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## A Clarke County 4-H Family News Update

Members and Leaders,

In previous newsletters we had mentioned a fundraising event in February. This event will be postponed until we can have further discussion with the leaders, but we do still plan to have an event in the spring. Another spring event in the works is a project fair. If you are an "expert" in a project area and might be interested in teaching your trade to some 4-H'ers, please get in touch with me either by phone or email, so we can discuss adding you to the event!

Please keep in mind that while May 15th is our deadline for livestock project IDs, this year May 15th happens to fall on a Saturday. This means that all

your IDs will be due on May 14th by 4:30 p.m. No late IDs will be accepted, so please plan ahead for an EARLY deadline.

Your fair entries will be due by July 1st as usual, which falls on a Thursday so we should have no issues with that date.

If you have any questions regarding Identification or Entry information please contact us at the Extension Office or ask your club leader for more information.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the Extension Office at (641)342-3316.

Thanks so much for everything you do!



*Kate Johnson*

Clarke County Youth Coordinator

## Dog Project Information

Dog Classes will begin on February 7th at the Osceola Vet Clinic.

Beginners will meet at 4 p.m., intermediate level at 5 p.m., and advanced level at 6 p.m.

Please bring your dog to the first class, as well as current vaccination records. Remember to dress warm!!

If you have any further questions, contact the

Extension Office, or project leaders:

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[www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke)

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### Did You Know...?

The official colors of 4-H are green and white. Green is nature's most common color and stands for springtime, life, youth, and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

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## Southwest Area Recognition Event March 21st in Corning

If you're a 4-H member in grades 9-12, there are several exciting Iowa and National 4-H Recognition opportunities available to you! Below is a brief summary of these opportunities. Check with your Extension Office for more details and application information. Face-to-face interview will be held in Corning on Sunday, March 21st. Also, check out this website to find tips for interviewing and material preparation, as well as copies of evaluation criteria:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/SWAreaRecognition.htm>

**State Project Awards-** Recognition for youth that have excelled in projects by participating, learning and evaluating 4-H experiences. (Must be in grades 9-12 at time of application)

**National 4-H Conference-** Representative groups of 4-Hers from each state discuss the future program needs of 4-H at the national level. (Must be in grades 9-11 at time of application)

**National 4-H Congress-A** forum to discuss issues of concern to youth and to strengthen youth involvement in local, county, and state 4-H programs. (Must be in grades 10-11 at time of application)

**State 4-H Council-** Ambassadors for the State 4-H program by providing input on 4-H program issues, planning and executing state events, and practicing leadership, citizenship, and communication skills. (Must be in grades 10-11 at time of application)

**Iowa Youth Technology Team-** Teens from around the

state will work together to expand technology usage at 4-H events and activities. (Must be in grades 9-11 at time of application).

All applications are due on February 12th to the Clarke County Extension Office, by 4:30 p.m.

Copies of the application can be found at the previously mentioned website, or you can stop in to the Extension Office or email Kate for a copy.

It would be great if we could have some Clarke County representation, so please check out the information!

## 4-H Day at Cyclone Women's Basketball Game

Looking for a fun 4-H Club trip? The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be hosting a 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game vs. Kansas State on February 27th at Hilton Coliseum in Ames!

Tip off is at 7 p.m. and the ticket price is just \$15 per person! This includes admission to the game, a pre-game tailgate party (food & drink),

exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt, and a \$2 donation to the Iowa 4-H foundation.

Don't miss out on a fantastic deal and an evening of fun! Order your tickets online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4hisuwbb>



## February is American Heart Month



There are many great ways to get involved and take charge of your heart health! You're never too young or old to make a difference, and February is a fantastic time to start. CPR classes are a wonderful way to make a difference in your community—it's a

skill that nobody ever wants to have to use, but imagine the difference a little bit of knowledge could make in an emergency situation. There are often "Go Red for Women" events throughout the year involving a lunch and learn setting. Getting in-

involved and taking control only takes a small amount of your time, but could end up making a world of difference! For more ideas, check online at:

**[www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)**

## Out Of County Opportunities

### Cornbelt Cow/Calf Conference

39th Annual Cornbelt Cow/Calf Conference is scheduled for February 27th in Ottumwa at the BridgeView center. Dozens of exhibits and programs will be presented throughout the day. Check out the Iowa Beef Center website ([www.iowabeefcenter.org](http://www.iowabeefcenter.org)) for a news release highlighting the program!

### Youth Horse Jamboree

The annual Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree is scheduled for March 27 and 28 on the ISU Campus in Ames. This event is for all youth; 4-H'ers, FFA students, breed association members, etc. Youth can participate in quiz bowl and hippology competitions, but also photography, art, creative writing, a model horse show and a host of other events. Entries are due March 1<sup>st</sup> to the



State 4-H Office. More information can be found at:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm)

## Madison County 4-H/FFA Horse Show

Madison County 4-H would like to invite you to attend their open horse show on Saturday, June 19th, 2010.

Registration will be \$5 per class or \$20 to ride all day. There will be special needs classes along with the other performance classes. This event will take place at the Madison County Fairgrounds in

Winterset, Iowa.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the show starting at 9 a.m. Show will be judged by Jessica Boor.

For more information contact Madison County CYC Maria Forgy at 515.462.1001, or Kalli Hildebrand at 641.344.6368.

A copy of the show bill and rules are available in the Clarke County Extension Office. Please let us know if you need one mailed or emailed to you.

## Other Important Information...

### Volunteer Leader Training

Our 2nd leader training for the year will be held on March 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

Please remember that these trainings are mandatory, so all leaders will need to attend this training. If you are unable to make it on this date, please let Kate know as soon as possible so we can arrange for an alternate training date or option.

If you still need to complete the fall training, please let us know so we can provide you with the online training information, or so that you can check out the leader training DVD.

### Deadline for Newsletter Info

If you have any information that you would like included in a future newsletter, please send that information to Kate by the 3rd Friday of every month.

The goal is to get the newsletters out by the 1st of the month (or very shortly after).

Please email/call me with any information/articles as they come up!

Phone: (641)342-3316

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### Signing Up For Project Areas

Remember when re-enrolling to sign up for any project area you think you may be interested in. In order to show at the fair, you will need to be signed up in that project area prior to the start of the fair. We encourage everyone to sign up for Self Determined, as well. Signing up for the Self-Determined project area is not a "catch-all" for exhibits you bring to the fair, it is only meant to cover those projects that truly don't fit into any of the other categories. If you need to make adjustments to your enrollment, please contact the Extension Office to do so! You can continue to make changes/additions up until April 1st.

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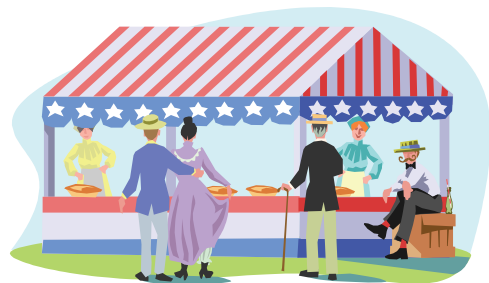
## Clarke County Fair—July 21st through July 26th, 2010

Please make a correction from last month's newsletter. We inadvertently missed changing the dates on the story headline for the dates of the county fair. The fair will begin July 21st (Wednesday) and will end with the livestock sale on July 26th (Monday).

With these corrected dates in mind, please plan for exhibit building judging on Tuesday, July 20th.

The week before, on Wednesday July 14th, we will host a new member walk-around/information session—this event will be geared towards new members but ALL 4-H'ers are welcome to attend.

If you have any fair related questions, please feel free to contact Kate at the Extension Office.



## Refrigerator Reference

### Upcoming 4-H Happenings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB/GROUP</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN/WHERE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
March 11, 2010	4-H Leaders	Leader Training	Fairgrounds 7-9 p.m.	Extension Office
March 22, 2010	Livestock Project Members	FSQA	Clarke Comm. 3:30-5 p.m.	Brandi Boyd, Extension Office
March 25, 2010	Livestock Project Members	FSQA	Murray School 3:30-5 p.m.	Susannah Miller, Extension Office
April 10, 2010	Swine Project	Weigh-In	Fairgrounds 9am-Noon	Doug Heaberlin, Greg Kindred
April 21, 2010	Livestock Project Members	FSQA	Fairgrounds 7-8:30 pm	Extension Office
April 28, 2010	Livestock Project Members	FSQA	Fairgrounds 7-8:30 p.m.	Extension Office
May 6, 2010	Livestock Project Members	FSQA	Fairgrounds 7-8:30 p.m.	Extension Office
May 7, 2010	Sheep/Goat Project	Weigh-In	Fairgrounds 5-7 p.m.	Extension Office, Darwin Downing
May 14, 2010	ALL ANIMAL PROJECTS	ID DEADLINE	Extension Office, 4:30 p.m.	Kate

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