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A Clarke County 4-H Family News Update

Members & Leaders,

Can you believe it's already November? It's hard to believe, but we are already planning dates well into 2009, so get your calendars ready and mark the dates in while you're reading this month's newsletter!

We had several requests for Clarke County's results from those exhibiting at the state fair. This is included in this month's newsletter. If there is anything you would like to see in future newsletters, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate everyone's requests!

Please be sure to return your re-enrollments! **Re-member, these are due by**

November 30th! The sooner you get your enrollment information to us, the sooner we can add you to special project mailing lists. Another important reason for returning these in a timely manner is to ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter. We will update our mailing lists based on the re-enrollments we have as of November 30th, so ... if you don't have your re-enrollment in, you will no longer receive a paper copy of the newsletter and you also will no longer receive email notification that the newsletter has been posted. We will still continue to accept enrollments after November 30th, but after this deadline we can't guarantee how quickly your enrollment will be processed or how quickly your publications will be ordered.

Please help us out and get your enrollments turned in to us before November 30th! Thanks!

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the Extension Office at (641)342-3316.

Thanks so much for everything you do!



Kate Johnson

Clarke County Youth Coordinator

Scholarship Packets Available

Kate will be preparing a packet of scholarship opportunities and applications available through 4-H and Iowa State Extension as they become available. If you would like to receive one of these packets, please let Kate know by

email or by phone at the Extension Office.

There are a lot of great financial helps that often go unclaimed, so if you are planning on furthering your education after graduation, please take advantage of this opportunity!

Most scholarship applications will be due February 2nd, so get your name on the list to get one of these packets so you can get to work on applying as soon as possible!



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ FSQA Dates
- ☺ Re-Enrollment Reminder
- ☺ Judges Training
- ☺ Scholarship Information

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

County Youth Council Meeting	Nov. 19th
Re-enrollments Due to the Extension Office	Nov. 30th
Club Officer Training	Dec. 10th
Project Fair	Feb. 8th
LIVESTOCK ID'S DUE	May 15th

Clarke County 4-H Exhibitors at the State Fair

As requested, here are the ribbon results for Clarke County Youth!

Static Exhibits

Ethan Abbott—Blue
Spencer Abbott—Blue
Mallory Bakley—Blue
Kelli Ehrhardt— 2 Blue
Katie Fuller—Blue
Damon Helgevold—Red
Kurt Henrichs—Blue
Lance Henrichs—Red
Melissa Kerr—Red & Blue
Carrie Kindred—Blue
Kacey Klemesrud—Certificate & Blue
Kristin Klemesrud—2 Blue
Lizzy Lohr—Blue
Paul Queck—Blue & Red
Julia Scadden—Blue
Lauren Sebek—Blue & Red
Megan Snell—Red & Blue
Heather Stearns—Red
Allen Taylor—Blue
Ann Taylor—Red

Communications

Damon Helgevold—Merit

Dogs

Morgan Schrodtt—White
Matthew Sebek—Blue & Purple

Horse

Paul Queck—2 Blue, Red, Purple

Breeding Beef

Zachary Billington—Red & Blue
Julianna Kruse—Purple
Brenna Paul—Blue
Turner Paul—Purple

Market Swine

Carter Cooley—2 Blue
Paul Queck—2 Blue
Hannah Reisinger—Blue

Derby Swine

Cody Anderson—2 Purple
Carter Cooley—Blue
Paul Queck—Blue
Hannah Reisinger—Blue

Showmanship Swine

Cody Anderson—Red
Paul Queck—Red
Hannah Reisinger—Red

Breeding Sheep

Paul Queck—2 Blue

Market Sheep

Paul Queck— 3 Blue

Sheep Performance

Paul Queck—Blue

Showmanship Sheep

Paul Queck—Blue

Congratulations to all our Clarke County Youth who showed at the state fair, and for representing our clubs so well!



Club Officer Training

Club Officer training has been scheduled for December 10th (Wednesday) from 4-7 p.m.

New officers who have not been trained should notify the extension office by phone or email (johnska@iastate.edu) if you plan on attending. We will explain the duties of your specific role, as well as review

leadership as a whole. We will plan on serving pizza at this meeting, so don't worry about missing out on dinner!

Club leaders should notify Kate when their club officers have been determined, as well as mentioning who their county council representatives are if you have not already done so. Thanks for your continued cooperation!



What is FSQA, anyway?

FSQA stands for Food Safety Quality Assurance. It is based on the theory that 4-H producers should be held to the same standards as all other food producers. This training is required for all 4-H/FFA members who show the following animals: beef, swine, sheep, dairy (both cattle and goat), meat goat, rabbit, and poultry.



All youth ages 9-11 (juniors) will need to attend a training each year. Youth ages 12-14 (intermediates) will have the option of attending a training each year or completing a test that will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 (seniors) will have the option of attending a training each year or completing a test that will certify them until they turn 19.

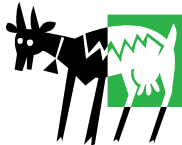


Planning on selling pigs? Youth who complete the training will be certified in both the FSQA program and the national PQA programs. The Iowa FSQA

has been recognized by the National Pork Board as meeting their quality assurance training program. National Pork Board guidelines now require all youth to attend an approved YOUTH training to become certified. No youth (9-18) will be included in the adult PQA database.



As mentioned on the first page of the newsletter, there is one training scheduled at each of Clarke county's high schools in March. Otherwise there will be one training in April, one in May, and a test out option in June. The test out option is not available for junior members.



Please remember that if you are an intermediate member and have previously tested out, you are only certified until age 15—this does not automatically cover 3 years, it all depends on how old you were when you took the test. The same goes for senior members.

If a youth is 19 before January 1st and a senior, they will need to certify through the adult program. Adult certification is to be coordinated with the beef and pork associations and their procedures for adults.



For state fair exhibition, Iowa State University Extension requires that youth's training or test-out be completed by July 1st.



If you have any other questions regarding FSQA, please contact the Extension Office at (641)342-3316 or email Kate at johnska@iastate.edu.

Clover Kids Comes to Clarke County!

We are excited to begin the preparations to welcome a Clover Kids program to Clarke County!

Clover Kids is a program for Kindergarten-3rd graders ... those who are not quite old enough to be a 4-H member, but still want the awesome benefits of the 4-H experience!

If you are interested in receiving more information about this program as it comes available, please let Kate know either by phone or email. Also, if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity for this program let us know that as well.

We are really looking forward to

introducing the world of 4-H to youngsters in our area!



Attention Leaders: Not Able to Attend Face to Face Training?

The mandatory fall training for all club and project leaders is now available on DVD and online! If you were unable to attend the face to face training held at the Extension Office on September 11th, you have two other options to complete the first half of the requirement.

There are DVDs available for check out from the Extension Office. This is a self study setup, where you receive the materials distributed at the face to face training and view the DVD. There are a couple of worksheets to fill out while you watch the DVD to ensure you capture the message of the training, and these will need to be completed and returned to the Extension Office when you return the DVD.

The second option is to complete the training online at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers

Please be sure to get this completed as soon as possible!

As soon as we have it set, I will be sure to let you know the date of the spring training so you can plan ahead. I would encourage all of you to attend the face to face training rather than the DVD or online self study options. This allows you to interact with other club leaders and bounce ideas off of one another. If multiple clubs are encountering the same issues, it allows us to hear about the issues and help you to solve them. This interaction just is not possible without attending

training with the rest of the group.

If you need to check out the DVD/materials please stop in the Extension Office to do so. If you have any difficulty with the online option, let us know and we can help you! The important thing is that you get the training completed so that we can keep you on our list as a valued leader!

Thanks for your cooperation, it makes our jobs as extension staff a million times easier, and we greatly appreciate it!



Transportation Writing Contest

The Go! magazine writing contest guidelines are available as a pdf at <http://www.go-explore-trans.org/Go-writing-contest-flyer.pdf>

Go! Magazine works with 4-H and is sponsoring this contest. Go!, an online magazine for teens published by Iowa State University's Center for Transportation Research and Education (CTRE), is sponsoring a writing contest that is open to all writers ages 16 and up. All submissions should be focused on some aspect of transportation and be appropriate for teens and young

adults. The goal of the contest is to encourage writers and readers to think about how integral transportation is to our everyday lives. Transportation encompasses roads, rail, air, and sea. The basics: \$1,000 for best short story; \$1,000 for best non-fiction piece. Open to all writers age 16 and up. (\$500 ISU Book Store gift cards to 2 best student writers.) MUST be focused on transportation. Target audience is young people 14-20 yrs old. Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Michele Regenold, Go! Editor, Center for Transporta-

tion Research and Education, Iowa State University, 2711 S. Loop Drive, Suite 4700, Ames, IA 50010, 515-296-0835,

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Know someone interested in 4-H?? How about a local adult who would be a GREAT 4-H leader? Send them our way! Club information is available on our website or in the office.

Any 4-H questions can be directed to Kate Johnson, Clarke County Youth Coordinator at the Extension office or by email at johnska@iastate.edu



Mark Your Calendars ... Upcoming Events!

PROJECT FAIR

We are tentatively planning a project fair on February 8th, 2009. This fair will allow opportunities to explore project areas and work on various projects. It will be a great day to get the ball rolling so you don't wait until the last minute to complete those fair exhibits, and it may even spark an idea for something else you'd like to create! There will be experts in a number of project areas available to help you out. More details will be available in the next few newsletters, but please plan ahead to be available on this day. It should be a fun filled and productive afternoon!

FSQA

We have scheduled our first two FSQA training sessions, one at each of the schools in Clarke County. These trainings usually take place after school in the ag room. Plan on the training taking about an hour to an hour and a half.

There will be a training on March 16th at Clarke Community High School.

There will also be a training on March 23rd at Murray.

We have tentatively scheduled junior trainings for the evening of April 20th, and the evening of May 21st, with specific times and locations to be determined. The test out option for intermediate and senior members is tentatively scheduled for June 17th.

TENTATIVE WEIGH-IN DATES

We have tentatively scheduled Beef Weigh In for January 3rd, 2009 from 9 a.m.—Noon.

Swine weigh in is tentatively set for April 4th, also 9 a.m.—Noon.

Sheep weigh in is currently scheduled for May 1st from 7p.m.—9 p.m.

Please circle May 15th, 2009 on your calendars! This is the day that ALL livestock ID's are due. No ID's—4-H & FFA—will be accepted after 4:30 p.m. this day!