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Clay County 4-H Motivator



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Congratulations to **Emma Schwarck**, Meadow Busy Bees, for being the first person to send an email message with the correct answer to the trivia question in April's 4-H Motivator.

Be the first person to email kday@iastate.edu with the correct answer to the trivia question in this month's 4-H Motivator and win a PRIZE!

Iowa State 4-H Youth Conference ~ *Voyage to Greatness*, June 30-July 2

All Iowa youth, 8th -12th grades, are invited to attend the 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference with Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops. This exciting event offers a wide variety of new experiences and opportunities to today's youth.

What is the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference?

- A gathering of more than 1,000 youth delegates from around the state
- Educational, fun, innovative workshops
- Motivational speakers
- Enriching community service projects
- Evening entertainment activities: dances, bowling, casino night, swimming, picnic, formal banquet
- Residential life in Iowa State residence halls
- A chance to share your talents and creativity in the Talent Show



What is Animal Science ROUNDUP?

- Specialized workshops focusing on beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, and horse
- New animal agriculture technologies
- Introduce career opportunities in animal agriculture

What is CSI: Crops?

- Specialized workshops focusing on agronomy and its many facets
- Find out about GMO's, GPS, FEEL, ELISA, and DNA
- Conduct a plant crime scene investigation – solve insect, disease, weed, and plant growth problems

What about cost?

- **\$125.00 per delegate**
- ✓ Cost includes all meals, housing, and events
- ✓ Some areas have added transportation costs
- Partial Scholarships available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation
- Inquire about financial support from local groups and businesses

Register before May 22, 2009 to avoid a late fee.

County scholarships may be available for Clay County 4-Hers. Contact the Clay County Extension Office, 712-262-2264 for more information.

- Youth Conference information can be found on the State 4-H Iowa Youth Conference website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>

Chaperones Needed for Iowa 4-H Youth Conference ~ June 30-July 2



Adult chaperones are needed to accompany the Clay County youth attending the three-day event at Iowa State University in Ames. Adults have their choice of attending the leadership conference activities, CSI: Crops or the Animal Science Roundup events. Without the help of adults, this conference would not be possible. Please contact the Clay County Extension Office as soon as possible, if you are able to volunteer. Chaperones' registration fees will be paid by Clay County Extension

Financial Aid Available

The Clay County 4-H Fund & Endowment provides financial assistance for youth and volunteers to attend 4-H activities, to accomplish community service projects, to participate in leadership training, and to become engaged in regional and state programs. **Clay County 4-H Endowment Application for Financial Assistance deadlines: June 1, Sept. 1, December 1, and March 1.** Applications can be found on the Clay County Extension kids and teens web page: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm>

2009 Summer Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center

Iowa 4-H is a youth development program with a century of experience fostering positive life skills in Iowa youth. At the Iowa 4-H Center every camper has the opportunity to participate in experiences that strengthen their sense of belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery. Iowa 4-H follows the principals of experiential learning, and draws on the knowledge base of Iowa State University and other institutions of higher education in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Iowa 4-H Center web site now has a complete list of 2009 summer camps open to youth ages 7 and older: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summercamp/index.php>

IFAA Scholarships ~ Application Deadline June 1

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA) is making several scholarships available to Iowa youth who are involved in agricultural and livestock projects. IFAA is a non-profit organization of individuals and corporations whose goal is to support youth agricultural and livestock project work in Iowa, and encourage those youth to pursue agriculture related careers. Scholarships are offered to both incoming freshmen and upperclassmen. Scholarship applications are available at the Clay County Extension Office or you may find more information and a complete 2009 scholarship list at: <http://www.iowastatefair.com/saleofchamps/scholarshipdetails.php>. Questions and requests for information may be directed to Linda Weldon at 515-685-3719 or weldonlinda@hotmail.com. Applications for scholarships must be postmarked by June 1, 2009.

Clay County 4-H Scholarship

Clay County 4-H Seniors are you planning to continue educational opportunities following high school graduation? We would like to encourage you to apply for scholarships sponsored by the Clay County 4-H Youth Council and Clay County Bankers Association.

The Clay County 4-H Youth Council and the Clay County Bankers Association are pleased to be able to offer scholarships to Clay County 4-H members. A selection committee consisting of current 4-H Youth Council members and adults will select scholarship recipients. **An interview, 4-H record book, and the written application will be used in the selection process.** Applicants need to make arrangements for a taped interview prior to the live interview if they are unable to be present for the live interview. Scholarship award winners will be notified in July 2009.

Clay County 4-H Scholarship applications, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm>, are due by June 1st to the Clay County Extension Office 110 West 4th Street, Suite 100 Spencer, IA 51301



Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Certification Options

Are you planning to exhibit rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats, beef, or swine at the Clay County or Iowa State Fair and don't yet have your FSQA certification? Did you miss the four Clay County FSQA trainings held in April and May and wonder what to do now?

Options:

- 1) Attend an FSQA training hosted by another county after you call ahead and the host county has room for you. Twelve remaining area trainings are listed on our county FSQA information web page: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/FSQA+Certification.htm>
- 2) Twelve to eighteen year old youth may take a test to receive certification. Simply call the Clay County Extension Office, 712-262-2264, to arrange an appointment or email kday@iastate.edu.

July 1 FSQA certification deadline to be eligible for Iowa State or Clay County Fair



4-H/FFA Market Sheep and Feeder Lamb Pen Weigh-in ~ June 3



4-H/FFA sheep project members need to schedule an appointment to weigh and tag market lambs. A total of **fifteen** market lambs and **three** feeder lamb pens may be weighed in and identified. At the Clay County Fair, exhibitors will be permitted to show a total of six individual market lambs and two feeder lamb pens.

4-H/FFA lamb weigh-in time frame: Wednesday, June 3 - 8:00am to 12:00(noon) All 4-H/FFA county market lambs and feeder lamb pen lambs must be tagged at the official county weigh-in on the fairgrounds to be eligible to show at the Clay County Fair. **Cost per tag is \$1.25.** Please call the Clay County Extension Office, 712-262-2264 to make an appointment to weigh and identify pigs.



4-H Market/Derby Swine and 4-H/FFA Commercial Gilt Weigh-in ~ June 8



4-H swine project members may identify a combination of **twenty-five** market/derby swine and commercial gilts. Gilts must be identified with a birth date to make them eligible for the commercial gilt show. All 4-H & FFA commercial gilts must be brought to the June 8 weigh-in to be eligible for the commercial gilt show. Maximum weight at weigh-in for derby swine is 76 lbs. **Pigs may be identified as market, derby, and commercial and then at fair time declared how the pigs will be exhibited.**

Ak-Sar-Ben swine will need to have DNA samples taken and ear notches recorded to be eligible. Pigs need to have ear notches before coming to the June 8 weigh-in. The cost to verify for Ak-Sar-Ben is \$5 per pig.

4-H swine weigh-in time frame: Monday, June 8 - 8:00am to 12:00(noon) and 5:00pm to 8:00pm. All 4-H market/derby swine and commercial gilts must be tagged at the official weigh-in on the fairgrounds to be eligible to show at the Clay County Fair. **Cost per tag is \$1.25.**



4-H/FFA Meat Goat Weigh-in ~ June 9

4-H/FFA meat goat project members need to schedule an appointment to weigh and tag meat goats. A total of **ten** wethers may be weighed in and identified. At the Clay County Fair, exhibitors will be permitted to show a total of four individual meat goats.



4-H/FFA meat goat weigh-in time frame: Tuesday, June 9 – 10:00am to 11:00am. All 4-H/FFA county meat goats must be tagged at the official county weigh-in on the fairgrounds to be eligible to show at the Clay County Fair. **Cost per tag is \$1.25.**



Animal Identification Sheets ~ Due June 10

4-H'ers intending to show 4-H animal/livestock projects in 4-H shows during the 2009 Clay County Fair need to complete, sign, and turn in identification sheets. June 10th is the deadline for submitting animal identification forms for the following projects: **Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, and Prospect Calves.** These identification forms can be picked up at the Clay County Extension office or downloaded from the following web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/animalidentification.htm>



2009 Fair Book Changes

4-H/FFA changes and clarifications for 2009 Clay County Fair

BEEF:

- ❖ Champion and Reserve County Market Beef Animal can reserve the right not to sell (2008 Change)

DOG:

- ❖ Description for class 503 has a typo – Should state not ready for class 504
- ❖ Class 505 –Novice B – For dogs in 3rd or 4th year of training
- ❖ Class 505 – Novice B Add Stand for exam off leash
- ❖ Class 506 – Graduate Novice Remove or say there will be no long sit in this class.
- ❖ New Rule – Exhibitors shall not substitute a different dog for that entered in a class unless a veterinarian's certificate stating the reason(s) for the needed change is provided and substitution is approved. The substituted dog MUST BE a bonafide project identified by May 10 of the current year.

RABBIT:

- ❖ The White Mini Satin breed, 4 Class, will be added to the Clay County Fair 4-H Show in 2009; White is the only recognized color by the ARBA

SHEEP:

- ❖ Sale Rules/Requirements – The County Champion & Reserve Champion have the option to sale or not to sale (2008 Change)

SWINE:

- ❖ Commercial Gilts not selling will be released at 5:00 pm on Thursday

HORTICULTURE:

- ❖ Exhibit Limits – 5 exhibits at Achievement Day plus 10 additional exhibits at Clay County Fair. You may not exhibit same type of product at both events (Clarification from 2008)

FAIR BOOK:

- ❖ The fair book is on our website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/fairinformation.htm>



Clay County Communications Day ~ June 17

Communications Day participation forms are due no later than June 10th.

Educational Presentations, Share the Fun, Working Exhibits, Clothing Selection, and Fashion Revue.

Consumer Judging is being held on Achievement Day July 21st.

This year's activities will take place at the 4-H Auditorium, on the Clay County Fairgrounds



Share the Fun Club Challenge

What is the Share the Fun Club Challenge?

- Any variety of skit, song, dance, stunt, or entertaining performance
- Participation of 25% or more of a single club's members
- Maximum time limit of 8 minutes

The Share the Fun Club Challenge winning club will receive ...

- Fun and fellowship from spending time together creating and performing
- Accolades and praise from a receptive audience
- **And.... A Picnic for the entire club hosted by Clay County Extension Staff**



To obtain individual entry forms or to learn more about Communications Day opportunities or the Share the Fun Club Challenge visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/Communications+Day.htm> or stop at the Clay County Extension Office 110 W. 4th Street, Suite 100 in Spencer.

Area 4-H Opportunities

Throughout the year the Extension Office receives notices of dog, rabbit, poultry, meat goat, horse, beef, swine, other shows, and workshops open to area 4-H members. If you have a special interest or would like to seek out area opportunities, stop in at the Extension Office and check out what's new.

Volunteer 2009 Iowa State Fair

Volunteering or working as paid staff at the Iowa State Fair is an excellent opportunity for many of our 4-H members. Coordinating a group to carpool to Des Moines and volunteer together would allow a group to develop relationships together in addition to providing students the chance to meet others at the Fairgrounds. Some meals, lodging at the Cultural Center, as well as an admission ticket, are provided. More information and volunteer applications can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm>.

4-H License Plate



Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied to create a special official 4-H designed license plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted by June 2009 to make this a reality. Get your license plate ordered by filling out the application form online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Application and payment by check or money order are to be sent to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. For questions, contact Shelly Greving, shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.

4-H Horse Enthusiasts ~ Win a FREE Mustang

A free Mustang horse, that is. In June, Gentle Mustang Connection and Quantum Horseman will be giving away a gentled mustang to a lucky 4-H youngster. The horse is absolutely free, no strings attached, as a way to showcase the American Mustang breed of horse. The recipient will be able to use the horse as a 4-H project, thus spreading the word about the usefulness and beauty of this breed. To enter, go to www.quantumhorseman.com and look on the 4-H page. For more information, contact Linda Adams at mustangtreat@yahoo.com, or Diane Swick at lazyspurranch@yahoo.com.

Stitch This!

Announcing Stitch This! A 16-hour fashion design competition for Iowa high-school youth inspired by the hit TV show —Project Runway. The competition will involve teams of youth working together to deconstruct wedding dresses and design them into new wearable garments, which will culminate into a runway-style fashion show during the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/stitchthis.htm for more information, the application, and photos of the dresses. Please note that this event is open to youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. Application deadline is June 1, 2009; winners will be announced July 1. Information has also been sent to all FCS teachers in the state to encourage all youth to apply. For more information contact Shelly Greving, shellyg@iastate.edu or 515-294-1607.

2009 4-H Motivator Contest

Be the first 4-H member to email kday@iastate.edu and answer the trivia question in the Motivator correctly. *The answer to the monthly trivia question will be found in the Motivator.* Winners may stop by the Extension Office and select from a variety of prizes. A new winner will be selected each month. **4-H'ers will be eligible to win only once in 2009.**

May Trivia Question: When are the Clay County 4-H Scholarship applications due?



Calendar of Events



All meetings will be held at the Clay County Extension Office, 110 W. 4th Street, Suite 100, Spencer, unless noted otherwise
Clay County Extension Office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm each weekday.

May 22	(Friday)	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference application due to avoid a late fee 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 30-July 2, Ames, IA
May 25	(Monday)	Holiday ~ Clay County Extension Office closed
June 1	(Monday)	Clay County 4-H Fund & Endowment applications due
June 1	(Monday)	Iowa State Fair Exhibits Building Youth and Adult Staff applications and Iowa State Fair 4-H Market Broiler Request due ~ State 4-H Office, Ames
June 1	(Monday)	IFAA Scholarship Applications Deadline
June 1	(Monday)	Clay County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
June 3	(Wednesday)	4-H/FFA Sheep Weigh-in – Clay County Fair Swine Barn By appointment between - 8:00am-12:00pm
June 8	(Monday)	4-H Swine Weigh-in – ONE DAY ONLY – Clay County Fair Swine Barn By appointment between - 8:00am-12:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm
June 6	(Saturday)	Shotgun, Archery and Rifle 2:00 pm, Ed Sturgill’s acreage
June 9	(Tuesday)	4-H/FFA Meat Goat Weigh-in Clay County Fair Swine Barn- By appointment 10:00am - 11:00am
June 10	(Wednesday)	Animal Livestock ID Sheets Due Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, and Prospect Calves
June 10	(Wednesday)	Communications Day Entry Deadline
June 15-19 (Monday-Friday)		Clay County 4-H Club Leader Open House ~ 8:00am-4:30pm each day Distribution of materials: Achievement Day, Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair
June 17	(Wednesday)	Clay County Communications Day ~ 4-H Auditorium
June 30-July 2 (Tuesday-Thursday)		Iowa 4-H Youth Conference – “ <i>Voyage to Greatness</i> ” Ames, IA
July 1	(Wednesday)	State Fair Entries due to the Clay County Extension Office