



# Cottonwood County 4-H News



2003 - 2004

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November 2003



## Cottonwood County 4-H Recognition Banquet

*Celebrating the accomplishments of 2002-2003*

**Sunday, November 23  
1 p.m.**

**Westbrook Community Center**

**RSVP to the Extension Office by November 17**

Cost is \$5 per person  
Thank you for paying in advance

*Everyone is invited to help in celebrating the past year!*

### Postcards

The Extension Office will be limiting the number of postcards that are sent out due to budget constraints. We will not be sending reminder postcards for events that have regular meetings including Cloverbuds, Executive Board meetings, Federation meetings, etc. All Cloverbud and Federation meeting dates for the year were in the September newsletter so you can put those dates on your calendars now. To avoid missing an event please read the newsletter or put the back page calendar in a place where you can see it to be reminded of dates, times and events.

If you have other suggestions to help us save, please let us know!



## **Jenn's Jabber**

Wow! I am excited to say that we will be awarding over 1,000 disks, pins and certificates at the 2003 Recognition Banquet. You all should be commended for your accomplishments and participation in 4-H this last year. I encourage everyone to attend the banquet on November 23 to be recognized for your achievements and to congratulate everyone for their success.

Check out the yellow flyer! Become an Ambassador and find out what the mystery is all about! We are looking for any 4-Her in grades 8-13 to help lead and serve Cottonwood County 4-H. The meeting on November 2 will be the start of the new Ambassador program. Additionally, all club officers are highly encouraged to attend the training on November 23. The training is open to all new and future club officers or anyone who wants to learn about a club office or about Parliamentary Procedure. Both the Ambassador Mystery meeting and the officer training will be fun activities, you won't want to miss out!

## **Attention Shooting Sports & Wildlife Members – and Hunters!**

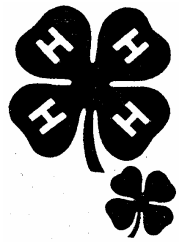
"It's No Game" is a program for hunters handling large game from field to table. It will cover current issues of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and elk, anthrax in bear and Lyme disease concerns. It will also cover field dressing and preservation, including jerky making. The program will be a satellite teleconference on Monday, November 3 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Contact the Extension Office for our closest locations. There will be a \$10 participant fee or \$25 for immediate family members. For further questions contact Roselyn Biermaier, Regional Extension Educator, Food Science at [bierm005@umn.edu](mailto:bierm005@umn.edu).

**Enrollment/Re-Enrollment  
Forms  
due to the Extension Office by  
November 1**

**See your Key Leader to get  
your form!**

## **Cloverbud Corner**

What a fun time we had at Cloverbuds last month making witches and doing fun Halloween stuff. Thanks to Linda Meier and Teresa Kastner for leading the session. The next meeting is November 15, 10 -11:30 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. Mark your calendars now so you remember.



## **4-H Help Day**

We had great success this summer with our 4-H Help Days started by Laura Farrell, State 4-H Ambassador. We want to thank those members and parents who volunteered their time to come to the Extension Office and helped get ready for fair. We have decided we need another Help Day to get ready for the Recognition Banquet. The Help Day will be **Thursday, November 20 starting at 3:30**. Call the Extension Office to sign up to help.

## **Glory-Bee Animals**

There is a new crop of 4-H Glory-Bee products for the 2003 year. There are 12 different designs for you to choose from. If you order them from Glory-Bee, the individual retail cost is \$10. If enough people are interested, you can order them at a wholesale cost of \$5. Contact Linda Meier, Amboy Sunrisers, at 507-648-3824 or the Extension Office by November 15 to place a group order.



Also we have lots of Centennial Bears at the Extension Office. They make great Christmas Gifts or stocking stuffers. And we have them on hand, so you don't have to fight the crowds or wait for delivery. Stop by or give us a call and we can set you up with these loveable Cottonwood County 4-H Bears.

## **4-H Bulletins Clearance Sale**

Have you ever wanted to know what a project area is about or what to make for the fair? The answers are in the 4-H Curriculum Bulletins. We have taken an inventory of the supply of bulletins at the Extension Office and are having a clearance sale. We will be offering the older bulletins at drastically reduced prices. The style of the bulletins maybe a little out dated, however most of the information is still relevant and a good source of ideas for your 4-H projects. So if you don't want to purchase the newer style bulletins, come check out what we have in inventory.

## Welcome New Members

**Ethan Derickson**, Highwater Lads & Lassies

**Jerry Imker**, Highwater Lads & Lassies

**Thomas Imker**, Highwater Lads & Lassies

**Laura Kastner**, Germantown Livewires

**Anya Mattison**, Highwater Lads & Lassies

**Elijah Meier**, Amboy Sunrisers

**Samantha Mickelson**, Midway Mountain Movers

**Juliana Pederson**, Westbrook/Rosehill

**Brooke Rasmussen**, Amboy Sunrisers

**Molly Stark**, Germantown Livewires

And welcome back to

**Cassandra Peterson**, Amboy Sunrisers

**Clay Peterson**, Amboy Sunrisers

## 4-H Age Requirements

**Cloverbuds:** Kindergarten, First and Second graders, optional for Third graders

**4-H:** Third graders through Freshman year of college (one year post High School)

**Youth Leader:** Seventh graders and up who fill out a green Youth Leader Form and plan to volunteer at the club or county level

**Ambassador:** Eighth graders and up who want to provide leadership at a county level. Check "Ambassador" on your yellow Re-enrollment or Enrollment Form or contact the Extension Office to sign up.

**State Fair:** Sixth graders and up, unless part of the club Share the Fun skit

**Arts In:** Sixth graders and up

**YELLOW! Youth Exploring Leadership and**

**Learning Outloud:** Seventh graders and up (need not be a member of 4-H to attend)

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF):** Ninth graders and up

**Minnesota 4-H Graduation Policy:**

"Graduation from Minnesota 4-H is based on grade. Mandatory graduation from the Community Club Program will occur on year after graduation from High School. In other words, youth who graduate from High School in the spring will be allowed to enroll in 4-H for this final year of membership later that fall."

## Record Judging

Thank you to everyone who judged records. A special thank you to those who put in extra hours to finish judging all the records. Cottonwood County records are now back and can be picked up at the Extension Office.

## Share the Fun

We will be setting the date for Share the Fun soon! It is usually held in the spring. It's never too early to start those creative processes so we have another great event this year. Remember that skits need to be under 6 minutes! Good luck with your planning and we hope to see a lot of clubs participating.

## Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Anyone 9th grade or older who is interested in going on the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip to Washington, D.C., should start planning now. Trip participants will spend one week seeing the sites of our nations capital, meeting with legislators and learning about citizenship and leadership.

Dates have 2004 have been set! You can choose between July 3-10 and July 10-17 and there is only room for 55 4-Hers each time. The price has not been finalized, but the County 4-H Federation will contribute \$400 toward the cost. Contact the Extension Office to sign up.

Adult chaperones will also be needed, contact the Extension Office for further information!

## Target Center Group Sales

The Target Center has put out a flyer with all upcoming events with group discounts available. From Concerts to Timberwolves games there is lots happening! If your club wants to plan an outing, contact the Extension Office for a copy of the flyer.

## Federation Meeting

The County 4-H Federation will meet on Monday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to attend the C.L.U.B. Training at 6:15 p.m. The primary item of business will be setting the budget for the 2003-2004 4-H year. Everyone is invited to join us.



## **Lamb and Wool Producer Conference** **includes Youth Program**

“Keeping Sheep Healthy” is the theme for the 2003 Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers (MLWP) annual conference and trade show. The program includes two days of quality educational youth sessions on: *Lamb Lead, Educating Urban People About Agriculture, Sheep Judging Clinic, Showmanship Clinic, and Skill-a-thons*. Youth may attend any of the adult sessions on either day at no extra cost. Other topics include: *Sheep Wasting Diseases, The Effects of Lung Lesions on Lamb Performance, Stress Management in the Sheep Operation, Understanding the Genetics of Scrapie Resistance, Ram Health & Nutrition, Cooking with Lamb*, and more. Hands-on topics include: *Using Ultra-sound for Pregnancy Diagnosis, Drawing Blood and Evaluating Lambs for Carcass Quality*.

The 2003 MLWP annual conference will be held November 21 and 22 at the Best Western Victorian Inn in Hutchinson and the McLeod County Fairgrounds. Complete information is available on the web at [www.mlwp.org](http://www.mlwp.org). To receive the lowest rates, reserve your hotel room by November 1, and register by November 14. If you have any questions about the conference, contact Jeremy Geske, MLWP 1st Vice President at (952)758-7938 or [geskesheep@aol.com](mailto:geskesheep@aol.com).

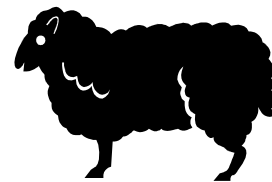
## **Adopt A Lamb**

Attention those interested in the Sheep project. We are currently investigating the possibility of starting an Adopt A Lamb program. Through this program, 4-Hers who are interested in the Sheep project, but don't have sheep, would be able to get a lamb to show at the County Fair. If you are interesting in participating in this program, or would like to help sponsor it, please contact Jane Imker at 507-752-7697 or the Extension Office.

## **Western Heritage**

For anyone interested in learning about roping, 4-H offers a Horse Western Heritage Program. This program is designed to help youth explore and preserve our Western Heritage. Current Western Heritage events include: round pen roping, breakaway arena roping and team roping. Tim and Andy Evers of the Delton Doers 4-H club have participated in the Western Heritage program. Tim is now a certified trainer and is willing to work with Cottonwood County 4-Hers who have an interest in roping. If you want more information contact Tim Evers at 507-877-6802. This is a fun and unique program for the Horse project.

## **Sheep Scholarships** **Available**



The Minnesota Hampshire Sheep Association will award four \$100 Young Shepherds Scholarships to Minnesota youth interested in beginning or expanding a sheep project. The scholarships are to be applied toward the purchase of a registered Hampshire breeding ewe or ewe lamb at the Minnesota Bred Ewe sale in Rochester, MN on Saturday, November 29. If you are between 6-18 years old, you may apply by sending a one-page essay that contains the following information:

Name, Address, Age, and Phone Number  
Why do I want to raise Hampshire sheep  
How will I take care of my sheep  
What will I do to improve and promote Hampshire sheep and the sheep industry

Applications are due on or before November 1 to Dale Carter, 26708 County Road #10, Starbuck, MN 56381.

The Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association will be awarding two \$100 awards to Minnesota youth between the ages of 8-18. These awards are to be used toward the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or Suffolk bred ewe at the Minnesota Bred Ewe Sale in Rochester, MN on Saturday, November 29. The show will start at 9:00 a.m. and the sale will start at 1:00 p.m. All you have to do to apply is to write a short essay on why you would like to buy and raise purebred Suffolk sheep. Send your essay to Tom Zehnder, 2138 State Hwy 15, Truman, MN 56088. The deadline to apply is November 9.

## **Dairy Judging Team**

Have you ever thought about Dairy Judging? But Cottonwood County does not have a team. Well this year we would like to start one. If interested call the Extension Office.

## **Good Luck!!**

Good luck to the Senior Livestock Judging Team who will compete at the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Members on the team are Ben Appel, Anne Bjerum, Tom Curley and Mike Nagorske. The team is coached by Nathan Brugman.

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**November 2003**

- 1 Premium Check changes due  
Enrollment/Re-Enrollment forms due  
Minnesota Hampshire Sheep essays due
- 2 Ambassador Mystery Event, 2 - 4 p.m.,  
Law Enforcement Center
- 3 "It's No Game" satellite, 7 - 9 p.m.
- 6 4-H Curriculum in the New Centennial Training,  
St. Cloud
- 9 Minnesota Suffolk Sheep essays due
- 11 Extension Office closed in observance of  
Veterans Day
- 12 Synergy in 2003, Twin Cities
- 13-16 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum
- 15 Cloverbuds, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Law Enforcement  
Center  
Glory-Bee Animal orders due
- 17 Recognition Banquet RSVPs due
- 20 Help Day, 3:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 21&22 Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Program
- 23 Recognition Banquet, 1:00 p.m., Westbrook  
Community Center
- 24 C.L.U.B. Leader Training, 6:15 p.m., Law  
Enforcement Center  
Federation, 7:30 p.m., Law Enforcement Center
- 27&28 Extension Office closed in observance of  
Thanksgiving

**December 2003**

- 20 Cloverbuds, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Law Enforcement  
Center
- 25 Extension Office closed in observance of  
Christmas
- 29 4-H Promotion Day
- 31 4-H Promotion Day

**January 2004**

- 1 Extension Office closed in observance of New  
Years Day
- 2 4-H Promotion Day

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GREEN**

**2004 County Fair Dates**  
**August 3 Entry Day**  
**August 4 - 8 Fair**