



## The Clover Chatter

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – Noon  
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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### **COUNTY WIDE LOCK IN AND SHARE THE FUN**

*The Cedar County Youth Council members and their advisors would like to say “Thank You” to all of the 4-H members and their guest for attending the Cedar County Lock-in. Everyone seemed to have lots of fun and I am sure parents saw many youth who went without sleep for the entire event.*

*The ten county council members look forward to working with 4-H members at other county wide events during the year. If you have a county council member in your 4-H club – be sure to ask them if there is anything new happening on the county level.*

*The county wide “Share the Fun” event was also a part of the lock-in. Unfortunately we did not have a large participation in this event. Members of the Inland 4-H club and members of the Cedar County Youth Council participated in this event. Inland 4-H club won the challenge that council members put out to participate in the event this year.*

*County council members would also like to thank the many parents and chaperones who gave up a night’s sleep and volunteered their time to help at the lock-in. It takes all of the extra people to make this event the success it is.*

*We look forward to another great lock-in next year.*

*See you then.....*

### **MARKET BEEF INFORMATION**

Are you planning to exhibit a purebred market beef animal?? Is so, please send a copy of your registration papers to the Extension Office, or bring in the original and we will make a copy. It always helps to have the registration on file in the office in case your forget your copy at fair weigh in time.

### **MISSING EAR TAGS**

Be sure to notify the Extension Office if you have a market animal with a missing ear tag. This notifications needs to happen immediately so that a youth committee member can make arrangements with you for the retagging of the animal.

### **FSQA CERTIFICATION**

Again for 2010, all exhibitors of market beef, breeding beef, bucket bottle calf, dairy cattle, goats—both dairy and meat, rabbits, poultry, sheep—breeding and market, swine and any other food producing animal will be required to have current FSQA certification to be eligible to exhibit those respective species at the county and state fair.

Certification received through a training session will be good for only one year.

- All youth ages 9—11 on January 1, 2010 will need to attend an approved training each year.
- Youth ages 12—14 on January 1, 2010 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 15.
- Youth ages 15—18 on January 1, 2010 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they are 18.
- At the time youth turn 19, they will need to certify in the adult Quality Assurance programs according to the adult rules.

**April 1** - Training session for all Junior 4-H members. (9—11 years of age). This will be held at the Extension Office from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

**April 11**—Training session for youth 12—18 years of age. This will be held at the Extension Office from 5:00—7:00 p.m. (This is a Sunday)

### **FSQA TESTING**

We will be offering two (2) opportunities for youth to take the FSQA test.

- ⇒ Thursday March 4th 5:00—6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday March 15th 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Both of these testing sessions will be held at the Extension Office.

Remember that all FSQA requirements must be completed by May 15th to be eligible to exhibit at the Cedar County Fair.

### **2010 FAIR**

The dates for the 2010 Cedar County fair are **July 14—18** with conference judging on July 12. The Youth Committee will be looking over the rules and classes for the 2010 fair. If you have something you would like the committee to look at or suggestions for judges, please contact the office and let Joyce know.



### **SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB**

*IT IS NOT TO LATE TO JOIN —*

The Shooting Sports Club is still looking for members. The next meeting is February 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Barb & Rich Frauenholz. Contact the Extension Office — 563-886-6157—for more information.

### **BREEDING BEEF/COW CALF**

If you are planning to exhibit breeding beef at the county fair or state fair, be sure to complete your breeding beef ID forms and have them returned to the Extension office by May 15th. Your cow/calf projects for the county fair also need to be entered on the breeding Beef ID form.



### **BUCKET BOTTLE CALF**

Are you planning on carrying a bucket bottle calf project this year??? Calves need to be purchased between January 1st and April 30th. These calves need to be in the possession of youth within 2 weeks of birth and need to be bottle or bucket feed. Remember that your ID form will need to be in the Extension Office by May 15th..

**This Information is from the committee of the:**

**DAVE STEPHENS MEMORIAL TIPTON 2010 HABITAT for HUMANITY HOUSE BUILD**

4-H Leaders:

In June 2010 the community is going to have an opportunity to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build. This year's house will honor Dave Stephens, as this was a philanthropic program Dave believed in. The project will be known as the Dave Stephens Memorial build.

The purpose of this notice, in your newsletter, is to request participation by the various 4-H clubs' in the project. Habitat for Humanity has minimum age requirements that must be adhered to. There are jobs that younger youth can participate in. For those over the age of 18, they are allowed to participate in the on-site build, for those in the age range of 16-18, parental authorization is required in order to work on site. Those under the age of 16 can participate in the build, but in a support role or in duties performed off site ( i.e. day care support for adult workers with young children, fund raising, component builds off site, on-site, on-site registration, serve food, make cookies etc.).

In addition to providing fund raising assistance and work on the actual build, the steering committee is asking your assistance in **finding a family** to "buy" the house. An application can be found on the following web site: [iowavalley-habitat.org](http://iowavalley-habitat.org). Specifically, the family's income, depending on family size, must be in the range of \$15,150 to \$44,400, have satisfactory credit, have less than \$8,000 in debt, do not currently own a house, have a stable job, and be willing to donate 250 hours of "sweat equity" labor per household adult to Habitat for Humanity. Once all criteria are met Habitat for Humanity will **SELL** house to the deserving family. Habitat will carry the mortgage, providing a principle only loan (this is a no gimmick NO INTEREST MORTGAGE). Monthly payments, based on an approximate 20 to 30 year amortization schedule, will be based on the family's income. If you know a family who may meet these criteria, please direct them to the above referenced web site and direct them to "APPLY for a HOME" on page 1.

Now what can you and your 4-H'ers do? The following are some possible ideas:

- ⇒ Help us fund raise. Materials for a 10' interior/exterior wall section would cost approximately \$40. It's possible your club might actually be able, with supervision, to build a section. I can see a club challenge here!!!
- ⇒ Fund raise and buy a window or door. Again, with proper supervision, your club might be able to install the window or door.
- ⇒ Fund raise with proceeds to go to the overall project
- ⇒ Be the builds "official" photographer
- ⇒ Provide child care, at a designated site, on the days of the build
- ⇒ Provide labor to help build the house, if of age
- ⇒ Help pull electrical wiring under the supervision of licensed electricians
- ⇒ Help clean the site, post construction
- ⇒ Bake/cook/serve food on the day of the builds
- ⇒ Pick up/deliver pizza or doughnuts on build days if we get those types of donations
- ⇒ Help paint interior walls
- ⇒ Be creative; contact us with your additional ideas

The anticipated build dates are, Friday/Saturday June 4th and 5th and June 11th and 12th. Wiring, plumbing, drywall work will then be completed over the following three weeks. The house will be dedicated on Sunday July 11th.

Please contact Brenda Emick-Herring or Janel Stephens for any questions you may have:

Brenda (563) 432-6392 [woodland@netins.net](mailto:woodland@netins.net)

Janel (563-946-2098 [janelstephens@iowatelecom.net](mailto:janelstephens@iowatelecom.net)

**NOTE:** The next steering committee meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14th, 1:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tipton. We encourage both leader and youth attendance so we can better strategize fund raising and build activities.

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### Keep Soaring With 4-H — IOWA 4-H VOLUNTEER RETREAT

This retreat brings together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening is a networking/fellowship type gathering with hands-on activities. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, Feb 27. A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Thanks to a grant from Monsanto, the registration fee this year is only \$10 and includes lunch and snacks.

This year's Retreat is hosted by DMACC Continuing Education, and sponsored by ISU Extension. All activities, Friday evening and Saturday, will take place at the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Campus in Ankeny. It is located a few miles off I-80 and I-35 north of Des Moines. The registration fee covers sessions during the time you are registered, a snack on Friday evening and snacks and lunch on Saturday. DMACC will provide general CEU credit for attending the sessions. Check out the website — <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/retreat.htm>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### February

- 13 Shooting Sports Club—1:30 p.m.
- 20-21 4-H/FFA Horse Clinic—See enclosed flyer

#### March

- 4 FSQA Test—5:00—6:00 pm
- 7 County Council—7:00 pm
- 9 Youth Committee—7:00 pm
- 13 Derby Swine Weigh-in—9:00—10:00 am
- 15 FSQA Test—6:00—7:00 pm

#### April

- 1 FSQA training for Junior 4-H Members
- 11 FSQA training for all other 4-H members

### INTERMEDIATE CANOE TRIP

The southeast Iowa Regional 4-H Council will be hosting an Intermediate Canoe Trip in Monticello on Saturday, June 5th.

As more information becomes available we will do a mailing to all intermediate 4-H members.

