Dear 4-H Family:

Come and join us for the Fall 4-H Kick Off. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor or just come on down and explore the opportunities for your family in the 4-H program.

Some of the programs being planned for 4-H to expand into this year are: Photography, Outdoor Adventures, County Council, ATV Safety Education, Archery, Sewing, and more. Come on down and visit.

The Kick off is an open house style so that families with busy lives can come and go as they please during the open house time 6pm through 8pm. You will be able to visit with club leaders, and learn more about the wonderful programs 4-H has to offer this year.

Hot dogs and refreshments are provided for a quick easy dinner for your family.

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2008-09 Baker County 4-H Clubs & Projects

Archery Club
Arts & Crafts Club
Cloverbud Club
Cloverleaf Cloggers
Camp Counselors—14 y/o —18 y/ o only
Environmental Club
Fletcher’s 4-H Club—Drama Project/ Community Club
Hands & Hooves
Hoof N Around
Livestock Club
Sharp Shooters - Air Rifle Marksmanship/ Safety
PROJECTS offered Seasonally throughout the year
Photography
Horse Judging - Volunteer Led
Livestock Judging - Volunteer Led
Project W.I.N.G.S. Butterfly’s

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Photography
ATV 4 Hour Rider Course

CLUB REPORTS

Club Reporters or Leaders- send us your news each month by the 15th for publishing in the newsletter.

LIVESTOCK CLUB

See the calendar in the newsletter for this month’s dates. It is very important that everyone attend these meetings to get prepared for the upcoming fair. Long time Livestock Volunteer, Ms. Lovurn Rivers was inducted into Baker County 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame at the Awards Program in August. Congrats Ms. Lovurn and thank you for all that you do for 4-H.

B.J. Wilkerson and LeAnn Rigdon are working with the livestock group to prepare them for a rewarding experience raising their livestock animals. They are looking for a volunteer to work with the Rabbits / Poultry members.

Rabbit Members participated in an educational clinic in August to learn more about showing their rabbits. Thank you Ms. Marjena Bass for a wonderful workshop.

Poultry clinic will be held September 15th from 6:30—7:30p.m. in the Classroom. Ms. Simmons will be teaching youth how to show poultry.

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

MEMBERS MEETING

For youth and parents of youth showing Swine or Steers Monday, September 14th, 6:30—7:30p.m.
in the Auditorium

You must attend to learn changes and what is happening for showing and sale of your animal in this year’s fair.

Members should be out there lining up their Buyers. FFA and 4-H have sent a combined inquiry letter to past buyers, add on sponsors and potential new buyers.

Members purchase your 4-H Patch for $1.00 each. The appropriate attire to show at the fair will be dark pants, preferable black or dark dress denim jeans. White button down/oxford shirts with either embroidery or patch logo emblem. 4-H Vests and Jackets are nice but optional. This will be discussed in greater detail at the Club meetings.
**Kim Long forms new Horse Club**

Horses and Kids and Sun and Fun are key ingredients in a successful 4-H Horse Club.

Kim Long has been in the Baker County Community for many years. Her daughter grew up in 4-H.

Her hobbies are ranch sorting, team penning and helping her daughter learn more about reining.

She is interested in helping kids in Baker County see a bigger world of horses out there than what they might have experienced before.

If you want to explore the many different riding styles and things to do with horses you’ll have plenty of chances in this club.

**Mission statement:**

Discovering and exploring the versatility of the horse, while establishing true horsemanship in the member.

Ms. Long has already started lining up field trips to a reining horse training operation; overnight camp out at the Equestrian Center, Lynn D Farms, educational riding clinic and a chance to try your skills at roping.

Come and meet Ms. Long at the Fall 4-H Kick Off!

**First Club Meeting, Thursday, September 24th, 2009 at 7p.m. in the Classroom at the Ag Center.**

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<td>♦ Summer Horsemanship School Overnight Camp for a week with your horse.</td>
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**4-H FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY**

Many 4-H clubs have successfully raised funds with 4-H branded pet treats over the past two years and the idea has been gaining momentum. “It gives people in our community an opportunity to buy a high-quality treat for pets while supporting a good cause,” said Liz Piquet, volunteer leader for the Crazy 4 Canines 4-H club. “Our youth raised $1,000 last year selling the treats. They learned basic fundraising and sales skills while telling others about 4-H.”

The treats are supplied by Best In Show Pet Treats. The Louisville, Ky.-based company has worked closely with hundreds of 4-H groups testing and refining the program. The treats sell for $4 per package and are made in the U.S. As part of the annual fundraising campaign, 4-H members will also offer customers the opportunity to donate a package of pet treats to a wide variety of animal rescue organizations across the country.

“4-H members have donated countless packages of pet treats to animal shelters, humane societies, horse and dog rescue groups, animal therapy organizations, police K-9 units, police mounted patrols, and even military working dogs serving in Iraq,” said Jeanne Hilt, president of Best In Show Pet Treats.
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<td>There is a youth division of the Horticulture contest. There are many choices in the kinds of plants that youth can display in the contest. Premiums are awarded for Blue, Red and White quality plants on the Danish system as well as best of section and best of show. Plants need to be taken to the fair grounds and picked up there according to the schedule printed in the fair book and on line. Junior Master Gardeners made container gardens this summer at day camp and those should be entered in the Class 1 Containers of the Section C Special Display. Take a look at the fair book on-line at <a href="http://www.bakercountyfair.org">www.bakercountyfair.org</a> or pick up a copy at the extension office and see what you would want to enter today!</td>
<td>The 4-H Display contest has not been used in recent years and Ms. Renee would like to see the 4-H members take an interest in this contest. It can be a fun way of showing the community what 4-H does and what you have learned in a project area this year. The display contest is simple and fun. Think of something you have learned in 4-H this year or a project you have done. Then get a three fold cardboard. A science fair board would do great! Use your creativity and organize pictures and information on the board telling about the project. There are more rules in the fair book. Premiums are offered on these displays. Members should turn their boards in to Ms. Renee Before September 30th. They will be taken to the fair and judged. Blue quality Boards will be displayed as room allows.</td>
<td>There are Divisions for Artwork and Creative Crafts, Garments, Needlework and Quilting, Canning and Food Preservation, as well as Baked Goods and Candies. The fair book has a full list of all the different classes you can enter. Premiums are paid on entries. There is a youth division. Times are listed for when to drop off and pick up items for the fair. Crafty Campers this is a great way to show off some of the things you made during camp.</td>
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<td>This is a fun contest. It is held on Thursday October 1st at 6:30 p.m. before the fair opens. Tables are then put on display as space allows during the fair. This contest encourages youth to enjoy the art of table setting and learn the proper placement of dinnerware etc and to be creative in coordinating the menu and table theme. There are rules in the fair book. Ms. Nancy Masterson organizes the event. Come to the kick off to talk with her about the contest and be sure to attend the Table Setting Workshop being held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30pm at the Extension Office Auditorium. To register for the workshop call 904-259-3520.</td>
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<td>There are shows for Beef, Steer, Swine, Poultry and Rabbit at the fair. 4-H Livestock club members and FFA members have been preparing since May for those events. A full listing is in the fair book with dates and times for shows. There is a Fair Horse show on Saturday October 10th at the Fair Horse Arena. Show bills are on line at <a href="http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu">http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu</a> on the 4-H website with entry forms. It is open to all 4-H and FFA youth in the North East Extension Administrative District. Come on down to the show. It should be fun to watch. Demonstrations are being organized for performance through out the day.</td>
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**BAKER COUNTY FAIR**

October 2nd through 10th

[www.bakercountyfair.org](http://www.bakercountyfair.org)
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<td>22 Table Setting Workshop Auditorium 6:30 - 8:30p.m. Strongly suggested for 1st year exhibitors</td>
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10/3   Baker County Fair Opens
10/6-12 National 4-H Week
10/7   One Million New Scientists, One Million New Ideas. National 4-H Science Day.
10/08  Community Pride Proposals due for grants to clubs doing community service.

November

December
12/11-12 Junior Congress Registration by 12/4 for over night Members 8—12 years old. Fun Classes to choose from. Check with Ms. Renee.