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2007 4-H News



Members & Leaders,

Of note this month is the Fair Board's news on additional funds to complete the fairgrounds. Although weather dependent, there is a chance the 4-H/Community Building might be finished by fair time!

I realize that the leaders tire of the repeated dates, but amazingly members and parents forget the deadlines. This is especially true of the May 15th and June 29th dates for this year.

With March here, spring is not far behind!!!!

To keep up with 4-H dates across the state, check the statewide news weekly at:

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

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Clarke County Extension Education Director

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

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

April—State Fair Derby Sites TBA

April 1st—Deadline to join 4-H and show at the 2007 Clarke County Fair.

April 4th— FSQA (See page 3.)

April 7th—Swine Weigh-In, 9-noon

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

May 15th—Last date to sign up for projects and deadline to identify dogs, horse, and breeding cattle, sheep, goats, and swine

June 13th—FSQA Test-Out (See page 3.)

June 28th—Leader Meeting

June 29th—Deadline to enter the Iowa State Fair and the Clarke County Fair.



MEMBER NEWS



Beef Project Meeting Planned

A regular beef 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.

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

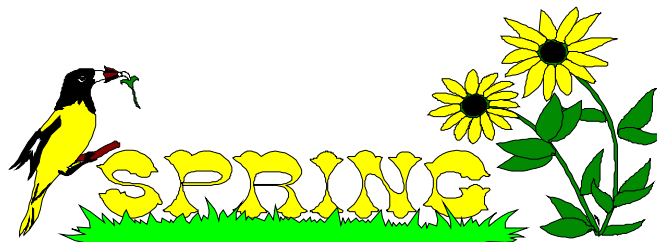
- 3/12** Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Clarke Community School, Vo-Ag Classroom, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 4/4** Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 6/13** Clarke County Test-Out, Osceola, Extension Office, 1 p.m.

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.

Booth Theme for the 2007 Clarke County Fair

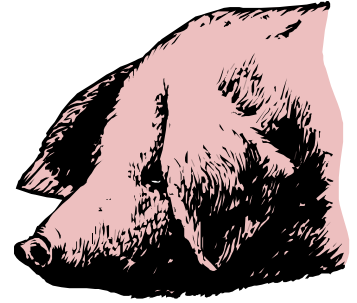
“License to Succeed” is the booth theme for the 2007 Clarke County Fair. This is also the theme of the 2007 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference.

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**It's Just Around the
Corner**



Swine Graphics Pigs Available

Swine Graphics will offer up to 4 pigs per 4-Her to grow as a project and to show at the Clarke County Fair. The kids must sign up at the Extension Office and agree to care for and finish the pigs out. Pigs are \$30 each, payable upon the sale of the finished market pig. Pigs come vaccinated and with a PRRS-ve negative test. Pigs will be delivered the day of the weigh-in, April 7th, 9-Noon. **4-Hers and their parents must sign-up at the extension office and sign an agreement to take the pigs at the time of delivery.** The big issue is for the kids and parents to realize that they cannot back out at the last minute. Once the pigs leave the Swine Graphics facility, they cannot return because of bio-security reasons. The ordering deadline is 3/30, 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.



ISU's Block and Bridle Horse Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds



The annual B&B Horse Show is scheduled for April 20–22. It will be held at the State Fair Grounds in Des Moines. Information can be found at <http://www.ans.iastate.edu/clubs/bclub/?pg=26>. Click on the 2007 Premium book and you will find the necessary forms to register or stop by the Extension Office for a copy of the forms. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 6th.



ISU's Block and Bridle's Livestock Judging Contest

This year's judging contest will be held April 15, 2007, in the Farm Bureau Pavilion located in Kildee Hall on the Iowa State Campus. Registration will be from 8:00-8:45; with the contest starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. Team members will judge nine classes of cattle, sheep, and swine. At approximately 11:30 the Block and Bridle Club will serve lunch to the contestants. After lunch senior contestants will give three sets of reasons and junior contestants will give one set of reasons. Following the reasons session, there will be official critiques. There will also be awards for individuals and teams at both the junior and senior level. The cost to compete in the contest will be \$8 for each individual. The entry fee will also cover lunch.

For an entry form stop by the Clarke County Extension Office. Please mail completed forms and checks to: ISU B&B JLEC, Danny Gent, 120 Kildee Hall, Ames, IA 50011. Entry forms are due April 9th, 2007. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact chairperson: Danny Gent, 319-461-4368 or dgent@iastate.edu

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.

Additional Comments on the 2007 Clarke County Fair

Since last month it has been announced:

- Exhibit Bldg **MAY NOT BE at SWCC again after all.** I know I said that last month it would be, but with the recent monies from the Clarke County Development Corporation, it might just happen. Construction is very weather dependent, so if the weather does not cooperate we will be at SWCC again. At worst the new 4-H building will be under construction at fair time, but not yet usable.
- The campground sites that are planned for the fair should be more than a dozen. Again, weather permitting there may be 50+ sites with electrical hookups. There will be another dozen or so sites with no electrical. Water and sewer hook-ups are possible at a later date.



LEADER NEWS



2007 Clarke County Fair 4-H Deadlines

I know the leaders tire of this, but PLEASE remind your members of the deadlines. Inevitably, we have people miss the deadlines because they were not "reminded."

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.

2007 Clarke County Fair 4-H Deadlines (Continued)

A 4-Her must **join 4-H by the 4:30 p.m., April 1st**, unless the 1st 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.

A 4-Her must have **signed up for their projects by May 15th**, unless the 15th 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 15th**, unless the 15th 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 15th**, unless the 15th 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 1st 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 29th.

Late entries will be accepted up to but no later than July 8th, unless the 8th 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 8th 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 6th.

If a 4-H/FFA member physically moves into Clarke County from other than an adjoining county after weigh-in or **between May 15th and July 1st**, 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.

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Replacement of Ear Tags for State Fair Animals

Ear tag replacement for state fair eligible beef, sheep and swine requires that DNA samples be retaken and/or nose reprinted at the time of retagging .

Iowa 4-H Photography Camp



The 4-H Photography Camp (open to all youth 7th through 12th grades) is dedicated to exploring the creative art of photography. No matter whether you use film or digital, you'll learn new and exciting techniques to improve your photos and get the chance to try them first hand! Come join the FUN! Cost \$150 per camper, due May 15. Arrival time 11:00 a.m. on June 18. Departure: 3:30 p.m. – June 20. This is a state 4-H photography camp that will be held for its 3rd year at the Iowa 4H Center in Madrid.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summercamp/index.php>

<http://www.dodgenet.com/~fourhphotocamp/index.html>

Adventureland for a 4-H Outing??

Looking for a summer outing with your club?? Adventureland again has special 4-H group rates during June. For a brochure, stop by the office or go online at: <http://www.adventureland-usa.com/> and click on ticket information and then group discount.

