. Leaders who have not yet stopped by the Extension Office for a copy of the handbook are asked to do so.

Project Drop Deadline April 1

Anyone wishing to drop a project from their original enrollment form must do so no later than April 1. This form is available in the Extension Office and on our web site at www.ibccn.org/ces and must be completed before the member's request can be processed. After April 1, projects in which members are enrolled will be transcribed onto permanent record cards.

Livestock Premise ID

All livestock producers in the State of Indiana should obtain a premise identification number from the Indiana Board of Animal Health. This premise id will allow the BOAH to more quickly notify livestock owners in the event of an infectious disease outbreak in their vicinity. To learn more about the premise id system and to apply for a premise id, visit the BOAH web site at <http://www.in.gov/boah/>. All property owners housing livestock should have a premise id number, whether the property houses 1 animal or 100 animals.

Livestock Forms

Due May 15

Members enrolled in Beef, Cats, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse & Pony, Llama, Meat Goat, Sheep, or Swine must turn in the respective livestock identification and enrollment form no later than May 15. Members enrolled in these projects will be mailed the necessary forms in early April, however, if you do not receive these in the mail it is your responsibility to stop by the Extension Office and pick up the necessary forms.

Manuals Due

With Project Exhibit

A critical educational component of our 4-H program is to complete experiential learning activities in the 4-H manuals. These manuals are due at project check-in for members enrolled in projects that require 3 activities to be completed prior to exhibiting at the fair. Members enrolled in Aerospace, Beef, Cats, Child Development, Computer, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog Obedience, Entomology, Floriculture, Foods, Forestry, Garden, Geology, Health, Horse & Pony, Horsemen Without Horses, Llama, Meat Goat, Personality, Poultry, Photography, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Engine, Veterinary Science, Wildlife, or Woodworking must complete three activities in the manual, or optional activities provided by the Project Leader. Swine members must complete PQA Plus level III certification or the quiz provided by the leaders. In any case, these activities must be completed and turned in at project check-in. Anyone failing to complete these activities and turn in their manual will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair.

Make plans now to attend project workshops as leaders utilize this time to assist members with these activities. In addition, the Extension Office and its web site may have resource materials which can be of help in completing these activities. By the way, manuals can be turned in to the Extension Office prior to the fair to alleviate some undue stress.

4-H Demonstration and Public Speaking Contests

Anyone interested in participating in the Demonstration or Public Speaking Contests is asked to contact the Extension Office by April 15th. Information about these contests can be found on page 155 of your handbook or from your club leader. Those wishing to enter the Public Speaking contest must prepare a speech using the topic "4-H – Growing Youth, Equipping Adults and Impacting the Future". Demonstrations can be given in areas such as livestock, sewing, arts, crafts, foods, pleasure animals, mechanical sciences, safety, natural resources, or plants. Demonstrations can be either individual or team. Let's make sure that Boone County is represented at the State Contest this year!

County Share-the-Fun Competition May 7th

Members and clubs are encouraged to participate in the 2009 Share-the-Fun competition on May 7th. Clubs may participate in the group act while individual members may compete in either the musical or non-musical curtain act. Winners in each category advance to the Area VI competition. Suggested acts could be playing a musical instrument, singing, dance, comedy, group skit, lip sync, and many more. Be creative by putting on your talent hat and participating May 7. Don't forget to turn in your entry form to the Extension Office by May 1.

Livestock Locations Forms Due May 15

Due to various reasons, several 4-H members enrolled in a livestock project keep their animals at a location other than their own property. Therefore, it is necessary for any member in this situation to complete a Livestock Location Approval Form and submit it to the Extension Office no later than May 15. Questions regarding this can be directed to the Extension Office.

Make Plans to Attend 4-H Camp June 7-10

Are you in grade 3-6? Do you want to meet 4-H members from other counties? Does staying at Shakamak State Park without mom, dad, brothers, or sisters for 4 days and 3 nights sound like fun? If so, be sure to complete the attached 4-H Camp registration form and return it to the Extension Office by May 15. The purpose of 4-H Camp is to allow members to meet other 4-Hers from across the state and participate in recreational and educational activities. Camp counselors are selected from a pool of Jr. Leader applicants and are responsible for helping to chaperone the camp as well as teach various classes such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, dancing, swimming, crafts, and other activities to name a few. This year's counselors will be Andrew Jarrett, Tyler Everett, Garrett Seymour, Julie Carrell, Luke Everett, Jared Kaser, Joey Plunkett, Abby Everett, Julia Landrock, and Kayla Newsom. Questions regarding 4-H Camp should be directed to the Extension Office.

Hoosier Horse Fair April 3-5

The Hoosier Horse Fair will be conducted at the Indiana State Fairgrounds April 3-5. There are a number of activities for 4-H Horse and Pony members to participate in such as educational workshops and competitions. This event is open to the public and any horse enthusiast may attend. There will be a large trade show as well. Questions regarding specific events, activities, or registration should be directed to the horse and pony project leaders.

4-H BBQ April 18

Tickets for the Annual 4-H Chicken and Pork Chop BBQ have been distributed to Club Leaders for members to sell. The BBQ is a project of the 4-H Community Council with proceeds going toward buildings and ground improvements at the fairgrounds. All members are encouraged to assist with selling tickets and any adult wishing to help cook, serve, or clean-up should contact one of the following township council members or the Extension Office. It takes over 100 volunteers in order for this event to be successful.

Center	Debbie Pickens	482-1063	Marion	Renai King	758-6373
Clinton	Jill Chance	325-9929	Perry	Phyllis Leach	769-6628
Eagle	Dale Burgard	873-4904	Sugar Creek	Lynn Chambers	436-7393
Harrison	Wendy Schwein	482-9773	Union	Scott Babbitt	571-9784
Jackson	Cindy Hieston	723-1372	Washington	Kerry Dull	325-2418
Jefferson	Joyce Fuesting	482-7634	Worth	Jeff Shultz	769-6126

Enjoy the Home Show while attending the BBQ!

Community Service Is Part of 4-H

An important aspect of a young person's 4-H experience is that of community service. There are many different forms of community service. As a club, members can perform a renovation, beautification, or construction project. But individual members can also perform community service by offering to plant a tree, clean an elderly person's yard this spring, or visit a nursing home to read to a patient with impaired vision. These are only a few examples of community service. Members who have participated in such activities in the past will undoubtedly tell you that it is one of the most gratifying experiences in their life. As many people and businesses in our community provide assistance to the 4-H program, let's give something back to the community through the form of community service. Clubs completing a community service project should contact the Extension office for information about exhibiting their poster at the fair.

Clubs Reminded of Award Opportunities

4-H members are reminded that each club may apply for recognition as either a Standard or Honor Club. This award is based upon average attendance and member completion. In addition, club Secretary's, Treasurer's, and Reporter/Historian's can turn their books in this fall for recognition. Let's strive for every member to complete their projects and attend their meetings so that every club can receive recognition for their accomplishments.

Sheep Identification May 2

All 4-H Sheep members are reminded that identification will be conducted on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the fairgrounds. All wethers, ewes, and market lambs exhibited at the county or state fair must be properly identified with a special ear tag and retinal scan. Questions may be directed to Josh Kouns, Kevin Kouns, Bruce Guernsey or the Extension Office.

Starter Calf ID May 12

All 4-H Beef members planning to exhibit a starter calf are reminded that calves must be brought to the fairgrounds for identification on May 12. Requirements can be found in the 4-H handbook. Starter calf identification will be from 6:00-7:00 pm followed by a workshop. Questions may be directed to Wanda Garst or the Extension Office.

Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Wether Identification May 2

4-H Meat Goat members are reminded that identification for all wethers, both boer & boer cross, and dairy, will be May 2 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the 4-H fairgrounds. Requirements for the rate of gain competition are listed in your 4-H handbook. Questions may be directed to Kedrick Miller, Carla Hedrick, or the Extension Office.

State Fair Entries for Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Swine Due June 1

4-H members planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair in beef, dairy, sheep, or swine are reminded that entries must be postmarked no later than June 1. New for this year is that entries can be completed on-line at www.indianastatefair.com. The entry fee of \$15.00 per specie is required with entries. Entries for these species postmarked after June 1 will require a late fee of \$50.00 plus \$50.00 per animal. A new term and condition adopted by the Indiana State Fair board of directors requires exhibitors of beef, Boer goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goat wethers, Pygmy goats, sheep, and swine to provide their premise identification number prior to being able to enter animals for exhibition at the state fair. Questions should be directed to the Extension Office.

Indiana 4-H Horsemanship Camp

This year's camp will be June 15-19 in Danville at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. This camp is intended to provide assistance to 4-H members in the areas such as riding, training, and showing. Visit the state 4-H horse web site at www.four-h.purdue.edu/horse or contact the Extension Office for an application.

Please Return 4-H Yard Signs

Last year about 100 yard signs were distributed throughout the county to help advertise our 4-H Fair. To date, only about 50 of those have been returned. If you have one of these yard signs in your garage, please return it to the Extension Office so the sign can be used again this year to help advertise the 2009 Boone County 4-H Fair.

Boone County Safety Day June 20

The Boone County Safe Kids chapter will be conducting its 6th annual safety day on Saturday, June 20th. This free event will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Boone County Jail in Lebanon just north of the fairgrounds on Indianapolis Avenue. The purpose of this event is to teach youth and adults about safety in the areas of fire, bicycle, electricity, lawn & garden, water, and firearms to name a few. The objective of Safe Kids is to reduce the number of unintentional injuries to youth.

4-H Share-The-Fun

Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for youth to perform for an audience where the performer and audience both have fun.
- To help youth identify talents that they may choose to develop.
- To share 4-H with others in the community.
- To help youth and adults learn to work as team members for a coordinated activity.

Eligibility

All entertainers must be currently enrolled in 4-H and in grades 3-age 19. Narrators are considered part of the act so they must be a 4-H member. Please note: A person whose only contribution to the act is that of being piano or other accompanist is not considered part of the act and therefore does not have to be a 4-H member. This is because this provides music in a similar capacity as a tape provides music. Clover Bud members are not eligible to perform in Share-The-Fun curtain or group acts.

Categories

Group Acts

- Consists of five (5) or more performers
- Performance time is 5-8 minutes
- Type of acts include skits, sketches, choral numbers, dance routines, lip sync, etc.

Curtain Act Non-Musical

- Consists of one (1) to four (4) performers
- Performance time is 3-5 minutes
- Type of acts include skits, magic, clowning, rhythmic gymnastics, reading, cheerleading routines, dance, lip sync, juggling, acrobatic feats, puppetry, etc.

Curtain Act Musical

- Consists of one (1) to four (4) performers
- Performance time is 3-5 minutes
- Type of acts include instrumental (piano, guitar, flute, drums, etc.), vocal, bands (rock, country, jazz, etc.), etc.

Other Rules to Follow

- 1) A CD/tape player, microphone(s) and a piano will be provided.
- 2) Each act should bring a back-up tape or CD, no MP-3's are allowed.
- 3) Each act will be allowed two people to help with set-up and music.
- 4) One person per act is to be responsible for playing the music.
- 5) Recommended set up time for each act is 3 minutes.
- 6) Normal room lighting will be provided.
- 7) County and Area events will focus on sharing the FUN. This is not a talent contest.

Awards

The winner of each category will receive a plaque. Ribbons will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. All other performers will receive a participation ribbon. The winner of each category will be invited to participate in the Area contest. In the event that the winner is unable to participate in the Area contest, the next highest placing in that category will be invited to participate.

Demonstration Contest

4-H members wanting to compete in the county demonstration contest must submit an entry form to the Extension Office by June 15th. The demonstration should be original with the participant. A demonstration should be of a practical nature. Special, elaborate, expensive equipment or that which is difficult to move cannot be justified. The use of large live animals will not be allowed. Demonstration categories are: 1) livestock 2) color, texture, design 3) foods 4) animals for pleasure 5) mechanical science and safety 6) natural resources 7) plants 8) general 9) team. There is no limit on the number of categories a member may compete, however, a member is limited to only one demonstration per category. Contestants will be notified of the contest date and time.

Junior division

1. A participant must be a 4-H member and be in grades 6, 7, or 8 in the current academic year.
2. Junior demonstrations should last five (5) to seven (7) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
3. There is no limit on the number of times a member may participate in the 4-H junior demonstration contest.
4. Each demonstrator will be awarded a blue or red ribbon. Honor ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected.

Senior division

1. A participant must be a 4-H member and be in grades 9 - 12 in the current academic year.
2. Senior demonstrations should last five (5) to ten (10) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
3. There is no limit on the number of times a member may participate in the 4-H senior demonstration contest.
4. Each demonstrator will be awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon. Honor ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected.

Public Speaking

4-H members wanting to compete in the county public speaking contest must submit an entry form to the Extension Office by June 15th. General theme for all speeches will be the same as the current state 4-H theme. The 2007 theme is "What is the new face of 4-H?" Speeches should be original with participant.

Junior division

1. A participant must be a 4-H member and be in grades 6, 7, or 8 of the current academic year.
2. Junior speeches should last three (3) to five (5) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
3. There is no limit on the number of times a member may participate in the junior speaking contest.
4. Each speaker will be awarded a blue or red ribbon. Honor ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected.

Senior division

1. A participant must be a 4-H member and be in grades 9 - 12 in the current academic year.
2. Senior speeches should last five (5) to seven (7) minutes. Judges will penalize contestants not meeting these time limits.
3. There is no limit on the number of times a member may participate in the senior speaking contest.
4. Each speaker will be awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon. Honor ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected.

**Demonstration and Public Speaking
Entry Form**

Name _____ Grade _____ Club _____

Please check entry: Public Speaking Demonstration

Return this form by June 15th to: Purdue Extension Boone County, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052; Fax 765-483-4453

**SHARE THE FUN
ENTRY FORM**

Contact the Extension Office for county and area contest dates. A copy of the rules can be obtained from the Extension Office or your 4-H club leader.

Please check the appropriate category:

Curtain Act Musical Curtain Act Non-Musical Group Act

Name of act _____

Contact Person Phone _____ Name of 4-H Club _____

Name(s) of all 4-H'ers in act _____

Return this form no later than May 1st to: Purdue Extension Boone County
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**4-H CAMP REGISTRATION
SHAKAMAK STATE PARK**

Boone County 4-H Camp is designed for 4-H members enrolled in grade 3 thru grade 6. Contact the Extension Office for specific dates and registration fee.

Name _____ Grade _____ Male _____ Female _____

Township and Club _____

Number of years you have attended 4-H camp _____

T-Shirt (circle size) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL (pre-pay only, \$7.00)

Preferred roommate(s) _____

Space is reserved on a first come, first served basis. The registration fee for campers is \$75.00 and \$55.00 for approved Junior Leader counselors. T-shirts can be ordered in advance for an additional \$7.00. Payment must accompany registration form.

Return this form with payment by May 15th to: Purdue Extension Boone County
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- Big Rocks

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one gallon, wide mouthed Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him.

Then he produced about a dozen fist sized Rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?"

He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him.

"Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!" "No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point."

The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all. "What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Your children; your loved ones; your education; your dreams; A worthy cause; Teaching or mentoring others; Doing things that you love; Time for yourself; your health; your significant other. Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. If you sweat the little stuff (the gravel, the sand) then you'll fill your life with little things you worry about that don't really matter, and you'll never have the real quality time you need to spend on the big, important stuff (the big rocks)."

So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first.

Author Unknown