Dear 4-H Families:

I just want to say thank you to all of you for all your help preparing for the 2015 Ida County Fair as well as your help during and after the fair! Things get accomplished much quicker when 4-H'ers and parents are willing to put in the time. Thank you to all the volunteers, superintendents, parents, fairboard, 4-H’ers and my co-workers! I appreciate all your help!

Record Books

Reminder to all Ida County 4-H’ers: Record Books from the 2014-2015 year will be due before you know it! We are working on a due date and I will let you know the date ASAP. I am also planning on having a Record Book Workshop to help with any questions or assistance you may have. I am still working out details and will let you know when a date and time are set. In the mean time, you can get record book forms online at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/record-keeping](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/record-keeping)
MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.

County-Wide Dates to Remember

August 13-23  Iowa State Fair
August 14    Iowa State Fair Awardrobe Clothing Event
August 24    Post Fair Parents and Superintendents Meeting
August 25    Pick up State Fair Static Projects at Extension Office
Sept. 4-18   CyDay Friday (Ask the office for more details)
Sept. 11     Farm Bureau Farm Safety Day Camp
Sept. 12-20  Clay County Fair
Sept. 24-27  Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show
Oct. 2-30    CyDay Friday (Ask the office for more details)
Oct. 4-10    National 4-H Week

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Information

4-H’ers are encouraged to complete a record book this year so they can be eligible for the 4-H scholarship when they are seniors!

Foundation Requirements Include:
- To have been in 4-H for 5 years, including junior and senior years in high school
- To have exhibited at the Ida County Fair, including at least one Communications Exhibit
- To have completed a record book for 5 years, including junior and senior years in high school
- To have served in a leadership role, such as a club officer or council member
- To have participated in a community service project
- To have participated in the following fundraising efforts during junior and senior years of 4-H
  - Fruit/Butter Braid sale in the fall
  - 4-H Foundation Auction
- Must submit a 4-H Educational Scholarship application form.

Independent members must contact the Ida County 4-H Foundation.
We are going to try something new at the office this year. On Monday, August 24th, you are invited to come to the Extension Office at 7:00pm to share with myself and a few members of the 4-H Committee any comments or concerns you may have about fair or any other 4-H related activities. If you have any questions, please call the office.

THANK YOU’S

If you received an award or trophy at the fair, please be sure to send them a thank-you! We attached pre-addressed postcards to all the trophies and awards to make things easier for you. Please take the time to write a thank-you to the sponsors! Each year they continue to support Ida County 4-H and we should let them know how much we appreciate them!

Reminders and Information

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to all the 4-H’er participating in livestock, static exhibits, communication events and clothing events at the Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

CLOVER KIDS

Just a reminder that Kindergarten through 3rd graders can join Clover Kids. Clover kids meets once a month, have snacks, do fun things and make new friends. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions or know of someone that is interested!

IDA 4-H ON FACEBOOK

If you are currently not our friend on Facebook, I encourage you to “like us”! I like to share 4-H reminders and information on our page. I like to share things going on in our county as well as activities going on at surrounding counties! Also, we added lots of fair pictures so go find yourself.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH