

Clayton County 4-H News

September 2020

Clover Connection



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2020 Clayton County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show a success! Thanks to the Fair Board, livestock show superintendents, 4-H'ers, leaders, FFA members & advisors, Extension Staff, and all volunteers who helped with the show. I know it was not a typical "fair" week, but it was great to see everyone and all the hard work the youth had put into their projects. A big THANK YOU to our summer program assistant– Margo Friedlein for all she did. Plus special thanks to the Youth Committee and county council members for their help at the show and throughout the year.

Now is the time to start making plans for the new year and recruiting new 4-H members. Share what you have experienced and learned and inspire others.

Tammy Muller

County Youth Coordinator



New County Council Members Selected

Clayton County 4-H is pleased to announce the new members for the 2020-21 4-H County Council. 4-H members selected were Cerria Drips, Elkport; JayLyn Moore, Guttenberg; Molly Kann, Guttenberg; Sam Schilling, Colesburg; Nathaniel Gaul, Strawberry Point; and Sean Wilwert, Elkader.

These new members will join Hunter Thompson, Elkader; Mackenzy Ruff, Garnavillo; Tayler Martins, Monona; Marlene Franzen, Luana; Myah Davis, Luana; Emma Pape, Edgewood; Maria Medberry, Volga; Pierce Harbaugh, Postville; James Eberhardt, Elkader; and Andy Fangman, Elkader. to lead and implement the Clayton County 4-H program this coming year.

Thank You Cards Are Important

If you received a trophy at the Achievement Show, a t-shirt, or a food coupon please remember to thank the individuals and businesses who donated time, money and trophies by sending them a thank you note. Hearing from you will ensure the sponsors keep on supporting the 4-H program and the county fair. The notes do not have to be long, but should express your experiences and feelings. Sponsor addresses are on the bottom of the trophies. If you need a name or address for your thank you note, contact your club leaders or the Extension Office.



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September Calendar of Events



Orr is Clayton County's 2020 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee

Tim Orr of Elgin was inducted into the 2020 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a virtual ceremony on Sunday, August 23. Eighty-six Iowa counties participated this year and have selected 117 inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Tim is a past 4-H member and leader in Clayton County. He enjoys working behind the scenes to keep events running and is always ready to help with weigh-ins and livestock shows. Tim was instrumental in the building of the new swine, sheep & goat complex at the county fairgrounds in 2018. He continues to strive to improve the 4-H program and county fair for the youth of the county.

September

- 1 Youth Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 3 4-H Leader Meeting, 7 pm, Elkader City Park
- 7 Holiday -Extension Office Closed
- 20 County Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 27 Citizenship 2021 Meeting, 2 pm, West Union



Crop Scouting Teams Place 2nd, 3rd & 4th

On July 30, 24 youth in grades 8-12 from across Iowa tested their Integrated Pest Management skills through several tasks and challenges. This is the 10th year of the Iowa Youth Crop Scouting Competition but it is the first time it has been conducted virtually.

Kuhlman Seed, from Crawford County won the contest this year. Three teams led by Joe and Suzanne Shirbroun took the next three spots with Clayton County Team Number Two in second place (Ben Gibson, Nate Shirbroun and Nick Deitchler), Clayton County Team Number Three in third place (Avery Wessel, Nathaniel Gaul and Keaton Klingman) and Clayton County Team Number One in fourth place (Laci Orr, Lane Orr, Brandon Whittle and Tristan Weigand).

County 4-H Award Applications Due October 1

All 4-H members are encouraged to apply for record keeping system awards and/or project awards. Forms and guidelines are found on the Clayton County web page- www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/member-info. Please read and follow directions! The deadline to apply is October 1.

There are four basic county award application areas for Clayton County 4-H'ers to compete in.

1. Junior Record Keeping (4th-6th grades)

Due to COVID-19 we will not be doing personal interviews. Evaluation will be based on the 4-H'ers complete record keeping system.

2. Intermediate & Senior Record Keeping (7th-12th grades)

Evaluation will be based on the record keeping system only.

3. Project Awards (7th-12th grades)

Evaluation will be a combination of support material and an phone interview.

4. Club Officer Awards (open to 4-H'ers currently holding a local club office)

Evaluation is based on support material and a written paragraph about growth & personal development gained.



National 4-H Week is October 4-10

October 4-H Promotions

4-H Club Promotion Contest

Clayton County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to market & promote the 4-H program and their club throughout the month of October. It could be as simple as putting up a display in your community. Be creative! Make sure to include how to get more information about 4-H – like our 4-H web page or phone number, club and leader contact information, etc.

Criteria for judging will be:

- Does it promote 4-H?
- Does it show the diversity of the 4-H program?
- Does it encourage youth of all ages to join 4-H?
- Is it appealing to the audience?

Clubs will be asked to submit a summary of what they did and how they felt it impacted the community. If possible include photos. Deadline is October 22. The winning promotion will receive \$25.

Poster Contest

Create a poster promoting 4-H, display it in a public place (school, business, etc.) , take a picture of it being displayed and email it to tamuller@iastate.edu by October 22. Please include your name, club and the display location in the email. Poster should visually tell a story or ideas about 4-H to the general public. Poster may be any size and done in any medium: watercolor, ink, rayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc. Winner will receive a \$10 Subway gift certificate.

Wear your 4-H shirt

During 4-H week October 4-10 wear your 4-H shirt, take a selfie and post on the Clayton County 4-H Facebook page. Your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$10 Subway gift card.



4-H Member Recruitment

It is that time of the year to work on new 4-H recruits for the coming 4-H year. We need to continually keep our membership alive and growing with new members and new families. Our county 4-H program is top-notch and we need to be sure to share it with others. Personally contact friends or families in your club area and invite them to your next meeting. Get your whole club involved- it is not just the leaders' responsibility but each club member's responsibility to help their club grow and prosper. Encourage others to join. Our goal for 2021 is 360 Clayton County 4-H members!

4-H Online 2.0 is Coming!

The 4-H online system is getting an update this fall. Why is 4HOnline being updated? There's a long story there, but there have been requests over the years that 1.0 could not meet. Those include accessibility, easier to navigate on technology other than laptop or desktop computers, clarity around gender questions, updated technology "behind" 4HOnline, updated payment processing systems, YQCA, FairEntry and 4HOnline being able to "talk to each other" more easily, and many other issues. Remember, 4HOnline has not been updated since it was launched in 2009. That's more than a decade for a technology-based program.

Because of the update, enrollments and re-enrollments cannot be done at this time. As of today, we do not yet know when 2.0 will be open to re-enrollment. We are hoping for October. Please be patient and we will let you know as soon as it is ready.

The Month of September is

Better Breakfast Month
Classical Music Month
Eye Health & Safety Month
Library Card Sign up Month
Courtesy Month
Chicken Month
Honey Month
Rice Month
Sewing Month
Piano Month



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Clayton County Record Keeping and Awards pages for forms, applications and more!

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/member-info>

Additional Record Book Forms may be found on the Iowa 4-H Youth Development page:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/record-keeping>

Suggested Order for 4-H Record Book

Forms found through Record Keeping link above.

- Title Page with Photo** – Options to include: your photo, your name, club name, grade last completed in school and years in 4-H.
- Participation Guide** – visit website above.
- 4-H Yearly Summary** – The summary helps you summarize your participation in 4-H projects, local group involvement and at community, county, regional, and state levels. Pictures and clippings related to club events may be placed here. Examples: club meetings, camps, float, county and state fair non-project activities.
- Project Records** – Add current project records on top of prior years records. *For example: 2019-2020 on top of 2018-2019, etc.*
- One Project Record** form is needed for each project in which you are enrolled.
- Goals** are required for each project area. *See below.*
- Intermediate and senior members** are required to include some type of financial statement on their projects. *Financial records are encouraged for Junior members; not required.*
- Project related photos, clippings, and exhibit information should be placed after project record forms.

What is a Goal?

Goals are what you want to learn in each project and includes three parts. *Ask yourself: Do I have control over these 3 parts?*

- ⇒ ACTION - how you are going to do it.
- ⇒ RESULT - what you will do.
- ⇒ TIMETABLE - when you plan to have it completed.

Goal Examples

- ⇒ I want to learn how to make chocolate chips cookies to serve at the March 4-H meeting.
- ⇒ I want to train my dog to sit before county fair time.
- ⇒ NOT: I want to win a blue ribbon at fair.

What Other Awards Can I or my Club Apply for? Can I nominate Others?

Application and nomination forms found through Award Forms link above.

- Project Awards** Youth completing grades 7-12 may apply for 4-H project awards. You may only win a specific project award once, Part of the evaluation process for Intermediate & Senior Project Awards is an interview or a 2-5 minute video. Application due October 1.
- Danforth "I Dare You Award"** Presented to youth who have completed 10th or 11th grade and demonstrates leadership qualities, excellence in character, and has potential for future leadership. Applicant must have two or more years of 4-H work, show leadership, citizenship, achievement skills, and an overall excellence in their 4-H career. *Application due October 1.*
- Club Officer Awards** These awards are to be applied for by the officer whose work has been done this past year. Officers may be any age. Materials must be submitted by 4-H'er holding respective office. *If more than one office is held by 4-H'er, that individual may apply for only one officer award.* Club Officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Photographer, Reporter, Recreation Leader, Healthy Living Officer. You may only win a specific officer award once, *Applications due October 1.*
- 4-H Club Community Service Award** Groups or clubs may submit a written report along with pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. about their club's community service project from the 4-H year. *Applications due October 1.*
- Alumni Award** is given to an individual that was a past 4-H member and has given their time and talents to the benefit of 4-H members and/or the 4-H program. *Nominations due October 1.*
- Honorary Award** is given to an individual that was never a 4-H member, but has given their time and talents to the benefit of 4-H members and/or the 4-H program. *Nominations due October 1.*
- Meritorious Service Award** is given to an individual, group, or business that has supported the 4-H members and/or the 4-H program through their time, talents or resources. *Nominations due October 1.*



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 **4-H GROWS HERE**

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 Award Applications due October 1
 - National 4-H Week is October 4-10
8. Adjourn/4-H Pledge

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