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2006 4-H News



I Enjoy Change?

One of my responsibilities as your county education director is to bring ideas to the table. These ideas typically mean a change or alternation in how we do things. I am never offended when the 4-H leaders, parents and members say "Glen, that is a bad idea." When an idea is accepted it typically means more work, but that is fun part of change. Please see page 3 for such a change. We will try the exhibit building idea for a year and see how it goes.

How about a new or renewed 4-H Club!! See this on page 4.

Re-enrollment materials are with this newsletter. See more information on page 4.

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October 5th—Fall Fest, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church-Osceola.

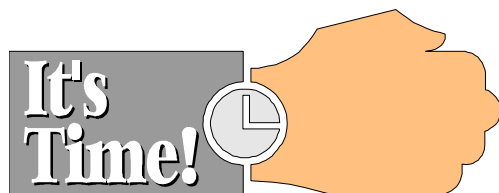
October 11th—4-H council Meeting, 4 p.m., Extension Office

November 7th—Vote

December 15th - Deadline for getting enrollments (new and re-) into the Clarke County Extension Office.

January 6th—?Beef Weigh-In?
?Snow date—January 13th?

January 28th—4-H Leader Training Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.



For Re-Enrollment

4-H Leader Meeting Notes

4-H leaders met on the 28th and covered a lot of ground.

Assisting With Canvassing for the Extension Referendum Campaign—Melanie Eddy, Friends of Extension, presented information about the need for the referendum. Discussion was held on how Clubs could help in taking brochures to the public. For more information contact Melanie at 342-4073

Fundraising—The fundraising idea was presented by Teresa Linkletter and Charity Meyers. Each club will handle the idea differently, but 2-3 clubs indicated they will sell local products through My Link Fundraising to raise money for club activities. If a club leader needs Teresa's phone number give us a call here at the office.

2007 Exhibit Building—See the page 3 for their decision on the idea of exhibiting our project differently at the 2007 fair.

4-H Fees for 2006-2007 Year—Because of the outstanding support for the 4-H pie sale at our 2006 fair, the extension council will pay \$10 of each 4-H members \$20 fee. We will handle enrollment the old fashion way. Parents and members can bring their re-enrollment papers and money into our office. We will collect \$10 from each member. If your Club decides to pay part or all of your fee (the \$10), then your Club will figure out how they will reimburse you.

Stalling Process at the Fair—A group of leaders will develop ideas to present to the fair board to improve the stalling process for all animals. Stalling space and pre-assignment will be part of their tasks.

Other topics included background checks, record books, and 4-H council representatives.

2007 Leader Meeting & Training—Iowa 4-H will require two trainings for each Club leader this coming year. This will include our large project areas like Shooting Sports and Dogs. Besides our county leader meetings the training will be available through DVDs and other locations.

This training and our regular leader meetings will be conducted at the same time. We will meet on:

January 25, 2007 Extension office, 7 p.m.
June 28, 2007 Extension office, 7 p.m.



2007 Exhibit Building To Be Organized by Exhibits

At the leader meeting on September 28th, the leaders considered the exhibiting idea presented in September's newsletter, made some adaptations and decided to try it for a year. They decided to have booths and exhibits done separately. The booths would be created by teams of 4-H/FFA members based on an overall theme known in advance. The exhibits will be exhibited separately in their state fair categories. For example, all photography will be exhibited together, all food & nutrition together and so on.

The booth contest would center on teams of 4-6 youth. The teams do not have to be from a given Club or Chapter, but can be a mixture. In fact the team must have at least one junior member one intermediate member and one Senior member. Teams can be made of 4-H and FFA members. The team members must be a member of Clarke County 4-H or Clarke Community FFA or Murray FFA.

Each team will receive the booth theme in advance. It will be the state conference theme in all likelihood. Each team will receive the same box of materials and equipment to construct their booth on the evening of July 16th. Each team would get a standard 8 foot table with accompanying wall space. With the theme known in advance, each team can bring whatever display items they want, but all of the items must fit into a 12" wide X 15" long X 10" tall box (with lid squarely on) obtained at the Extension Office. Each team will have 3 hours to develop their booth display, 5-8 p.m. No adult leaders would be allowed in the room. Clarke CEED Glen Easter and Field Specialist Karen Pattison will be in the room to answer questions.

Junior members are grades 4-6, Intermediate members are grades 7-8, and Senior members are grades 9-12 as of January 1 of the year of the fair. Clover kids and pre-4-Hers would not participate in this type of booth contest.

Teams would have to register for the contest by June 1 so we could get the materials and equipment organized. Clover kids and pre-4-Hers would participate as usual in bringing exhibits to the fair.

Although this idea will work at SWCC, it is the Fair Board's plan to have the new 4-H/Community Building up and ready to go for the 2007 Clarke county Fair. Having our 4-H exhibits back on the fairgrounds will be fantastic. Figuring out how to arrange them will be a new but fun challenge. Will our space be square or rectangular or a combination of shapes?

This different approach to exhibiting our project work will mean adjustments to judging day. But we will have an area (tables) arranged by Club/Chapter for exhibits to be put prior to judging. After judging the exhibits will be sorted by project area to be exhibited. We will still have a special display of state fair bound exhibits as in the past.

In addition we will have a 4-H Club display in an outer area (where the state fair bound exhibits are) showcasing our 9 clubs and members. We will ask our two FFA Chapters to do the same. **If you have questions give Denise Sebek or I a call. We anticipate some adjustments as we move forward.**



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Re-enrollment Procedure

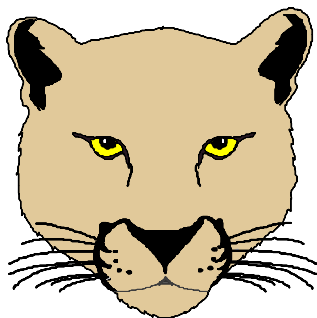
Each member (family) please complete the re-enrollment forms included with this newsletter. If you missing or need more forms let us know or ask you leader.

- Complete the 4-H Re-Enrollment form
Make sure the current information is correct!
Choose your projects for 2006-2007
- Complete the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form front and back.

Bring the forms and \$10 per member to the Extension Office (SW corner of the square in Osceola).

Each 4-H'er gets two 4-H project publications free. Additional publications must be purchased. Prices are listed in the "Pick A Project" paper available from Iyou leader or at the Extension Office.

Any member having trouble paying the membership fee or for publications, talk to your leader about assistance.



Clarke Panthers 4-H Club

Becky Smith and Teresa Jess are reviving the Panthers 4-H Club in honor of Elbert Weaklend and will call it the **Clarke Panthers**. We now have 8 traditional clubs and one special (after-school) club. That is a gain of two over the last 4 years, so we are gaining.

Thanks to all of our volunteer leaders for their work!!!

Fall Fest 2006

It is just a few days away. If you have not called us on your club activity, there is still time. **Each Club is asked to provide a booth about 4-H. Fall Fest will be the evening of October 5th at the Osceola Methodist Church at 7 p.m.** The program should last about an hour. The 4-H Council representatives have visited our two county elementary schools and talked about 4-H, and invited them to Fall Fest.

