Congratulations & good luck to all of the 2015 Iowa State Fair Exhibitors!

4-H Exhibit Building, Communications, & Share the Fun:

4-H Livestock:

Queen Contest:
Abby Badger, member of the Greenbrier 4-H club, is our 2015 Greene County Fair Queen and will be competing for the title of 2015 Iowa State Fair Queen.

Good Luck to our Clay County Fair Exhibitors! Clay County Fair is Sept. 12-20:
Educational Presentation: Avery Bardole
Working Exhibit: Natalie and Katrina Heupel
Fashion Event: Ashlyn Frederick and Amie Schroeder
Beef: Abby Badger and Lakota Larson
Sheep: Mason Burkett and Wade Wuebker
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### 2015 4-H Awards & Record Keeping Help Sheet:

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<th>Type of Awards Available</th>
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<th>Record Book Required</th>
<th>Who evaluates</th>
<th>Final Result/Outcome</th>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Club leader</td>
<td>Merit or Excellence Award is given to selected members</td>
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<td>Project Awards</td>
<td>5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Grade &amp; Above</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Record book evaluation committee</td>
<td>Project Award(s) and pin(s) are given to selected members</td>
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<td>Overall Record Keeping Awards</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Record book evaluation committee -- 2 evaluations</td>
<td>Overall &amp; Honorable Mention Awards are given to selected members (Record. Book Committee may nominate additional record books)</td>
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<td>Junior 4-H Spark Award</td>
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If you have more questions about the record keeping and awards process, please go to the website below. You need to click on the "Record Keeping & Awards Page" to find the forms and help sheets the Youth Development Committee members have created to assist you. Be sure that you look at the Record Book Checklist and the Record Keeping & Awards Frequently Asked Questions Help Sheet. As always, there are copies of all forms available at the Greene County Extension Office. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at 515-386-2138.

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New database for Static & Animal Entry for County Fair:

- We will be launching a new database to work with Static & Animal Entry for the 2016 Greene County Fair. Please be patient as we work with the process but some new steps you will see this spring and summer will be:
  - Pre-enter your static exhibits online for the county fair.
  - Enter ALL animals planning to show at fair online for the county fair.

- This new database (Fair Entry) will look similar and work directly with 4-H Online. 4-H Online is the database that you log into when you re-enroll in 4-H, complete animal identification information by May 15th, and more.

- We understand logging in online can be tricky and not always an option. Set up a meeting with staff before deadlines to complete each process. We are here to help!

Livestock:

- Ear notches are now required for all swine! Details will be announced this winter.

- Project Meetings
  - Meetings will continue for dog, rabbit, poultry, and horse project.
  - Project meetings will be new for beef, swine, sheep, & goat exhibitors. Youth planning to show these species will be asked to attend to learn about their project, go over deadlines and fair rules, and have fun!

- Livestock Fair Books will be available early December. The Static and Open Class Fair Books will be available in the spring.
2015-2016

4-H Calendar Year

September
• 4-H Re-enrollment begins
• Record Books are due Sept. 15th
• Clay County Fair

October
• National 4-H Week - Oct. 4-10
• New Member Recruitment

November
• 4-H Awards Ceremony
• Re-enrollment due Nov. 16th
• Officers Training
• Fall New Member Night
• Fall Beef Project Meeting

December
• Market Beef Weigh-In - Dec. 13th

January
• Area & state 4-H recognition applications become available
• 4-H scholarship information become available
• Swine Project Meeting

March
• 4-H scholarship applications due March 1st
• Market Swine Weigh-In – March 12th
• FSQA Trainings & Testing
• Spring Beef Project Meeting
• Communication Contest

April
• Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Testing
• Spring New Member Night
• Sheep Project Meeting

May
• Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-In – May 7th
• Livestock ID’s due May 16th
• Practice sessions for horse and dog project begin

June
• State 4-H Youth Conference
• Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
• County Fair livestock entries due June 15th

July
• FSQA needs to be completed by July 1st
• Iowa State Fair livestock entries are due July 1st
• Greene County Fair – July 12-18
• Clay County Fair entries due

August
• Ak-Sar-Ben livestock entries due
• Iowa State Fair
• 4-H Picnic @ Spring Lake
• Complete your records!
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Imagine a world of 4-H where you are side by side with adults, making an impact on our world. Step it up and get involved today.

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