



Clover Leaflet

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Members & Leaders,

April is upon us and our swine weigh-in is just around the corner. Seems like we have had a lot of requests for tags. This could mean a big hog show this year.

Assuming the weather will cooperate with construction, expect some big changes or additions for the fair grounds this year.

Lots of project meetings are coming up. Be sure to attend. I did not relist the dog obedience project meetings, but they will continue every Sunday right up until fair time.

Remember you have to attend 4 project meeting in order to show at the fair. I mention this as April, May, June and July represent your last four months to attend.

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Clarke County Extension Education Director

2007 4-H News



April 4th— FSQA (See page 2.)

April 5th— Shooting Sports meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Church. (See page 3.)

April 7th—Swine Weigh-In, 9-noon (See page 2.)

April 21st—State Fair Market Hog Derby Weigh-In Site—Winterset (See page 2.)

May 4th— Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, 5-7 p.m. (See page 3.)

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

June 7th—Thursday Night in the Park (See page 6)

June 13th—FSQA Test-Out (See page 3.)

June 28th—Leader Meeting (See page 6)

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

MEMBER NEWS

FSQA Training

The **Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA)** programs is wrapping up. Our last session for Jr's is April 4th. June 13th will be our test out day for intermediate and senior members.

FSQA programs will be conducted in Clarke County on the following dates:

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.



Clarke County Fair Swine Weigh-In is April 7th

Swine weigh-in will be April 7th, 9 to Noon at the fairgrounds.

If you are buying Swine Graphic pigs, they will park their goose-neck trailer in one of the corners of the fairground and randomly select pigs for you to pick up. Once picked up you will then weigh them in. You have to pick up the pig first and then pull around for the weigh-in. The pigs are picked up by whomever is first in line.

State Fair Derby Swine Weigh-In April 21st

Derby weigh-in is April 21st at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Winterset from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The fairgrounds are located south of Winterset on Summit Street.

I must apologize for the late notice on the "Intent To Participate Form" at the State Fair. It is new this year and we received one notice of it the first week of Jan. Between our new Office Assistant and my return from being gone a month in Mexico and then my Sister's in AZ, we flat missed it. The second notice, well you know about that one. It came a few days before it was due. Hopefully !!!! We got everyone notified.



Sheep Project Lamb Meetings

County-wide sheep project leader Darwin Downing has set up four sheep project meetings for the this year. The first meeting was April 2nd, thus I sent a letter to those signed up for sheep in advance of this newsletter.

The April 2nd meeting was about selection of project lambs, parasite control, disease prevention, and feeding & nutrition for project lambs.

The next meeting will be May 3rd at the Clarke County Extension Office at 7:00 p.m. The topics will include club lamb fungus, rectal prolapse, scrapie requirements for showing, and DNA scrapie testing.

The third meeting will be June 9th and be a Fitting and Showing Clinic. On a Saturday, it will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a free lunch. The site will be announced later. Topics at this clinic include learning fitting and showing skills, hands-on-learning, free shearing of project lambs, a judging contest, and door prizes.

The last meeting will be July 9th and be a review of fair preparation. It will be at the Clarke County Extension Office at 7:00 p.m. Topics will include a review of fitting and showing, showmanship and salesmanship. If you have questions contact Darwin Downing at 641-342-3582.



Sheep and Goat Weigh-In

Sheep and goat weigh-in will be the evening of May 4th, 5-7 p.m. Please pick up your tags and have your animals tagged in advance.

For those desiring to show at the State Fair and/or Ak-sar-ben we will be doing extra paperwork, nose prints and DNA sampling.

Shooting Sports for 2007

The leaders of our Shooting Sports program have announced their first meeting. Scheduled for April 5th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Church basement in Osceola, this meeting is a combined session. **This means that all Shooting Sports project members must attend.** The topic is safety. It will be a beginning for new project members and a major review for previous members.

Whether you are signed up for rifle, shotgun or archery you must attend this meeting. The three leaders: Gerard Liskens (rifle), Randy Shifflett (shotgun), and Jeff Webb (archery) will all be present to present the program on safety. This meeting is required because safety is an absolute must with our shooting sports program.

Future meetings will be broken into the three groups. Dates, times and places for future rifle, shotgun and archery meeting will be determined at the April 5th meeting.

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The Evangelical Church is located on Fillmore Street just north of the Osceola Library.



Nat'l. Volunteer Week is April 15-21

This month's newsletter is full of possible activities for our Clarke County 4-Hers. To make such activities happen, it takes tireless VOLUNTEERS. It is said that we all have the same amount of time in a day....24 hours. But volunteers seem to squeeze more into their 24-hour allotments. Serving on committees, fair boards or as leaders, they make 4-H happen.



Take time this month and thank the volunteers that have helped you. A thank you note or just a smile and a hardy "Thanks!" can mean a lot to a volunteer. For more information about 4-H's effort in recognizing volunteers visit: <http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/events/volweek.html>

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, the process should have been started 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.

4-H T-Shirts for the County Fair

If you are in need of an exhibitor's 4-H T-shirt for the Clarke County Fair, **orders must be placed by June 1st.** The t-shirts will be of the same design as last year. Contact your club leader to order.

In the 4-H (& FFA) Livestock Project Rules of the Clarke County Fair book it states that "All exhibitors will wear 4-H or FFA shirts or a white shirt with FFA or 4-H emblem while showing, except horse exhibitors." Horse exhibitors have a slightly different requirement.



⁵ **LEADER NEWS**

Upcoming Clarke County Fair 4-H Deadlines

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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June 7th is the 4-H Council's Thursday Night in the Park

The 4-H Council will host Thursday Night in the Park on June 7th and needs the assistance of each Club. The Council plans a bake sale to make money for the Exhibitors Dance at the fair. **The Council asks that each club set up a fun booth for family entertainment. Each club booth can be a money maker for the club as well. Thursday Night in the Park (actually the courthouse lawn in Osceola) runs from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Set up can begin anytime prior to the start. The Cattlemen will be serving supper.

Please call the Extension Office (342-3316) with your Club's activities. That way we can keep a list and avoid duplicating each others fun activity. We recognize that ball season will be in full swing at this time, thus our attendance may be affected but the weather can affect that also.

We will have more details in the May Newsletter. Remember to get the date on your club's calendar and be thinking about what your game(s) will be.

4-H Leader Training is June 28th

The 4-H Leader Meeting will be held on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will *probably* be at the Clarke County Extension Office. More in the June newsletter.