Clarke County 4-H is celebrating National 4-H Week BIG this year!

National 4-H week is October 5-11 and the 4-H Youth Council is working hard to help celebrate with many different festivities.

- The Harvest Barn is offering a $3 discount into the Corn Maze & Fun Farm to all Clover Kids and 4-Hers who wear any 4-H apparel to the Harvest Barn. This discount is good for Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12.

- Celebrate by participating in the coloring contest. Coloring pages can be picked up between September 29 and October 4 at the Clarke County Extension Office, The Harvest Barn, and Hy-Vee’s customer service counter. Coloring pages must be dropped off to the Clarke County Extension Office by Monday, October 6 before 4:30 p.m. All youth 3rd grade and younger are eligible and is open to everyone, not just 4-Hers. Prizes awarded to all participants!

- From October 6-10 stop by the Clarke County Extension Office between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and get your picture taken with our #iam4H sign. We encourage youth, volunteers, professionals, and alumni to share their pride photo on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, along with the #iam4H and #4HWeek hashtags. Clubs, also feel free to take the sign to your club meeting for a large group photo!

- 4-H locker signs will also be hung on all 7th through 12th grade lockers at Clarke and Murray schools.
Clarke County 4-H Facebook page

Did you know Clarke County 4-H has a Facebook page. Just look us up at Clarke County, IA 4-H.

Facebook is another great way to stay up-to-date on various 4-H events. Who knows, you might just win a price for liking the page or liking a certain picture or comment.

Congratulations Nancy Willke for being our 4-H facebook winner! Please stop by the Clarke County Extension Office to claim your prize!

4-H Awards Banquet– November 9

Mark your calendar's, our 4th annual 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Sunday, November 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

We encourage all Clover Kid and 4-H families attend. We will be giving out many awards to Clover Kids, 4-Hers, and volunteers. This is also a great time to see what other clubs are doing, play games, win prizes, eat great food, and have fun!

We are going to be looking for clubs input and ideas on numerous awards so be sure to attend your October 4-H meetings. Details are also available on page 4 of this newsletter.

To ensure we have enough seating and food for this event we ask that all 4-H families RSVP BEFORE WEDESNDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

A brief overview of some awards being given include:
- Perfect club meeting attendance
- Recognizing our seniors (Class of 2015)
- Project Scholarship Winners
- Clover Kid awards
- Project Records
- Introduction of new Youth Council members
- 1st Year 4-Hers (last year)
- Friend of 4-H Award
- 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Clover Kids Scheduled

Murray Clover Kids will begin Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Murray Community Center. Look for full details to come home in your child’s backpack and an e-mail from me.

Osceola Clover Kids will begin Tuesday, January 13 at 3 p.m. at the elementary cafeteria. Look for full details in your child’s backpack in November. There will also be an e-mail sent out.

4-H Re-enrollment - New process

It’s hard to believe 4-H re-enrollment time is already here. Clarke County 4-H is implementing a new enrollment payment schedule and we hope you find it helpful.

Returning 4-Hers who re-enroll in 4-H online and pay their enrollment fee between September 1 and November 1 will only pay a $10 enrollment fee.

Those who enroll between November 2 and March 1 will pay a $20 enrollment fee.

Those who enroll after March 2 will pay the full $30 enrollment fee. All new 4-H members will pay $10 (no matter when they enroll). There is also no cost to Clover Kids (K-3rd graders).

Once again, you will not turn any paper copies in, everything will be completed in 4-H online. Re-enrolling has two very simple steps, log into 4-H online and update any information and pay your enrollment fee to the Extension Office.

Remember, once you have completed the information in 4-H online, it will say you are “pending” until you come into the Extension Office and pay your enrollment fee.

4-H online has been great because it saves all your information from year to year but keep in mind some information might change please make sure to review ALL your information.

Your address or phone number may have changed, t-shirt size, or a 4-Her may be allergic to something they weren’t last year. It is each family’s responsibility to make sure I have the correct 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 in advance.

I have attached a help sheet to walk you through the process. Information can also be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke
Refrigerator Reference

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Re-enrollment**
GOING ON NOW!

**Project Records due:**
Friday, October 24 by 4:30 p.m.

**4-H Awards Night**
Sunday, November 9 5:30 p.m.
at the fairgrounds

**FLL Robotics Competition:**
Saturday, December 6

**4-H Leader Training:**
January, 15. Snow date—January, 22

**Fairboard Soup Supper:**
Saturday, February 21

**2015 Clarke County Fair:**
July 15-20

4-H PROJECT RECORDS

Now that all your projects are completed and you have another year of 4-H under your belt, it’s time to show everything off.

Record keeping can be done in a variety of ways, you can make a scrapbook, organize a PowerPoint, or collect all your paperwork into an organized binder. You have already don’t all the work, now it’s time to show it off!

Record keeping is a great way to help prepare for future scholarships and can also be used as an exhibit building project for next year. Record books are not required, but strongly encouraged. Those who complete a record book will be recognized at the Awards Banquet, will receive a special award, and maybe even money!

I have 4-H binders available for FREE to anyone interested in completing project records.

All record keeping information is due Friday, October 24 before 4:30 p.m. to the Extension Office.

CLUB REMINDERS

As you attend your October 4-H club meeting don’t forget to vote on the following items. This helps the 4-H Youth Council as they prepare for the 4-H Awards Banquet.

- Select two Youth Council members
- Nominate up to three Volunteer of the Year nominees
- Nominate up to three Friend of 4-H nominees

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