



# Clover Leaflet

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# February

## 2007 4-H News



Members & Leaders,

Brrrrr!!! As I type it is cold and no doubt as you look at this it is still cold. But such is February.

I have divided the newsletter up into two sections, one for members and one for leaders. Hopefully it will help each group find and **READ** that information that applies to you.

We weighed in 70 head of calves for the Clarke County Fair. No doubt we will lose a few from the ranks as fair time draws near. Regardless we should see an increase. Note some comments on page 4 about our county fair.

The newsletter is a rather lengthy, 10 pages this time. I needed to repeat some items from earlier newsletters.

Glen W. Easter  
Clarke County Extension Education Director

**February 4th**—Dog Classes Start, Osceola Vet Clinic (See page 2.)

**February 7th & 15th**— FSQA (See page 3.)

**February 17th** — Beef project trip to Iowa Beef Expo. (See page 2.)

**February 17th** — Swine project meeting. (See page 2.)

**March 7th** — Beef project meeting. (See page 2.)

**March 12th**--FSQA (See page 3.)

**April 4th**— FSQA (See page 3.)

**April 7th**—Swine Weigh-In, 9-noon

**May 4th**— Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, 5-7 p.m.

**June 13th**—FSQA Test-Out (See page 3.)



# MEMBER NEWS



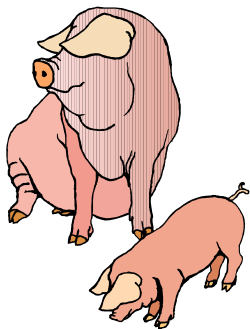
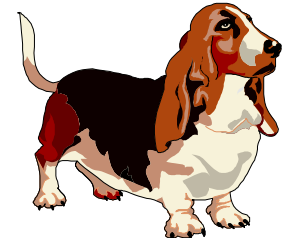
## 4-H Dog Obedience Classes to Begin This Weekend

Dog obedience classes will begin **February 4th** and be held every Sunday next to the Osceola Vet Clinic. The classes will actually be in the old Eastgate Auto Building south of the Clinic.

Do not bring your dogs to the first meeting. But, do bring your health papers and rabies certificate.

Beginning on the 11th you will bring your dogs. All dogs must have current vaccinations, including rabies. Puppies are welcome if they are old enough to have a complete series of puppy shots, including rabies.

Contact project leaders Leslie Dorland at 641-342-3021 or Ronda Schrodt at 641-447-2064 for more information.



## Swine Project Meeting

4-Hers taking swine for a project should plan to attend a meeting at the AmericInn meeting room on February 17, 10 a.m. to noon. The AmericInn is located on the southwest side of the I-35 and US34 intersection, just behind Arby's/Taco Bell/Kentucky Fried Chicken.

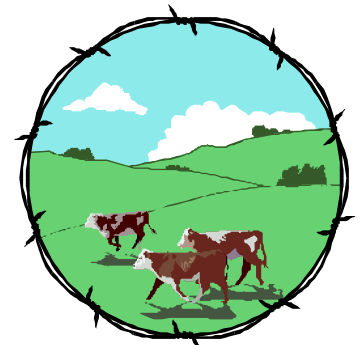
For further information contact project leader Deb Anderson at 641-447-2428.

## Two Beef Project Meetings Planned

Beef project members should consider a trip to the Beef Expo at the Iowa State Fair grounds on February 17th. The group will leave the Solutions parking lot (next to Pamida) in Osceola at 8:30 a.m., to return by 4 p.m. Members should bring lunch money.

To register for the trip call project leader Amy Boyer at 641-445-5916.

A regular project meeting is planned for March 7 at the American State Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. The topic will be beef nutrition. For further information contact project leaders Amy Boyer at 641-445-5916 or Dale Hembry at 641-342-4876.



## **FSQA Training**

The **Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA)** programs will certify 4-H youth for beef, pork, dairy (cattle and goats), sheep, poultry, meat goats, and rabbits in 2007.

With FSQA, junior exhibitors (9-11 years of age) will need to be certified each year. Intermediate (12-14) and Seniors (15-18) will be able to test out if they choose to. The program is age driven as of January 1, each year. Testing out is good for the period the exhibitor is an intermediate member or senior member. This means that if you test out your first year as an intermediate, the certification is good for the three years you are of intermediate age. Then, if you successfully retest again your first year as a Senior, you will be certified for the three years you are a senior member. Once you turn 19, the system will kick you out as a youth and (even though you might still be in high school) you must certify as an adult. Testing out is not an available option to junior members.

We will test once per year here in Clarke County. Tests are conducted at the county extension office and must be monitored by the County Director. It is not an open book test. Questions are generated from the Iowa's State 4-H website. The test can be taken three times per testing session. A new test is created for each testing attempt. Tests are kept by the extension office after testing. In 2006 we had about a dozen 4-H/FFA members test out. Testing out is an excellent option.

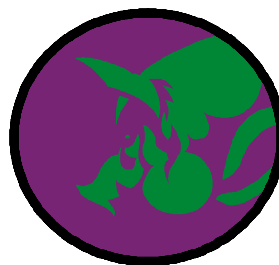
Here in Clarke County we are planning two Junior and two Intermediate/Senior sessions, plus a test-out day. There will also be training and testing sessions in neighboring counties. As soon as I have those dates I will share them in future Newsletters.

**Please note the age specific groups, we will adhere to the age limits. The training sessions will be adapted to the age group. Registration is required.  
There is a maximum of 15-20 4-Hers per session.**

Training will be conducted in Clarke County on the following dates:

- 2/7** Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 2/15** Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Murray High School Vo- Ag Room, 7 p.m.
- 3/12** Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Clarke Community School, Vo-Ag Classroom, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 4/4** Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 6/13** Clarke County Test-Out, Osceola, Extension Office, 1 p.m.

I will schedule a different test-out time for a group of Int./Sr.'s.



## **Clarke County's 21st Annual Rabbit Classic**

The year's Classic is scheduled for May 5th at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. Entry forms and rules are available on the Clarke County Extension Office. Entries are due by April 27th. If you want to show a meat rabbit, you must start the process in February.



This year's program will include training sessions on rabbit management (including tattooing and grooming) and on cage construction. Cost for carriers is \$12. For additional information please contact Vance Vestwebber at 641-443-2311 or Frank Gale at 641-782-2998..

## **2007 Clarke County Fair Items**

- **Exhibit Bldg will be at SWCC again.** Remember we will try a new display and booth system this year. Information about the new format appeared in the September Newsletter. I will include it again with additional information in the March newsletter. The new 4-H building will be under construction at fair time, but not yet usable.
- **Cattle Barn – All cow-calf pairs will be tied with the exhibitors other cattle.** There will be no cow-calf pens.
- **Swine Bldg**— We expect swine numbers to be up as well. Plans are to organize the building differently with variable sized pens for 1-6 head.
- **Dog Show will be on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>,** first day of the fair and before any large animals are shown. Less chips in the arena and less odiferous distractions for the dogs.
- A **novelty goat class** will be added for pygmy, dwarf and fainting goats.
- 10-20 **campground sites** are planned for the fair. Electrical hookups only. Water and sewer later.
- Future plans are to **upgrade the Show Barn** for a more multi-purpose building with concrete floor, flexible fencing, , showers, bathroom and small office with heating & AC eventually.

## **2007 Clarke County Fair 4-H Deadlines**

**All deadlines are the same as last year.** Only the dates have changed. To show at the 2007 Clarke County Fair:

A 4-H/FFA member **must weigh-in all of their market animals (beef, swine, sheep and goats) in Clarke County** at the appropriate weigh-in date and location. No transfers from other counties are accepted. If unable to make the weigh-in, someone else must weigh the animal in and bring the proper affidavit to the weigh-in.

A 4-Her must **join 4-H by the 4:30 p.m., April 1st**, unless the 1<sup>st</sup> is on a weekend and then the deadline is the previous Friday at 4:30 p.m.

**Calendar Note: April 1st, 2007 is on a Sunday, so a 4-Her must join no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30th.**

## **2007 Clarke County Fair 4-H Deadlines (Continued)**

A 4-Her must have **signed up for their projects by May 15<sup>th</sup>**, unless the 15<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend and then the deadline is the previous Friday at 4:30 p.m.

A 4-Her **must ID all of their livestock, horses, and dogs by May 15<sup>th</sup>**, unless the 15<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend and then the deadline is the previous Friday at 4:30 p.m. Clarke County 4-H and FFA members must turn the IDs into the Clarke County Extension Office. The animals must be ID'ed through the Clarke County Extension Office, no transfers are accepted.

A 4-Her **must be transferred into the county and/or between clubs by May 15<sup>th</sup>**, unless the 15<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend and then the deadline is the previous Friday at 4:30 p.m.

**Calendar Note: May 15, 2007 is on a Tuesday.**

**Fair (State and County) entries (4-H and FFA) are due in the Clarke County Extension Office on July 1**, unless the 1<sup>st</sup> is on a weekend and then the deadline is the previous Friday at 4:30 p.m.

**Calendar Note: July 1, 2007 is on a Sunday, so State and County Fair entries will be due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Late entries will be accepted up to but no later than July 8<sup>th</sup>. unless the 8<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend and then the deadline is the previous Friday at 4:30 p.m. Late entries will be assessed the regular entry fee and a \$5 penalty fee per species with no premium to be paid.

**Note: Entry and late fee may be reviewed and increased by the Fair Board for 2007.**

Entries later than July 8<sup>th</sup> would be handled on a case by case basis by the 4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors/Fair Board/County Extension Education Director.

**Calendar Note: July 8, 2007 is on a Sunday, so late entries will be due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

If a 4-H/FFA member physically moves into Clarke County from other than an adjoining county after weigh-in or **between May 15<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>**, thus making showing in their old home county a hardship, **transfer of membership will be handled on a case by case basis** by the 4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors/Fair Board/County Extension Education Director.

A 4-Her **must attend at least 4 club meetings** during the 2006-07 club program year (September 2006 through August 2007) prior to the county fair. (This is the reason for the April 1st joining deadline.)

4-H and FFA members **must sign the Code of Ethics at fair entry time.**

**Keep in mind that youth can join 4-H at anytime, but to be able to show at the 2007 Clarke County 4-H/FFA Fair the above deadlines would have to be met.**



## **Clarke County Fair Dates for 2007**

Clarke County Fair will be July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This means, at least tentatively:

Pre-Fair Club/Project Leader Training & Meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Fashion Review and Clothing Selection on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

New Member Fairground Walk-Around, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Communications will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Queen Contest and Style Show on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Booth Contest creation is the evening of July 16<sup>th</sup>

Exhibit Building Judging on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dog Obedience Show is on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Large animals arrive at the on evening of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Fair runs from the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>\*

Family Night is the 19<sup>th</sup>

Youth Livestock Sale is the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

\*Except for the dog show, the livestock shows will be on the same days and at the same times as last year.

Iowa State Fair is August 9 through 19.

Exhibits for the State Fair to Ext. Office by August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hardy baked items by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

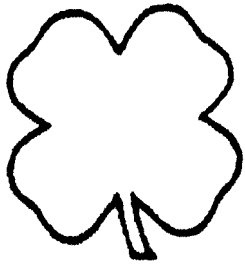
Freshly baked items by 7:30 a.m., August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Booth Theme for the 2007 Clarke County Fair**

“License to Succeed” is the booth theme for the 2007 Clarke County Fair.

This is also the theme of the 2007 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference





# LEADER NEWS



## 4-H Activity Insurance

Our insurance coverage is with American Income Life Insurance Company. Most counties use this company to cover our 4-H activities. This coverage includes regular project and club members, regular leaders and horse member and leaders. I must turn in a list of leader names.

If you are a leader or see a leader not on the following list, please let me know so I can add them.

Teresa Joss	Rebecca Smith	Kathy Taylor	Marlene Stearns
Jodie Woods	Jason Cook	Melanie Eddy	Joyce Shaw
Judy Klemesrud	Lori Henrichs	Lawra Mathes	Douglas Heaberlin
Staci Heaberlin	Justin Septer	Melissa Setper	Denise Sebek
Norma Davis	Kimberly Davis	Bobbie Fuller	Amy Boyer
Dale Hembry	Gerard Liskens	Jeff Webb	Darwin Downing
Glen Easter			

### Horse Leaders

Randy Shifflett

Marla Shifflett

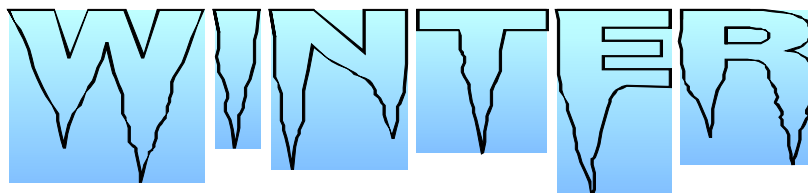
Check the above list as it applies to your project area or club and make sure that those who are working directly with 4-H members are included. If there is someone missing and they have not had a back ground check, that will need to be done as well.

## **Thanks for your assistance!!!**

Activities covered with this insurance include:

- Coverage while traveling directly to and from the members home and meeting place.
- Automatic coverage of new members
- Horse activities when added, which we have done for Clarke County (does not include rough stock rodeo coverage).
- It does not include injuries sustained while skiing/tobogganing/sledding/tubing.
- There are other items not covered.

For more information contact the extension office for a copy of the insurance brochure or visit the web site at [www.AmericanIncomeLife.com](http://www.AmericanIncomeLife.com) . Look under accident insurance for 4-H Club members, one full year.



## **Leader Training & 4-H Volunteer Risk Management**

Risk Management includes: Identifying potential risks; Evaluating those risks; Determining what you can do to reduce the risks to an acceptable level; and Continuing to monitor the activity after it gets started and make changes as needed. It is important to work with your 4-H'ers to let them know how important it is to be safe. They can help you identify potential risks and even work with you to make the environment safer for all.

Our training on January 25 was about risk management and communication. The training is required. Materials handed out included:

- A notebook for each club leader and project leader was handed out with a current list of members enrolled in your club or project
- A risk management checklist
- Incident/Injury Report forms
- Permission Form for Giving Prescription/Non-Prescription Medication at a 4-H Event.
- Blank Medical Information/Release forms
- A copy of each enrolled members Medical form for use in case of an emergency.

As the training is now required, you must attend:

1. A training session, or
2. View the CD training material in the office; in a group setting or at home. Home version has some questions for you to follow and answer.

Upon completion of the training, you will receive the above notebook and handouts. If you missed contact me (Glen) at 342-3316 and we can set up evening group review or schedule the home CD review.

**Ensure that you provide proper supervision.**

**Turn in your Yearly Program Plan to get approval of activities.**

**Double check to make sure your activity is covered by insurance.**

**Create an Emergency Preparation Plan.**

**Have youth/parents fill out the Medical Information/Release Form.**

**If there is an incident, please report it.**

**4-H Request for Giving Medications Form.**

**Transportation.**

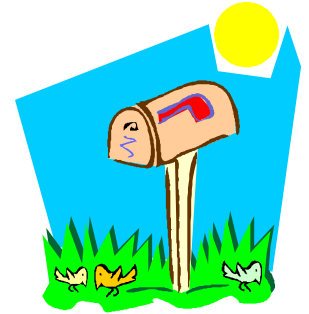
**Review Transportation Permission to Transport Youth.**



SPRING

## Leader Notification

Sending out information at the last minute is always a challenge. Whether it is a meeting cancellation, change of location, change of time, a reminder of the meeting or additional information about an upcoming activity, where do we go to catch everyone quickly? Calling is time consuming. Calling trees assumes everyone can be caught in the right sequence. When time is not of the essence these work fine.



We, in the extension office, would like **to develop electronic mailing lists for our leaders.** These would be especially handy for meeting

reminders. More and more people say “Can you remind me that day.” It is not practical to call everyone that day with a reminder. Especially when the information is in the newsletter or typically sent on a postcard a few days before. **We could do a quick email reminder to everyone that day though. That is one message on one mailing list.**

If you do not have email you will still get the newsletter and a reminder card. For those with email, this would be a great help, however, I need your email address. I got some email addresses at the leader meeting on January 25th but certainly not all.

The easiest way to get me your email address is to send me a message at [gweaster@iastate.edu](mailto:gweaster@iastate.edu). That way I can save the message and hence your address.

## Judges Training workshop

Are you interested in judging exhibits at County Fairs? Do you like working with youth? Would you like to learn more about projects? If so, here is an opportunity to learn to become a qualified 4-H exhibit judge. 4-H Judges training will be on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 AM-3:20 PM at the Cass County Community Center in Atlantic.



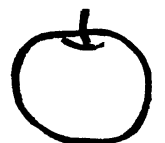
The morning will feature 4 different sessions: Food & Nutrition – with emphasis on food preservation and unacceptable food exhibits; Photography – digital technique and final product; Judging Basics - working/talking with the 4H member, reading write-ups, asking questions, etc. and Communications – including posters, presentations, working exhibits and Share the fun.



During lunch there will be a judges sharing panel to share ideas, ask questions and learn about what to expect as a county fair judge. Afternoon sessions include Visual arts; Small pets, poultry, rabbits; Copyright; Design elements and principles; Science Engineering and Agriculture and a session this year on judging county based events like Best of Iowa and Decorator’s Showcase.



New judges, experienced judges, leaders, volunteers and superintendents can attend. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 23, 2007. Registration materials are available at your local county extension office or at this web site:



<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicjudgesinfo.htm>

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### **Livestock Workshops and Sales**

Tall Corn Meat Goat Club Jackpot Show and Sale — A meat goat wether sale will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kalona Sale Barn. A health and selection seminar will be held at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the sale. Any goats purchased at this sale will be eligible to show at a jackpot show September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Washington County Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact Vern Thorp at 641-672-2049 or email at NeverThorp@aol.com.



Central Iowa 4-H/FFA Rabbit Workshop — For 4-H/FFA members, this will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. It will be at Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax, Iowa. This workshop is intended for youth who are starting to raise rabbits. Area breeders will speak on general rabbit information. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbits and consult with speakers. Examples of rabbit breeds will be on display. Purebred rabbit breeders will have rabbits for sale. Please see more information on the 4-H Livestock website under Current Events at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/currentevents.htm>

Iowa Show Lamb Camp — This camp will be held June 6-8, 2007 at the Jasper County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$125 (includes lodging, t-shirt, meals, and educational material) and is open to any 4-H/FFA member. Topics that will be discussed include selection, nutrition, fitting, showmanship, and feeding. Please see the Current Events link on the 4-H Livestock website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/currentevents.htm> for a complete informational flyer.