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From the Desk of Tiffany Blair

I hope you are all getting into your school year routines and are enjoying the cooler weather. If you have not already re-enrolled or enrolled for new members, it is time to get that done. **This will be the last newsletter you will receive until you have that completed.** Please remember that online enrollments MUST be completed by November 1, 2018 in order to comply with our State Insurance policy. You can find help sheets for both enrollment processes on our website (www.extension.iastate.edu/calhoun). If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to your leader or our office at any time.

National 4-H Week is October 7-13, 2018. Please show your 4-H pride by wearing your club shirt or any other 4-H shirt on Wednesday, October 10. If your club does something additional to celebrate the week, please share pictures with our office!

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or other 4-H items, please give me a call at 712-297-8611 or email me at tifblair@iastate.edu.

Sincerely,

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Premium Checks– Your ribbon premium checks from the Fair have been given to your club leaders. You can get them from your leader once you have completed and turned in your record books. Please be aware that the Fairboard has decided to void all checks not cashed within 6 months of the check issue date. Please cash all checks by March 1, 2019 or they will be void. No exceptions!

4-H Findout Meeting– New members for 2018-2019 and their families are invited to join me on Sunday, September 30 from 2:00-3:30 P.M. at the Calhoun County Extension Office for an “Intro to 4-H” meeting. We will go over what to expect at club meetings, including the 4-H pledge, how to make a motion, and record books. We will also talk about the different project areas you can be involved in. Please help spread the word to new 4-H families joining your clubs. Leaders– to help me plan for supplies, please have your new club members call the Extension Office and register for the event by Thursday, September 27.

Senior/Intermediate Trip– On October 20, Calhoun County 4-H members in grades 7th-12th will have the opportunity to join other 4-Hers from Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Emmet, Kossuth, & Sac counties on an exciting trip to the Des Moines and Ames areas. Participants will ride in a charter bus and first travel to West Des Moines where they will begin their adventure at “The Escape”. There participants will have 1 hour to “escape” the room by finding clues and solving puzzles. Then it is off to the ISU Cyclone Stampede Rodeo for an afternoon of bulls, broncs, roping, barrel racing, goat tying, and steer wrestling by some of the best in the college rodeo world! On the way home we will stop for food at McDonald’s in Webster City. The bus will leave Sparky’s at approximately 7:30 AM on Saturday morning October 20th and return at approximately 7:30 PM that evening. Space is extremely limited and registrations with payment will be first come, first served. All payment and registrations are due by October 1, 2018. The cost of this trip is \$75.00. A \$25 campership will be given after the completion of your activity report. Please make your checks payable to Calhoun County Extension.

Roun-da-Vu– The North Butler Blazers will be hosting the Calhoun County 4-H awards programs, Roun-da-Vu, this year. The event will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 P.M. at St. John Lutheran Church in Pomeroy. We hope to see all Calhoun County 4-H members there!

Changes to the Swine Show for 2019– The Calhoun County Fairboard has voted to open up the swine exhibition to a non-terminal show for the 2019 Calhoun County Expo. All swine will have the option to go home after being exhibited. Please be aware that they will still only be offering a market class at this time, there will NOT be a breeding class added for 2019.

Swine exhibitors or those who are wanting to exhibit swine for next year, please watch the newsletter and your email for information about an upcoming Exhibitor Meeting this winter to be held with the Fairboard and the County Vet about these changes. There are still a few details to work out and the Fairboard would like your help and opinions about moving forward. If you have questions now, please feel free to let me know or reach out directly to the Fairboard President, Kelly Meyer at 712-830-6016.



Mark your Calendar (Please watch the newsletter for more details as dates get closer)

- ⇒ January 5, 2019– Beef Weigh-In (Snow date January 12)
- ⇒ March 9, 2019– Swine Weigh-In (Snow date March 16)
- ⇒ April 13, 2019– Sheep and Goat Weigh-In (Snow date April 14)
- ⇒ April 27, 2019– Clothing and Communication Judging
- ⇒ May 15, 2019– All livestock identifications due for the Expo
- ⇒ June 28, 2019– All entries for the Expo, both Static and Livestock, are due online
- ⇒ July 10-14, 2019 Calhoun County Expo

Iowa 4-H Giving Day– Give. Grow.

Iowa 4-H! The Iowa 4-H Foundation is excited to host the first ever Iowa 4-H Giving Day. This is a 24 – hour online event to connect the 4-H supporters from across the state. Their goal is to engage alumni and have them share their stories and memories of 4-H. They are hoping to

get 400 donors to make a gift to support Iowa 4-H on this day. All money raised from Give. Grow. Iowa 4-H will go directly back to the 4-H program. They have chosen six areas donors can give specifically to: Heathy Living, Communication & the Arts, STEM (and Livestock), Leadership & Civic Engagement, Clover Woods Camp & Retreat Center, and Iowa 4-H (General). To join in on the fun, please go to www.iowa4hgivingday.org. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 12:00 A.M-11:59 P.M



 **Save the Date** 

- **September 30– “4-H Findout Meeting” 2:00 P.M. Extension Office– all new members welcome**
- **September 30– Youth County Council Meeting– 3:00 P.M. at the Extension Office**
- **October 7-13, 2018- National 4-H Week**
- **October 20– Intermediate/Senior Trip to Ames ISU Rodeo**
- **November 2– Babysitting Clinic (more info to come)**
- **November 4– Roun-da-Vu awards ceremony at 3:00 P.M.**
- **December and January– Tiffany will be out of the office on Maternity Leave! Returning sometime in February.**

