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Howard County Clover Connection August 2017

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Congratulations to all 4-H members on an outstanding job at the Mighty Howard County Fair! There was great participation, hard work, and excellent sportsmanship! Sincere thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and members that help made the fair a great success for our youth and visitors!

Summer is coming to an end which means... STATE FAIR! Travel down to Des Moines between Aug. 10 -20 and check out the outstanding 4-H exhibits!

State Fair = RECORD BOOK time is coming FAST! I encourage you to start working on them before school starts! If you need help call or email me, we will set up a time to meet!

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SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY CAMP



August 21, 2017

9 am—3 pm

East Park Cresco

Grades (completed): 4-6

Cost: FREE!

On August 21, a solar eclipse will cross the continental United States. In Iowa, we will be able to experience a partial eclipse with more than 90% of the sun in the moon's shadow. A total eclipse will not happen again until 2024! Join us for a fun filled day learning about how eclipses work, create solar eclipse viewer, view the solar eclipse, and learn about sun safety. Even make a tasty treat—sun s'mores!

Sign-up today by calling the Howard County Extension Office 563-547-3001!



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Congratulations to State Fair Static Exhibitors!

More than 400 static exhibits were judged on Monday, June 19. Check out these exhibits in the 4-H Building at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on August 10-20!

Animals & Aq Natural Resources

Kaleb Adams	Flower Pot Fountain
Kaleb Adams	Branch & Antler Garden Trellis
Kaiya Holten	Tire Rim Flower Pot

Creative Arts

Samantha Bigalk	Butterfly Feeding Photo
Madison Brace	Bubble Photo
Kelly Dietzenbach	Bottle Condensation Photo
Kelly Dietzenbach	Barbwire Clover
Audrey Ferrie	Sunset on the Lake Digital Photo
Ava Ferrie	Peony Flower Digital Photo
Sarah Fravel	WWII Army Helmet Photo
Susie Irvin	Flower Rock Art
Cassy Kennon	Tree of Life Wire Art
Cassy Kennon	Twin Springs Waterfall Photo
Quinna Ollendieck	Zinnias & Diamonds Photo
Tristan Pullman	4-H Clover String-Art
Devyn Schnur	Sharpie Portrait
Devyn Schnur	Dog Airbrush Picture
Adanna Warnke	Cardinal in the Snow Photo
Catherine Weaver	Flower Photo

Family & Consumer Sciences

Hope Dohlman	Soaring to New Heights: Mini Motor Movements
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Family & Consumer Sciences (continued)

Ava Ferrie	Polka Dot Cake
Sarah Fravel	4-H Lightening Glow Board
River Horns	Braided Bread
Hailey Johnson	Microwave Cart
Hailey Johnson	Straw Travel Kit
Cassy Kennon	Penny Table
Quinna Ollendieck	Recycled Fairy Garden
Katrina Sanders	Make-Up Vanity

Personal Development

Cassy Kennon	Poultry Leadership Project
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Poster Communication

Quinna Ollendieck	4-H is a Slam Dunk
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Science, Engineering & Technology

Brady Burke	Teddy Bear Rocking Chair
Zeke Church	How to Build a Computer
Ethan Govern	Recycled Redwood Wooden Cooler Chest
Alyson Reicks	Nautical Wooden Spool Table
Dalton Rush	Woodburned American Flag

Booth Decorating Awards

All the booths looked great this year! There was a lot of creativity and twist 4-H'ers placed on the theme! Congratulations to the following clubs:

1st Place— Diligent 4-H'ers

2nd Place— Flying Hoofs

3rd Place (tie) — Saratoga 4-H

Howard Center Stars



State Fair Communication Schedule

The following is the schedule of the Howard County 4-H'ers who will be presenting their clothing and communication events at the Iowa State Fair! The communication events will be held in the 4-H Building on the State Fair grounds.

Clothing Awardrobe—August 10 @ 5 PM in the Youth Inn
Kelly Dietzenbach

Educational Presentations

August 11—Kelly Dietzenbach (AM Session)

August 11—Bree Rogne (PM Session)

August 12—Audrey & Ava Ferrie, Kaleb Adams, Brady Burke (AM Session)

August 16—Karissa Stika (AM Session)

Working Exhibits

August 12—Alaina Bina, Cloey Horns (AM Session)

August 16— Quinna Ollendieck & Hannah Schmitt, Allison Ferrie (AM Session)

Share the Fun

August 16 @ Noon—Joe Kammerer

August 17 @ Noon—Seth Merritt

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors



Good luck to the following Howard County 4-H'ers as they participate with their livestock at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines from August 10-20!

We wish them the best of luck!

Marissa Bronner— Rabbit

Chyann Bullerman-Yu—Beef & Sheep

Cody Kerian— Rabbit

Ethin Matt—Sheep

Erin Ryan— Beef

Nora Ryan— Beef Kaitlin Haskovec—Beef

Tanner Tlusty— Meat Goat & Sheep

Isaac Tucke-Wenthold—Rabbit

County Fair Successes...

4-H Silent Auction

Thank you to all the clubs and committees who donated items to the annual silent auction held at the Howard County Fair. This year's auction was a successful one! A total of \$1897 was raised to offset enrollment fees for the 2017-2018 4-H year!

Barn Prize Winners

Great job to all the clubs as they worked towards excellent herdsmanship this year. Congratulations to the following Barn Prize winners:

Beef— Timberland Targeting

Dairy— Space Age Farmers

Horse— Timberland Targeting

Poultry— Space Age Farmers

Rabbit—Timberland Targeting

Sheep— Diligent 4-H'ers

Swine— Saratoga 4-H

OVERALL WINNER— Cresco Merry-makers

Best Dressed Rabbit



Each year the 4-H and FFA Rabbit Show participants are able to enter the Best Dressed Rabbit class. Each participant dresses their rabbit up in their favorite costume and a picture is taken. The pictures are displayed in the rabbit barn during the fair and fairgoers vote on their favorite best dressed rabbit!

Congratulations to **Courtney Dietzenbach** and her rabbit — Cotton Candy —for winning the 2017 Best Dressed Rabbit contest!



Thank You Notes



Please remember if you received a trophy, plaque, or participated in the Ribbon Auction at the Howard County Fair—send a thank you to your sponsors or buyers if you have not already done so!

Record Book Time!



Reminder record books are **DUE Friday, September 8** in order to be eligible for awards! There are lots of awards available in addition to completion awards!

Junior Awards

- *Outstanding Junior Achievement in Recordkeeping*— submit a complete and high quality records
- *First Year Recordkeeping* - for first year members only

Intermediate Awards

- *Top Intermediate Record Book*
- *Project Awards*

Senior Awards

- *Top Senior Record Book*
- *Project Awards*
- *Achievement in 4-H Experience*—knowledge of 4-H program and contribution to improve family & community
- *Agriculture*—knowledge & respect for agriculture and its importance to communities
- *Ak-Sar-Ben*—outstanding leadership in variety of 4-H activities
- *Lamp of Knowledge*—contribution to 4-H through leadership, citizenship, and dedication to the program
- *Achievement in Citizenship*—demonstrate social responsibility, respect, and responds to the needs of others

- *Achievement in Leadership*—strengthens local 4-H clubs in leadership, responsibilities, and encouragement of other youth
- *I Dare You Award*—exemplify personal integrity, balanced living, and motivation for leadership
- *Awards Trip*—overall quality recordkeeping and receive a paid trip to the State 4-H Conference in June

You can find forms needed for record books and award applications at the following link:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/howard/content/awards-recordkeeping-0>

HELP! Need Help with Record Book?



Never done a record book before? Want assistance putting your record book together? Please call the Extension Office at (563) 547-3001 and set up an appointment with Erica!

Re-enrollment on 4HOnline



Beginning September 15th, Howard County 4-H'ers will be able to re-enroll for the upcoming year.

Please go to <https://iowa.4honline.com/> to sign-in and

complete the process for re-enrollment after September 1st. You have until **November 30th** to complete or risk losing the assistance for your annual enrollment fee. If you need help enrolling online or would like to apply for membership dues assistance please contact the Extension Office! Leaders if you have new members have them come in or call the Extension Office.



2017-2018 County Council

I would like to introduce Howard County's County Council members for the 2017-2018 year. These following 4-H members have shown outstanding leadership and 4-H spirit, which they will use throughout the next year to bring fun events to the Howard County 4-H program. Congratulations to the following members on being selected to this elite group:

-  Hope Dohlman
-  Ashley Ferrie
-  Cassy Kennon
-  Madison McKenna
-  Erin Ryan
-  Karissa Stika

County Council



Our next meeting will be
Sunday, August 27
1-6 p.m.
Fayette County Fairgrounds

Be on the look out in the mail for your invite to the Regional County Council Retreat. Please return the invite by **Friday, August 18!** We will plan to car-pool to the event in West Union.

Leader Corner



What's Due?

- ◆ Record Books are DUE **Friday, September 8**. Please remind your club members to submit their books for awards. There are many awards available in addition to completion awards!
- ◆ Club Award Forms are DUE **Friday, September 8**. Please remember to have your club submit nominations for 2017 Meritorious, Honorary and Alumni awards. This is a great time to recognize those volunteers that put in countless hours and passion to support the Howard County 4-H program!
- ◆ Club Program Books & Financial Reports are DUE **Friday, September 30!**

THANK YOU

Kayleigh!

Many of you, including all of us at the Extension, were able to get to know the Borlaug Intern, Kayleigh Koch, very well over the last few months. Her time as the intern has come to an end and we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for all her help this summer with fair and other programming! Also, we wish her GOOD LUCK to her on her future endeavors!



Calendar of Events

August

- 10-20—Iowa State Fair, Des Moines
 21—Solar Eclipse Day Camp, 9 a.m., East Park Cresco
 21—State Fair Static Exhibits available for pick-up
 27—Regional County Council Retreat, 1pm, Fayette Fairgrounds
 29—Youth Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office

September

- 4— Office Closed
 15—Re-enrollment Begins, 4HOnline

Deadlines

August 8—State Fair Food Exhibits to Office by 9 a.m.

Sept 8—Record Books

Sept 8—Club Award Forms

Sept 30—Club Program Books & Financial Reports

Wave Your Flag: 4-H Day at the Iowa State Fair



Save the date for 4-H Day at the Fair on August 11! Iowa 4-H, in partnership with the Iowa 4-H Foundation, will be sponsoring a special day on the Grand Concourse promoting 4-H, showcasing 4-H'ers and programs they are involved in along with connecting with alumni.

Pre-registered alums will receive special benefits on August 11. As an added incentive, counties can win money for their county endowment. The top three counties who register the highest number of alumni and friends will receive a contribution to their county: 1st: \$500, 2nd: \$250, 3rd: \$100.

Volunteer at the Fair: We are looking for 6-8 counties to volunteer to bring special interactive exhibits, projects, or presentations to showcase at the Fair. We want to show fair-goers what 4-H is all about locally! Use as a recruiting tool or a service project for your 4-H'ers.

Registration at the following link:

<https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=90652&audienceID=1>



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