



Clover Connection

Clayton County Extension

Clayton County 4-H & FFA Family Newsletter

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The *CLOVER CONNECTION* is prepared each month to keep all informed about the 4-H & Youth program and events in Clayton County. You are encouraged to read through it and contact the Extension Office if there are any questions.

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Monday –Friday

8:00 am –12 Noon

1:00—5:00 pm

Are You Ready for County Fair?

Confused on what entry form to use? Don't know what class to enter? What is a goal sheet? Anxious about what happens at fair time? What will the judge ask? Then please join us on **Tuesday, June 16** at the Extension Office in Elkader at 7:30 pm for a "Preparing for the County Fair Workshop". Extension staff and volunteers will share information and helpful hints to prepare you for county fair. All new members are encouraged to attend. Workshop is open to all 4-H members, parents and leaders.

Dear Friends,

Summer is fast approaching and with that comes lots of activities. Please read the newsletter, check our web site, attend all of your club meetings and listen to your club officers and leaders so you will always know what's going on. If you have questions, please call *BEFORE* the deadline. Mark your calendar, make yourself a note and **DON'T BE LATE!**

Remember, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** - not your club leader, your FFA advisor or Extension office staff - to make sure you are meeting expectations and deadlines.

Whether we like it or not, change is a part of life and major changes will be happening in ISU Extension. Please bear with us in the next few months as we all work through this. Clayton County has a strong 4-H program and we will continue to try to offer all the programs and support our members and leaders need to continue an effective program.

Enjoy Summer!

Tammy Muller



Calendar of Events

June

- 2 Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm, Fairgrounds
- 2 Leader Meeting, 7:30 pm, Keystone AEA, Elkader
- 7 Green Team Meeting, 1:30 pm, Extension Office, Elkader
- 9 Dog Workshop, 7 pm, Fairgrounds
- 9-10 County Council Trip
- 13 4-H Foundation Golf Outing, 2 pm, Elkader Golf Course
- 16 Dog Workshop, 7 pm, Fairgrounds
- 16 Preparing for County Fair Workshop, 7:30 pm, Extension Office
- 18 FSQA Training, 7-9 pm, Civic Center, Strawberry Point
- 20 Horse Workshop, 9-11 am, Elkader Horse Arena
- 23 Green Team Trip to Adventureland
- 23 Dog Workshop, 7 pm, Fairgrounds
- 28 Shooting Sports, 1-4 pm, Osborne
- 30 Dog Workshop, 7 pm, Fairgrounds
- 30—July 2 Iowa 4-H Conference, Ames

July 1 Fair Entries are due to the Extension Office



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Livestock Judges Announced for 2009 Fair

Swine— Andy Platner, Lisbon, IA—Andy is an Iowa State University Graduate and a member of the 2008 Livestock Judging team. Andy is from Eastern Iowa and involved in their families swine operation. Andy has raised and exhibited hogs throughout country and is a past 4-H and FFA member.

Sheep and Meat Goats- David Fowler- Dave is an Agriculture Education instructor at Muscatine Community Schools. He also has a club lamb operation selling sheep all across the Midwest. In his career as an advisor, Dave has had the most state champion livestock judging teams of anyone in history.

Beef-Terry Chapman- Terry is the Beef Specialist at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Additionally Terry raises purebred Angus and club calves for exhibition purposes. Terry is also no stranger to the ring as he judges county and regional beef shows each year and also has judged the Governors Charity Steer Show at the Iowa State Fair.

Dairy-Bob Hagenow, Poynette, WI- is sales manager at Vita Plus. He takes a special interest in youth dairying efforts, including working 4-H members, judging dairy and goat shows, and serving as assistant superintendent of the Wisconsin Dairy Expo for 20 years. Bob has judged numerous county and state shows.

Dairy Goats— Janice Schwennen, Jesup, IA- Janice and her family are involved in raising and exhibiting many breeds of goats. Janice has exhibited dairy goats at shows across the United States. Janice is also involved in 4-H and FFA in Black Hawk County.

Horse-Jessica Hingtgen, Bellevue, IA—Jessica has been a card certified judge for 11 year in both 4-H and Open horse shows. Jessica attended Black Hawk East Community College and West Texas A+M and placed in the top 10 at the World Quarter Horse Judging Contests while competing for both colleges. Jessica coaches the 4-H Horse Judging team for Jackson County and serves as a horse project leader also.

Rabbits— Debbie Dyer-Pagel, Rochester, MN is an American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) approved judge

Poultry- Gary Grimm, Cedar Rapids, IA He is an experienced 4-H /FFA Show judge.

Bucket Bottle— Sandra Ehrhardt, Monona, IA. She is a former Allamakee County 4-H & Youth Coordinator. Sandra and her husband Mark operate a dairy and beef operation.

Dog— Vicky Armstrong, Cresco and Beth Eick, Decorah. Vicky is the Howard County Dog Project leader and Beth is the Winneshiek County Dog Project Leader.

Big Four Fair— Postville

The Big-Four Fair will be June 19-21 in Postville. This is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to have their exhibits judged prior to the Clayton County Fair. Exhibitors will have the chance to become more comfortable in the conference judging setting. The judging day for non-livestock exhibits will be Friday, June 19. Livestock shows are scheduled throughout the fair. The 2009 fair books are available on line.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/info/bigfourfair.htm>

Enrollment Update

Clayton County currently has 429 members. This is 4 short of last year's total and 17 short of our goal. Thank you to all the clubs, members, leaders and parents who worked hard to enroll new members. Top club winners will be announced at the Leader meeting on June 2. (Dan said he would extend the challenge until fair time if you want to see green hair!)

GREEN TEAM

The next meeting of the Green Team will be June 7 at 1:30 pm at the Extension Office. Their summer fun day will be a trip to Adventureland on June 23.



Wanted: Old photos of 4-H activities.

The Clayton County 4-H Foundation is looking for photos to use in a display at county fair. If you have some photos of 4-H alumni and/or 4-H events that you would like to share, e-mail them to the Extension Office.



Fairgrounds Work Day for 4-H Clubs Set for July 11

All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in a 4-H Club cleanup & prep day at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m.—12 noon.



June 1: Iowa State Fair 4-H Market Broiler Request forms due in State 4-H Youth Dev Office, Ames



It's that time of year again to recruit new County Council members for 2009-2010. If you will be in grades 11 or 12 in the fall of 2009, you can apply for County Council. Council members are active role models in Clayton County 4-H, and they gain valuable leadership and team-building life skills. Make new friends and have fun!

Deadline for applications is June 17.



4-H Foundation Golf Outing is June 13

The Clayton County 4-H Foundation is hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, June 13 at the Elkader Golf Course. It will be a 2-person best shot tournament. Lots of prizes! \$30 per person includes golf and steak dinner by the Clayton County Cattleman. Contact the Extension Office to register your team.

Just want the steak dinner--\$15 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Extension Office.



Clayton County 4-H Shooting Sports will meet Sunday, June 28 at 1:00 pm at Osborne. You must be enrolled in SESS and have a completed medical form & parent waiver on file to attend. If you have questions concerning Shooting Sports, please contact Daniel Thornton 563-873-1758.



Clayton County Fair Entries are Due July 1

Fair Books and entry forms were given to club leaders. Please contact them for your forms. Entries are due July 1 to the Clayton County Extension Office in Elkader. No penalty for being early, but there maybe consequences if late!



Clayton County Extension is now on the big screen at the Elkader Cinema. If you can identify yourself in a photo in the ad, contact the Extension Office for a prize.

From the Director:

“Change is sometimes misunderstood and resisted, but often necessary.”

Dan Lane, Clover Connection August 2007

This month in my message to you I get the strange feeling of quoting myself. When I first arrived we began to look at everything that we did and question if it needed change. Sometimes nothing changed and sometimes major changes took place. Through it all you have been great to work with and I want to say “Thank You” one more time for that. Now major change has taken place for the whole Extension system. This one is big and will impact what happens on a local level!

When writing a newspaper article the focus is usually on the who, what, where, when and how. So I will attempt to give you as much information regarding these. **Who:** let’s not start there. **What:** all of the County Extension Director positions were eliminated in the recent budget cuts by Iowa State University. That ultimately means that some of the activities you have grown accustomed to will not happen anymore. Which ones those are is yet to be determined. That is where you have a chance to help shape the future for Clayton County. Tell us what is important and be willing to step up and volunteer to ensure that it continues to happen. **Where:** The where is here and you need to take control of the steering wheel and help make it happen. **How:** Again this is the best part, you have control of the how. Strong support of the program will ensure that Clayton County prospers in the future. Make sure that you get Tammy or Rita to commit to letting you color their hair if you reach the 3% growth goal. If you are not currently volunteering to help with a project area and you have expertise, step up and help. This is why I did not want to start with the who, because the **Who is You.** You will determine the success or failure of the program. **When:** The time is now, look forward and begin to seek out the things that you can do to make it happen!

As I quoted myself earlier saying, change happens. As a group you have embraced it over the past two years and I hope you continue to embrace it in the years to come.

Travel Safe,

Dan



Body Boot Camp

2009 Clayton County Summer Day Camp for 4th – 6th Graders

2 fun filled, action packed days

Wednesday, July 22 & Thursday, July 23

9 am- 3 pm at the Shelter House, City Park, Elkader

Summer time is the perfect time to enjoy summer activities and food! Join us for two days of discovering the human body, making healthy food choices, playing games, doing lots of hands-on activities and getting fit...you might even get a little sweaty!

Visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/> or contact the Extension Office for registration information. Deadline is July 13.



FSQA- Food Safety Quality Assurance

All 4-H'ers showing swine, beef, dairy, goats, sheep, bucket bottle calves, poultry and rabbits are required to be certified to show at the Clayton County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Ak-SarBen.

A training session will be held on Thursday, June 18 from 7-9 pm at the Civic Center in Strawberry Point. Please call the Extension Office to register. Youth 12-18 choosing to test out may do so by setting up a time with the office, call 563-245-1451.

Horse Workshop



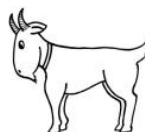
A 4-H & FFA horse project clinic will be held Saturday, June 20 at the Elkader Horse Arena from 9-11 am. Please bring your horse. Classes covered will be halter, pleasure, showmanship, horsemanship and game classes. All horse project members are strongly encouraged to attend.



Dog Training Sessions to Begin June 2

A rally class workshop will be held Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds. All dog project members are encouraged to attend. Rally obedience is a new class this year. Pre-Novice B & C will be rally. Beginning Tuesday, June 9 at 7 pm the weekly dog obedience, showmanship & agility training classes will start. This eight week course will continue through July 28. Members must be enrolled in the dog project, have a dog identification form and have a current rabies vaccination certificate on file at the Extension Office. Dog project members must attend at least 50% of the training sessions to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. Attendance will be taken each week. Members unable to attend at least 4 sessions must talk with MaryFran Nikolai or Barb Meyer prior to the end of training. The dog show will be Thursday, August 6 beginning at 2:30 pm.

Iowa Goat Conference to be Held June 20 in Decorah



Iowa State University Extension and the Goat Farmers of Northeast Iowa are sponsoring the "All New Iowa Goat Conference" on June 20 at the Lansing Building on the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds in Decorah.

The conference will feature Dr. Paul Plummer, DVM, from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Plummer has considerable personal experience with the goat industry. His presentation will cover infectious diseases in goats. Dr. Jim Warren will speak on nutrition of the meat and dairy goat, and Terry Hooper, Dairy Lab Services, will speak on culturing milk samples, meters, scales, sampling protocol and how to interpret production information. The final speaker is Eric Finch, president of the Iowa Meat Goat Association. His topic will be breeds, genetics and marketing.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. when exhibit booths will be open and concludes at 3:30 p.m. There will be door prizes and lunch available on the grounds.



State Dairy Recognition Awards

July 1st is the deadline for applications and entries for State Dairy Recognition Awards. These awards include the production contest, the state breed awards and National 4-H Dairy Conference. For an application contact the Extension office or click on <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/DairyRec.pdf>

99 head of Market Lambs & Meat Goats Weighed for County Fair

Clayton County 4-H and FFA members enrolled a total of 64 lambs and 35 meat goats at the weigh-in held May 2 at the fairgrounds in National. These lambs and meat goats are now eligible to compete in the market show at the Clayton County Fair on August 7, 2009. Daily rate-of-gain will be determined on the lambs and goats. This will be used in the evaluation of the project by the judge at the fair.

There were sixteen 4-H'ers and FFA members who tagged market lambs this year. This is up 10 lambs from last year with the same number of youth. Sixteen youth participated in the goat weigh-in, which is up one youth and down 8 goats.

25 lambs and 3 goats were also verified to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair in August. Retinal imaging was used to identify these lambs and goats.



Attention State Fair 4-H Livestock Exhibitors:

State Fair Books are available online. www.iowastatefair.org

Entry Forms will be available at the Extension Office mid-June for 4-H members wishing to exhibit livestock at the Iowa State Fair. State Fair entries are due July 1 to the Extension Office.



Dairy Judging

Dairy judging workouts will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. If interested, please contact Trent Henkes 563-783-2479 or Larry Landsgard 563-783-2489

Clover Kid News



Information for Clover Kid members, leaders, and parents.



CLOVER KIDS EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

1. The Clover Kids program is for youth in grades K-3. Exhibiting is open to club members with a current enrollment form on record in the extension office or to youth who have completed a six-hour Clover Kid program such as a day camp or an after-school K-3 clover kids program this past school year.
2. One (1) non-livestock exhibit may be exhibited. No live animals. If the exhibit is about their pet, youth should bring a picture, poster or folder on their pet project.
3. Exhibits will be conference judged on Tuesday, August 4 starting at 9:00 a.m. Clubs will be assigned specific times to present their entries.
4. Members may be accompanied by an adult for conference judging if they so desire.
5. Each exhibit will receive a participation ribbon.
6. Exhibits will remain on display until 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 9.
7. There will be no premiums paid on exhibits.
8. Entries are due in the extension office on or before July 1st.



The Month of June is:

Dairy Month

National Fresh Fruit and Veggie Month

National Rose Month

National Safety Month

Zoo and Aquarium Month

National Adopt a Cat Month

Turkey Lovers Month

National Tennis Month

For youth just completing kindergarten thru 3rd grade

Registration forms are available online or at the Extension Office



Bug Camp

Tuesday, June 23

Osborne Conservation Park

Want some creepy, crawly fun? If you like insects and want to learn more about these fascinating creatures, this camp is for you!

Light, Camera, Action!

Tuesday, June 23 in Monona

Wednesday, June 24 in Strawberry Point

Thursday, June 25 in Elkader



Develop your creative side with this camp that combines art and drama! Share your communications skills and use your acting ability in informal and formal productions.



Gizmos & Gadgets

Tuesday, June 30 in Monona

Wednesday, July 1 in Edgewood

Thursday, July 2 in Garnavillo

Explore the amazing, action-packed world of motion in this camp. Become an inventor and create these and other awesome gizmos that spin, glide, wobble, and whiz, as well as gadgets that fling, swing, and collide.

Art Explosion!

Tuesday, July 7 in Monona

Wednesday, July 8 in Elkader

Thursday, July 9 in Guttenberg



Come explore your creative side as you focus on a different art mediums, design elements, and design principles.



Mystery Camp

"Who Borrowed Mr. Bear?"

Tuesday, July 14 in Monona

Become a crime scene scientist to solve a mystery of the missing teddy bear. Learn about examining evidence at the crime scene, conducting scientific tests on thread, stains and smell to solve the case.

Fun & Educational Day Camps for K-3 Grade Youth
offered in Edgewood, Elkader, Garnavillo, Guttenberg, Monona &
Strawberry Point

The Leaders Corner

Check out the Iowa 4-H Volunteer website:
www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volunteers/



4-H Leader Meeting

June 2 at 7:30 pm

Keystone AEA, Elkader

Fair books & entry forms will be distributed at this meeting

Required Leader Training

If you missed the required fall & spring leader trainings, you have 2 options to complete the training.

1. View a DVD or 2. Online Training (must have Internet access and a printer)

Contact Tammy at the Extension Office to check out the DVD or for more information on the online training.

Trainings for this club year must be completed by July 15, 2009.

Leaders: Remember to notify the Extension Office of all club field trips & outings –such as bowling, club tours, overnight events, trips, etc.



2009 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

13 Clayton County 4-H Clubs donated \$802.50 to the 2009 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign. This campaign is conducted by the State 4-H Council to support projects that benefit Iowa 4-H'ers statewide. Thank you to Giard Eager Hands, St. Olaf Jr.

Farmers, Woodcenter Eagles, Grand Meadow, Giard Future Farmers, Ful-O-Pep, Garnavillo Hawks, Lodomillo Leaders, Mallory Minks, Peppy Pointers, Monona Jr. Feeders, Peppy Pals/Mendon Hustlers and Luana Ramblers!

River Bluffs Scenic Byway Contest

Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development is hosting a contest for area 4-H'ers! The goal of the contest is to get the word out and raise awareness of the amazing resource we have in the River Bluffs Scenic Byway. The River Bluffs Scenic Byway travels through several communities in Clayton and Fayette counties. Please take some time in the next couple of weeks to discover the byway and choose a favorite place that you can draw, photograph, or write a poem about! Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category, and every entry will have the potential to be used in byway publications and on a new byway website! Please submit entries by July 1, 2009 to Northeast Iowa RC&D, Inc. PO Box 916 Postville, IA 52162. Please contact Kristin Rodas at (563) 864-7112 or kristin@northeastiowarc.org with questions or to be added to our newsletter mailing list to learn more about this exciting project and to find out other ways you can be involved!



Coming March 27– April 3, 2010

Clayton/Fayette 4-H Washington, DC Trip

Tentative plans include Gettysburg National Military Park, Hershey's Chocolate World, Fort McHenry In Baltimore, Mount Vernon, the National 4-H Center, National Cathedral, Holocaust Museum, Ford Theatre, White House, U.S. Capital, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery and more! Trip is open to both youth (grades 7-12) & adults. All 7th & 8th graders must be accompanied by an adult. Ask Tammy or Dan how you can become involved. Watch the newsletter for more details!



it's what we do!

Clayton County Fair
National, Iowa

New

4-H & Clover Kid Shirts

\$6 each

Clayton County Fair 4-H shirts are white with a green 4-H emblem and black printing. Sizes available are adult small, medium, large and XL.

Clover Kid shirts are green with black lettering with "Clover Kids" in white lettering. Shirt sizes are youth 6/8, 10/12 and 14/16.

Stop by the Extension Office to purchase your t-shirts.



Camping Spots Available During the Fair

The Fair Board has authorized a limited number of primitive camping spaces at the fairgrounds during the 09 fair. These spots are for 4-H & FFA members, 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, Youth Committee members, Extension Council, Extension Staff and fair board members. Contact the Extension Office for the required paperwork. Limited number of camp sites available. First come, first served.

Back Page Information

Congratulations & Best of Luck to our 2009 Clayton County 4-H Graduating High School Seniors!



Ashley Adams
Marcy Amundson
Steven Bilden
Hayle Bockenstedt
*Kaytlan Bockenstedt
*Robert Brown
Ariel Cahoon
Kayli Chapman
Natelra Croitor
Brandon Friedlein
Alex Funke
Naomi Hanson
Christina Harbaugh
*Courtney Hefner
*Matt Henkes
Zachary Henkes
Jarrett Johnson
Kelsey Johnson
Lucas Klosterman
*Hollie Kruse
Jordan Landsgard
Heather Marmann
Christa Miner
Kyle Moon
Jordan Moose
Tim Morarend
Megan Moser
*Josie Reinhardt
*Austin Ruff
Alison Schlake
Stephanie Schultz
Terry Scott
Jessica Sloan
*Austin Smith
Carol Steva
Jennifer Walters
Kyle Weber
Daniel Westhoff
Kendra White

* Denotes County Council Member

ISU Extension Restructures

Iowa State University Vice President for Extension and Outreach Jack Payne announced a plan on April 30 that would restructure ISU Extension. Payne and his team created the plan, knowing they would be given a permanent cut equal to 10.7 percent of the cut ISU received to its state appropriations. After the state budget was finalized on April 26, ISU Extension's reduction in FY10 state appropriations was listed at \$4.15 million.

Five Area Director positions will be eliminated and all five Area Offices will be closed. The County Extension Education Director (CEED) positions also will be eliminated as part of the plan, and in their place regional positions will be created. This includes the position held by Dan Lane. These cuts do not directly affect the other staff in the county office.

County Extension Councils will retain offices in every county. Each elected County Extension Council will determine what Extension programming is offered based upon local needs. Counties will continue to be able to hire local staff or by partnering with other Extension County Councils.

4-H & Youth development will continue to be a focus of the Extension program. The Clayton County Extension Council will be working diligently over the next few months to explore the options available to maintain the quality programming and staff in the county.

For more information about the restructuring process, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/restructuring.

Helpful County Fair Entry Tips

- * Clayton County fair entry forms are colored coded. Please use the proper forms.
 - * Use black or blue ink when completing the entry forms.
 - *Please read your 2009 Clayton County Fair 4-H & FFA Rules & Regulations Book. Leaders and advisors have copies of the fair books for each family. Exhibitors are responsible to read the fair book and comply with the rules.
 - *Check your animals' birthdates and be sure they are entered in the correct classes and lots.
 - *The Self-Determined Class is not to be used as a "dumping ground" or "catch-all class". The self-determined class is any exhibit that is an outgrowth of participation in a self-determined project or program which does not fit any other project class. Exhibits with a goal related to one of the other exhibit classes should be entered, exhibited, and evaluated in one of those other classes.
 - *All fair entries are due by July 1st to the Extension Office.
- If you are unsure about a class, ask your 4-H club leader, FFA advisor or call the Extension Office. The appropriate exhibit class depends on the member's goal.

The A-R-T of Goal Writing

When writing your exhibit goals don't forget A-R-T!

A – Action

How you are going to do it

R – Result

What you will do

T – Time

When you plan to have it done

FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 1

4-H/FFA members and their families should understand the importance of deadlines. Part of the goal of 4-H and youth development is to foster a strong sense of responsibility in our youth. Late entries reduce the efficiency of the 4-H/Youth Program administration and may adversely affect the credibility of the Clayton County Fair.

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Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Unfinished & New Business
 - FSQA Training & Testing
 - Dog Project Training Sessions
 - Big 4 Fair, Postville June 19-21
 - Distribute fair books and entry forms
 - Fair entries are due July 1 to the Extension Office
 - State Fair livestock entries due July 1 to Extension Office
8. Adjourn/4-H Pledge