

October 2008



## Clay County 4-H Motivator



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Check out the Clay County Extension web page for news, information and a complete listing of events.

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

☘ Congratulations to **Katelyn Launderville**, Meadow Busy Bees, for being the first person to contact me with the correct answer to the trivia question in the August/September issue of the 4-H Motivator.

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 adventure is about to begin! On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, I am retiring from the Clay County Extension Office. This position has given me the opportunity to work with, and get to know, many wonderful people – staff, co-workers, youth, adults, volunteers – and I am grateful for the many lasting memories and friendships made these past 10 years. Thank you!

With Appreciation,

Barb Muetzel  
Program Coordinator



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The Extension Staff will be hosting a come and go party in Barb's honor. Please join us in wishing Barb farewell.

*Barb's Farewell Fest  
Come & Go  
October 15<sup>th</sup>  
3 - 5 pm  
Clay County Extension Office  
110 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100  
Spencer, IA 51301*

## **Clay County Fair Congrats and Thank You**

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Congratulations to all the county 4-H members who exhibited projects or livestock at the Clay County Fair. **4-H results and pictures** from the 2008 Clay County Fair can be found on the following web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay>

A heartfelt thank you is sent out to everyone for all they do to make the 4-H events at the Clay County Fair meaningful and memorable for all those who participate. The 4-H exhibits and events at the fair would not be possible without the 4-H club leaders, committee members, 4-H families, 4-H volunteers, community supporters, and the 4-H'ers themselves. Thank you for making the 2008 Clay County Fair such a success.

## **Thank You Notes Are Valued**

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Trophy donors, premium providers, financial supporters and others appreciate 4-H'ers sending thank you notes. Not only do thank you notes show appreciation, but they are also a reflection on each 4-H'er and the 4-H program.

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***Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone. ~G.B. Stern***  
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If you have not yet taken a few moments to write a thank you note to your trophy donor, auction buyer or premium provider, please do so now.

If you need an address or name in order to complete your note, please give us a call at the Clay County Extension Office, (712) 262-2264.

## **Deposit Checks and Redeem Savings Bonds**



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4-H'ers who were awarded monetary prizes or savings bonds during the Clay County Fair, remember to take care of your financial prizes. Please cash or deposit your checks as soon as possible. Certificates for savings bonds should be taken to a bank listed on the certificate to be redeemed.

## **Club Herdsmanship Winners**

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Throughout the 2008 Clay County Fair, Clay County 4-H clubs and FFA chapters were judged in all animal departments and department winners were selected. Department winners from 2008 will have the opportunity to select stalling assignments for their club in the department in which they won herdsmanship. Scores were also tabulated for the selection of overall club herdsmanship. A special thank you goes out to Chris Hagedorn and Chris Wood for the efforts they put forward to judge herdsmanship.

-  **Overall:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lincoln Lions      2<sup>nd</sup> Meadow Busy Bees      3<sup>rd</sup> Clay County Casters
-  **Department Winners:** Halter Beef - Sioux Central FFA; Horse – Peterson Livewires; Junior Feeders - CCE FFA; Meat Goats - Meadow Busy Bees; Poultry - Clay County Countrymen; Purebred Swine – Clay County Casters; Rabbit – Meadow Motivators; Sheep – Logan Leaders; Swine – Lincoln Lions

Congratulations to the club herdsmanship overall and department winners on a job well done. Certificates will be awarded at the county awards event in March/April. Premium is awarded to clubs based on herdsmanship ribbon placement in each animal department.

## **Record Keeping**

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**Record keeping worksheets** and materials are now (and always) available at the Clay County Extension Office. Several worksheets can be downloaded from the Clay County Extension homepage: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/recordkeeping.htm>. As you put your record keeping skills into practice, keep in mind the opportunities you may take advantage of - thanks in part to the good records you have kept throughout your 4-H career.

## **4-H Exhibits on Display**

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Thank you to all the 4-Hers who allowed us to use of their exhibits in the 4-H Youth & Volunteer Center in the Extension Office over the past year, and thanks to the 4-Hers who have agreed to lend exhibits for this coming year. The generous contributions of these 4-Hers makes a remarkable difference in the 4-H Youth and Volunteer Center.

**The 4-Hers who have had exhibits on display in the office since last September may pick up their projects any time.** Thank you for allowing us to showcase your 4-H project work.

## **Fair Lost and Found**

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We have some photography mats that fell off photos while on display at the Clay County Fair. You may stop at the extension office and claim yours any time.

## **National 4-H Week ~ October 5-11, 2008**

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Help promote 4-H during National 4-H Week. You can tell others about 4-H; show your 4-H pride by wearing your 4-H t-shirt or sweatshirt to school; submit an article to the newspaper on “How 4-H has changed your life”; or plan a community service project.

## **4-H Club Leaders Meeting ~ Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

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All 4-H club leaders are encouraged to attend this informative meeting to help you and your club stay updated. Handouts will include: new and re-enrollment forms, compliance reports, medical release forms, record keeping materials, and fair club premium checks. Discussion items: fair evaluation and leader's training module. Time for questions/answers and club sharing will also be given.

Two meeting times have been arranged. Leaders may choose to attend either the noon to 1:30pm or 6:00pm to 7:30pm meeting. Soup will be provided at both meetings. Please call the Extension office (262-2264) or email [kday@iastate.edu](mailto:kday@iastate.edu) by Monday, October 27. **Representation from all clubs is needed** ☺

## **4-H License Plate**

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Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate and to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted within one year. Get your license plate today by filling out the application form online at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://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](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or (515) 294-1607.

## **Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation**

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Every year many of our 4-H club members make some of the most colorful and creative holiday cards for us to share with some of our strongest and most generous 4-H Foundation supporters. The impact some of these cards have had is wonderful. Please encourage 4-Hers to craft their own special Holiday Cards so that they can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters. It would be great to have the cards signed on the back, along with the club name and community or county.

Please make the cards the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page. This will help conserve postage so more greeting cards may be sent. Mail or deliver your Holiday Cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011-3630. Cards received by **November 25th will be used this year.**

## **Prudential Community of Spirit Applications**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards constitute the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteering. Over the past 11 years, the program has honored more than 70,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Iowa 4-H has been well represented in this program, and each year several state award winners are Iowa 4-H members. Information and applications are available at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit) or by calling 1-877-525-8491. Applications must be completed, printed out, signed, and submitted to the Clay County Extension Office by Oct. 31, 2008.

## **Pioneer Community Improvement Grant**

Pioneer Hi-Bred International encourages 4-H clubs to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Grants will range from \$25 to \$250.

Pioneer Community Improvement Grant information may be found on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>. Grant applications may also be obtained at the Clay County Extension Office. Deadline for applications to be submitted to the Clay County Extension office is **December 1, 2008**.

## **Iowa's Promise Youth Grant**

The Iowa Promise Youth grant is designed to encourage local youth groups in Iowa to partner with at least one other community group to plan and carry out a community service or improvement project. Groups are to submit a report at completion so other communities can replicate the project. Grants up to \$250 are available for community projects involving two or more local groups.

Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by **February 2, 2009**. Notification of funding will be in February or March. Applications are available at the Clay County Extension Office or may be found on the following web site: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/iowaspromise.html>.

## **4-H Shooting Sports Club Meetings**

All of the meetings will be held at the location listed in October- Weather Permitting, but if the weather does not allow for the meeting(s) to be held outdoors they will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church in Spencer (311 2nd Avenue West). Listen to KICD 107.7 FM or 1240 AM in case of inclement weather for change of location or cancellation of the shooting sports club meetings.

**October 6 (Monday)** at 6:00 pm, Competitive Shotgun, Archery and Rifle - Ed Sturgill's acreage, 4030 310th Avenue, Dickens.

**October 20 (Monday)** at 6:00 pm, Wildlife - Ocheyedan Wildlife Area- Contact Scott Grote for more information (712) 260-5618 or (712) 296-3267.

All meetings in November will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church 311 2nd Avenue West in Spencer -

**November 3 (Monday)** at 6:00 pm, Competitive Shotgun

**November 8 (Saturday)** at 2:00 pm, Rifle, Shotgun and Archery

**November 10 (Monday)** at 6:00 pm, Archery and Rifle

**November 15 (Saturday)** at 2:00 pm, Wildlife

**November 17 (Monday)** at 6:00 pm, Wildlife



**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.

Clay County 4-H Motivator



## New Changes ~ Country of Origin Labeling

As many of you know, the USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect **September 30, 2008**. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>.

### What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

- The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, and goat). This affidavit is located at <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc>. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.
- **4-Hers who raise their own livestock** for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-Hers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document.
- **4-Hers who purchase their livestock from others** MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-Her, and the 4-Her should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-Her goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-Her needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

Plans are underway at the State 4-H office to add this topic to the 4-H FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) programs. 4-Hers will have an opportunity to attend just that part of the training if they do not need to attend the entire two hours. If you have questions about COOL and how it relates to 4-H livestock or will be purchasing your market beef animals before the meetings, call Dennis DeWitt at the Dickinson County Extension Office (712-336-3488), Jerry Weiss at the Pocahontas County Extension Office (712-335-3103), or Kathy Day at the Clay County Extension Office (712-262-2264) or email [kday@iastate.edu](mailto:kday@iastate.edu).



## Scramble Calf Sign Up

It's time to enroll in the 2008/2009 scramble calf project. The purpose of the Scramble Calf project is to provide an educational beef production experience for beef project members, assist new and younger beef project members to become involved, and provide a mentoring opportunity.

4-H & FFA beef project members will form partnerships with mentors. Clay County 4-H & FFA beef project members who have exhibited beef projects in the 4-H & FFA divisions at the Clay County Fair for five years or less are encouraged to participate and form a partnership.

Guidelines for the scramble calf program can be found on pages 27-29 of the 2007-2009 4-H & FFA Fair Book. Information from the Extension office can be used in making decisions regarding the project partnerships and arrangements.

To sign up for the scramble calf project, simply call (712) 262-2264, email [kday@iastate.edu](mailto:kday@iastate.edu) or stop in the Extension Office located at 110 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Spencer.

Designate your calf as a scramble calf during the county winter beef weigh-in. The winter weigh-in is the scramble calf program sign-up deadline. **(The county market beef weigh-in date is yet to be determined.)**



## 2008 4-H 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.**

### **October's Trivia Question:**

When did the mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) law go into effect?



# 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.

- October 5-11** (All Week) National 4-H Week ~ **Wear Green Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**
- October 6** (Monday) Competitive Shotgun, Archery, & Rifle ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Ed Sturgill's acreage *weather permitting*
- October 15** (Wednesday) Barb's Farewell Fest ~ 3 to 5 p.m.
- October 20** (Monday) Wildlife ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Ocheyedan Wildlife Area *weather permitting*
- October 30** (Thursday) 4-H Club Leaders Meeting ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. or 6:00 - 7:30p.m.  
**RSVP by October 27<sup>th</sup>**
- October 31** (Friday) Prudential Community of Spirit Applications due
- October 31** (Friday) NW Iowa 4-H Technology Team applications due
- November 3** (Monday) Competitive Shotgun ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Grace United Methodist Church 311 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue W. in Spencer
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- November 17** (Monday) Wildlife ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Grace United Methodist Church 311 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue W. in Spencer
- November 27-28** **Clay County Extension Office Closed**
- December 1** (Monday) 2009 Pioneer Community Improvement Grant applications due
- December 1** (Monday) Youth & 4-H Endowment applications due
- February 2** (Monday) Iowa's Promise Youth Grant applications are due in the State 4-H Office

## **New Opportunity! NW Iowa 4-H Technology Team**

Students from across Northwest Iowa are applying for the opportunity to be a part of a 20 county 4-H Technology Team. Explore a wide range of technology fields. Take fun hands-on technology activities back to your county. What technology the team explores will be based on the applicants selected for the area's first team.



**Who:** Students 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades. You don't have to currently be in 4-H to apply, but must enroll in 4-H if accepted.

**Where:** Find out more by visiting <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/kidsteens.htm> - Click on the Tech Team link or contact Kathy Day 712-262-2264.

**When:** Applicants will be selected by November 10, 2008. Area 4-H Tech Team events will be scheduled beginning January '09. Your term will expire in December '10 with the opportunity to reapply.

**How:** Review the 4-H Tech Team Expectation Sheet. Get Your Parents/Guardian's approval and support. Complete the application and make sure a letter of reference is sent on your behalf. **Have this all submitted October 31, 2008 (if mailed must arrive by 10.31.08, email or fax)**