



The Clover Chatter

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TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS:



During April we celebrated National Volunteer Week. We would like to say ***THANK YOU*** to all of the people who give of their time to the Cedar County Youth program. Volunteers are the heart of the youth program and we sometimes take for granted that volunteers will always be there. We understand that volunteers may not always have the time to be a volunteer—so if it is only for a short period of time for a special event or you commit time for an entire year, we sincerely appreciate the time that you give to the Cedar County Youth Program.

Volunteers serve our youth program in a wide variety of roles, as club leaders, youth committee members, county council advisors, exchange group advisors, event volunteers, clinic leaders, fair board members, extension council members or as parents, relative and friends who provide support and transportation to club meeting and county events.

Please take the time to thank a volunteer when you see them. I am sure they would also appreciate receiving a personal note from you.

DEADLINE FOR ID FORMS

May 15, 2010

- ⇒ All ID forms need to be on file in the Extension Office
- ⇒ All enrollment forms need to be on file in the Extension Office
- ⇒ Last day to add projects to your enrollment form
- ⇒ All medical/release forms are due to the Extension Office
- ⇒ Last day to have completed code of ethics on file in the Extension Office
- ⇒ Last day to have FSQA completed

Why not be sure that all of the above is done NOW. Don't wait until the last minute and then be disappointed when you have missed the deadline. All items must be in the Extension Office—dated postmarks will not be accepted.

Remember — Office hours are 8:00 a.m.—Noon and 12:30p.m.—4:00



MISSING EAR TAGS

Be sure to notify the Extension office if you have a market animal with a missing ear tag. A youth committee member will contact you and make arrangements for the retag of your animal. If you have already contacted the office, youth committee members will be calling to set up an appointment for the retag.

FSQA CERTIFICATION

If you have not attended one of the recent FSQA certification classes or stopped at the Extension Office to take the FSQA test, you need to find a way to complete your FSQA certification requirement to be eligible to exhibit at the Cedar County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair. Please contact the office immediately to see what your possibilities are for receiving this certification.

BREEDING BEEF and COW/ CALF



If you are planning to exhibit breeding beef at the county fair or state fair, be sure to ask for your breeding beef ID forms and complete this prior to May 15th. Your cow calf projects for the county fair also need to be entered on the breeding beef ID form.

BOTTLE BUCKET CALF

Time is running out for your bottle bucket calf. Calves need to be born between January 1st and April 30th. The calves need to be in the possession of the youth within two weeks following birth and need to be bottle or bucket fed. Remember that your ID form will need to be in the Extension office by May 15th. The May 15th deadline also applies to the open bucket bottle animals.

MEAT GOATS

If you have a meat goat project, be sure you remember to have them weighed during the May 8th market lamb and meat goat weigh in. You also need to complete an ID form.

SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB



The Shooting Sports Club will not be meeting again until after the fair. Anyone interested in becoming a new member or a continuing member of the Shooting Sports Club should contact the Extension Office and leave your name and phone number.



AREA RABBIT and CAVY WORKSHOP

The area rabbit and cavy workshop will be held at the Cedar County Fairgrounds in Tipton on Sunday, May 16th from 12:30—4:00 pm. It will be held at the 4-H food stand building.

If you are interested in participating in the carrier session, you will need to call Bill Wolfe at 1-800-205-6929 with a detailed message to reserve your supplies. There will be a cost for each carrier and this will vary upon the size that desire to build.

Details at: www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar

LEASING OF ANIMALS

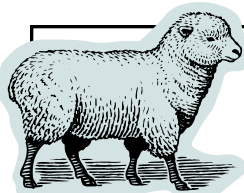
The Cedar County Youth Committee would like to remind all participants in the Cedar County Fair Youth shows that all animals exhibited at the Cedar County Fair must be owned by the exhibitor. Leasing of animals is not allowed.

2010—HABITAT for HUMANITY HOME



The committee for the 2010 Habitat for Humanity House is still looking for some help with the home they are building.

There is still a need for a youth who would like to take photos of the project from start to finish. If you are interested contact: Brenda at 563-432-6392 at woodland@netins.net or Janel at 563-9462098 or janelstephens@iowatelecom.net



COMMERCIAL EWES

New for sheep weigh-in....

All commercial ewes will need to come to the county weigh-in to be ear tagged. This is new for 2010 and is a requirement for all county fair, Ak-Sar-Ben and state fair animals. They will not be weighed, just ear tagged.

The weigh in is scheduled for May 8th—9:00—10:30 am.

“SET THE STAGE”

2010 4-H Youth Conference

Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.



If you have complete 8th grade, you are eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference!

You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in either animal science or crop production, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP or CSI: Crops tracks!

So mark the date of June 29—July 1 on your calendar and “Set the Stage” for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!



4H QUEST

Friday, June 25th 4-H members and friends in grades 7th, 8th, 9th are invited to attend Adventures Quest and Niabi Zoo. This will be a chance to meet other youth your age from Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Muscatine, Clinton and Cedar County.

You will have an opportunity to enjoy the recently renovated Niabi Zoo, and participate in Team Building activities (low ropes, zip line, obstacle course) and a late afternoon hotdog roast.

The cost of the event will be \$55 for 4-H members and \$60 for non 4-H members. A mailing will be done from the Extension Office to everyone in grades 7, 8, and 9.

4-H JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMP

June 11th and 12th Junior 4-H members in grades 4, 5, and 6 from Jackson, Clinton, Dubuque, Delaware and Cedar counties will join together for two fun filled days at Camp Shalom in Maquoketa. The cost of camp will be \$70 which includes three meals, overnight stay, snacks, crafts and Camp Shalom staff. Activities will include: Archery, Low ropes, educational and fun activities, games and crafts and you will Solve a Mystery. We will do a mailing to everyone who is eligible to attend the Jr. Adventure. Registration will be due by May 31st and there will be no refunds after that date.



CAMP COUNSELORS

We will also need youth in 11th and 12th grade who are interested in being involved in the 4-H Junior Camp as a counselor. We can also find a place for adults who are interest in attending camp. Contact the office to make your interest known.





STATE 4-H CAMP

Information for the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid is now available on-line at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp. Eight new camps have been created for 2010. Discounts are available for 4-H members, siblings, and early registrations. Camp registration must be postmarked by April 1 to receive the early discount. TELL A FRIEND and get \$20 in your camper's store account when the friend writes your camper's name on the recruited by line on the registration form. Recruited friends must be first year campers and non-siblings.



CLOTHING EVENT

The clothing event will take place on June 19th. Please be sure you have your name turned into the Extension Office by June 1st if you would like to participate. It will be held at the Extension Office.

Once the office has a list of youth interested in participating, a schedule will be put together and the information will be mailed out to everyone.

4-H'ERS FOR 4-H DONATIONS

Clubs, don't forget to send in your 4-H'ers for 4-H donation to the Extension Office by May 15th. Donations are used to support programs at the state level. Clubs that donate \$2.50 per member will receive a certificate for their club from the state 4-H office.

THE "SHOWOFF" CLASSIC

Where: Muscatine Ag Learning Center
3200 Lucas Street

When: May 8, 2010 — Registration 8:00 a.m.

What: A round robin format, with each exhibitor showing 4 times. Those with the highest combined scores will be the champions.

Cost: One entry fee of \$40 per exhibitor (may enter day of show)

Age: Beginners 9 and under
Novice 10—13
Intermediate 14—17
Senior 18—21

Contact: Joel Edge at 563-263-2645 Ext 211

CLUB FAIR BOOTH

Have you started to think about how you are going to decorate your 4-H club booth for the fair?? **"Set the Stage"** will be the theme for the fair booths this year. Remember that you will not be able to set up your booth on conference judging day. It will need to be done prior to July 12th.



HORSE CLINIC MAY 15, 2010

The Muscatine Ag Learning Center will be hosting a horse clinic on May 15th. Registration for the clinic will begin at 9:00 am with the clinic starting at 10 am. The clinic will cover horse selection, structure and horse judging procedures. Clinicians will be available to provide information on tack, nutrition, showmanship, western pleasure and grooming.

Vendors will also be in attendance with horse and acreage supplies for sale. Used tack and show clothes will also be available for sale.

Admission for the clinic will be \$5 per person and all attendees are eligible for free drawings and door prizes.

RSVP's are appreciated and you should contact Joel Edge at 563-263-2645 ext 211.

The Muscatine Ag Learning Center is located at 3200 Lucas Street in Muscatine.



LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY

A copy of the livestock entry form is enclosed with this newsletter. June 15th is the absolute last day to have this completed and in the Extension office without a late fee. Why not complete it now and return it to the office so your do not forget. The Extension Office is open until 4:00 p.m. on June 15th. Don't be late and have to pay the late fees as well as the stall fees.



FAIR SWINE SHOW

The swine show at the Cedar County fair will be held on Sunday—the same as in past years. One big difference is that swine will be coming to the grounds on Thursday evening—5:30 - 6:30 p.m. You will NOT be entering the fairgrounds with your trailers as we will be unloading the swine on the east road near the center of the swine barns. We will have one way traffic on the road that evening which will speed up the unloading process. This should be a drive by process and everyone will be headed in the same direction. More details will be in the next newsletter.

The pigs will be scanned and weighed on Friday and we will need to have a youth or parent available to assist with this.

We know this is different from the past and appreciate you working with us through this process.



BEEF EXHIBITOR TEAM GROOMING CONTEST

New this year at the fair will be an Team Exhibitor Grooming Contest. It will be held on Saturday afternoon following the beef auction.

The contest will consist of several three person teams. Team members will be selected at random from youth who have preregistered. You will have an opportunity to sign up for this on Tuesday evening during the weigh-in process. Depending on the number of youth wanting to participate, we will have a Junior, Intermediate and Senior member on each team. Each team will need to be able to provide an animal for the contest. More information will be available as we get closer to fair.

ID FORMS

These animals need to have ID forms in the office by May 15th: Breeding beef, cow/calf, all bottle bucket calves, dog (even if they are shown as a pet), all sheep, all swine, meat goats, dairy cow, dairy goats and horses.



GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK

As stated in the fairbook: The grooming of all animals during the fair should be done by the 4-H and/or FFA exhibitor with assistance from their immediate family members or other current Cedar County 4-H and/or FFA members. The 4-H/FFA exhibitor needs to be involved in the grooming of the animal – not observing.

COW—CALF PROJECTS

If your cow/calf unit is to be shown as a pure-bred, the calf must be registered with the breed association and the papers must be available for both cow and calf the morning of the show.

If papers are not available, the cow/calf unit will be shown as commercial.

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS



Please be sure that all commercial heifers are tattooed. This information is required on the Identification Form and must be in the ear of the animal at fair check-in.

Also—Commercial heifers need to be weighed when they are checked in on Tuesday night, July 13th. Animals not taken over the scale for weight will not be able to show.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Have you been keeping your ‘Active Member’ status in your 4-H club? Remember if you do are not attending 50% of your club meetings and have not given a presentation at a club meeting prior to June 15th you will not be considered an ‘Active Member’. Once you no longer are maintaining your ‘Active member’ status, you will not be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair. If you have questions about this, please contact your leader or the Extension Office.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

All ID forms are on the web page
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar>



LAMB AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

The market lamb weigh in will be held on Saturday, May 8th , from 9—10:30 am, at the Cedar County fairgrounds. Each member is allowed to weigh a maximum of 15 market sheep with no maximum number of meat goats weighed. All market lambs and meat goats must be weighed in on this date. There will be a \$2 charge for each ear tag used.

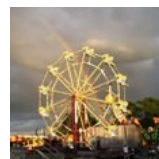
All animals going to the Iowa State Fair will require retinal imaging and Ak-Sar-Ben animals will need to have DNA samples taken. There will be a \$6 charge for each animal nominated.

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Be sure to look at the Cedar County website for all of the forms and information required for fair.

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Cedar County Fair

July 14—18, 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 8 Market Lamb weigh-in
Commercial Ewe Ear-tagging
Meat goat weigh-in
- 15 Last day for enrollment and project selection
- 15 All livestock ID forms are due
- 15 Last day for FSQA to be completed

June

- 1 Clothing Event registration due to office
Communications list due to office
- 8 Livestock Fair Entry process in office
- 11-12 Junior Adventure Camp

- 15 County Council applications due
- 15 Last day for fair entry without late fee
- 15 Last day to request early release from fair for another show
- 15 Last day 4-H members can give club presentation to be eligible for county fair.
- 19 Clothing Event
- 22 Bucket Bottle interviews
- 25 Food stand & Bi-centennial Hall worker list
- 25 4-H Quest for 7, 8, 9 grade 4-H members
- 29 Start of State 4-H conference

July

- 12 Conference judging
- 14—18 Cedar County Fair