Notes from Jennifer

- 2014 Clarke County Fair theme—“Ticket to Success”
- Are you thinking about or have already started restoring any farm machinery for the county fair? If so, be sure to stop by the Extension Office and pick up a $500 grant application from Clarke County Old Iron. This is a great local opportunity!
- Reminder, fairbooks will not be printed this year. They can be found at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke or there is a link to the website from our facebook page.
- Reminder: If you plan to show at the Clarke County Fair, you MUST have attended a minimum of 4 club meetings from one particular club. This is not a requirement for Clover Kids but is for all 4th–12th graders.
- Congratulations to all our senior 4-Hers this year. We hope you have enjoyed your time with Clarke County 4-H. We wish you the best of luck Jarrod Coe, Jesi Johnson, Dakota Matlage, Paul Queck, and Macey Snell.
- Any Intermediates or Seniors still needing to test out of FSQA? Remember the deadline to test out is June 27.
- This is a very busy time of the year with many county fair deadlines quickly approaching. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office. We want to make this a pleasant experience for everyone and don’t want you left with any unanswered questions.
Sheep Workshops

Darwin Downing is ramping up his sheep project workshops by bringing technology and hands on opportunities to the table. This is open to any 4-H who is interested in learning more or plans to show sheep.

Dates include:
- May 12, 7 p.m. Extension Office — bring a laptop or ipad (if one is available to you)
- June 7, 9 a.m. Darwin’s home
- July 7, 6 p.m. Extension Office

The June 7 activity will be at Darwin’s home. This is a hands on workshop so please bring your sheep. His home address is 2379 Doyle St. Osceola, located right off Hwy. 69. If you would like more information please contact Darwin at 641-414-1062.

Project Scholarships Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following 4-Hers for receiving the 2014 Project Scholarships!

Juniors:
- Dean Spalding & Devin DeVore

Intermediates:
- Breianna Klein & Trinity Miler

We had numerous junior and intermediate applications but none from the senior division. We hope many of you will apply for the first time or again next year for this outstanding opportunity.

Recipients of the scholarships, you will be receiving your check in the mail within the next two weeks.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

This year’s conference theme is Ticket To Success and it will be held June 24-26 in Ames. This is for 4-Hers who have completed grades 8th-12th. Youth participate in a variety of activities, make friends, attend hands on workshops, all while having fun and making a difference in the community. Clarke County sent 4-Hers two years ago, would you like to be next?

Youth Council members will be promoting this event. I also have brochures available at the Extension Office or you may visit their website for details at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Looking for Volunteers at the Iowa State Fair

For the last couple of years, Clarke County 4-Hers have hosted Little Hands on the Farm at the Iowa State Fair. This year we will volunteer on Wednesday, August 13 from 3:30–8 p.m. We must have a minimum of 20 volunteers and you must be at least 11 years old. Each volunteer will receive a bottle of water, t-shirt, admission ticket, and parking pass if needed. If you have an interest in volunteering please stop by the Extension Office to fill out the participation form. These must be returned to the Extension Office by May 30.

Horse and Rider Club–Riding times

Due to the weather, the Horse and Rider club hasn’t had much riding time. In order to help better prepare you for county fair, they are going to meet every Wednesday and Sunday beginning Sunday, May 11. Wednesday classes will meet from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday classes will meet from 1-4 p.m.

We will meet in the arena each time so please bring your horse and necessary riding items. If you have any questions please contact Dara at 515-971-8708.

Summer Gardening Program

In past years, 4-Hers have worked with our local Master Gardeners over throughout the Summer to grow various items at our local Diversity Gardeners. Once again, the Master Gardeners would like to offer this opportunity to all Clover Kids and 4-Hers. If you have an interest in gardening, you will absolutely enjoy this summer program. Participants will also get to take items they have grown and showcase them at the county fair.

At this time we would like to gather a list of names who would be interested. If so, please contact the Extension Office at 641-342-3316 or e-mail Jennifer at jpollard@iastate.edu.

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

We are partnering with a local photographer to offer a **FREE photography workshop for Clover Kids and 4-Hers.** This workshop will take place on Thursday, June 19 from 4-6 p.m. at East Lake Park. We will meet at the upper east level of the park at the newer shelter. Be sure to bring your camera; we will be viewing the pictures we take throughout the afternoon.

We will focus on taking a variety of topics such as landscape, close-up images, people, and lights. We will also discuss what a judge is looking for in a good picture and what requirements are needed when bringing pictures to the fair. If you are interested in attending, please reserve your spot by contacting the Extension Office at 641-342-3316 or e-mail Jennifer at jpollard@iastate.edu

## May 15- Animal Deadline for 4-Hers and Clover Kids

Do you plan to show any beef, sheep, goats, swine, horses, pets, rabbits, chickens, or dogs at the Clarke County Fair? If so, these animals **MUST** be identified in 4-H online before May 15 at 11:59 p.m. This is a state deadline, and under no circumstances will late entries be accepted.

If you are showing market beef, sheep or goats I enter this information in 4-H online at their specific weigh-in. All other animals must be completely identified in 4-H online on your own time. PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to complete this process.

I have attached a help sheet that will be useful in entering your animals information online. If you do not have internet access or do not feel comfortable entering your information online, I would be more than happy to help. Please keep in mind, I am not always in the office so calling in advance is recommended.

Please keep these items in mind:

*If you decide not to bring an animal you identified, you will not be penalized. This just gives us a better idea of what might be coming to the fair.

*This is required for all 4-Hers and Clover Kids.

*If you plan to bring a dog, but show it as a pet, please enter under the pet category, not dog. Only dogs being shown in the dog obedience class should be placed under dog.

*Rabbit and Poultry participants, you have an extended deadline of July 1 (in 4-H online) to enter rabbit and poultry information as some of your projects may not be born yet.

*If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office, we are here to help!!

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4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
**Refrigerator Reference**

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### Poultry Information

Pullorum—Typhoid testing is required for all birds coming to the Clarke County Fair. This means, anything with feathers must be tested. All birds being shown at the 2014 Clarke County Fair MUST be tested on Saturday, June 21 from 9-11 a.m. at the fairgrounds show barn. There will not be another date available, so please plan accordingly.

Testing is required regardless of the birds age or where it came from.

There is a $.50 fee per bird which will be collected day of testing. Cash or check will be accepted.

### Weigh-In Check List

- Tags already purchased from the Extension Office ($1 each)
- Tags placed in animals ear (either ear is fine)
- Don’t forget, you must be an “active” 4-H member to participate in weigh-in
- $5 per head if you plan to retinal image sheep or goats for the Iowa State Fair
- Reminder, if you plan to participate in swine weigh-in, tags must already be placed in the animals ear
- A big smile and patience!