4-H Spotlight—Awards Night

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the 4-H Awards Night. We had a great turnout with roughly 200 in attendance. Many were recognized and awarded for their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program.

Notes from Jennifer

- I hope your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want to wish all my 4-H families a Happy Holiday’s and New Year!
- Market weigh-in dates and PT testing date for poultry have been set. Please see the calendar of dates on page 4 for specifics.
- The Clarke County Extension Office will be closed Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26 to celebrate the holidays with family and friends. We will also be closed, Thursday, January 1 to celebrate the New Year.
Burlap Wreath Workshop—Deadline December 10th

The holidays are just around the corner and we have a workshop to help get you in the holiday spirit. We are going to make a burlap wreath (similar to the picture on the right). You will also get to personalize the wreath to fit your style. Make a wreath for mom, your family, grandparents, or even your bedroom.

The workshop will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the small board room.

This workshop is open to Clover Kids and 4-Hers of all ages. The cost is $12 per participant and you must sign up and pay before Wednesday, December 10 at 4:30 p.m.

To sign up and pay please stop by the Extension Office. Our hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

4-H Robotics Regional Event—Held in Osceola

Are you wondering what 4-H robotics is about? Whether you are a 4-Her, parent, or volunteer, you are invited to a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Regional Event on Saturday, December 6 at the Clarke Community High School in Osceola from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FLL is a world-wide program designed to get youth interested and excited about science, technology and engineering. World Class is the FLL theme this year.

During this regional tournament, teams have three rounds on the competition table to get the best score possible. When not competing with their robots, teams give their research presentations, are interviewed about the technical design of their robots and how they work as teams.

In order for this event to run smoothly we are asking for volunteers. Don’t worry, you don’t have to have any previous knowledge of robots. We are looking for people who can help at the registration table, show teams and spectators to different classrooms, make sure teams are lined up and ready to compete and much more. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who is please have them contact Jennifer at the Extension Office.

If you are not interested in volunteering, we would still love to see you come and cheer on the Clarke Robotics team and see what this awesome event is all about!

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
4-H Ear Tags are FREE!

Thanks to a gracious donation from Medora Feed & Livestock; they are covering the cost of all 4-H ear tags required for the county fair. They will also be at all species weigh-ins offering goodies to the 4-Hers.

If you show animals that require an ear tag, please take the opportunity to send them a thank you for their contribution to the Clarke County 4-H program. Thank You’s may be sent to:
1076 315th Ave.
New Virginia, IA  50210

Swine participants, please note this does exempt swine DNA tags required for the Iowa State Fair.

Livestock Weigh-In’s– Are you prepared?

Weigh-in’s kick off in a month, are you prepared? Keep in mind, our office is closed a few different days prior to weigh-in so don’t wait until the last minute. These dates can be found on page one under Notes from Jennifer.

As you previously read, Medora Feed & Livestock have covered the cost of all 4-H ear tags. However it is preferred that you pick up the tags in advance and already have them placed in your animals ear.

We will enter your animals information in 4-H online at weigh-in so please be sure you are active in 4-H online.

Item’s to be completed before weigh-in:
- You must be active in 4-H online meaning you have enrolled in 4-H online and paid your enrollment fee. I will not enroll any members during weigh-in.
- Ear tags must be picked up and placed in your animals ear before arriving to weigh-in.

Cost:
- Ear tags– FREE
- Retinal Imaging- $5/head
- DNA Hair Samples- $5/head

Payment for retinal imaging and DNA samples are due at weigh-in.

Specific beef details:
At weigh-in, we will be retinal imaging for the Iowa State Fair and pulling DNA for Ak-Sar-Ben from 11 a.m. to noon. This cut’s down the wait time for families who are not participating in out of county activities. We have had success with this in the past and hope to again this year.

When picking up your beef tags you will notice the beef ear tags look a little different. The tags are a bit smaller and have many numbers and letters but will be used the same. This is just a different tag now approved by the USDA.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CLARKE
# Refrigerator Reference

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## Youth Council Representatives

- **Osceola Go-Getter:**
  - Gabe Crawford
  - Sadie Schneiders

- **Fremont Feenix:**
  - Anna Sereg
  - Trinity Miler

- **Triple Troopers:**
  - Rileigh Hiatt
  - Frank Thacker

- **K.W. Hustlers:**
  - Daylee Hembry
  - Noah Heckman

- **Koolios:**
  - Mackenzie Keller
  - Leia Decker

- **Osceola Chargers:**
  - Sydney Garrett
  - Keara Wheeler

- **Horse & Rider:**
  - Alexis Benda

- **Robotics:**
  - Noah Heckman

## 4-H PLEDGE

Are you a new 4-H member or even a returning member and don’t feel too confident when saying the 4-H pledge? Surprise your leader, parents, and friends by having the 4-H pledge memorized at your next meeting or event.

I pledge

- My Head to clearer thinking
- My Heart to greater loyalty
- My Hands to larger service
- My Health to better living

For my club, my community, my country and my world.