Notes from Jennifer

- For those who RSVP’d, don’t forget our 4-H Awards Banquet is this Sunday, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. We have many awards to hand out and a night full of fun planned. Hope to see you!

- Keep in mind, if you have not re-enrolled in 4-H online and paid your $10 enrollment fee, this will be the last 4-H newsletter you receive until its completed.

- Also don’t forget, if you have already re-enrolled in 4-H online, but haven’t stopped by the Extension Office to pay the $10 enrollment fee you need to do so ASAP. Due to risk management, liability and insurance purposed, we cannot have members “pending” for a long period of time. Members need to have their fee paid for within one week of enrolling in 4-H online. Failure to do so may cause additional issues when I try to approve you as a member.

- I need your help, once again I am planning to offer a couple different 4-H workshops throughout this winter/early Spring. If there is something you think would make an awesome workshop or something you want to learn please give me a call or send me an e-mail. Maybe your club could come up with some ideas to share with me.

- Please note, our office will be closed Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th to celebrate the holidays with our family. The office will re-open with regular hours on Monday, December 2nd.

Jennifer Pollard – Clarke County Youth and Outreach Coordinator
4-H Robotics Region Event– Held in Osceola

Are you wondering what 4-H robotics is about? Whether you are a 4-H’er, a parent, or volunteer, you are invited to a FIRST Lego League (FLL) Regional Event on Saturday, December 14th at the Clarke Community High School in Osceola from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm.

FLL is a world-wide program designed to get youth interested and excited about science, technology, and engineering. *Nature’s Fury* is the FLL theme for this year – where youth ages 9-14 will explore awe-inspiring storms, quakes, waves, and more that we call natural disasters.

Teams will discover what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work, and play.

During this regional tournament, teams have three rounds on the competition tables 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 complete, 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 don’t want to volunteer, we would still love to see you come cheer on the Clarke Robotics team and see what this awesome event is all about!

Livestock Weigh-In’s

It’s hard to believe we are already scheduling livestock weigh-in’s for market animals. These dates can be found on page 4 of the newsletter.

We will be entering your animals information in 4-H online at weigh-in so what should you have completed before weigh-in? You must be an active 4-H member meaning you have re-enrolled in 4-H online and paid your $10 enrollment fee to the Extension Office. I will NOT enroll any members during weigh-in. You must also purchase your ear tags for $1 each at the Extension Office. Again this year, we will be using up old ear tags from previous years so your ear tag color may be different then the next person. Keep in mind, if you plan to attend the Iowa State Fair you MUST have green ear tags. Is it YOUR responsibility to tell the Extension Office if you have any animals going to the Iowa State Fair.

Again this year at beef 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 only. This cut down on wait time last year for families who were not participating in out of county activities and we hope to have continued success with it again this year.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Win another $2,500 for Clarke County 4-H!

There is still time—be sure to go to the Americans Farmers Grow Communities website and nominate Clarke County 4-H. It’s really easy! Go to www.americasfarmers.com/growcommunities/ and click on Farmer’s Enroll here. It will ask you a couple quick questions and then just type in “Clarke County 4-H” as the recipient.

It’s time- 4-H Re- Enrollment

Once again, you will re-enroll in 4-H online, and the fee this year is only $10! A huge thank you to the Clarke County Extension Council for helping support the 4-H program by paying the remaining $20 of the enrollment fee.

To become an active 4-Her, you must log into 4-H online using your e-mail address and password to update your information and pay the Extension Office your fee of $10. The fee is only for 4-Hers (4th through 12th graders, Clover Kids do not pay a fee).

Due to risk management, liability and insurance purposed, we cannot have members “pending” for a long period of time. Members need to have their fee paid within one week of enrolling in 4-H online. Failure to do so may cause additional issues when I try to approve you as a member.

I have attached a help sheet to help families re-enroll. Remember, once you have completed the information in 4-H online, it will say “pending” until you come into the Extension Office and pay the $10 fee. Please take care of this as soon as possible.

Make sure to review your information carefully. Your address or phone number may have changes, or a 4-Her may be allergic to something they were not aware of last year. It is each family’s responsibility to make sure I have the most accurate information.

If you do not have access to the internet you are more than welcome to come into the Extension Office to complete the re-enrollment process. Keep in mind, I am not always in the office so please call ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

There is no deadline to re-enroll, however everyone should have this completed by November 1st. Families who have not re-enrolled by November 1st will stop receiving 4-H information until this process is completed.

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.
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#### Club Leader Information

- 4-H leaders, grab your calendar and be sure to write down a couple different dates.
- Our yearly leader training is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th from 7– 8:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Remember, this is required so if you cannot attend please let me know so we can make other arrangements.
- If you are a new leader (in the past 12 months) you are required to take a one time New Volunteer Training. We will be holding a training here in Osceola on Saturday, February 1st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the fairgrounds. If you are not available that day, there are other trainings available but not in Osceola.
- Have you re-enrolled yourself in 4-H online yet? If not, please take care of this ASAP so I can give you access to your clubs information in 4-H online.

#### 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 even friends by having the 4-H pledge memorized at your next meeting.

  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.