

January 2010

Dear 4-H'ers and families,

Hello to everyone and welcome to another year of 4-H! I can hardly believe it is that time of year again. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Showalter Room in the ECC Building at the fairgrounds, with registration beginning at 6:45 pm. Watch your local television stations for cancellation if the weather is bad, also check your email or the website. If you know of anyone interested in the Dairy Feeder Calf project bring them along to the meeting or have them call a leader. Mike @ 596-1040, Brian & Jean @ 294-6036, Trent @ 642-2663, Ken @ 533-0726, Erica @ 361-9051, or Becky W. @ 825-5444. Anyone in the 3rd grade is eligible to join 4-H.

The program for the evening will be given by the leaders. 4-H Enrollment cards will be available at this meeting. If you can't turn them in at this meeting, it is your responsibility to get them to us at the next meeting or turn them in to the Extension Office by March 1.

Again this year, we are going to be collecting money just once. Dues are \$10.00/member which consists of \$6.00 to help cover club expenses and \$4.00 that covers the auction fees. The deadline to pay these dues is the February meeting, after the deadline we will tack on \$1.00 per month that it is late. You will not be able to draw your auction number at the April meeting until you pay your dues. So please come prepared and take care of this ASAP.

We will be making some changes on our club manual this year. We will no longer be printing manuals for every family. We will only be providing manuals for those families that do not have access to the internet. The Purdue Extension Office is no longer going to be printing items for free, and we feel this is the best way to keep our cost down. We will also be using the website to post important information throughout the year, such as newsletters, the essay question, and contact information. It will also serve as a good tool to look up club information. Please take note of the email address, so when you receive mail from it, you won't junk it! You will be receiving your future newsletters by email. So if you have not given us your updated email address, please do so!!

The website address is: www.dairyfeederclub.com

The email address is: dfcclub@gmail.com

Officers for the coming year are:	President	Allison Hostetler
	Vice-Pres:	Sara Eash
	Secretary:	Allison Culp
	Treasurer:	Tyler Hostetler

There will be committee sign-up sheets for parents who want to help this year.

The committees are:

- Decoration: decorate barn for fair
- Weigh-In: the May weigh-in and also the weigh-in at the fair
- Pre-Fair Setup: set up dividers in barn
- Barn Crew: helping in barn before, during, and after auction
- Clerk & Runners: help during auction in arena with paperwork

Important dates:

- January 15 – 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- February 25 – Officer's training at fairgrounds – 7p.m.
- March 1 - Enrollment cards due at the Extension Office
- April 13 – Geranium Orders Due to Leaders
- April 28 – Geranium Pick Up
- May 1 – Weigh In

If you receive this notice and you are not going to participate in the DFC club this year **PLEASE** let us know so we don't waste our time and club funds sending these newsletters. Thank you!

We hope to see all of you on the 21st and are looking forward to another great year of 4-H.

Mike, Brian, Jean, Trent, Ken, Becky, Erica, Alex & Brad