



The Clover Chatter

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12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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FAIR CLEAN UP DAY

July 9, 2011

8:30 am—10:00 am

(or when completed)

As we wonder where the time has gone, we are looking ahead to the start of the Cedar County Fair. We also need to put July 9th on our calendar—Fair Clean Up Day.

We will continue the rotation process for the cleaning of the food stand and the exhibit building. These buildings will need to be cleaned prior to July 1st and can be done at a time that works well for the clubs who are involved. The leaders of the clubs involved have been notified of this process.

All other 4-H and FFA members will need to attend the July 9th day. We will meet near the 4-H building and will hand out assignments then. We will need both youth and adults to sign in and 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 and to do some outside landscaping work.

BOOTH SET UP

July 9, 2011

Exhibit booths can be put together on Saturday—July 9th from 10:00 am until Noon. “Nothing Compares” will be the theme for the fair booths this year. Remember that you will not be able to set up or decorate your booth on conference judging day. It will need to be done prior to July 11th. If you have any ques-

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 - Calamus provides poultry testing for 4-H members as long as you contact him at 563-246-2299 to set up a time to meet with 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 12th. This information will

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 12th.

FAIR SHOW SHEET INFORMATION

The information that you give for your animals which are weighed in on Tuesday night for the fair, cannot be changed after that. If you have questions about this, please contact the Extension Office.

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.

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 11th evaluation is completed. The schedule for conference judging appears in your fair book. Be sure to look it over and arrive on time for judging.

Each youth exhibiting at the Cedar County Fair this year will receive a free season pass. This is made possible by River Valley Cooperative and the Cedar County Fair Board.

You can pick up your tickets from the Extension Office, during conference judging or at livestock weigh-in.

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 if you do not have your ticket. **It is the exhibitors responsibility to pick up these tickets.**

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

COW AND CALF PROJECTS

If your cow and calf unit is to be shown as a purebred, 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.

STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Stall assignments will be posted at Noon on fair clean up day—Saturday—July 9th.

exhibit classes, you will notice that the requirement to write about the design elements and/or art principles in certain classes has been removed.

Even though the requirement to include them in a write-up has been eliminated, be aware that the judge will probably still ask you about design elements and/or art principles and you will need to be able to talk about some of them with the judge. It may even be a good idea to include a statement about them in your write-up.

Be sure to look at the hot sheet and tip sheets on the 4-H web site for more information about your project areas.

FOOD EXHIBITORS: Read This !!!

4-H members planning to bring food exhibits to the fair should read the publication “Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs” - \$H 3023 to be sure your exhibit is appropriate to bring to the fair. For the publication go to: www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H3023.pdf

FAIR WRITE-UPS

As you prepare for the fair, many of you will also include a write-up about your exhibit. The important thing is to keep your write up simple and to the point. For example, if you include steps in creating your exhibit, bullet them to make it easier to read for the judge. The judge would like to spend more time visiting with you about your project and less time reading. Also be sure to check you

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 30th
 - ⇒ New members must be enrolled by May 15th
 - ⇒ Have FSQA certification completed by May 15th
 - ⇒ Meet the required ID deadlines and have all forms in the Extension Office by May 15th.
 - ⇒ 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 determined for active membership. The local FFA advisors will determine active status for members.
- ⇒ A FFA 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:
 - ⇒ Have FSQA certification completed by May 15th
 - ⇒ Meet the required ID deadlines and have all forms in the Extension Office by May 15th.
 - ⇒ Complete required livestock entry process by required date.

partment. 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.
- ⇒ A 4-H/FFA 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:
 - ⇒ Have FSQA certification completed by May 15th
 - ⇒ Meet the required ID deadlines and have all forms in the Extension Office by May 15th.
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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. You will approach from the North onto the road in front of the fairgrounds. . This should be a drive by process with everyone headed in the same direction.

Be sure to have your entry card completed prior to unloading—we cannot stand and wait for you to do this. Traffic needs to continue to move during this process.

“Team Exhibitor Grooming Contest” 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 pre registered during the July 12th weigh-in process. Each team will need to be able to provide an animal for the contest and a blocking chute.

ARENA CLEAN UP DURING FAIR

During the fair the upkeep of the show arenas continues to be an issue. Clubs are being assigned 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 will be:

BEEF ARENA

Wednesday—after beef showmanship

Lowden Lasers

Thursday—after sheep show and poultry show

Harmony Hustlers

Thursday—open sheep show

Open show committee

Friday—after heifer show

Springdale Wildcats

Friday—after bottle bucket show

New Horizons

Saturday—after grooming contest

Center Ring Leaders

Sunday—after award presentations

Inland 4-H

SWINE ARENA

Thursday—at 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

Lowden Lasers

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 fair.
- ⇒ Cleaning of pen(s) and/or area(s) used should be done following the release of animals on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm 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 pm 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 the pen(s) or area(s), a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the club. Member names will be supplied to club leaders and clubs will 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 program. Final barn clean up will be part of the herdsmanship points.

FAIR AUCTION

Do you plan to have an animal 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 asks youth to complete a thank you note to the buyer of your animal and bring to the Extension Office prior to youth receiving their checks from the auction.

All forms can be found on the web page



<p>TENTS AND GROOMING AREAS—</p> <p>The fair board has requested that tents and/or grooming areas be staked out or put up on the ground after 6:00 pm on Monday evening—July 11th for the Cedar County Fair. Please follow this request—as tents put in place or areas staked out earlier will be removed.</p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>8:00 am—Noon 12:30 pm—4:00</p>
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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 fair. Contact your leaders or the Extension Office if you have ques-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 4 Office closed—Holiday
- 9 Fair Clean Up
- 11 Conference Judging Day
- 12 Animal weigh-in
- 13-17 Cedar County Fair
- 18 Final day for barn clean up before a fee will be assessed to clubs

August