## Noah Heckman—State 4-H Council

A huge shout out to Noah Heckman who was recently named an Iowa State 4-H Council Representative! This is a group of energetic and positive high school Juniors and Seniors who will act as ambassadors for 4-H. Members go through an application and interview process to be selected. This is an outstanding accomplishment and I know Noah will make Clarke County very proud! If you are interested in becoming an Iowa State 4-H Council Representative or would like to learn more feel free to talk with Noah or myself.

## Note from Jennifer

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 that 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.
Market Broilers for Iowa State Fair– Due May 1

If you have an interested in showing market broilers at the Iowa State Fair be sure to get them entered in 4-H online before May 1.

The poultry division of the Iowa State Fairbook can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/livestock/StateFair/Poultry.pdf

Also, be sure to check out the Poultry and Rabbit facebook page for additional information and resources. Just search for “Clarke County 4-H & FFA Rabbits and Poultry Group.”

Fair Updates/Corrections/Reminders

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

ADDITION:
If you are looking through the fairbook and do not see a class for your animal, please go ahead and identify that animal before May 15. Classes can be added to accommodate all fair participants.

REMINDER:
Don’t forget, to be eligible to participate in the Clarke County Fair (livestock or exhibit building) 4-Hers must have attended four meetings from one club before July 1, 2015. This is not a requirement for Clover Kids.

4-H Conference– Dare to Discover

The moment so many of you have been waiting for– 4-H Conference registration is now available!! Last year Rileigh Hiatt attended this event and had an absolute blast!! She shared how much fun it was and many of you became very interested. The conference is scheduled for June 30– July 2 and will be held in Ames at ISU. I will be taking a group and would love for you to join! Remember, you don’t have to be a 4-Her, this event is open to all youth who have completed 8th through 12th grade.

Exciting news, the Clarke County Extension Council is willing to help cover a portion of the cost for anyone interested in attending!

All eligible participants should have received a brochure in the mail. You can also stop by the Extension Office or information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

Registration is online and due before June 1.
$15 Challenge Opportunity– Let’s go Shopping!

The $15 Challenge is open to all male and female youth in grades 4th through 12th. The outfit selected must be purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or retail shop (Goodwill, Salvation Army etc.).

Cost of the outfit must be $15 or less, not including shoes, accessories and undergarments.

Details regarding the $15 Challenge can be found on page 58 and 59 of your fairbook.

Participants will meet one on one with the judge on Friday, July 10 at the Extension Office. They will then model their outfit and receive their ribbons and awards on Sunday, July 12 in conjunction with the queen contest.

I’d like to take any eligible youth interested in this opportunity shopping on Tuesday, June 2 for their $15 Challenge outfit. We will meet at the Extension Office at 9 a.m. and head to Des Moines from there.

It doesn’t matter if you have participated in this event for many years, or if it’s your first time, your welcome to join a fun filled day of shopping!

Keep in mind, if you would like to participate in this event but are not available June 2 you may still participate. This is only an option, not a requirement.

If you are interested please sign up with the Extension Office before May 26 so vehicle space may be arranged.

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. (same time as PT Testing).

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.

Food Preservation Opportunity– Join Us!

Have you ever wondered how to preserve foods at home? How would you like to learn how to can, dehydrate and freeze various food items?

The 4-H Cooking Club is hosting an event open to all 4-Hers and their parents. Come learn from the best, ISU Extension Nutrition and Health Specialist– Barb Fuller.

This will be a hands on workshop to teach various food preservation styles and techniques.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 19 from 6:30–8 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the kitchen.

Pre registration is not required. I have attached a flyer with additional information.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
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 has 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 when animals are being checked in. 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 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!

Volunteers Needed- Little Hands on the Farm

For the last few years Clarke County 4-Hers, parents, and alumni have hosted Little Hands on the Farm at the Iowa State Fair. This year we will be volunteering on Thursday, August 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We must have a minimum of 30 volunteers and you must be at least 11 years old.

Each volunteer will receive a bottle of water, t-shirt, admission ticket, and a parking pass. If you have an interest in volunteering please stop by the Extension Office to sign the participation form. These must be returned to the Extension Office before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28.

Once we have completed our volunteer time, we then go enjoy the food and sights of the Iowa State Fair!

We have a blast each year, just ask any of the participants from last year!

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CLARKE
May 15– Animal Identification Deadline

If you plan to show any beef, sheep, goats, dairy, swine, horses, pets, or dogs at the Clarke County Fair you MUST have these animals 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, swine (weighed in), sheep or goats, I will enter this information for you at 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 helpful when identifying your animals. 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.

Rabbits, poultry, and bottle calves/lambs/goats have an extended deadline of July 1 to enter their information in 4-H online. Sometimes these projects aren’t always born before May 15 so we allow for an extension for these animals.

Please keep these items in mind:

- If you decide not to bring an identified animal, 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 plan to show it as a pet, please identify that animal under the pet category, not dog. Only dogs participating in dog obedience should be placed under dog.
- Animals that have been to the fair before such as dogs and horses and plan to return; you do not have to enter that’s animals information again, just check the box saying they will be attending for 2015.

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Sheep & Goat Workshops Available

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 next three workshops.

Monday, May 4— 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 6— 9 am to 2 pm
Monday, July 6— 6:30 pm

For more information contact Darwin at 641-414-1062

The May and July meetings will take place at the fairgrounds in the small board room. The June meeting will take place at Darwin’s home. This is a hands on workshop so bring your sheep or goat. Darwin’s home address is 2379 Doyle St. Osceola, located right off Hwy. 69.
## Refrigerator Reference

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### SHEEP /GOAT REMINDERS

**Sheep/Goat Reminders:**

- You must be an active 4-Her before weigh-in. I will not activate 4-Hers at weigh-in.
- Sheep and Goat Weigh-In is Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds show barn.
- It is very helpful if the animals tags are already placed in their ears prior to weigh-in. These can be picked up at the Extension Office at no cost.
- If you are thinking about showing sheep or goats at the Iowa State Fair, remember these animals MUST be retinal imaged at weigh-in. This is required for market and breeding animals. Cost is $5 per head and due at weigh-in.
- If you plan to participate in Ak-Sar-Ben, DNA hair samples will be pulled at weigh-in. The cost is $5 per head and due at weigh-in.
- All animals attending weigh-in will be entered in 4-H online. Please note, I will not be there this year, however, Deb Jaeger– Office Assistant will be there to enter the information. Please be patient with her as this is her first time entering weights.

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**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

**All items listed below are due to the Clarke County Extension Office before Wednesday, July 1, 4:30 p.m. Please note, Livestock Entry Forms are required for 4-Hers and Clover Kids:**

- Livestock Entry Form and fee (form not available until mid May).
- COOL papers (only for 4-Hers with animals being sold).