Dear Friends,

We have many exciting events coming up! The annual Omelet Brunch & Silent Auction will be held on March 10. We need ALL of your help in telling others about this fundraiser. Bring your family, friends and neighbors with you. Remember, all proceeds from the Brunch will support the 4-H program here in Clayton County. The Silent Auction will help pay the State 4-H Program Development Fee. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Brunch!

The 4-H program offers a variety of opportunities for youth and adults. Read the newsletter and check out our webpage for events and activities. Check out the Pine Bluff Camps and summer adventure trip to be held in June. Challenge yourself to try something new this year. Think Spring!

Tammy Muller
County Youth Coordinator

YQCA is Here!

In today’s world, food safety is one of animal producers’ biggest responsibilities. With over 15,000 Iowa 4-Hers enrolled in livestock projects, about 17 million pounds of meat is produced each year. The goal of these programs are to help youth and their parents better understand what they can do to produce the safest food possible. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

As announced last year, we are transitioning from FSQA to YQCA. This training MUST be completed by July 1, 2019 to be eligible to show at the Clayton County Fair & Iowa State Fair.

4-H members will have two options to complete the YQCA Training to become certified. They can attend an Instructor Led YQCA training (face-to-face) OR they can become certified by doing a Web-Based Training (online). See page 3 of this newsletter for instructions on completing YQCA.

Think Spring!

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4-H GROWS HERE
4-H Brunch is March 10

The Clayton County 4-H Omelet Brunch will be Sunday, March 10 at Johnson’s Reception Hall in Elkader. We are also having a silent auction. Clubs, families, and individuals are asked to donate items for the auction. Proceeds from the auction help with the county’s share of the 4-H Development Fee and offset some of the county 4-H program costs.

Clubs assigned to work a shift to work at the brunch are

- 9:00 AM -10:00 AM Peppy Pals/Mendon Hustlers
- 10:00 AM -11:00 AM Jefferson Go Hawks
- 11:00 AM -12:00 Noon Lodomillo Leaders
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM Woodcenter Eagles

Five (5) youth and at least one adult are needed for a shift. Duties will include making toast and serving applesauce, muffins, toast, and beverages; helping carry plates & beverages for the elderly and others who may need assistance, plus clear tables when necessary.

4-H members are asked to sell tickets for the Brunch. Tickets are $7.00 in Advance and $8.00 at the door. Tickets were put in your club boxes. All advance ticket sale money and unsold tickets should be returned to the Extension Office by April 5.

Hockey Game Opportunity

Dates for the Waterloo Black Hawks’ annual 4-H Family Nights are March 23, March 26, April 2 and April 5. $8 tickets

Like past years, the discounted tickets are available to entire clubs or individual families, and as always, the 4-H rate still applies to everyone in the family, not just the 4-H member.

There is one notable change compared with past years: due to inconsistencies and occasional notification failures with the web-based ordering system which we have previously used, the 4-H rate will NOT be available online at this time. Please call Tim Harwood, Broadcasting/Media Relations, Waterloo Black Hawks at 319.296.7581 to order your tickets.
Iowa 4-H and Clayton County are moving into a new system to replace FSQA this year. The new system, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), is an online system that allows youth in 4th-12th grade to either take a yearly online training at their own convenience for a cost of $12 or complete a county wide face-to-face training for $3.00.

ALL county fair and state fair exhibitors MUST be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by July 1 before they can exhibit projects in the following categories: Beef, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Meat Goat, Rabbit and Bucket Bottle Calves.

If you are already certified in FSQA by taking a class or testing out you will be certified until your certification becomes expired. Contact the Extension Office if you are unsure if your certification has expired or not.

4-H members will have two options to complete the YQCA Training to become certified. They can attend an Instructor Led YQCA training (face-to-face) OR they can become certified by doing a Web-Based Training (online).

**YQCA Instructor Led Training (face-to-face) (classes are limited to 25 youth)**

- Thursday, April 4 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Clayton County Extension Office
- Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Clayton County Extension Office
- Thursday, May 23 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Clayton County Extension Office
- You must pre-register online at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login Click “Sign in with 4honline” and use your 4honline email and password to login. The cost of the Instructor Led Training is $3. Pay with a credit card or stop by the Extension Office to purchase a $3 coupon. Class Size is limited to 25 youth.
- Help sheet is located at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAInstructorLedMemberInstructions.pdf
- Once you are registered, mark your calendar and attend the training you signed up for!

**YQCA Web-Based Training (online)**

- Online course is open to all youth of all ages. Visit https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login to get started! Click “Sign in with 4honline” and use your 4honline email and password to login.
- The learning materials and modules are organized by age. Select the course based on your age as of January 1, 2019. The online course will take you through a series of slides and quizzes.
- The cost of the Web-Based Training is $12. Pay with a credit card or stop by the Extension Office to purchase a $12 coupon.
- Help sheet is located at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf
- Once you pass your online course, be sure to get your certificate online and report your certification number to the Extension Office in order to receive credit. Call 563-927245-1451 or email tamuller@iastate.edu to report your certification number.

If you do not have access to a computer, contact the Extension Office to schedule a time to come in and complete the Web-Based Training. If you have any questions, please contact the Clayton County Extension Office at 563-245-1451.
4-H Creates Opportunities

Region 4 Summer Intermediate Adventure Trip

Screaming for Adventure!
Join us for 2 days and 1 night for the 2019 4-H Intermediate Summer Adventure Trip. Youth will be staying overnight at a motel in Le Mars, Iowa. LeMars is the ice cream capital of the world. The adventure includes stops at the Blue Bunny Ice Cream Parlor, along with Browns Century Theatre and fun at Arnolds Park. Arnolds Park features a thrilling ride for everyone Relive the exhilaration of your first amusement park ride and do some screaming of your own on the newly renovated track of the Legend Roller Coaster. Open to all 4-H members currently in 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Trip will be June 12 & 13. The registration fee is $150.00 and is due by April 15 to the Extension Office. Space is limited. For more information on the trip, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/

The Clayton County 4-H & Youth Development Committee through Circle of Friends donations will cover $25 of the registration fee for this trip. Plus the Clayton County 4-H Foundation Board will pay up to $50 towards the trip. There is an application process for Foundation funding. With the two generous supporters the Adventure Trip costs to Clayton County 4-H members is only $75.

Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors
Attention High School 4-H Members! Do you like the outdoors? Are you up for adventures with junior 4-H members?
Then being a 4-H camp counselor may be for you. We are looking for 4-H youth counselors to provide leadership in partnership with 4-H Staff at the Regional Pine Bluff 4-H Camps. Both junior camps are 2 days and one night. Junior camps will be June 6-7 and June 18-19. Sign up for one camp or both. Must currently be in 9th-12th grade. Contact the Extension Office for an application form. Deadline to apply is April 15.

Pine Bluff 4-H Camps
Expand your world, add to your passport and enjoy the great outdoors at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp near Decorah! Tube the Upper Iowa River, bunk in primitive cabins, night hike through Pine Bluff Forest, navigate your taste buds, team building, cultural painting, warrior dances, and enjoy games from around the world. This camp is a 2 day 1 night adventure with new friends, cabin team challenges, games, and so much more! Camps are scheduled for June 6-7 or June 18-19.

The registration fee is $65.00 and is due by April 15 to the Extension Office. Space is limited. For more information on the camp, www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/

The Clayton County 4-H & Youth Development Committee through Circle of Friends donations will cover $25 of the registration fee for this camp. With this generous support, junior camp is only $40 for Clayton County 4-H members.

State Conference
Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you’ve completed 8th grade, you’re eligible to attend. You don’t even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. This year’s Conference s June 25-27. Registration fee is $180 and the deadline is June 1.

The Clayton County 4-H & Youth Development Committee will be covering the bus costs for Clayton County youth. The Committee will also reimburse members $25 of their registration fee if they attend Conference. For more information visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference
2019 Beef Workshop

This year’s Beef Workshop will be Saturday, March 30 from 9 am – 2 pm at the Scott Cherne Farm near Osterdock. The address is 33166 Kiln Rd, Guttenberg. Lunch will be provided.

The emphasis will be on reproduction. Frosty, a life-size Holstein calving simulator will be one of the sessions. 4-H’ers will have the opportunity to get a hands-on calving experience, all while not creating any risk to youth, the cow or the calf. Also included will be sessions on the reproduction tract, artificial insemination, pregnancy checking, and semen count. YQCA training will be offered for those youth who need it. Plus a BQA training session for adults. The workshop is open to all beef & dairy project members. Both youth & adults should register. Please register online at https://tinyurl.com/2019BeefWorkshop by March 22.

Advanced Feeder Class Workshop

If you are interested in the Advanced Feeder Class, an educational workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm at the Extension office in Elkader. Please RSVP to the Extension Office 563-245-1451 by Friday, March 15 if you are planning to attend.

SWINE WEIGH-IN IS APRIL 6

The Derby Swine Weigh-In will be Saturday, April 6 at the Elkader School in Elkader from 8:30—11:30 am. All pigs must be farrowed after January 1, 2019 and not weigh more than 60 pounds at the time of the weigh-in. Recommended weights are 30-50 pounds.

Buck-a-Roo Bash Rescheduled

The 2019 Clover Kids Day for K-3rd graders has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 13 at Johnson’s Reception Hall in Elkader from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. We still have room available. $15 registration fee due by April 1. Register online at https://tinyurl.com/Buckaroobash

4-H Lock-In is March 22

The Clayton County 4-H Lock-In will be held at YMCA in Postville on Friday, March 22 starting at 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, March 23. This event is for youth in grades 6, 7 & 8. 4-H members are encouraged to invite a friend from 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Pre-registration is required and due to the Extension Office by March 14. The registration fee is $10.00 per person. Late registrations will be $15.

All 4-H’ers and their guests must pre-register. No one will be permitted to stay without a completed Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form. Registration forms can be found on our webpage www.extension.iastate.edu

Youth participating will be asked to bring a snack or beverage to the event. A letter will be sent prior to the Lock-in with the assigned items and a participant list for car pooling.

WANTED: Adult chaperones for the Lock-In. Contact the Extension Office. Stay all night or part of the night. We need chaperones in order to host this event!

Share-A-Goat Project

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don’t know if you can afford one of good quality? Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways they encourage young people in this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program. Winning applicants are selected from the essays they send in. This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. An essay of 100 words or more, should tell why the applicant would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), if they have ever raised a goat before and if not, who will help them, why they love goats, and what they love about goats. Spelling, content, and effort count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or any other creative touches. If you are interested visit https://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/ for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.
Animal Science Roundup

Animal Science Roundup is June 25-27 at ISU in conjunction with 4-H Conference and will feature seven species this year – beef, dairy, horse, meat goat, poultry, sheep and swine. Applications and promotional materials can be found on the 4-H Animal Science Roundup webpage.

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 15.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Livestock Quiz Bowl is April 13 at ISU in Kildee Hall. Registration, practice questions and rules are available on the 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl webpage.

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl

Quiz Bowl covers beef, sheep, swine and meat goats and students use a buzzer system to answer questions read by the moderator. 4-H members in 4th-12th grades are eligible to participate.

4-H Word Search

ACTIVITIES
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Leader’s Corner

Required Leader Training
If you missed the face-to-face required leader training for 2018-2019 “4-H Fosters Independence,” the training is now available in an online format. Volunteers may access and complete the annual training online via 4H Online, and must do so no later than July 1, 2019. Resources and supporting documents for this training may be found under Volunteer Resources at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources.

March 18 Clover Kid Leader Meeting
We will be hosting a Clover Kid Leader training on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office in Elkader. We will be reviewing the volunteer training for Clover kid Leaders, the Clover Kid toolbox and showcasing some of the kits and curriculum that is available. Please RSVP by March 14 by contacting the Extension Office.

May Leader Meeting
The Spring 4-H Club Leader Meeting will be Wednesday, May 29 at Central State Bank Community Room in Elkader at 7 PM.

Clayton County 4-H Foundation Fundraiser
“Wine & Dine”
March 16, 2019
Promiseland Winery, Guttenberg
Steak Supper served 5-8 pm,
Music by Beau Timmerman at 7:30 pm
$30 per person. Advanced ticket sales only
For tickets call
Amanda Meyer 563-880-9266
Deb Schulte 563-920-7315
Scott Cherne 563-880-9600
Tickets also available 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
   - Omelet Brunch – March 10
   - Lock-In– March 22
   - Beef Workshop –March 30
   - YQCA
8. Adjourn/4-H Pledge

4-H Omelet Brunch is March 10