



## December 2019 Clover Connection



### Market Beef Weigh-in is December 21

4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market beef animals at the 2020 Clayton County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair must weigh their animals at a certificated county weigh-in site. Clayton County's weigh-in will be Saturday, December 21 at the Edgewood Livestock Commission in Edgewood from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

A maximum of 10 head can be identified. State Fair retinal imaging is \$5 per head. If you have any questions or concerns about the market beef class, please contact the Extension Office.

Market beef classes for the 2020 Clayton County Fair will be in three divisions--Market Steers, Market Heifers, and Straight-Bred Dairy Market Steers. County fair classes within each division will be established from the beginning weights (weight of the calves on December 21, 2019).



## 4-H GROWS HERE

### 4-H Keepsake Ornament \$5.00

Celebrating 100 Years of 4-H in Clayton County!

Makes a great gift for present or past 4-Her's of all ages

Available at the Clayton County Extension Office.



## December Calendar of Events

### December 2019

- 15 County Council Meeting, 7 pm, Elkader
- 21 Beef Weigh-In, 10 am –1 pm, Edgewood
- 24-25 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 30 Club Officer Training, 7 pm, Freedom Bank, Elkader

### The Month of December is

- Hi Neighbor Month
- Write to a Friend Month
- Safe Toy and Gift Month
- Read A New Book Month
- Universal Human Rights Month
- Stress Free Family Holiday Month



### Looking ahead. Mark Your Calendars!

March 15- 4-H Omelet Brunch & Silent Auction, Johnson's Reception Hall, Elkader

March 21- 4-H Foundation Wine & Dine, Promiseland Winery, Guttenberg

August 4-10 – 2020 Clayton County Fair

August 13-23 – 2020 Iowa State Fair



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# JOIN THE CLUB

## It's time to re-enroll in 4-H!

NOW is the time to complete your 4-H enrollments for the 2019-20 year. This re-enrollment process is done online at <https://iowa.4honline.com/>.

**Remember new families must complete paper enrollment forms.** For more information on re-enrolling in 4-H, check out our website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/join-4-h> or contact the Extension Office. It is vital to complete 4-H enrollments before youth are participating in 4-H meetings & activities for insurance coverage. Re-enroll now!

### Iowa 4-H Development Fees

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development fee is \$30 per 4-H member. The Clayton County Extension Council will pay \$10 per member if re-enrolled by December 31, 2019. Clubs will be billed the additional \$20 per member. If re-enrollment is done after December 31, the club will be billed \$30 per member. Please encourage your 4-H members to re-enroll now!

New members may enroll any time to receive the \$10 fee support.

### Iowa 4-H Foundation Offers Financial Assistance to Pay Enrollment Fees

Financial assistance is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation for families who need help paying their annual program fee. Those interested in obtaining assistance for the program fee payment are encouraged to go to [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding\\_for\\_4hers/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/)



### 4-H Member Leadership Training

4-H club officer training will be Monday, December 30 at 7:00 pm at the Freedom Bank Community Room in Elkader.



### Diversified American Agricultural Travel Experience (DAATE)

Have you ever wondered how shrimp are raised in Alabama? Or, what a cotton gin is used for in Mississippi? How about American Saddlebred horses in Kentucky? The Diversified American Agricultural Travel Experience may be just for you!

This one of a kind opportunity will begin with three informational meetings in March, April, and May. Then the trip will be June 10<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup> in 2020. Participants will travel through 10 states in 6 days! This experience will require research, communications, and lots of enthusiasm to learn about agriculture beyond Iowa.

We are seeking 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school students to apply for this unique experience. Applications are available at the Extension Office and on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton> Completed applications need to be returned to the Extension Office by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Participants will be notified by letter no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have further questions, please contact Suzanne Shirbroun at 563-880-9037 or Scott Cherne at 563-880-9600.



# 4-H Pizzazz Night Honors Youth & Adults

The annual Clayton County 4-H Pizzazz Night was held at Johnson's Reception Hall in Elkader on November 17. The year-end celebration honored both 4-H club members and adult volunteers.

## 2019 4-H Award of the Clover:

Five Years: Annette Davis, Darci Engelhardt, LeAnn Fenton, Eden Gaul, Patricia Gerner, Koral Harbaugh, Melisa Lenth, Candace Moser, Luke Romig, Molly Scherf, Mark Schilling, Melissa Schilling, Jonna Schutte & Kathy Wessel

Ten Years: Tim Orr & Suzanne Shirbroun

Fifteen Years: Joe Hertrampf, Shelley Hertrampf, Lynn Moser & Tracy Nemechek

**Meritorious Service Award:** Cameron Schulte, Edgewood

**4-H Alumni Member:** Scott Cherne, Guttenberg

**Honorary 4-H Member:** Dawn Amundson, Elgin

## Project Awards:

Clothing & Textiles: Ava Kerns, Woodcenter Eagles

Communications: Brooke Hansel, Jefferson Go Hawks

Dog & Sheep: Mackayla Vlazny, St. Olaf Jr. Farmers

## Club Officer Awards:

President: Madeline Harford, Lodomillo Leaders

Treasurer: Korey Schantz, St. Olaf Jr. Farmers

## Outstanding Junior Record Keeping Applications:

Avery Meyer, Woodcenter Eagles; Jasper Thompson, Peppy Pals/Mendon Hustlers; Carter Battin, Lodomillo Leaders; Maxwell Schantz, St. Olaf Jr. Farmers

## Outstanding Intermediate & Senior Award Applications:

Ava Kerns, Woodcenter Eagles; Mackayla Vlazny, St. Olaf Jr. Farmers; Brooke Hansel, Jefferson Go Hawks; Korey Schantz, St. Olaf Jr. Farmers

## Club Community Service Awards:

Woodberry Clovers

Mallory Minks

Monona Jr. Feeders

Worthwhile

## 4-H Week Promotion Winners:

4-H Club Display – Lodomillo Leaders

Post a selfie – Danielle Erdmann, Highland Helping Hands

Poster Contest- Jordan Everitt, Woodberry Clovers

## 2019 County Fair Herdsmanship

1<sup>st</sup> – Mallory Minks

2<sup>nd</sup>-Worthwhile

3<sup>rd</sup>- St. Olaf Jr. Farmers



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# 4-H Project Spotlight:

## Visual Arts

Do you want to express yourself, be creative, and make an impression? The visual arts project area is for you. You can work with paint, chalk, metal, wood, origami, and computers

### Ideas for Project Area Learning

- ◆ Create an art or craft project with a friend.
- ◆ Find places to share your art with family, friends, and your community.
- ◆ Experiment with line and color.
- ◆ Identify a town or country and its local art.
- ◆ Seek out a creative person that you would like to learn more about.
- ◆ Arrange an art trip to a local art fair or a farmer's market.
- ◆ Experiment with various brushes and paint.
- ◆ Compare different types of media.
- ◆ Experiment with shape and texture.
- ◆ Experiment with rhythm and proportion.
- ◆ Experiment with emphasis and balance.
- ◆ Understand and apply media techniques and processes.
- ◆ Understand visual art in relationship to history and culture.
- ◆ Study the elements and principles of design and apply them to your various exhibits.
- ◆ Learn how to use shape and space to make optical illusions in your artwork.
- ◆ Learn about colors by exploring vegetable dyes.
- ◆ Study silk screening.
- ◆ Learn how to make jewelry using handmade beads.
- ◆ Study the different art and artists that are from your community.



### FUN FACTS:

Last year 155 4-H members were enrolled in the food & nutrition project area.

106 4-H members exhibited 192 entries at the 2019 Clayton County fair.

## School Day Out & Early Out Day Camps

Join Clayton County Extension and Outreach Youth Staff on non-school days and/or early out days to enjoy some hands on learning. Camps are open to ALL youth in grade K-3. Class size is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. The \$12 fee includes a snack and materials. Call 245-1451 for more information.

### Passport to Adventure

Central	December 6 & 13	2:05—5 pm	Central State Bank, Elkader
MFL MarMac	December 23	9 am –3 pm	Library, Monona
Clayton Ridge	December 27	9 am—3 pm	Library, Guttenberg
Ed-Co	December 30	9 am– 3 pm	Community Room, Edgewood



# Leader's Corner

## Annual Leader Training - January 23

The required annual leader training for 2019-2020 is "4-H Prepares Youth for the Future". Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid leaders, SESS leaders or assistant leaders attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills.

This year, leaders will consider ways they can help youth refine skills that will prepare them for the future while identifying ways to help youth explore, learn, practice, and experience possible careers. In addition, leaders will leave with tools and resources to support their work preparing youth for the future! Clayton County will be offering this training on Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm at the Central State Bank Community Room in Elkader.

## Club Fundraising Approval

All 4-H club fundraising programs must have approval from the Extension Office. It is important that 4-H clubs keep records of the source of their funds and how they spend them. How a 4-H club can use the money in its treasury depends on how the money was raised and how the fundraising event was communicated to the public. All members must discuss and approve the use of funds for the purpose. Ideally, this would happen at the beginning of the club year when the annual budget is determined. Other decisions about expenditures may happen throughout the year for unplanned situations. The vote or consensus of the membership must be documented in the meeting minutes.

\*\*\*This is not a new policy, it's just some of the clubs are better at informing the Extension Office staff of fundraising activities. Please call 563-245-1451 or email [tamuller@iastate.edu](mailto:tamuller@iastate.edu) when your club is planning a fundraiser that is not in your yearly program. We need to know what the fundraiser is and the timetable.

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## 4-H Club Programs due by December 31

It's time to start thinking about 4-H club programs. Templates are found on our webpage <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/member-info> There are 2 examples plus an optional Clover Kid template. You can also create your own! Club programs are due to the Extension Office by December 31.

## Club Shirt Approval

Just a reminder if your club is designing a new club shirt, it must be approved by the Extension Office staff. Please email or drop off a copy of your shirt design before you have them printed. There are rules and standards to follow anytime you are using the official 4-H emblem. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

## 4-H Club Budgets

It's budget time again! Please take the time to complete a 4-H club budget for your club.

The form is found on our webpage [www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/member-info](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/member-info)

Please return your budget by December 18 by emailing Holly at [hloan@iastate.edu](mailto:hloan@iastate.edu) or dropping it off at the Extension Office.



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## Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Unfinished & New Business
  - 4-H Enrollments
  - Beef Weigh-In–December 21
  - Club Officer training –December 30
  - Club Program Due
8. Adjourn/4-H Pledge



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