I want to take a moment and compliment all 4-H families for their efforts in 4-H online. You guys did an amazing job of getting everything entered online and asked excellent questions. Way to go everyone!!!

It’s beginning to be that time of year again, when many 4-H families are preparing for the County Fair, Iowa State Fair, and the numerous other summer opportunities we offer. With these exciting events also includes registrations, paperwork, and deadlines. Please know that I am here to help you with all your 4-H questions. I can be reached at 641-342-3316 (office phone) or my e-mail is jpollard@iastate.edu. In addition, our Extension office doors are also open Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. I understand for some families that evenings and weekends are when you have more time to think about 4-H matters. If you have questions on weekends or evenings, I would suggest sending me an e-mail. I will be happy to return your message as soon as I return to the office.

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 before July 1, 2015. This is not a requirement for Clover Kids but is for all 4th-12th graders.

This years county fair theme is “Dare to Discover”

Multiple Intermediate (7-9) and Senior (10-12 grade) 4-Hers have not completed their FSQA test. Remember, this must be completed before June 26. You are required to complete FSQA in order to show any livestock. No FSQA= No SHOW.
Jr. Price and Jr. Princess Contest

Once again, The Clarke County Fair will have a Jr. Prince and Jr. Princess contest. Contestants must be 5 years of age and no more than 9 years of age by July 14 (the first day of the Clarke County Fair). This is open to all youth, not just Clover Kids.

Applications may be picked up from the Extension Office and must be returned before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26. Judging will take place on Sunday, July 12 in conjunction with the 2015 Clarke County Fair Queen Contest.

The contestants will be interviewed by a committee and will also be asked a question by the 2014 Clarke County Fair Queen. Crowning will take place during Open Ceremonies of the fair on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the show barn.

Clarke County Fair Queen Contest

How would you like to represent Clarke County at the Iowa State Fair? We are now accepting applications for the opportunity to be the 2015 Clarke County Fair Queen. Application and details may be picked up at the Extension office and must be returned before 4:30 p.m. on June 26. Judging will be held on Sunday, July 12 in the exhibit building and crowning will take place during the Open Ceremonies on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the show barn. This is a great opportunity to help share your pride for Clarke County and all it offers.

COOL Papers– Required for all Market Animals

What are COOL papers? COOL stands for County of Origin Labeling. This requirement is to help producers (you) keep track of your animals history. As a 4-Her what should you do?

Always make sure to ask for documentation when purchasing your livestock project.

Make sure you are keeping documentation for a minimum of two years. COOL papers may be picked up at the Extension Office.

ALL COOL papers must be returned to the Clarke County Extension Office before 4:30 p.m. on July 1.

NO COOL papers= NO SALE!

For those who raised your own animals and did not purchase from someone else, you may sign the COOL paper yourself. If you purchased from someone else, you need their signature.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
**Poultry Show— CANCELLED**

The Poultry Show at the 2015 Clarke County Fair has been cancelled due to the increase in the avian influenza.

We realize the disappointment this decision will be on all of our poultry participants but we are working diligently to put together educational activities for these participants in replacement of the show itself.

This is a great example to the public, fair-goers, and the consumer that the animal health, animal well-being and the safety of the poultry industry is at the forefront of our young people’s practices. Through our annual FSQA events, we have educated youth for many years on these and other topics such as biosecurity and the potential for diseases to spread. The education and learning practices are being put into action in the real world.

No birds will be allowed on the fairgrounds, this includes the poultry and pet shows both.

As soon as we are able to confirm the replacement event for the poultry participants, I will let you know via e-mail, the Poultry and Rabbit facebook page and it will be included in the July newsletter.

I want to thank families in advance for their understanding and support of these decisions.

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**Rabbit Information**

If you plan to show a rabbit at the Clarke County Fair, don’t forget your rabbit must have a tattoo in its ear. Please refer to the rabbit section of the fairbook for full details.

Steve Queck is offering to tattoo any 4-H rabbits coming to the Clarke County Fair free of charge. This will take place Saturday, June 20 from 9– 11 a.m.

If you plan to show a rabbit as a pet, it does not require a tattoo.

Also keep in mind, if you plan to show a rabbit as a pet, you must identify it as a pet in 4-H online, not a rabbit.

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**Shooting Sports Fun Night— June 19**

4-H Safety and Education Shooting Sports (SESS) uses skills and disciplines of shooting to assist young people in knowledge and developing skills in archery, rifle, and muzzleloader. To kick off the summer season, we are holding a SESS Fun Night on Friday, June 19 from 6-8 p.m. at upper west level of East Lake Park. Come enjoy an evening of archery and shooting practice, rubber band target practice, other shooting sports games, and a meal provided by the Clarke County Cattlemen.

If you RSVP to the Extension Office before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12 to ensure we have enough food and material. This event is open to all 4-12 graders. Come hear the awesome new changes to the SESS program!
Drug Affidavit Forms—New Requirement

As young livestock producers, exhibitors and their families have the obligation to be responsible producers. At some point, all animals will enter the food chain and become edible food products for the consuming public.

Drug Affidavits will be REQUIRED for Market and Breeding Beef, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine projects.

Families with these project areas should print these forms off or stop by the Extension Office to pick up. They are available on the 4-H website—www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock, scroll to the bottom of the page and they are located under the Animal Care/ Disclosure Forms on the left side of the page.

This is similar to a record system. Participants will keep track of all medications their animals have come into contact with (injected, oral, or topical) up until the animal is brought to the county fair.

Livestock supervisors and superintendents will collect these forms at check-in and weigh in. **If you do not have this affidavit completed, you cannot check-in or weigh-in your animal until done so.** Any form not completed and or signed will be given back to the exhibitor to complete.

I understand this is another form to complete, however, it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure food entering the food chain is honest and safe for all consumers. Let’s show how responsible Clarke County 4-Hers are!

Livestock Entry Form—Due July 1

Now that you have entered your animals in 4-H online (excluding possible bottle animals and rabbits) you have one more step to complete, the Livestock Entry Form. This form tells us officially what animals will be brought to the fair and what classes you would like to enter them in.

This form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Extension Office before **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1.**

The form is attached with the newsletter, is can also be found on our website—www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke, on our facebook page or picked up from the Extension Office.

There is a small fee that must be included when this form is turned in. This fee depends on what animals you plan to bring and how many.

This entry form is REQUIRED for all 4-Hers and Clover Kids to show animals at the fair.

Please note, I will be gone with a group of 4-Hers to 4-H Conference June 30-July 2. If you feel your family may have additional questions regarding maximum numbers, correct classes etc. I would strongly encourage you to stop by the Extension Office before June 26.
Fairbook Updates and Corrections

**CORRECTIONS and UPDATES:**

On page 27 and 28 of your fairbook, the Goat Show will be held Thursday, July 16 at 8 a.m., not Friday.

Page 27, class number **2006** dates should read July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014, not 2012.

Page 30 and 45, bottle animal participants have until July 1 to enter their animal in 4-H online, not May 15.

Due to new 4-H regulations, the Corn Cob Eating Contest scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 has now been cancelled. The 4-H Youth Council is working on a replacement event.

The poultry Show has been cancelled. We are working on another activity for all poultry participants. Look for specific details in the July 4-H newsletter.

Rabbit Show will now begin at 10 a.m. followed by the Pet Show. Pets will now check in at noon.

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**Congratulations Project Scholarship Winners!**

Congratulations to the following participants for receiving the 2015 Project Scholarships. We had more entries this year then ever before!

**Juniors:**
- Allen Jaeger
- Megan Keller

**Intermediates:**
- Colby Wilken
- Samantha Parmer

**Senior:**
- Rileigh Hiatt

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**Updated Sheep & Goat Workshop information**

Each year Darwin Downing offers outstanding opportunities to 4-Hers who have an interest sheep and goats. Participants learn proper techniques and daily care, showing skills, washing, trimming and much more!

Mark your Calendars for the last two workshops.

Saturday, June 6 — 9 am to 2 pm— now relocated to the fairgrounds
Monday, July 6— 6:30 pm

For more information contact Darwin at 641-414-1062

The June 6 meeting has been relocated to the fairgrounds. The hands on workshop has gotten a whole lot bigger and exciting so we need more room! See the attached flyer for specific details.

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**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CLARKE
Refrigerator Reference

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**4-H Conference Registration:**
Due before June 1

**Sheep/Goat Workshop:**
June 6 from 9 am to 2 pm at the fairgrounds

**Rabbit Tattooing:**
June 20 from 9-11 a.m.

**Livestock Entry Form and fee Due:**
Before July 1 to the Extension Office

**Iowa State Fair Animal Entries:**
Due in 4-H online before July 1

**Sheep/Goat Workshop:**
July 6 at 6:30 pm

**2015 Clarke County Fair:**
July 14-20

**Iowa State Fair:**
August 13-23

**ITEMS DUE JUNE 26 & JULY 1**

All items listed below are due to the Clarke County Extension Office before Friday, June 26, 4:30 p.m.

- Fair Queen Candidate Form
- Jr. Prince & Jr. Princess Forms
- $15 Challenge Form
- Fashion Revue Form
- Clothing Selection Form
- Communication Form

**Fairgrounds Clean-up Schedule**

To keep our fairgrounds looking nice, we need all 4-H and FFA members’ help! It may not be the most glamour's job, but if we all chip in, it shouldn’t take long. Keep in mind all trash must be picked up before 9 a.m. each day.

- Wednesday AM– Fremont Feenix
- Thursday AM– Triple Troopers
- Friday AM– Osceola Go-Getters
- Saturday AM– K.W. Hustlers
- Sunday AM– Osceola Chargers & Koolios
- Monday AM– Robotics & Horse & Rider
- Tuesday AM– Murray and Osceola FFA (can be done Monday night after the sale).

*Remember, we need to pick up the ENTIRE fairgrounds. This includes the parking lot, around the arena, exhibit building and barns, and over by the track. PLEASE check all of these areas weather there was an event there or not. It’s always good to double check!

**Iowa State Fair animal entries due in 4-H online before July 1**

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