

August/September 2008



## Clay County 4-H Motivator



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

### No Winner in July!

Be the first person to email [kday@iastate.edu](mailto:kday@iastate.edu) with the correct answer to the trivia question in this month's 4-H Motivator and win a PRIZE!  
(A new winner named for each issue)

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



### Thank You from the Clay County 4-H Endowment Committee

*July was 4-H Month in Clay County!*

The Clay County 4-H Endowment Fund received support in a variety of ways throughout the month of July –

- ❖ Monetary donations were contributed
- ❖ Volunteers crafted letters to the editor
- ❖ Youth Council & CWF delegates called for pledges
- ❖ Clay County Cattlemen donated and grilled burgers
- ❖ Cookies were donated for the grilling
- ❖ Volunteers helped serve at the grilling
- ❖ Supporters attended the grilling

A lot of people help to support 4-H in Clay County throughout the year in a variety of ways. “Thanks” to everyone who shows their support whether it is financially, morally, or volunteering their time. Without many supporters the Clay County 4-H Program would not be the outstanding youth development program that it is today.

*It's not too late to support 4-H.* You may drop donations off at the Clay County Extension Office or mail them to 110 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Spencer, IA 51301.



Thanks to  
everyone who  
supported the 4-H  
Endowment Fund!



**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. **The Clay County 4-H Endowment Application for Financial Assistance deadlines are Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 1, and June 1.** Applications can be found on the Clay County Extension kids and teens web page:  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm>



## **2008 State Fair Selections**

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Congratulations to all Achievement Day participants. Lots of wonderful exhibits were judged throughout the day. A big “Thank you” is extended to all the volunteers who assisted during the day to make the event run smoothly for 4-H members and their families.

### **AG & NATURAL RESOURCES**

*State Fair* - **Ethan Batschelet & Tyler Steinkamp**, Lincoln Lions – Salsa; **Emily Elliott**, Meadow Busy Bees - Monarch Poster; **Katelyn Lauderville**, Meadow Busy Bees - Rabbit Coccidia Write-Up

*State Fair Alternate* - **Katelyn Lauderville**, Meadow Busy Bees - Rabbit Cage

### **CONSUMER & MANAGEMENT**

*State Fair* - **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Cassie’s Concessions Notebook

### **CLOTHING**

*State Fair* - **Katelyn Lauderville**, Meadow Busy Bees, Fleece Dog Bed; **Calvin Gibson**, Logan Leaders, Clown

*State Fair Alternate* - **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, ISU Shower Curtain and Pants for Handicapped Brother

### **FOOD & NUTRITION**

*State Fair* - **Zack Lear**, Clay Co. Casters, Canned Apple Juice; **Alecia Olson**, Lincoln Lions, Cinnamon Roll Dessert; **Maggie Patterson**, Peterson Livewires, Cherry Pie and Garden Herb Bread

*State Fair Alternate* - **Maggie Patterson**, Peterson Livewires, Apple Pie; **Hanna Zinn**, Spencer Energizers, Oatmeal Dinner Rolls; **Zack Lear**, Clay Co. Casters, Canned Applesauce

### **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

*State Fair* - **Austin Olson**, Lincoln Lions, Refinished Hutch; **Madella Smith**, Logan Leaders, Quilt; **Dakota Peters**, Meadow Motivators, Outdoor Furniture Refinishing; **Kelsey Stoever**, Meadow Busy Bees, Outdoor Bench

*State Fair Alternate* - **Brittney Lode**, Meadow Busy Bees, Room Design and Refinished Chair; **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Bathroom Poster; **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Letter Holder

### **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*State Fair* - **Taylor Jepsen**, Conquistadors, Turning the Paige Fund Poster and Scrapbook on Accident; **Alex Krause**, Peterson Livewires, Poetry Book; **Emily Elliott**, Meadow Busy Bees, Catch the Reading Bug Poster; **Sioux Achievers**, Sioux Achievers, Club Citizenship Projects

*State Fair Alternate* - **Andrew Smith**, Logan Leaders, Carry Bale Low Safety Poster; **Meadow Busy Bees**, Meadow Busy Bees, Pinless Diaper Project; **Courtney Upah**, Spencer Energizers, Planet Crystal; **Lindsey Tomlinson**, Sioux Achievers, Meeting Agenda; **Mitchell Gross**, Garfield Go-Getters, Equip a Backpack

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

*State Fair* - **Drew Buenger**, Clay Co. Countrymen, Evergreen Photo and Bird in Nest Photo; **Andrew Smith**, Logan Leaders, White Flowers Photo; **Jessica Trojahn**, Clay County Countrymen, “Bottoms Up” Photo; **Cassie Galm**, Meadow Busy Bees, Frosty Copper Photo

*State Fair Alternate* - **Lindsay Postma**, Peterson Livewires, Arlington Cemetery Photo and Green Leaf with Dew Photo; **Wes Jones**, Clay Co. Casters, Altered Flower Photo; **Jessica Trojahn**, Clay Co. Countrymen, Flowers Photo; **Ashton Anderson**, Clay Raiders, Butterfly Photo

### **SCIENCE, MECHANICS, AND ENGINEERING**

*State Fair* - **Calvin Gibson**, Garfield Go-Getters, Welded Turtle; **Katelyn Lauderville**, Meadow Busy Bees, Dog House; **Jared Schoelerman**, Clay Co. Countrymen, Bridges & Poster; **Matt Anderson**, Garfield Go-Getters, Small Gas Engine; **Tim Juza**, Meadow Motivators, Oak Picture Frame; **Jesse Skelton**, Garfield Go-Getters, Weight Bench

*State Fair Alternate* - **Kari Kahl**, Clay Co. Countrymen, Wood vs. Corn Poster; **Emily Jobst**, Clay Raiders, Poster on SPF

## 2008 State Fair Selections Continued

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### VISUAL ART

*State Fair* - **Dakota Peters**, Meadow Motivators, Needlepoint Hanky; **Taylor Jepsen**, Conquistadors, Horse Drawing; **Lindsay Postma**, Peterson Livewires, Minnesota Twins Poster  
*State Fair Alternate* - **Kyler Dose**, Conquistadors, Wood vase

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>

## 2008 Fair Book Changes

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### 4-H/FFA Changes and clarifications for 2008 Clay County Fair

#### **BEEF:**

- ❖ Champion and Reserve County Market Beef Exhibitors can reserve the right not to sell.

#### **SHEEP:**

- ❖ Sale Rules/Requirements –County Champion & Reserve Champion Market Lamb Exhibitors have the option to sell or not to sell.

#### **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.

#### **FAIR BOOK:**

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

## 4-H Shooting Sports Club Meetings

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Shooting Sports members meet throughout the month to practice and learn about archery, shotgun, rifle, and wildlife disciplines.



**The committee would like everyone to remember their ear plugs and safety goggles.**

Clay County 4-H Shooting Sports Club tentative 2008 meeting dates and information can be found on the following web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/sess.htm>. You can also read the Calendar of Events page(s) in the Motivator, monthly newsletter, for a complete listing of the Shooting Sports meetings.

Shooting Sports Club members are encouraged to contact certified shooting sports instructors with questions about meeting date, time, or location. Archery Instructor, Ed Sturgill: 712-584-5873; Rifle Instructor, John Frans: 712-262-7496; or Shotgun Instructor, Scott Grote: 712-296-3267.

## 4-Hers Exhibit at Iowa State Fair

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Clay County has several 4-Hers exhibiting at the 2008 Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, IA -

**August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** – Horse Exhibitors: Jacque Gidley; Kodi Hansen; Jordyn Noll; Shelby Williamson; Chad Williamson; Dannie Williamson

**August 7<sup>th</sup>** – Clothing: Kodi Hansen; Maggie Patterson

**August 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** – Swine Exhibitors: Cassie Galm; Mark Langner; Zack Lear

**August 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** – Beef Exhibitors: Dustin Biedenfeld; Jenna Biedenfeld; Tom Hagedorn; Austin Hanson; Cassidy Hanson; Kali Long; Mandy Maurer; Mitch Maurer; Abby Salton; Kelsey Salton; Allie Swanson; Collin Swanson; Ashley Vogel; Cody Vogel

**August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Rabbit Exhibitors: Katelyn Launderville

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** – Educational Presentations: Cassie Galm; Katelyn Launderville

Working Exhibits: Elizabeth Glover & Jordan Hansen

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Extemporaneous Speaking: Wes Jones





## Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame



Dave Hessman will be recognized as the 2008 4-H Hall of Fame selection from Clay County during a ceremony Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. at the Iowa State Fair.

Great love for 4-H and our youth brings Dave Hessman to this honor. The list of Extension work, volunteer projects, and accomplishments along with substantial contributions to ISU to help with recruitment of Northwest Iowa students is endless.

When asked what has highlighted his career, he said, “The satisfaction of working and volunteering with youth and seeing them obtain the training they need for their chosen career and then seeing the success. I tried to instill in children that there is a need for community volunteerism. What they build today is building for the future of others. The 4-H program has influenced many lives.”



## 4-H Building Clean Up Day



**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am till Noon** we need your help to spruce up the 4-H Auditorium and Exhibit Building. The 4-H Auditorium and Exhibit Building are our “Show Place”, so please help make it neat, clean, and attractive for everyone visiting the 2008 Clay County Fair.

**\*Please call the Clay County Extension Office 712/262-2264 with names of at least 3 members from each club who will be participating in this event.**

*(Refreshments provided for those participating)*



## Thanks with Franks

“Thanks with Franks” is an annual event held in August for local businesses to say “thanks” to local and area consumers. This year the event is sponsored by SPACE and will be held on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, final night of Mainstreet Market, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (*or till hot dogs run out – whichever comes first*)



Please come and enjoy “Thanks with Franks” at the Clay County Extension Office 110 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.



## 4-H & FFA All Animal Committee Meeting

All Clay County 4-H/FFA animal committees will be meeting together to discuss issues for the 2008 Clay County Fair on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm in the 4-H Auditorium** on the Clay County Fairgrounds. The committees will split and meet individually to make needed preparations for each department. Mark your calendar and please plan to attend.

**RSVP by Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, by calling the Clay County Extension Office at (712) 262-2264.



## 2008 Motivator Contest

Be the first 4-H member to email [kday@iastate.edu](mailto: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 2008.**

### August/September Trivia Question:

When are 4-Hers gathering to clean the 4-H Auditorium and Exhibit Building?

## Horticulture Project Members



Horticulture Project Members please consider bringing your green plants and flower specimens to the Clay County Fair for exhibition.

**Check –in** Green Plants and Flower Specimens in classes 742 through 766 – 4-H Exhibit Building Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till Noon.

**New Check-in time also available Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

## Fun at the Fair!

Organize a team... or two...or three and join in on the Fun at the Fair –

- Porterhouse Pentathlon – Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena
- Fun with Feathers – Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena
- Pen Pal Relay – Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn (*note time change*)



### *Have Fun with Friends ~*

Attend the Seventh Annual Teen Dance Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 p.m. till Midnight held in the Clay County Regional Events Center.

To view a complete list of events being held during the 2008 Clay County Fair visit

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/fairinformation.htm>

## Fair Information

Please read your fair materials that you receive from your club leaders prior to arriving at the fair. You can also view a wealth of Clay County Fair 4-H Information on our website.

**Bookmark the following web page for fair information:**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/fairinformation.htm>

## Exhibit Building Schedule

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 2</b>	<b>Noon – 8:00 pm</b>	Check-in exhibits evaluated during Clay County Achievement Day, <i>plus new exhibits.</i>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 3</b>	<b>4:00 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Final check-in</b> of all new exhibits, Posies in a Pail and exhibits evaluated during Clay County Achievement Day. All static exhibits should be checked in by 8:00 p.m. Club booth set-up begins.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 4</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	New exhibits will be judged.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 4</b>	<b>10:00 am–2:00 pm</b>	Final club booth set up. No exhibits checked in.
<b>Friday, Sept. 5</b>	<b>3:30–5:30 pm</b>	Enter green plants and flower specimens (except Posies in a Pail, which are checked in on Wednesday).
<b>Saturday, Sept. 6</b>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 noon</b>	Enter green plants and flower specimens (except Posies in a Pail, which are checked in on Wednesday).
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b>	Release all exhibits (Exhibits must remain on display until release time. It is the responsibility of each 4-H exhibitor, not
<b>&amp;</b>		the club leader, to pick up exhibits).
<b>Monday, Sept. 15</b>	<b>3:30-5:30 pm</b>	

*Please check with your club leader for the day and time to check-in exhibits and set up your club booth. Bring new horticulture, Posies in a Pail, and the exhibits judged at Achievement Day to receive premiums. (For pets judged at Achievement Day, you may bring your project folder to be displayed).*

## Ak-Sar-Ben

The 81st Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition has been scheduled for **September 23-28, 2008** at the Qwest Center. A complete schedule of events can be found in the premium book on the following webpage [http://www.rivercityroundup.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=152](http://www.rivercityroundup.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=152).

***All entries are due no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> to the Clay County Extension Office.***

Clay County 4-H Motivator



## Calendar of Events



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

- August 2 (Saturday) Hartley-Everly Cattle Show ~ 3:00 pm in Everly  
10:00am – 1:00pm – Weigh-in  
**Contact** Rick Meyer 712-834-2592 or Keith Jacobs 712-728-2685
- August 4 (Monday) Competitive Shotgun 6:00 pm, Bill Grange's Place
- August 7 – 17 2008 Iowa State Fair ~ Des Moines, IA  
"U Gotta Love It"
- August 9 (Saturday) Rifle, Shotgun and Archery 2:00 pm, Ed Sturgill's acreage
- August 11 (Monday) Archery and Rifle 6:00 pm, Ed Sturgill's acreage
- August 13 (Wednesday) 4-H Auditorium & Exhibit Building Clean Up Day ~ 9:00 till Noon**
- August 15 (Friday) Ak-Sar-Ben entries due to the Clay County Extension Office**
- August 16 (Saturday) Wildlife 2:00 pm, Location TBA
- August 18 (Monday) Wildlife 6:00 pm, Location TBA
- August 21 (Thursday) "Thanks with Franks" starts at 5:00 pm
- August 26 (Tuesday) 4-H & FFA All Animal Committee Meeting ~ 6:00 pm  
4-H Auditorium – Clay County Fairgrounds
- September 1 (Monday) Holiday ~ Clay County Extension Office closed
- September 6 – 14 2008 Clay County Fair ~ Spencer, IA

**September SESS Meetings** – Please visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/sess.htm> or contact club leaders for a complete listing of meetings in September.

