

June/July 2009



Clay County 4-H Motivator



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<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/>

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

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

FSQA Certification

Tuesday, June 30th is the last day 4-Hers can take the test to become FSQA certified. (Make an appointment to take the test by contacting the Clay County Extension Office 712-262-2264.) The Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair and all Iowa County fairs require current FSQA certification to be eligible to exhibit the following animals: beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

Iowa State Fair Exhibitors

Livestock and Horticulture Iowa State Fair entries are due to the Clay County Extension Office by July 1st.

If you have questions about exhibiting 4-H livestock or horticulture at the Iowa State Fair, stop in the Clay County Extension Office or check out the following link: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/Iowa+State+Fair.htm>. All Iowa State Fair exhibitors need to be sure to read and understand the specific department rules as written in the 4-H premium book prior to their arrival at the fair.

Completion Deadline for Animal ID Forms

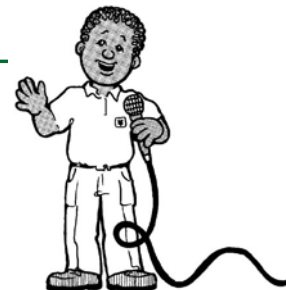
Parent/member signatures, rabies number, rabies vaccination date, animal's birth date, ear tag, registration number, tattoo, breed, color, and description are all details that make animal identification records complete. *Since incomplete forms may result in fair entry disqualification*, 4-H and FFA members need to fill in the missing information **before Wednesday, July 15th**.

Area 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.



2009 COMMUNICATIONS DAY RESULTS



Congratulations to the 4-Hers who presented during 4-H Communication Day! Thank you, 4-H members, for sharing your talents. Thank you, club leaders, for providing information and assistance to help 4-Hers be successful. Thank you, parents, for the help and guidance you give to 4-H members. Thank you, youth council, for providing another wonderful concession stand and helping with various duties throughout the day. Thanks to everyone who stayed throughout the day to support the 4-Hers with applause and words of encouragement.

Educational Presentations: **Katelyn Launderville**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue, State Fair; **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Shooting Sports, and Casters Wildlife, Blue, State Fair; **Emily Elliott**, Meadow Busy Bees and Meadow Motivators, Blue, State Fair; **Taylor Jepsen**, Clay County Conquistadors, Blue, State Fair; **Ryan Crew**, Meadow Motivators, Blue, State Fair; **Lauren Schwarck**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue, State Fair; **Elizabeth Heikens**, Meadow Motivators, Blue, Clay County Fair

Share the Fun: **Meadow Busy Bees 4-H Club Members**, Participation, State Fair, Club Picnic; **Abby Galm**, **Jordan Hansen**, **Emily Bryan**, & **Madison Schwenneker**, Meadow Busy Bees, Participation, State Fair; **Elizabeth Heikens**, Meadow Motivators, Participation, State Fair; **Maggie Patterson**, Peterson Livewires, Participation, State Fair; **Elizabeth Glover**, Meadow Busy Bees, Participation, Clay County Fair; **Matthew Heikens**, Meadow Motivators, Participation; **Morgan Schomaker**, **Michelle Hagen**, & **Sydney Salton**, Lincoln Lions and Logan Leaders, Participation

Working Exhibits: **Jordan Hansen & Elizabeth Glover**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue, State Fair; **Madison Schwenneker**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue, State Fair; **Renee Nehring & Sarah Nehring**, Clay Raiders, Blue, Clay County Fair; **Evan Hansen & Ryan Crew**, Meadow Motivators, Blue

Extemporaneous Speaking: **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Shooting Sports, Casters Wildlife, Blue, State Fair

Clothing Selection: **Maggie Patterson**, Peterson Livewires, Blue, State Fair; **Taylor Jepsen**, Clay County Conquistadors, Blue, State Fair Alternate; **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Shooting Sports, and Casters Wildlife, Blue; **Emily Elliott**, Meadow Busy Bees and Meadow Motivators, Blue; **Hanna Zinn**, Spencer Energizers, Blue; **Madison Schwenneker**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue; **Abby Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Shooting Sports, and Casters Wildlife, Blue; **Jordan Hansen**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue; **Elizabeth Glover**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue; **Lauren Schwarck**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue; **Morgan Schomaker**, Lincoln Lions, Blue; **Elizabeth Heikens**, Meadow Motivators, Blue; **Emma Schwarck**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue

Fashion Revue: **Kodi Hansen**, Clay County Countrymen and Clay County Conquistadors, Blue, State Fair

\$15 Challenge: **Kodi Hansen**, Clay County Countrymen and Clay County Conquistadors, Blue, State Fair; **Nicole Raner**, Garfield Go-Getters, Blue; **Morgan Schomaker**, Lincoln Lions, Blue; **Madison Schwenneker**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue; **Elizabeth Glover**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue; **Jordan Hansen**, Meadow Busy Bees, Blue

Check out the Clay County Extension web site to view pictures from Communications Day on the 4-H Photos Page: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/4-hphotos2005.htm>



Summer Workshops

Hey, area youth! Don't let summer fun pass you by, attend a Workshop offered by the Clay County Extension! Workshops are open to all area youth in grades 3rd - 12th.

More information and registration forms are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm> or at the Clay County Extension Office 110 W. 4th Street, Suite 100 in Spencer.

Junior Rabbit Tattoo Day ~ July 6



4-H/FFA rabbit project members may bring junior rabbits (those younger than six months old by September) to the 4-H Animal Office on the Clay County Fairgrounds **between 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 6th. Appointments are not needed.** Rabbit Committee members will be available to tattoo rabbits and answer questions about the rabbit project. **Junior Rabbit identification forms are due to the Clay County Extension Office by Friday, July 10th.**

Junior Day Camp

Save the date & plan to attend the 2009 Junior Day Camp -

- Tuesday, July 14th 8:00am – 5:00pm, “**Birds of a Feather,**” Oneota Park – Registrations due July 6th

Bring a friend! Camp is available to all youth who have completed 4-6 grades. More information and registration forms are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm> or at the Clay County Extension Office 110 W. 4th Street, Suite 100 in Spencer.

Registration Form Enclosed

Posies in a Pail Deadline ~ July 15

4-H members are asked to sign up for "Posies in a Pail" by **July 15**, whether or not you have participated in the past. Pails are to be planted by July 15. Previous participants can continue to use the white pails they have used in the past. Pails and information on container gardening may be picked up at the Clay County Extension Office, during office hours 8:00am to 4:30pm each week day. Please call 262-2264 before stopping in, to have a pail reserved. (The publication “Growing Annuals in Containers” may also be downloaded from the following web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/RG301.pdf>)

Any 4-H member is eligible to enter. One does not have to be enrolled in the horticulture project area. This exhibit will be entered at the fair only, not at Achievement Day. Rules can be found on page 118 in the green 2007-2009 4-H & FFA Fair Book.

Exhibit Help Day ~ July 15

Need a little help getting last minute details ready for Achievement Day? **Wednesday, July 15th** from 9:00am to 4:00pm has been designated as a help day for 4-Hers planning to bring exhibits to Achievement Day. Extension staff will be on hand to assist 4-H members who have questions or would like help with goal writing, elements of design, copyright issues, understanding class requirements, or class selection.

- Call - 712-262-2264
- Stop - 110 W 4th Street, Spencer
- Email – joengel@iastate.edu
- Fax - 712-262-8481



Taking advantage of this help day may be a great way for 4-Hers to be prepared, alleviate stress, and have a successful Achievement Day experience.

4-H Posters ~ Bring to Achievement Day July 21

4-Hers may participate in Communications by exhibiting a poster relating to one of the following themes:

1. 4-H is... (Open to 4-Hers interpretation)
2. Join 4-H
3. “Voyage to Greatness” (2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)

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

4. “4-H Time!” (Iowa State Fair theme is “State Fair Time”) <http://www.iowastatefair.org/>

For more information about communicating through posters, consult page 85 of the 2007-2009 Clay County 4-H & FFA Fair Book. Poster entry forms are available on the Clay County Extension Achievement Day web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/Achievement+Day.htm>.

Achievement Day ~ July 21

Clay County 4-H Achievement Day will be held in the 4-H Exhibit Building on the Clay County Fairgrounds, **Tuesday, July 21st**. Static exhibits may be entered and conference or pencil judged at Achievement Day. **See the 4-H Achievement Day Handbook (insert) for more information.**








Additional resources are posted on the Clay County Extension Achievement Day web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/Achievement+Day.htm>. **Posted resources include:** Goal Sheet (Word or PDF formats), Ribbon Placement Sheet (Word) or PDF formats), 4-H Photography Exhibit Label (PDF format), Poster Exhibit Entry Form (PDF format), Design: Exploring the Elements and Principles (PDF format), Inappropriate Food Exhibits For Iowa 4-H Fairs(PDF format), Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label (PDF format), Harvesting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit (PDF format), Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit (PDF format)

4-H members have the option to leave exhibits at the 4-H Exhibit Building from Achievement Day until fair. Exhibits will be stored in a locked closet or behind the stage area depending on space requirements. Keep in mind the building is not climate controlled and humidity may cause glues to dilute. The decision to store an exhibit in the building is totally at the risk and discretion of the individual 4-H member.

4-H Member Use of the 4-H Name and Emblem

As a member of the organization, 4-H members are encouraged to use the 4-H emblem. The 4-H emblem means a four-leaf clover, with an “H” on each leaf. The 4-H name and emblem are protected under the United States Code.

4-H members may use the 4-H emblem by following these guidelines:

-  No printing or design can cover or be super-imposed over any part of the emblem
-  Traditional color for the 4-H clover is green with the “H’s” in white or gold.
-  The stem of the 4-H clover curves to the right (when viewed).
-  The proportions of the 4-H clover may not be altered.
-  Items including or containing the 4-H emblem cannot be sold for personal profit. There are very specific guidelines that must be followed when using the 4-H name and emblem in fund-raising activities.
-  When using the 4-H emblem include “18 U.S.C. 707” to the right of the stem. (**Contact your county extension office for graphics showing proper use**) There are limited exceptions to this guideline.
-  Before using the 4-H clover on commercially printed apparel or other marketing items, contact your county extension office for appropriate graphic files and color codes.



Complete information regarding use of the 4-H clover can be found in “The 4-H Name and Emblem: Guidelines for Authorized Use” as published by the USDA. You can find this document on our county web page: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm> or stop by the Clay County Extension Office.



4-H License Plate ~ Last Chance!



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 July 14th** 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.



Broiler Project Delivery ~ July 30



Broiler project members may pick up the baby chicks at Spencer Ag Center, 223 W. 7th Street, Spencer. Checks are to be made payable to the Spencer Ag Center on arrival day. Tentative delivery date and time is **July 30 between 9:00-11:00am**. Chick arrival date may change to Friday, July 31 depending on delivery service.



2009 4-H Motivator Contest

Be the first 4-H member to email ajepsen@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-Hers will be eligible to win only once in 2009.**

June/July Trivia Question: When is the completion deadline for animal identification forms?



Beef... It's supporting 4-H

Come enjoy a meal with friends! The Clay County Cattlemen will be grilling burgers during Main Street Market on **Thursday, July 30th** starting at 5:00pm at the Courthouse Square in Spencer. The cost for a meal, which includes a beef burger, chips, cookies and a beverage, is only \$5.00.

The grilling will be hosted by the Clay County 4-H Endowment Committee with the support of the Clay County Cattlemen who have graciously offered to donate the beef burgers. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to invest in positive youth development.

Endowment funds provide 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. Applications are available at the Clay County Extension Office, 110 W 4th Street or on the Clay County Extension web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay>. **Clay County 4-H Endowment Application for Financial Assistance deadlines: Sept. 1, December 1, March 1, June 1,**



CYC Farewell

It is with heartfelt sadness that I resign from my position as the Clay County Youth Coordinator. I have accepted a position that will allow me to spend more time with my family. I would like to thank you for giving me the pleasure to work with all of you – youth, adults, volunteers, and co-workers.

My last day at the Clay County Extension Office will be Friday, June 19th, so if you have any questions please contact Anissa Jepsen, office manager, ajepsen@iastate.edu, Jo Engel, program coordinator, joengel@iastate.edu, or call the extension office at 712/262-2264.

Thanks for allowing me to get to know all of you over the past two years.

Kathy Day



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)

JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY:

- ❖ Class discontinued

4-H ATTIRE:

- ❖ Previous “Splash” logo or new official logo is acceptable in the show/sale arenas

FAIR BOOK:

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



Clay County Fair 4-H Club Entries

One of the big events in the 4-H year is exhibition at the fair. The opportunity to learn and improve, the ability to share knowledge with others, and the recognition for mastery of life skills are excellent.

- Check with your club leader to find out your club entry deadline
- Complete fair entry cards and order exhibitor pass by “your club” entry deadline
- Check fair schedule and follow all entry and release times for exhibits (animal & static exhibits)



Each of these steps is important and must be completed in order for you to exhibit at the fair. It is your responsibility as a 4-H member to keep up-to-date with regulations and deadlines in your project areas. **Club leaders should not have to call and remind you to meet deadlines – it is your responsibility and an important life skill to master!**

A wealth of Clay County Fair 4-H information can be found on the Clay County Extension “Clay County Fair 4-H & FFA Information” web page: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/fairinformation.htm>



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.

- June 30-July 2
(Tuesday-Thursday) Iowa 4-H Youth Conference – “*Voyage to Greatness*”
Ames, IA
- June 30 (Tuesday) Last Day to be FSQA Certified**
- July 1 (Wednesday) Iowa State Fair Horticulture and Livestock entries due**
- July 3 (Friday) Holiday ~ Clay County Extension Office closed
- July 6 (Monday) Junior Rabbit Tattooing Event ~ 5:30-7:00pm**
4-H/FFA Animal Office, Clay County Fairgrounds
- July 14 (Tuesday) Junior Day Camp ~ “Birds of a Feather” Oneota Park
8:00am – 5:00pm, **Registration Deadline July 6th**
- July 10 (Friday) Junior Rabbit ID Forms due to the Clay County Extension Office**
- July 11 (Saturday) Rifle, Shotgun and Archery 2:00 pm, Ed Sturgill's acreage
- July 15 (Wednesday) Deadline to complete animal identification forms**
(Add signatures and missing information)
- July 15 (Wednesday) 4-H Exhibit Help Day ~ 9:00am to 4:00pm**
Posies in a Pail Deadline to sign up and plant your plants in bucket
- July 21 (Tuesday) Clay County 4-H Achievement Day ~ 4-H Auditorium**
See 4-H Achievement Day Handbook insert for details
- July 30 (Thursday) Broiler chicks tentative delivery date – 9:00-11:00am
Spencer Ag Center, 223 W. 7th Street, Spencer
- July 30 (Thursday) Clay County 4-H Endowment Grilling ~ starts at 5:00pm**
Courthouse Square in Spencer
- July 17 (Thursday) 4-H Exhibit Help Day ~ 11:00am to 4:00pm
- August 1 (Saturday) Hartley-Everly Cattle Show ~ 3:00 pm in Everly
10:00am – 1:00pm – Weigh-in
Contact Rick Meyer 712-240-2592 or Keith Jacobs 712-728-2685
- August 5 (Wednesday) Clay County Fair Entries due from Clay County 4-H Club Leaders
Email excel club summary sheet to ajepsen@iastate.edu and submit completed
animal entry cards to the Extension office by August 5th.
4-H members check with your club leaders for your club entry deadline