Dear Friends,

The 2013 Clayton County Fair is almost here! Be sure to read this Clover Connection to find club work schedules, judging schedules and much more VERY IMPORTANT information to help you get prepared for the Clayton County Fair.

Make sure you say THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, fair board members, club leaders and FFA advisors who are helping to make the Clayton County Fair a fun and memorable experience. Without the help of these individuals, this opportunity wouldn’t be available.

Also be sure to read the rules in the fair book before the fair to avoid being dis-appointed at the fair! If you have any questions, be sure to ask!

4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors will be picking up their fair packets at the annual pre-fair meeting on July 24. Be sure to ask them for your entry tags, stall cards, exhibitor number, coupons and much more!

See you at the fair!

Tammy Muller
Calendar of Events

August
July 31 – August 5 Clayton County Fair
August 8-18 Iowa State Fair
Aug. 19 Post-Fair Meeting, 7:30 pm, Freedom Bank, Elkader
Aug. 25 Citizenship Meeting, 2 pm. Extension Office

4-H County Council Members Selected

Clayton County Extension Youth & 4-H Committee is pleased to announce the new members for the 2013-14 4-H County Council. 4-H members selected were Mathew Johnson, Brittney Backes, Hannah Anderegg, Abby VonHandorf, Trevor Fannon, Shana Hilgerson, Chad Moser, Alyssa Kirby, Madalyn Boehm, Josh Heims, Courtney Putz, and Keaton Lane. These new members will join Autumn Miene, Jordyn Bolinger, Paul Olinger, and Renee Gibney to lead and implement the Clayton County 4-H program this coming year. Retiring members are Brianna Achenbach, Patrick Palmersheim, Dalton Bergan, Chelsea Curran, Melissa Heims, Jessica Jansen, Rachel Moser, Nick Boehm, Jessica Kramer, Amanda Meyers, Maddy Kerns, and Janelle Gibney. The retiring council members and the new 4-H County Council will be honored during the Share-the-Fun Program on Wednesday evening, July 31 at the Clayton County Fair.

Citizenship 2013-14

Attention all intermediate and senior age 4-H’ers: The beginning of a new 4-H year is quickly approaching and we want you to be a part of the Regional 4-H Citizenship program. Students from Chickasaw, Clayton and Fayette counties will be engaging in this opportunity beginning this fall. The first meeting will be Sunday, August 25 at 2:00 pm at the Extension Office in Elkader. This will serve as the kick-off for a series of 4-H Citizenship Topic meetings with guest speakers from Northeast Iowa leading up to the April 2014 4-H Citizenship Washington DC Trip. Parents of 4-H participants are welcome and encouraged to attend with their children.

This 2-year project commitment is open to all intermediate and senior age 4-H’ers choosing to participate. Youth joining the Citizenship group at the start of the 2013 4-H year, will be expected to complete their second year of program work on the local level in 2014-15.

- Year 1 requires enrollment in the 4-H citizenship project, participation of local/county and state level citizenship six part educational sessions and a trip to the Iowa State Capital in Des Moines.
- Year 2 requires enrollment in the 4-H citizenship project, participation in the six-part series of 4-H citizenship project meetings. Additionally youth will select, organizing and present information on a Washington DC site as the “Iowa Expert” for the trip and finally a trip to Washington DC with a stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

Please consider this exciting, educational and engaging opportunity!

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.
### Conference Judging Schedule

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### Conference Judging is Tuesday, July 30

Judging times are approximate. Individuals needing to change judging times due to conflicts will be allowed to do so. No clubs will be allowed to check-in before the first club on the list. All 4-H & FFA members MUST be checked in for judging no later that 3:30 pm. Parents and leaders should wait in the waiting areas and not be actively involved in the judging. Judges will begin selecting state fair exhibits as soon as they have completed judging all individual exhibits in their department. All 4-H’ers, parents, and leaders except those listed helpers are asked to remain out of the judging area during state fair selections.

### Conference Judging Tips

Be sure to bring your exhibits, goal sheets/folders/etc., entry tags, and fair entry form with you. When you arrive stop at the check-in table to get a number, then wait in the assigned waiting areas. When it is your turn take your exhibit & entry form sheet with you to the appropriate judge. The judge will circle the ribbon placing. Take your exhibit and entry form sheet to the ribbon table when you are done with conference judging. Helpers will staple your ribbon to your entry tags. Turn your entry form in at the ribbon table when you are finished with all your conference judging. This is the sheet that premiums will be paid from. Take your food items to the Bake Sale area. A sample will be given back to you for display. Then place your exhibits in your club booth. (Exhibits being considered for State fair will be set aside until all judging is completed.)

### What do I wear for fair judging?

4-H’ers are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Program during judging and hosting in the exhibit halls. Suggested 4-H attire consists of 4-H t-shirt, solid green or white blouse or shirt with 4-H chevron and white, green, or dark skirt, slacks, or pants. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be fingertip length or longer. Clean jeans that are not torn, tattered, or ripped will be acceptable. Some livestock shows may require specific attire. Please check your fair book for more information.
**2013 County Fair Livestock Judges**

Beef: Brian Thill, Pleasantville, IA  
Bucket Bottle: Mary Rueber, Westgate, IA  
Dairy: Alan Graves, Hartley, IA  
Dairy Goats: Colt Churchill, Altoona, IA  
Dog: Kris Anderson, Lansing, IA  
Meat Goats: Troy Kane, Oelwein, IA  
Horse & Pony: Darla Merwald, Marshalltown, IA  
Other Animals: Mary Rueber, Westage, IA  
Poultry: Bart Price, Reynolds, IL  
Rabbits: Troy Ihrke, Sheffield, IA  
Sheep: Troy Kane, Oelwein, IA  
Swine: Jarrod Bakker, Dike, IA

**Show Superintendents for 2013**

NEW this year—livestock show superintendents have been appointed by the Youth Committee to help coordinate the shows. They will operate in cooperation, collaboration and partnership with Extension staff to ensure successful shows.

Beef: Scott Cherne  
Dairy: Trent & Leslie Henkes  
Dairy Goats: Bill & Judy Althoff  
Dog: Mary Fran Nikolai  
Meat Goats & Sheep: Dee O’Brien  
Horse & Pony: Julie Bergan  
Poultry: Jeanne Whittle & Amos Troester  
Rabbits: Kelly Faust & Luke Romig  
Swine: Kimberly Connor

**Ag Olympics is Coming!**

The County Council is busy planning the 8th annual Clayton County Ag Olympics. Ag Olympics will be held on Sunday, August 4 at 2:30 pm in the large livestock arena. Start recruiting your team members! Join in the FUN! Register your teams by noon on Sunday, August 4 in the 4-H Livestock Office in Barn A during the fair.

**LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

**Livestock Auction Participants**

- Youth wanting to sell animals in the auction on Monday, August 5 MUST identify those animals and inform the Extension staff by Saturday, August 3 prior to 6:00 p.m.
- Livestock Sale time is 9:00 a.m. Sale order will be 1) Market Hogs 2) Market Lambs 3) Market Goats 4) Commercial Poultry & Meat Rabbits 5) Market Beeves
- All youth selling livestock in the sale should wear appropriate attire such as a 4-H or FFA shirt and blue jeans. Youth must wear closed toe shoes while in the sale arena – no sandals or flip flops.
- Checks for all livestock sold at the livestock auction and swine will be mailed as soon as possible. We need to wait until we receive all of the money from the buyers and the packer before we can issue checks to members. Please be patient while we work on this as it is a time consuming process. If you have any questions, please contact Rita at the Extension Office. Thank you for your cooperation!
## 2013 Exhibit Hall Monitoring

Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter is expected to have a minimum of 5 neatly dressed members and at least 2 adults present during the entire monitoring time. Primary duties are to help people locate exhibits, to remind people not to handle or touch exhibits, and to keep the buildings free from litter. All monitors should wear a name badge while on duty.

**Saturday, July 27** (set up)  Woodcenter Eagles

**Wednesday, July 31**

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**Clean-Up** (includes tear down of booths & clean up of exhibit halls)

St. Olaf Jr. Farmers & St. Olaf Clover Kids

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## Read Your Fair Book!

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with Clayton County General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

**Sunday, August 4**

- 8:00 p.m. Non-livestock entries released
- 8:30 p.m. Livestock entries released (Dogs and horses leave immediately after their show)

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## Silent Auction

**Silent Auction of State Fair Baked Goods to be Held Wednesday**

The Extension Youth Committee & 4-H Green Team will be holding a Silent Auction of the State Fair Food & Nutrition prepared foods exhibits. The auction will be held on Wednesday, July 31 from 5-7 near the 4-H Alumni tent. Prepared food items that qualify for the state fair and the alternates will be up for silent auction! The winning bids will be announced during the Share-the-Fun & Style Shows. Purchased items must be paid for and picked up that evening at the 4-H office. All proceeds will help fund 4-H activities.

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**Got Fair Questions? Need forms?** Go to our webpage for the information you need.

www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton/page/clayton-county-fair

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential working
Foundation to sponsor a variety of event during county fair

Swine Showmanship Classes
The Clayton County 4-H Foundation Board is sponsoring open swine showmanship classes a celebrity swine class on Saturday, August 3 starting at 6:00 pm. All animals must be a 4-H or FFA animal all ready on the fairgrounds. Entry fee for the showmanship classes is $20. Great fun for 4-H & FFA alumni or the adult who never had the showmanship experience! Along with the Celebrity Showmanship Class we also have a People Choice winner. Be sure to vote for your favorite celebrity by making a donation to the foundation. All monies raised will benefit the Clayton County 4-H program.

Tent
The Foundation is having a tent by the large outside 4-H exhibits again this year. Stop by and check it out.

Meal
The 4-H Foundation is again providing a free meal to all livestock auction buyers, bidders & consignors on Monday, August 5 starting at 11 am.

Thank You Cards Are Important
If you received a trophy at the fair, sold livestock at the auction, or enjoyed some free food or ice cream at the fair, please remember to thank the individuals and businesses who donated time, money and trophies by sending them a thank you note. This year we have a number of new sponsors, so please take the time to thank them. Hearing from you will ensure the sponsors to 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. If you need a name or address for your thank you note, contact your club leaders or the Extension Office.

STEM
Photos from STEM Camp 2013

OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
Thursday, August 1st
4 - 7 p.m.
“Blender Bike” (Free Smoothie Samples)
Food & Fitness Initiative Games & Activities

Friday, August 2nd
2 - 6 p.m.
We Do Lego Robotics
Working Exhibit
Up Close and Personal with a Livestock Exhibit
Minute-To-Win It Games (Prizes Awarded to Winners)

Saturday, August 3rd
2 - 6 p.m.
We Do Lego Robotics
Working Exhibit
Up Close and Personal with a Livestock Exhibit
Minute-To-Win It Games (Prizes Awarded to Winners)

Sunday, August 4th
10 - 2 a.m.
We Do Lego Robotics
Working Exhibit
Up Close and Personal with a Livestock Exhibit
Minute-To-Win It Games (Prizes Awarded to Winners)
Pie Eating Contest (Noon)