



The Clover Chatter

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THANKS FOR A GREAT FAIR

Once again the Cedar County fair has come to an end and many of you are looking forward to the Iowa State Fair.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all who helped make the fair successful. Thank you to the fair board working with the youth committee to make early release of the livestock projects possible.

As a 4-H and/or FFA member of Cedar County you have much to be proud of.....All of the exhibits in the livestock and non livestock areas were outstanding. The support and encouragement that is given to each of the members throughout the year and prior to fair certainly become evident in the final exhibits.

Are you one of the youth who will be a part of the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben and the many exhibits that will represent Cedar County. Not only are the exhibits on display but also youth, parents and spectators from the county. Remember that you do represent Cedar County — please try to make Cedar County proud with your conduct in the show ring, in the barns, in the exhibit buildings and on the grounds. One thing to remember — You never know who is taking photos — either with a camera, video recorder or a cell phone and you certainly do not know where these photos may be displayed.

Please be sure to thank everyone you see who was involved in making the fair a success. Remember your experiences during the week of the Cedar County Fair were possible because of many volunteers. Be sure to say THANK YOU.



THANK YOU NOTES

If you received a plaque or trophy from your fair experience, please take the time to send the award sponsor a Thank You note. If you need an address for your sponsor, contact the Extension Office. These notes to the donors and sponsors are important as they sometimes determine if these people will participate in the awards program again.

While you are in the process of writing notes, don't forget to thank River Valley Cooperative for the free season passes, Farm Credit for the food coupons and stall cards, Scott and Lisa Mosier for the food coupons, Cedar County Fair Board for your premiums.

FAIR AWARDS

During the Sunday night awards ceremony, a couple of people may have picked up the wrong awards. If you find you have one that is not yours or if you find a spelling error on your award, please contact the office and let us know. We also had a couple of trophies handed out that did not have a name plate on them. Our list of those has been misplaced and we would appreciate it if you would notify the office.

BEEF AUCTION THANK YOU

If you have not received your check from the beef auction—the reason might be that you have not brought your Thank You Note into the Extension Office. We have several checks that are waiting to be given out, but we need to see your Thank You note first.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Herdsmanship

- Beef New Horizons
Pork Center Pioneers
Springdale Wildcats
- Sheep Pork Center Pioneers
New Horizons
Sugar Creek Challengers
- Swine Center Ring Leaders
New Horizons
Pork Center Pioneers

Club Booths

- Pork Center Pioneers
- Sugar Creek Challengers
- Center Ring Leaders

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Youth who will be representing Cedar County in the Communications department at the Iowa state Fair will be: Lane Eads, McKenna O'Leary, Eric Heick, Sally Weets, Stacey Weets, Katelin Mohr, Mandy Nantz, Jana Timmerman, Maddie Timmerman, Braquel Leeper and the Inland 4-H club.

NON LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS.....

Youth representing Cedar County in the Non Livestock area are: Kaitlin Ihns (2), Jordan Arp, Taylor Milder, Lane Eads (2), Jana Timmerman (2), Tiffany Schott, Emma Wright, Leah Crock (2), Emily Heinen, Brooke Moeller (4), Amber Milder, Meranda Thimmes, Ryan Storjohann (2), Kyle Miller, Rachel Heinen, Steven Licht, Sam Bierman, Tanner Kleppe, Alec Heil, Ethan Hill, Carter Luck, Adam O'Neil, Ryan O'Neil, Dakota Tegtmeier, Logan Lafrenz, Kyle Lafrenz, Eric Hansen, Ambrose Poduska, Tyler Tribble.



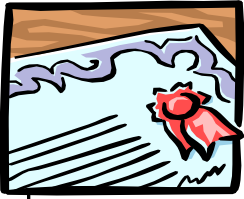
4-H RECORDS ARE DUE

It is now time for an important part of the 4-H year. The completion of your record keeping for the projects you are enrolled in. The completion of your record keeping will determine your active membership status at the end of the 4-H year and your eligibility to exhibit at the county fair in 2012.

It is important to complete records even if you did not take an exhibit to the county fair. Be sure to complete the required information and have it at the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on Friday September 2. This date will make you eligible for project awards.

All record keeping forms are available on line at www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kids and teens/4-H. Be sure that you use the most current forms and use the ones from the Cedar County website. Many of these forms can be typed into and then printed off.

Let the office know if you have any problems.



COUNTY AWARDS

Now is the time to think about applying for a county award.

You have worked hard in your project areas during the past year. A listing of all awards is available on line at www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsandteens/4-H.

All record keeping and award applications need to be submitted to the office by 4:00 pm on Friday—September 2.

All members are eligible to apply for the Junior Achievement, Intermediate achievement Senior achievement and Presidential Service Challenge.

We also have the UPS (Utilizing Your Potential) award which is available for leaders to complete for youth they feel qualify.

4-H SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H members who graduated this spring are eligible for the 4-H scholarship. You need to complete your record keeping for 2011 and turn in all of your records for the years you were in 4-H by September 2. You must include the 2011 4-H year records to be eligible.

You do not need to complete any application paper work just the completed 4-H records.



CLUB BOOKS

Clubs and/or club officers are asked to turn in their treasurer book and secretary book to the Extension Office by September 2nd. If you club keeps a historian's book we would encourage you to turn this into the office also.



NEW 4-H YEAR

September is the start of a new 4-H year. It is also the time when returning 4-H members start the re-enrollment process.

As you know last year Cedar County was a pilot county for 4honline. Many of you went through the re-enrollment process on line and got along fine.

This year we will do all re-enrollment on line. Before this process starts, we need to have you do a couple of things.

- ⇒ One of the main things to make 4honline work is that you have a current e-mail address already in the software program. What is on file will be the email address which was given to the office last year. If you have changed that you will need to notify the Extension Office so we can make that change.
- ⇒ The next thing is the password you use to check this email. You do not need to make a new password—you should be able to use the one you already have established for that e-mail account.
- ⇒ Before you receive the next newsletter you will be receiving a e-mail from us to verify your current email account.
- ⇒ With the use of 4honline, we will move toward livestock identification on line. This will be for all animals that do not go through a weigh-in process.
- ⇒ We will see more changes as the process continues.
- ⇒ Let us know if you have any questions.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

All forms can be found on the web page
www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/
Kids and Teens



REMINDER TO ALL CLUB LEADERS

It would be great if you could find some time to go to 4honline.com and click on the state of Iowa and be sure that you can log in to look over the information for your club members and become familiar with the program before your club members start to enroll. If you have questions, contact the office.



NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time to start talking to friends and classmates about joining 4-H. This would be a good time to start thinking about making some posters and putting them up in your school or some places in your town. This is a good way to promote 4-H and your club. Be sure you post the contact person for your club, a contact number along with when and where your next club meeting will be.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

11-21 Iowa State Fair

September

2 Record keeping due to Extension Office—for county awards

All county award applications due

Club recognition forms from leaders due

4-H member report due to office

All graduating 4-H members record keeping due to office for scholarships

5 Holiday—Office closed

October

2—8 National 4-H Week