



# The Clover Chatter

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May

## Office Hours

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

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## **FINAL REMINDER**

### **DEADLINE FOR ID FORMS**

*May 15th is the date for all 4-H and FFA ID forms to be on file in the Cedar County Extension Office.*



*Since May 15th falls on a Sunday forms will be allowed on Monday, May 16th—no later than 4:00 p.m. The youth committee will not accept postmarks or late forms.*

*Don't be disappointed because you waited until the last minute or you forgot. Remember that you can print your ID forms from the Cedar County webpage*

*<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/info/4h/County+4-H+Info.htm>*

*You can also complete your animal identification by going to 4honline at <https://ia.4honline.com/>. You will click on the state of Iowa. It will bring up a log in page and ask you if you have a profile. YES you do as you are already enrolled in 4-H in Cedar County. You will enter the email address which you listed when you enrolled in 4-H and the password will be the one you already have and use when you check that email account. If you have problems, please contact the office and Joyce will help you work through it. By doing the process on line you will have access to all of your 4-H information—including projects enrolled in and your FSQA status.*

*The following animals need ID forms on file: all swine, all sheep, meat goats, all dogs (pet show and dog show), dairy cows, dairy goats, breeding heifers, cow/calf units, horse and ponies, bottle bucket calves and all open bottle bucket calves. Market Beef and Derby Swine will already have forms in the office.*

Remember if you have pigs to identify other than the ones that came to derby swine weigh-in, you need to put them on a swine ID form by May 15th. All swine not at the derby swine weigh in must be tagged with a Cedar County 4H ear tag. It will be the responsibility of each 4-H member to ear tag their animals with this ear tag. Ear tags will need to be picked up at the Extension office and we will also check out a tagger for a deposit fee of \$25.00. The purpose of these ear tags will be for easier identification in the show ring. The ear tag numbers must be recorded on the ID form along with the correct ear notch for each pig identified. The ear notches are the actual identifier of swine at all weigh-in and check-in processes. If your animal should lose an ear tag, you will need to notify the office and receive a replacement ear tag. You will not be allowed to unload swine with out the appropriate ear tags in place.



### ***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.



### ***BOTTLE BUCKET CALF***

If you have your bottle bucket calf, don't forget to complete the Identification form and return it to the Extension Office by May 15th. The also includes anyone who will have a bottle bucket calf for the open pre 4-H show..

### ***BREEDING BEEF/COW AND 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 his prior to May 15th. Your cow calf projects for the county fair also need to be entered on the breeding beef ID form

ing or testing.

A change this year is that FSQA is determined by your grade in school and not your age as of January 1st (like years past).

4, 5, 6 grade—must attend a FSQA training.

7, 8, 9 grade —can attend a training session or take the intermediate test.

10, 11, 12 grade —can attend a training session or take the senior test.

Testing—contact the office to set up a time. You will need to score 70% on your test and you can take the test three (3) times on the same day.

Remember your FSQA certification needs to be completed by May 15th if you wish to exhibit animals at the Cedar County Fair.

Reminder cards were sent out to people who needed to completed FSQA certification.

## ***LAMB AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN***

The market lamb weigh in will be held on Saturday, May 7th , 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 \$5 charge for each animal nominated.



to come to the county weigh-in to be ear tagged. This was new in 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 7th—9:00—10:30 am at the fairgrounds.

## ***MEAT GOATS***

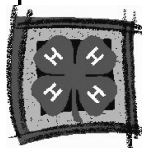
If you plan to exhibit meat goats you must also bring them the weigh-in on May 7th to be weighed.

## ***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.

## ***“AIMING FOR ADVENTURE” 2011 4-H Youth Conference***

4-H’ers in grades 8 – 12 should start making plans to attend the State 4-H Conference on June 28 – 30, on the ISU campus in Ames. The theme this year is “Aim for Adventure”. Conference is three days of workshops, great speakers, dances, food, making new friends and FUN! A charter bus will deliver you to Ames and back and you can invite your non-4-H friends to go with you. Go to the website for complete information. [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateConference/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateConference/)



## ***STATE 4-H CAMP***

Information for the Iowa 4-H Center at Madrid is available at:

[www.iowa4hcamp.com](http://www.iowa4hcamp.com). Eight new camps and many favorites offered for the 2011 camp season. Discounts available for 4-H members, sib-

One of the most popular programs the Iowa State Fair offers, Vet Camp is an educational, exciting, hands-on learning program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-18 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp is a two hour program focusing on both large and small animal veterinary medicine. Vet Camp is free with paid Fair admission. Only 30 spots are available per session and sessions are assigned according to date received. Registration deadline is June 1, 2011 and forms are available on line at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org).



## ***4-H JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMP***

Mark your calendars for June 17 and June 18 so you can attend Junior Adventure Camp. We will join with Junior 4-H members in grades 4—6 from Clinton, Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson and Muscatine counties for two days of camp. Camp will start on Friday, June 17 at 1:00 pm and finish on Saturday—June 18 at 5:00 pm. The cost for camp will be \$75 and includes meals, overnight stay, canoeing, swimming, snacks and a possible 4-H exhibit to take to the fair. Registrations are due May 16th. The registration forms were mailed out to all junior 4-H members. You will also find the registration form on the website.

## ***CAMP COUNSELORS***

We will also need youth who are 16 years or age or older as camp counselors. Counselor applications have been mailed out to all who are eligible for this. These forms are due to the Extension Office by May 16th.

## ***4H’ERS for 4-H DONATIONS***

Club—don’t forget to send in your 4-H’ers for 4-H donation to the Extension Office by May 15th. Donation are used to support programs at the

ers 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 for the fair. Animals not taken over the scale for weight will not be able to show.

## ***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.

## ***FAIR ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR 4-H AND FFA EXHIBITORS***

### **4-H Member is**

- ⇒ Youth must be enrolled in an organized Cedar County Community Club.
- ⇒ To be eligible to exhibit at the Cedar County fair a returning 4-H member must have completed the previous year as an active member and also meet the "Active Member Status" during the current year of the fair.
- ⇒ A 4-H Members last year to participate in the county fair will be the one immediately following graduation of high school.
- ⇒ Members must meet the following requirements:
  - ⇒ Returning members must be enrolled by December 30<sup>th</sup>
  - ⇒ New members must be enrolled by May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ⇒ Have FSQA certification completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ⇒ Meet the required ID deadlines and have all forms in the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ⇒ Complete required livestock entry process by required date.

### **FFA member is**

- ⇒ A FFA member is a student that meets the requirements for active membership at the local, state and national level.
- ⇒ Each chapter has different requirements that are

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  - ⇒ Complete required livestock entry process by required date.

### **4-H/FFA member is**

- ⇒ An exhibitor belonging to both 4-H and FFA in Cedar County may exhibit in the 4-H/FFA Department. An animal can only be identified once and must be identified as either an FFA animal or a 4-H animal.
- ⇒ An exhibitor who is in 4-H in one county and FFA in another county is eligible to exhibit at two county fairs but must exhibit different projects at each county fair and meet the requirements of that respective county.
- ⇒ If an exhibitor exhibits the same project area at more than one county fair, all awards will be forfeited and the exhibitor cannot show in the Cedar County Fair the following year.
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## ***FAIR SWINE SHOW***

The swine show at the Cedar County Fair will be held on Sunday—the same as in past years. Again for 2011 one big difference will be that swine will come to the grounds on Thursday evening 5:30—6:30 pm. 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 with everyone headed in the same direction. Swine will be scanned and weighed Friday morning and will need to have a

All forms can be found on the web page



**MAY 15TH DEADLINE**

- ⇒ All ID forms need to be on file in the Extension Office.
- ⇒ All enrollment of 4-H members need to be done in 4honline.com or in the Extension Office.
- ⇒ Last day to add projects to your enrollment.
- ⇒ All medical/release forms are due to the office.
- ⇒ Last day to have completed code of ethics done.
- ⇒ Last day to have FSQA completed so you can exhibit at the fair.

**OFFICE HOURS**

**8:00 am—Noon  
12:30 pm—4:00 pm**



**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 our volunteers will always be there.

Please take the time to thank a volunteer when you see them. I am sure they would also appreciate re-

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May**

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

**June**

- 11 Clothing Event in Extension Office
- 15 Last day to pay stall fees without late fee
- 15 County Council Applications due
- 17-18 Junior Camp