



The Clover Chatter

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12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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FAIR CLEAN UP DAY **July 10, 2010**

As we are getting closer to the start of the Cedar County Fair it is time to think about Fair Clean Up Day. The date will be Saturday, July 10th starting at 8:30 am.

All 4-H/FFA members will need to attend the July 10th day. We will meet near the 4-H building and will hand out assignments at that time. We will need both youth and adults to work together to complete the necessary tasks.

Everyone will need to bring their rakes, brooms, and any other items that will be useful to put the barns in order.

BOOTH SET UP

Exhibit booths can be set up on Saturday, July 10th from 10:00 am—Noon. **“Set the Stage”** will be the theme for the fair booths this year.

If you need additional time to work on your booths, please contact the office to work out a time.

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. If you have questions, contact the office — 563-886-6157.

STALL FEES

Did everyone get their stall fees paid. If you are still planning to exhibit livestock and have not paid your stall fees, please contact the office as soon as possible. There is a \$25 late fee for each animal plus the regular stall fees.

MISSING EAR TAGS

Be sure to notify the Extension Office if you have a market animal with a missing ear tag. This includes all animals that have received an official 4-H ear tag. This notification needs to happen immediately so that a youth committee member can make arrangements with you for the retagging of the animal.

POULTRY

All poultry exhibited at the county fair must have a current pullorum typhoid test certificate at the time of entry for the poultry show.

Glen Drowns of Calamus can provide poultry testing for 4-H members as long as you contact him at 563-246-2299 to set up a time when you can take your poultry to him.

REGISTRATION PAPERS

Do you plan to exhibit a registered animal at the Cedar County fair? It will be helpful to have a copy of the registration paper on file with your ID form. We will be able to compare registration information with the ID and can hopefully prevent any identification problems at the fair.

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

All commercial heifers need to be tattooed prior to the fair. If you have identified your heifers with a numbered ear tag, they must still have a tattoo in their ear.

Also remember that all commercial heifers need to be weighed on Tuesday evening July 13th. This weight will determine how the commercial heifers are classed for the fair.

PRODUCE HEIFERS

If you plan to exhibit your purebred breeding heifer as a produce animal, please make sure this information has been given to the Extension Office. Commercial heifers cannot show as produce as there is not paperwork available to provide the necessary information. The youth committee will not allow any changes in the produce classes after weigh-in has been completed on July 13th.

Produce heifers are animals from a previously identified heifer project enrolled by the member making the entry.

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.

PET SHOW

Do you have pets that you are going to enter in the pet show at the fair?? Remember that you will need to provide a one-page story (folder) about each pet you intend to exhibit. The completed folder needs to be in the Extension Office no later than July 1, so we can provide it to the judge prior to the fair. You will also need to include with your folder a copy of the rabies certificate if it is required for your animal.

Pet exhibitors are asked to pay \$1.00 entry fee per animal when the story folder is turned in.

RABBITS, DOGS, POULTRY

Youth exhibiting rabbits, dogs and poultry will have the entry fees deducted from their premium checks.



FAIR SHOW SHEET INFORMATION

Once animals are weighed in on Tuesday night the information received cannot be changed prior to the show during the fair. If you have questions—please contact the Extension Office.

NON LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT FEES

The entry fee for the non livestock exhibits will be 50 cents per exhibit. This fee will be deducted from premiums when your July 12th evaluation is completed. The schedule for conference judging appears in your fair book. Be sure to look it over and arrive on time.

EXHIBITOR TICKETS

Each youth exhibiting at the Cedar County fair this year will receive a free season pass. This is made possible by River Valley Cooperative. The tickets will be available on conference judging day—July 12th and at beef weigh-in on July 13th.

For youth not participating in conference judging or beef weigh-in, you will need to stop at the Extension Office to pick up your tickets.

Youth will also receive a \$5 food coupon for the 4-H food stand from Farm Credit. There will not be any change returned to you from the food coupon.

All youth need to get their season pass prior to the fair. The gate ticket takers will not be letting people in without their season ticket. You will be asked to pay an admission to the fairgrounds when you enter. **It is the exhibitors responsibility to pick up these tickets.**

Please remember where you put your tickets as they cannot be replaced if lost.

COUNTY FAIR TRAILER PARKING

Remember there will not be any trailer parking allowed on the fairgrounds. We will also not allow trailer parking at the school parking lot. All trailers will need to go home following the unloading of animals on Tuesday evening. Exception to this is for the horse show and during the cow/calf show.

The trailer parking rule will be strongly enforced during the week of the fair.

ACTIVE 4-H MEMBER ?

Have you been keeping your “Active member” status in your 4-H club? Remember if you 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 are no longer maintaining your “Active Member” status, you will not be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair. Contact your leaders or the Extension Office if you have questions.

FAIR AUCTIONS

Do you plan to have animals in one of the fair auctions? 4-H and FFA members need to help secure buyers for these animals. You should help the auction committees with this process as it is one of the final phases in the completion of your project.

- ⇒ The Beef Auction committee will again be asking youth to complete a thank you note to the buyer of their animals and bring it to the Extension Office, prior to youth receiving their checks from the auction.
- ⇒ Market Poultry and Rabbit ribbon sale—Remember that ribbons are sold and not the animals. Why? - These sales are not registered and approved with the state Veterinarian. Each exhibitor of market poultry & market rabbits will have an opportunity to sell one ribbon.

GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK

As stated in the fair book: 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.

Clarification of immediate family is: parents, step parents, grandparents, brother or sisters. **Additional Clarification of immediate family: includes aunts and uncles and 4-H leaders.**

The above will be enforced with one verbal warning—continuation of the grooming violations will lead to disqualification from the show.



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.** *There is an error on time in the fairbook on page 149 — it should be PM and not AM.* 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.

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

A mailing will go out closer to fair for all youth who have paid stall fees for swine. We will include all of the information required for the unloading of swine on Thursday evening, July 15, and the weighing and scanning on July 16.

We know this is different from the past and appreciate your patience through this process.

BEEF EXHIBITOR TEAM GROOMING CONTEST



New this year at the fair will be a “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 and a blocking chute.

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.

HORSE CLINIC



A letter was sent out to all youth enrolled in the horse project about Horse Clinics which started in May. The sessions are held each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm at the fair grounds.

The committee has asked that you try to arrive by 6:00 pm so you can brush and exercise your horse. This way, the clinic will be able to start promptly at 6:30 pm. Even if you do not plan to participate in halter or showmanship classes, you are strongly urged to participate in these exercises.

If a clinic class should be threatened by rain, the makeup date will be the next evening. The Extension Office will be notified by 3:00 pm as to cancellation of the class.

All students are required to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet and boots at all clinics and at the show. If you have questions, please contact Sue Voss at 563-260-7507 or Extension Office.

DOG CLINIC



A letter was sent out to all youth enrolled in the dog project. Clinic sessions are being held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the fairgrounds near the cattle show ring area.

STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Stall assignments will be posted at Noon on fair clean up day—Saturday July 10th.

ARENA CLEAN UP DURING FAIR

During the fair the upkeep of the show arenas continues to be an issue. We will again assign clubs times to walk through the arenas and make sure everything looks good. This needs to be completed after shows and especially at the end of the day so it is ready for the next morning. The schedule is:

Beef show ring

Wednesday—after beef showmanship
Lowden Lasers
Thursday—after sheep show
Harmony Hustlers
Thursday—after poultry show
Springdale Wildcats
Thursday evening after open show
Open show committee
Friday—after heifer show
New Horizons
Friday—after bucket bottle show
Center Ring Leaders
Saturday—after Grooming Contest
Sugar Creek Challengers
Sunday—after Award presentation
Lowden Lasers

Swine Arena

Thursday—at the end of the day
Swine check-in committee
Friday—after Swine Skill-A-Thon
Fun swine show committee
Saturday—after Fun Swine Show
Fun swine show committee
Saturday—at end of the day
Pork Center Pioneers
Sunday — after swine sale
Inland 4-H

We are trying this to keep the show rings and bleacher areas clean during the fair. Club leaders need to work with their members to accomplish this task in a timely manner.

BARN CLEAN UP AFTER FAIR

The fair board and youth committee have put together the following for after fair clean up.

- ⇒ Each 4-H/FFA member will be responsible for cleaning their own livestock pen(s) and/or area(s) used for each of their animals during the Cedar County Fair.
- ⇒ Cleaning of pen(s) and/or area(s) used should be done following the release of animals on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and prior to animals leaving the grounds. Swine pens should be done following the loading of swine following the swine sale.
- ⇒ 4-H/FFA members will have until 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening immediately following the close of the fair to have this completed before fines are assessed.
- ⇒ Upon inspection, if the youth committee and/or fairboard find that any member of a club has not cleaned his/her pen(s) and/or area(s), a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the club. Clubs will be given the names of members whose pen(s) and/or area(s) were not cleaned with clubs to decide how fee is paid - individual members or the club.
- ⇒ All paper, aerosol cans, pop cans and bottles must be put in the waste containers on the grounds. These cannot be left in the bedding or put in the manure piles in the designated areas outside the barns.
- ⇒ All manure and hay must be removed from the bedding and placed in the designated areas outside each barn.

Herdsmanship will not be announced at the Sunday evening awards. Final barn clean up will be part of the herdsmanship points.

TENTS AND GROOMING AREAS –

The fair board has requested that NO tents OR grooming areas be staked out or put on the grounds until after 6:00 p.m. on Monday evening – July 12th for the Cedar County Fair. Please follow this request – as tents put in place or areas staked out early will be removed.

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***EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS
 DURING FAIR WEEK
 July 12—18th***

The Extension Office hours for the week of fair:

Monday	July 12	8:00 am--Noon	12:30—4:00 pm
Tuesday	July 13	8:00 am-- Noon	12:30—4:00 pm
Wednesday	July 14	Closed	
Thursday	July 15	Closed	
Friday	July 16	Closed	
Saturday	July 17	Closed	
Sunday	July 18	Closed	
Monday	July 19	8:00 am-- Noon	12:30—4:00 pm

Please leave a message or voice mail—563-886-6157 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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

The youth part of the fair book is also available on the website.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsteens.htm>

Cedar County Fair

July 14—18, 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 5 Holiday—Office Closed
- 10 Fair Clean Up Day 8:30 am
- 12 Conference judging
- 13 Beef weigh-in
- 14—18 Cedar County Fair
- 19 Final day for barn clean up before a fee will be assessed to the clubs.

August

- 9 State Fair selected projects to Extension Office
- 10 State Fair selected projects to Des Moines
- 12-22 Iowa State Fair
- 28 Family Youth Day Shoot—Riverside

September

- 1 Start of the 2010-2011 4-H Year
- 3 Record keeping due to office
- 3 Member report due from leaders
- 3 Club recognition forms due to office
- 3 Club Records/books due to office
- 30 Absolute last day record keeping will be accepted to remain “Active Member”