Dear 4-H Families,

Help me congratulate the Franklin County Senior 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl team for winning the Iowa State 4-H Quiz Bowl! These youth will be representing Iowa at the National Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Grand Island, NE in September. Members Jenna, Mikayla, Jacob, Jaiden, and Elizabeth (not present) have been working the past seven years preparing for this opportunity. They have been studying animal science topics of breeds, meat science, reproduction, digestion, feeds, genetics, health, diseases, and current livestock issues involved with beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats. As their coach, we have shared a lot of memories and miles the past seven years! These members have proven that 4-H can be more than exhibiting at a fair!!

Jackie Dohlman

4-H’ers for 4-H

The Iowa 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is a fundraising program created by 4-H’ers for 4-H. The money donated by 4-H’ers stays in Iowa to help other youth. Iowa 4-H’ers donate more money to their 4-H youth program than any other state in the nation.

Franklin County’s goal is $3.25 per member! The club with the highest donation per member will get to send a member to State 4-H Youth Conference for FREE in June!!

All contributions must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15. Thank you for your participation and continuing support of the 4-H program in Iowa!

Getting Ready for the County Fair!

Franklin County Fair Books On-Line To see the fair books go to: http://www.franklincountyfair.com You can find and print off livestock entry forms too! Use the 2019 4-H & FFA Livestock Rules for animal information and the 2019 General Exhibit Rules for other 4-H Exhibits.

4-H Exhibit Tip Sheets Judges will expect information on exhibits such as elements and principles of design, recipe sources, and websites where you got your inspiration, etc. Check out suggestions for exhibit ideas and tips on the Iowa 4-H Project pages at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets

Exhibit Questions/Record Book Form You will want to use this form to explain what you wanted to learn or do, what steps you took to learn or do that, and what was the most important thing you learned, for each exhibit you bring to the fair. After the fair you can fill in the backside of the form and insert it into your record book. EASY!! You can find the form at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/kidsteens.htm

4-H Photography Exhibit Form Fill out and attach this form to the back of your fair photo exhibits. Located: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/4h
Livestock Show Rules Changes
All poultry will be checked in on Tuesday, July 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Poultry blood testing will occur at that time in the Poultry Barn, Franklin County Fairgrounds. Poultry show has been moved to Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

See all livestock rules and schedules at: http://franklincountyfair.com/wp/

Bucket of Flowers and Hort Challenge
Becky’s Greenhouse, Dougherty, is again sponsoring these classes. Join us May 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Dougherty for the bucket workshop. You can pick up hort challenge seeds at this workshop or at the Extension Office after May 21. Call 641-456-4811 or email jackied@iastate.edu to sign up for workshop or reserve hort challenge seeds.

The Fair, it’s More than Livestock!
There are ample opportunities for members to participate at the Franklin County Fair other than showing livestock. Get a head start now by looking through exhibit classes. Like to strut your stuff in the fashion world? Check out the Clothing Events on pgs. 14-15. Are you into designing accessories? Look at the Duct Tape Designs Challenge on pg. 16. Do you want to become a better communicator? Why not try out one of the Communications departments on pgs. 4-6? Do you have a hidden talent? Show it off at our 4-H’ers Got Talent show on pg. 5. Do you like to refurbish flea market finds? Prove it at our NEW Drab to Fab Home Improvement Challenge on page 19! This year’s Food Challenge is on pg. 18. We have an easy Sewing Challenge this year, Pajama Pants on pg. 19, and you can take it a step further as a Citizenship Challenge on pg. 20.

Check out the fair book: http://www.franklincountyfair.com

Livestock Identification Due!
If you (a 4-H member) are expecting to take a four-legged animal to the fair it must have be identified in 4hOnline!!! Livestock identification for swine; breeding sheep and cattle; dairy cattle, dairy or meat goat does; dogs and horses must be filled out by YOU on 4hOnline before 11:59 p.m., May 15!

FFA members are responsible for completing and returning hard copy ID forms to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15. We do not accept forms turned in late.
Market beef cattle, sheep and meat goat forms are turned in at December & April weigh-ins. 4-H bucket calf and all rabbit ID forms are due July 1. For information on how to fill out Animal ID On-Line; http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 25-27
Every June, over 800 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 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. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!
Please join us June 25-27 for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!
For more details about Conference go to: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateConference/

Dog Training Meetings
Please contact Jodi Lyon to get started training your dog to become better behaved at home as well as to participate in the county fair dog show! A small fee will be charged per lesson with incentive to show at the fair. Call 262-989-4516. Don’t forget to ID your dog in 4hOnline by May 15!!
Youth Council Retreat!
Calling all Senior and Clover Kids Youth Council members! Join us at the beautiful Maynes Grove Park, Sunday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., for an evening of outdoor fun, along with county fair and fall 4-H recruitment events planning.

It’s Time for Clover Kids Summer Program!
What is Summer Clover Kids? It’s a FUN 4-H youth program specially designed for youth completing grades K-3. The focus is hands-on and cooperative learning in small groups. Clover Kids participate in activities, games and other positive experiences to explore areas of healthy living, earth environment, citizenship, plants and animals, science and technology, personality development and expressive arts.

What can your child expect to do in Clover Kids? Explore science with simple science experiments. Strengthen motor skills through a variety of art experience and crafts. Have fun learning and playing cooperative games. Make friends and learn to work positively in a group setting.

Summer 2019 Clover Kids Day Camps & Fees:
Registration Cost: $15 for 1st child, $10 for 2nd child in same family. Scholarships are available. Choose the week that best fits your family’s summer schedule. All day camps run 12:30 pm-3:30 pm.

Tues & Wed, June 4 & 5: Geneva, Methodist Church
Tues & Thurs, June 11 & 13: Latimer, St. Paul Lutheran Church
Tues & Thurs, June 18 & 20: Sheffield, Zion St. John Lutheran Church
Tues & Thurs, June 25 & 27: Hampton I, Harriman Park/enclosed shelter
Mon & Tues, July 1 & 2: Hampton II, Harriman Park/enclosed shelter

Registrations available at Franklin County Extension Office after May 1, 2019. Call the Extension Office at 641-456-4811 for more details or find the registration forms after May 1 on our Facebook page or website at www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin/

Workshops for You!
Bucket of Flowers Planter: Becky’s Greenhouse, Dougherty, is again sponsoring these fair classes. Join us Tuesday, May 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Dougherty for the bucket workshop. Bring a 5 gallon bucket with drainage holes drilled in the bottom. Potting soil and some plants will be provided. We will have some garden crafts too! You can pick up hort challenge seeds/plants at this workshop or at the Extension Office after May 21. Call 641-456-4811 or email jackied@iastate.edu to sign up for workshop or reserve hort challenge seeds/plants.

Design: Would you like to get some tips on how to talk to the fair judge about your exhibits? Do you know the difference between line, shape, color, texture and space, or unity, balance, rhythm or proportion??? Join us for some fun and making some art pieces while learning about design, Monday, June 17, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Food Stand.

No cost for workshops! Club Leaders and parents welcome. Call 641-456-4811 or e-mail jackied@iastate.edu to reserve your spot!

Summer Science Day Camp Planned
Watch for more information coming soon!
Outdoor Science Camp: Thursday, July 25, 9am-3pm, Maynes Grove.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May
4    Cupcake Challenge Workshop, 4-H Food Stand, 9:00 a.m.-noon
15   Livestock Identifications due on 4hOnline/FFA Identifications due to Extension Office
15   Deadline for YQCA certification
15   4-H’ers for 4-H donations due to the Extension Office
21   5 Gallon Bucket of Flowers Workshop, Becky’s Greenhouse, Dougherty, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

June
1    Gran Festivall, Band Shell Park, Hampton
9    Youth Councils Retreat, Maynes Grove Park, 5:30 p.m.
11-13 4-H Camp, Clover Woods Camp, Madrid, IA
17   Design Workshop, 4-H Food Stand, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
21   County Fair Entries Due, 6:00 p.m., FAIR OFFICE
25-27 State 4-H Youth Conference, ISU Campus

July
1    Iowa State Fair Livestock/Garden Horticulture Entries Due on-line
11   Clothing Event Judging & Communications Practice, Hampton United Methodist Church
16   County Fair Judging Day