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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.

Pre-Fair Walk-Thru

Confused about where to go and what to do at the fair? A tour of the fairgrounds and a brief explanation of the fair entry day & judging process will be held on Saturday, August 1 for 4-H members, parents and leaders. Meet in the large exhibit hall at 1:30 pm.



Dedication of the Jim Hosch Arena will be Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm on stage in front of the grandstands. Everyone welcome!



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Dear Friends,

The 2009 Clayton County Fair is almost here! Be sure to read this Clover Connection to find club work schedules, judging schedules and much more **VERY IMPORTANT** information to help you get prepared for the 2009 Clayton County Fair.

Make sure you say **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers, fair board members, club leaders and FFA advisors who are helping to make the Clayton County Fair a fun and memorable experience. Without the help of these individuals, this opportunity wouldn't be available.

Also be sure to **read the rules in the fair book** before the fair to avoid being disappointed at the fair! If you have any questions, be sure to ask!

4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors will be picking up their fair packets at the annual pre-fair meeting on July 30. Be sure to ask them for your entry tags, stall cards, exhibitor number, coupons and much more!

4-H builds leadership! The Fair reaches a wider audience than just moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas and other family & friends. We all need to be good representatives of ourselves and of 4-H. Remember we are being noticed by the whole county and beyond —not just our 4-H family. As we go into the show ring, sit down in front of the conference judging judge, participate in the activities, or have fun on the rides — keep in mind that the way we act, the way we dress, the way we represent 4-H is all part of leadership. Whether you are a Clover Kid or a 4-H member, YOU are a 4-H leader and a Clayton County 4-H representative. Enjoy the 2009 Fair, be a true leader for 4-H and always strive to "Make the Best Better".

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Parade of Flags Volunteers Needed

Wanted: 4-H members for the opening ceremony's parade of flags. Leaders were given information about the parade of flags. We need 3-4 members per club to help carry flags on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds. Contact your 4-H club leader to volunteer!

Ag Olympics is Coming!

The County Council is busy planning the 5th annual Clayton County Ag Olympics. Ag Olympics will be held during the fair on Sunday, August 9 at 2:30 pm. Start recruiting your team members! Join in the FUN! Entries will be accepted during the fair. Watch for details!



Clayton County Youth Participate State Events

STATE CONFERENCE: Miranda Walz, Kristina Walz, Kendra Moser, Amy Doepcke, Brittani Olinger, MaryAnn Gibney and Monica Landsgard attended the annual State 4-H Conference June 30-July 2 in Ames. During the conference they attended various workshops and events. Ask them to share their experiences with you!

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUNDUP: Dakota Lueken attended the Animal Science Roundup at ISU in Ames June 30-July 2. Be sure to ask him what he did and learned!

THANK YOU to Dennis Hamann, Garnavillo for chaperoning the trip to the State Conference & Roundup!



New County Council Members Selected

The Clayton County Extension Youth & 4-H Committee is pleased to announce the new members for the 2009-10 4-H County Council. 4-H members selected were Alexandra Althoff, Edgewood; Amy Doepcke, Elkader; Lauren Foxwell, Monona; Payson Kerns, Edgewood; Sarah Meyers, Volga; Brittani Olinger, Strawberry Point; Katie Plozel Monona and Hannah Powell, Strawberry Point.

These new members will join Jill Hefel, Holy Cross; MaryAnn Gibney, Elkader; Trent Moeller, Strawberry Point; Kelby Moose, Monona; Kendra Moser, Colesburg; Adam Sperflage, Edgewood; Nathan Thole, Arlington and Andrew Vlazny, St. Olaf to lead and implement the Clayton County 4-H program this coming year.

2 Clayton County 4-H'ers Participate in CWF

During June Clayton County 4-H members Amy Doepcke and MaryAnn Gibney learned about government processes in the vibrant, living classroom of the nation's capital as part of Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), an intensive 4-H civic engagement program for high-school youth held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD. Amy is the daughter of Brain & Julie Doepcke of Elkader and MaryAnn is the daughter of Dave & Ann Gibney of Elkader.



Coming March 27– April 2, 2010

Clayton/Fayette 4-H Washington, DC Trip

Tentative plans include Gettysburg National Military Park, Hershey's Chocolate World, 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.

Contact the Extension Office to be put on an interest list. More information on the trip will be available in the fall.

We will be having a Citizenship Meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 7 pm at the Extension Office. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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.



Clayton County 4-H Shooting Sports will meet Sunday, August 16 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.



New Event at the Fair

The Clayton County 4-H Foundation Board is sponsoring open fit & unfit beef showmanship classes and an open dairy showmanship class along with a celebrity dairy class on Saturday, August 8 starting at 7 pm. All animals must be a 4-H or FFA animal all ready on the fairgrounds. Entry fee for the showmanship classes is \$20. Celebrity sponsorship is \$100. Sign up at the livestock office in Barn A. Great fun for 4-H & FFA alumni and the adult who never had the showmanship experience. Monies raised will benefit the Clayton County 4-H program.



Attention Livestock Exhibitors:

15 minutes before each livestock show there will be an exhibitor meeting. Please plan on coming to ring side at that time to meet with the show superintendents and judge for instructions.

State Fair Exhibits

If you have a non-livestock exhibit selected for the Iowa State Fair, you are responsible to tag and package your exhibit. You should report to the exhibit building at 7:30 pm on Sunday evening to get your exhibit ready for state fair. Arrangements for Food & Nutrition items can be made to pick up on Tuesday, August 11. The Extension Office will transport most of the exhibits to Des Moines on Tuesday morning. If you have a large or fragile item, you may have to transport yourself. (See rules on page 25 of the fair book)



Flower Pounding at the Clayton County Fair

Sunday, August 9
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Make a greeting card from
garden flowers

Watch for details at the fair.



4-H Week Exhibit

We will not be doing the traveling 4-H exhibit this year. It is being replaced with a club 4-H Week Promotion Contest. The majority of the clubs already do 4-H Week promotions and this contest will expand on that and encourage other clubs to participate. Clubs are challenged to put together a display in their community that shows the diversity of the 4-H program and encourages youth to join 4-H. 4-H Week is October 4-10. Prizes will be awarded. Leaders will be receiving more information in the fall.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Healthy People. Environments. Economies.

After the game of chess, the king and the pawn go into the same box.

~ Italian Proverb

As we enter into fair time I thought this quote was very fitting for a few different reasons. First, we are all basically the same things, water, vitamins, minerals, and protein. It makes no difference if we are red headed or blonde. Tall or short, thin or wide we are all comprised of the same things. So take the time and get to know as many people as you possibly can during the fair. Young or old everyone has something that they can contribute Find out what as many people as you can have to offer. Second, first or last, blue or red, state or not, we are all still the same. Please treat each other that way and everyone will have a safe and wonderful fair. This is my last article to you as the Director. I just wanted to say how much of a pleasure it has been for me to work with you over the previous two years. I have really enjoyed watching our program grow in many ways. We have started shooting sports, the basketball tournament, citizenship and livestock judging. Please keep these things going. Also, we have changed the manure handling situation at the fair (bunkers) and improved the post fair clean out process. I know that the new barn will be a great addition to the fair for all of you.

As I close, I want you to remember that just like the game of chess, we all do still go in the same box in the end and it is how we treat each other along the way that fulfills our life! Make your life one of positive fulfillment and worthwhile endeavors. Stop and visit if you get the chance at the fair.

Travel Safe,

Dan

Livestock & Dairy Judging Contests to be During Fair

Livestock and dairy judging contests will be held Sunday, August 9 at 10 am. There will be junior, senior and adult teams. Please register by 6 pm on Saturday evening in the 4-H/FFA livestock office in Barn A.

Iowa 4-H Day at the Iowa Speedway

Ever dreamed about going to a race at the Iowa Speedway? Well now you can. For a mere \$15, we've made it affordable for all 4-H families, volunteers, friends, supporters and staff to attend. We thought we would offer another 4-H Day for youth to connect with 4-H'ers from across the state. On September 19, 2009 you and your family, friends, club and county are invited to attend the USARPro Cup Series. ASA Late Model Series is celebrating its Seventh Anniversary season in 2009 and prides itself on grooming prospective future racing stars as they make their way up the proverbial racing ladder.

To purchase tickets, download the form at <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/DOC/Events/4HDay2009OrderForm.doc>

In addition to admission to the race, every ticket comes with \$5 in Rusty Bucks for use at the concession stands as well as admission to the Billy Currington Concert.

Bio-Security and Fairs —

What You Need to Know

Fairs create an environment that results in the intermingling of people from different backgrounds as well as animals from various locations and different species. Many of these situations are counter to what 4-H producers have been taught in herd and flock health management.

While fairs provide an opportunity for youth to participate in animal oriented group activities, they also represent a potential threat to the health of any live-stock herd or flock and the financial well-being of an industry. To protect the health and well being of all animals and the exhibitors, the following points should be followed:

- Meet or exceed all health requirements for all animals as established by the state veterinarian.
- Bio-security is one of the reasons for health inspections. Have your animals checked by a veterinarian regularly and follow a your veterinarians suggested health program for exhibited animals
- Booster vaccinations should be given as recommended by your veterinarians prior to exhibiting animals
- Request a health certificate
- Leave unhealthy or contagious animals at home. Public settings such as fairs are not the place for animals with ringworm, club lamb fungus, warts, eye infections, draining wounds, respiratory diseases and other contagious diseases.
- Provide adequate feed and water during exhibition.
- Keep housing facility clean of manure and waste bedding.
- Make sure animals have adequate space and proper ventilation.
- Use your own barn cleaning equipment such as pitch forks, shovels, etc. and keep them clean. This goes for show equipment such as clippers and combs as well. Avoid sharing equipment with other exhibitors.
- Practice good personal hygiene. Disinfect boots and equipment often, as well as wash your hands frequently.
- Change or wash clothes and shoes worn at the fair before returning home to work with other animals.
- Be cautious as to who has contact with your animals. Discourage fair visitors from petting or feeding your animals. If so, encourage them to wash their hands.
- Be on guard for visitors that might intend harm to exhibited animals and report suspicious people or activities to the show security.

After the Fair

If you take your show animals off the farm and expose them to other animals, there is also the possibility of spreading germs or diseases.

After the fair, when you return your animals to your farm, strictly isolating exhibited animals from other animals for at least two weeks.

Thoroughly clean to remove all soil and manure from your equipment and trailer, rinse to remove soap, then disinfect.

Exhibiting livestock is an enjoyable and educational experience for most young people. Following a few simple guidelines will help keep you and your livestock healthy during and following the show season.

It's State Fair Time!

Iowa State Fair

August 13-23

www.iowastatefair.org



Volunteer in the 4-H Building

at State Fair – They are in need of volunteers in the 4-H building, especially August 18-24, due to many schools starting early. No past experience is required. They can also use more help during pre-fair set-up days as well, August 10-12. For more information, contact Karen Naig at 515.294.1982 or kmnaig@extension.iastate.edu



4-H 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.

Stop by the Extension Office to purchase your shirts.

Supplies are limited.



A successful fair means a lot of volunteer effort from everyone.

Thank you in advance for your time!

-Clayton County Extension Staff

Clover Kid News



Information for Clover Kid members, leaders, and parents.

The Month of August is:

- Picnic Month
- Family Fun Month
- Admit You're Happy Month
- National Eye Exam Month
- National Catfish Month
- National Golf Month
- National Inventors Month
- National Water Quality Month



The Leaders Corner

Check out the Iowa 4-H Volunteer website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volunteers/

Pre-Fair Leader & FFA Advisor Meeting

Thursday, July 30 at Keystone AEA in Elkader at 7:30 pm.

It is important to have a club leader at the meeting to receive vital fair information.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 30 Leaders Pre-Fair Meeting, 7:30 pm, Keystone AEA, Elkader

August 1 New Member Fair Prep Meeting, 1:30 pm, Fairgrounds

August 3 Dog Agility Class, 7 pm, Fairgrounds

CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR

Tuesday, August 4

- All Non-Livestock Exhibit Judging -- Home economics, expressive arts, science and engineering, agriculture and natural resources and personal development and issues - entry and conference judging of these projects beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Pet Judging - these projects will be conference judged starting at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, AUGUST 5

- Horse and Pony Show - 9:00 a.m. (horse arena)
- 4-H Style Show - 7:00 p.m. (stage in front of grandstands)
- Share-the-Fun - following the Style Show (approximately 8 p.m.)

Thursday, AUGUST 6

- All Livestock exhibits - Except horse & dog - entries will be received starting at 7:00 a.m. and must be in place by 11:30 a.m.
- Rabbit Show - 12:30 p.m. (small arena)
- Dog Show - 2:30 p.m. (large arena)

Friday, AUGUST 7

- Poultry Show - 8:30 a.m. (small arena)
- Bucket Bottle Calves - conference judged starting at 8:30 a.m. (small arena)
- Other Animals - conference judged starting at 10:00 a.m.
- Meat Goat Show - 10:00 a.m. (small arena)
- Sheep Judging - 11:30 a.m. (market sheep first) (small arena)
- Beef Breeding Female Show - 2:00 p.m. (large arena)
- Market Beef Show - 5:00 p.m. (large arena)

Saturday, AUGUST 8

- Dairy Show - 8:30 a.m. (large arena)
- Swine Show - 9:00 a.m. (small arena)
- Dairy Goat Show— 4:30 p.m. (large arena)
- Alumni Beef Showmanship—7:00 p.m. (large arena)
- Celebrity Dairy & Alumni Dairy Showmanship Class—8:00 p.m. (large arena)

Sunday, AUGUST 9

- 4-H & FFA Dairy & Livestock Judging Contest— 10:00 a.m.
- Kiddie Calf Show - 12:00 noon (large arena)
- Ag Olympics—2:30 p.m. (large arena)
- Exhibit Release - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, AUGUST 10

- Livestock Sale - 9:30 a.m.

August 12 Iowa 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, Iowa State Fair

August 13-23 Iowa State Fair

August 16 Shooting Sports, 1:00 pm, Osborne

August 26 Post Fair Meeting, 7:30 pm, Extension Office

August 29 Iowa 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest, ISU campus, Ames



2009 4-H & FFA EXHIBIT HALL MONITORING

The 4-H/FFA Exhibit Halls will be open to the public Wednesday from 4-9 pm, Thursday-Saturday from 12:00 noon until 9:00 pm, and Sunday from 12:00 noon until 8:30 pm during the fair. Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter is expected to have a minimum of 6 neatly dressed members and at least 2 adults present during the entire monitoring time. Primary duties are to help people locate exhibits, to remind people not to handle or touch exhibits, and to keep the buildings free from litter. All monitors should wear a name badge while on duty.

Saturday, August 1 (set up) Woodcenter Eagles

Wednesday, August 5

4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Giard Eager Hands
6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Lodomillo Leaders

Thursday, August 6

12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Giard Future Farmers
2:15 - 4:30 p.m. Marion Happy Hustlers
4:30 - 6:45 p.m. Mallory Minks & Ed-Co FFA
6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Jefferson Go Hawks

Friday, August 7

12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Monona Jr. Feeders
2:15 - 4:30 p.m. Garnavillo Hawks
4:30 - 6:45 p.m. St. Olaf Jr. Farmers & St. Olaf Clover Kids
6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Shooting Sports

Saturday, August 8

12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Luana Ramblers
2:15 - 4:30 p.m. Peppy Pals/Mendon Hustlers
4:30 - 6:45 p.m. Jefferson Stars
6:45 - 9:00 p.m. Ful-O-Pep

Sunday, August 9

12:00 - 2:15 p.m. Peppy Pointers & Starmont FFA
2:15 - 4:30 p.m. Worthwhile
4:30 - 6:45 p.m. Grand Meadow
6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Highland Helping Hands

Exhibit Release Time is 8:30 pm

Monday, August 10 Clean-Up Tri-Star FFA

2009 Conference Judging Schedule

Tuesday, August 4

<u>Time</u>	<u>Club</u>
9:00 am	Giard Eager Hands
9:15 am	Luana Ramblers
9:30 am	Tri-Star FFA
9:45 am	Lodomillo Leaders
10:00 am	Jefferson Stars
10:15 am	Garnavillo Hawks
10:30 am	Jefferson Go Hawks
10:45 am	Highland Helping Hands
11:00 am	Ful-O-Pep
11:15 am	Monona Jr. Feeders
11:30 am	Peppy Pointers
12:00 - 1:00	<i>No Check-ins</i>
1:00 pm	Woodcenter Eagles
1:15 pm	St. Olaf Jr. Farmers
1:30 pm	Giard Future Farmers
1:45 pm	Worthwhile
2:00 pm	Mallory Minks
2:15 pm	Peppy Pals/Mendon Hustlers
2:30 pm	Marion Happy Hustlers
2:45 pm	Grand Meadow
3:00 pm	Ed-Co FFA & Valley FFA
3:30 pm	<i>Check-In Closed</i>

Judging times are approximate. Individuals needing to change judging times due to conflicts will be allowed to do so. No clubs will be allowed to check-in before the first club on the list. All 4-H & FFA members MUST be checked in for judging no later than 3:30 pm. Parents and leaders should wait in the waiting areas and not be actively involved in the judging. Judges will begin selecting state fair exhibits as soon as they have completed judging all individual exhibits in their department. All 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders except those listed helpers are asked to remain out of the judging area during state fair selections.

2009 Clayton County Fair 4-H & FFA Evaluation

This evaluation is concerning the 4-H & FFA exhibits and shows.

Please address all open class and entertainment comments and suggestions to the Fair Board.

After the fair is over, please take a few minutes to give us your opinion by answering the following questions:

1. Things I liked the most about the Clayton County Fair are:

2. Things I did not like about this year's fair are:

3. I wish the Clayton County Fair would:

4. One thing I learned at this year's fair is

5. Additional comments or suggestions:

I am a 4-H member (____grade)
 FFA member (____grade)
 4-H Leader
 Parent
 Volunteer

Please return by **August 20** to the Clayton County Extension Office, PO Box 357, Elkader, IA 52043

Back Page Information

Tips for fair week:

- ◆ Follow the rules
- ◆ Be honest in words and actions
- ◆ Treat people and animals with kindness and respect
- ◆ Be prompt for all events during competition
- ◆ Accept judge's suggestions and results with a positive attitude
- ◆ Congratulate your fellow 4-H & FFA members on a job well done
- ◆ Refrain from complaining or blaming others for a lower placing
- ◆ Say Thank you!

Herdsmanship Suggestions

This year for the fair, be sure your club works together as a team for herdsmanship.

Here are some tips:

- Be sure all manure is in the bunkers and not on the ground.
- Don't let the wheelbarrows over flow.
- Keep all items out of aisles and kept clean so people are able to walk through without tripping.
- Make sure bedding for live-stock is dry.
- Keep brushes, shovels and other items out of the livestock pens/stalls.
- Be sure stall cards are securely in place.
- Display your ribbons or get a sticker for the rabbit and poultry cages
- Double ties are required after 7 pm.

Resources Available to Help Prepare Exhibits

The Extension office offers many resources to help 4-H'ers prepare exhibits for the county fair. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/info/fair.htm>

[Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa Fair](#) 4H3023 (Rev. April 2009)

[Preparing Cut Flowers & Houseplants for Exhibit](#) 4H464 (Rev. 2007)

[Harvesting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit 4H462](#) (Rev. 2007)

[Design Elements](#) 4H634

The ISU Answer Line is a toll free number available to 4-H'ers and the public with questions related to home economics projects - child development, clothing, consumer management, food & nutrition or home improvement. Call 800-262-3804.

Read your 2009 Fair Book!

All exhibitors are responsible to read the Fair book and comply with the rules.

Conference Judging Steps

- ◆ Bring your exhibits, goal sheets/folders/etc., entry tags, and fair entry form with you.
- ◆ Arrive at your club's designated time.
- ◆ Stop at the check-in table when you arrive to get your number.
- ◆ Wait in the assigned waiting areas.
- ◆ Take your exhibit & entry form sheet with you to the appropriate judge. The judge will circle the ribbon placing.
- ◆ Take your exhibit and entry form sheet to the ribbon table when you are done with conference judging. Helpers will staple your ribbon to your entry tags.
- ◆ Turn your entry form in at the ribbon table when you are finished with all your conference judging. This is the sheet that premiums will be paid from. (*no sheet = no money*)
- ◆ Take your food items to the Bake Sale area. A sample will be given back to you for display.
- ◆ Place your exhibits in your club booth. (Exhibits being considered for State fair will be set aside until all judging is completed.)
- ◆ Enjoy the rest of the fair!

Make Fair Time Easier

Fair should be an enjoyable time for ALL. Here are a few guidelines to make county fair easier:

- Read your fair book and keep it handy
- Work on your goal sheets ahead of time
- Be patient with your parents as they try to get you everywhere you need to be
- Remember you are the 4-H'er. You should be the one cleaning the pens, decorating the booth, etc. It's Ok for parents and leaders to help, but it is your exhibit, your job, and your responsibility.
- Be a proud 4-H'er - Wear your 4-H shirt
- Help others. Your motto for fair week should be "I'll be glad to!"
- SMILE! No whining. It's fair time. Have FUN!

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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
 - Fair duties & responsibilities
 - COOL affidavit for all auction animals
 - Conference Judging Day—August 4
 - Exhibit Hall Monitoring Schedule
8. Adjourn/4-H Pledge