

# Clover Leaflet

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## May Flowers Should Soon Follow In Reference to our plentiful April Showers.

Members and Leaders,

### May 15th—DEADLINE to identify animals to show at the 2007 Clarke County & State Fair.

Many of the items in the Member news section apply equally to the leaders, so please read it all.

**Leaders** take note of the required training on page 8. As Iowa State University and Iowa 4-H works to strengthen our program and make a safer environment of our children, continued training and updating grows in importance. Be sure to mark your calendars with the dates.

Glen Easter  
Clarke County Extension Education Director

## DATES

**May 1st**—Shooting Sports, Shotgun, Webb's place, 6:00 p.m. til dark. (Page 4)

**May 3rd**—Sheep Project Meeting, 7 p.m., extension office.

**May 3rd**—Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Evangelical Church, Osceola (Page 4)

**May 4th**—Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, 5-7 p.m. (See page 2.)

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

**May 21st**—T-shirt ordering deadline.

**May 24th**—Junior member FSQA training, 7-9 p.m., Extension Office (See page 3 for other locations.)

**May 31st**—Make-Up date for the first session of Leader Training. (See page 8)

**June 7th**—Thursday Night in the Park (Page 2)

**June 9th**—Lamb Fitting/Showing Clinic, 10-3, Location TBA.

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

**June 28th**—Second Session of Leader Meeting (See page 8)

**June 29th**—Deadline to enter the Iowa State Fair and the Clarke County Fair. Junior Superintendent applications are due in the Extension office.

# Member News

## **June 7th...4-H Council's Thursday Night in the Park**

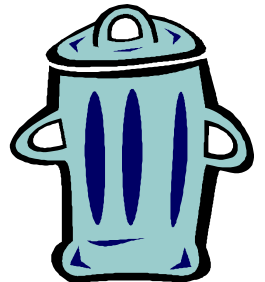
The 4-H Council will once again host Thursday Night in the Park on June 7th and needs the assistance of each Club. The Council plans a bake sale to make money for the Fair Exhibitors Dance and the advertising fee for Thursday Night in the Park. **The Council asks that each club set up a fun booth for 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. Osceola (Big Chief) FFA will be making Kettle Korn as well.

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

## **Fair Grounds Trash Can Painting**

At the April Fairboard meeting Brandi Boyd discussed our youth painting the trash cans at the fairgrounds. Brandi, Susannah and I will present such a proposal to the Fairboard in May. We are asking that each club or chapter take a trash can from the fair grounds and paint it. As there are other activities planned for the fairgrounds, these have to be completed in a timely fashion. This is a community service project.

**Trash cans must be picked up after May 6th, painted and returned prior to June 3rd.** Beginning in June, there are major, full weekend events scheduled at the fairgrounds and the trash cans will be needed. For a schedule of summer events at the Clarke County Fairgrounds go to: <http://www.clarkecountyfair.com/eventcalendar.htm> .



## **Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In**

Sheep and meat goat weigh-in will be the evening of May 4th, 5-7 p.m. Please pick up your tags and ID forms prior to this at the Extension Office so that you can 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. Goats are not nose printed but hair is pulled for DNA.

### **Please Note:**

New for 2007 is a Novelty goat class. Novelty goats must NOT fit into the dairy, meat, or wool/mohair shows. Typically novelty breeds are pygmy/dwarf or fainting goats. If a novelty whether goat is to be shown as meat goat it must be weighed in and shown in the meat goat show. This is also the case for dairy goat and mohair goat whethers.

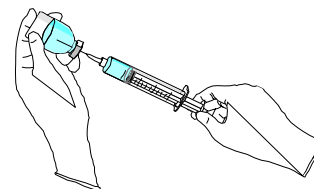
## Last Chances for FSQA Training

The **Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA)** is required to show meat and milk animals at the 2007 Clarke County Fair (and State Fair). We still have five Junior members that need training. Thus I will do one more session for Juniors. Intermediates and Seniors must test out at this point or attend an adjoining county's training.

Please remember that the test out is **not** an elimination event, but an educational event. I go over the exam with each member and discuss the missed questions. If retesting is necessary, a member can take the test three times in the same day. By reviewing the test, retakes seem to always pass the second time. I will read the test to or with any member needing extra assistance.

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

- 5/24** Jr. Exhibitors only, Clarke County Extension Office, 7-9 p.m.
- 5/24** Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors combined, Union County Extension Office, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Creston
- 6/4** Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors combined, Lucas county Fairgrounds, Chariton, 6-8 p.m.  
This is a round robin event. It is a fun approach to the training that I plan to try once we have the space in the new 4-H building.
- 6/13** Clarke County Test-Out, Osceola, Extension Office, 1 p.m.



## 4-H T-Shirts for the County Fair

If you are in need of an exhibitor's 4-H T-shirt for the 2007 Clarke County Fair, **orders must be placed by May 21st**. 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."



## 2007 4-H/FFA Clarke County Fair Booth Theme

For 2007 we will use the state conference theme. The booth theme for this year is:

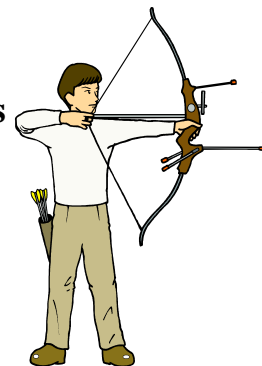
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## Shooting Sports for 2007

A letter was sent to the families with members in Shooting Sports covering the following information. The following dates as they appear below are on short notice or late, but provided for others to keep you up with the Shooting Sports project.

A second safety meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Church basement in Osceola, this meeting is a combined session. **This means that if you did not attend the first safety meeting you must attend this one if you wish to take part in shooting activities.**

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



The first shooting event will be for members interested in shotgun. It will be or was May 1st at Jeff Webb's place beginning at 6 p.m.

### Very Important Paperwork!!

Again because of safety, the three forms mailed to each project member **MUST** be completed and returned to the extension office. These forms must be on record with our office and your Shooting Sports leader or leaders (Liskens, Shifflett, and Webb) **before you can take part in any actual "shooting" activity.** You **can not** shoot until we have the forms on record and your project leaders have their copies.



The three forms include: *Clarke County Shooting Sports Participant Information Form, Iowa Parental Permission/Waiver of Liability, and Code of Conduct Participation Agreement for Competitive Events.*

### **New for 2007 Shooting Sports**

4-H Shooting Sports is encouraging project member to participate in Communication and Exhibits at their county fairs. Educational presentations and working exhibits and ideas for exhibits are included on the State 4-H Shooting Match web site. Exhibits and communications are a way of having a Shooting Sports exhibit at our fair. If you have further questions about the communications and exhibits, contact me at the extension office. The ideas are on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateYouthMatch.pdf> Then scroll down to page 8.

## **2007 4-H Photography Exhibition: 4-H'ers in Action!**

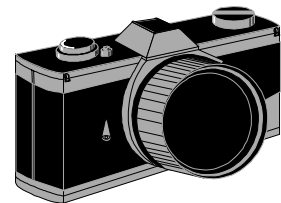
The Iowa 4-H Foundation has a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in a statewide photo exhibition titled, "4-H'ers in Action!" The exhibition would feature the best photo from each participating county on display at the 2007 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected for the exhibition also would be considered for a 2008 calendar and other 4-H promotional materials.

To encourage Clarke County 4-H'ers to submit photos, we will have a special "*4-H'ers in Action!*" exhibit for our fair. The exhibit is open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12 regardless of their project enrollment areas (i.e. participants do not have to be enrolled in photography). This is a non-competitive event, meaning no ribbon placings, or premium or state fair trips are to be awarded. We will select one entry that best represents "4-H in Action!" in their county to be included in the state fair exhibition.

Requirements of this new non-competitive class are:

### **4-H'ers in Action!**

Any 5" x 7" color photograph (vertical or horizontal), taken after January 1, 2005, that shows a 4-H'er or group of 4-H'ers involved in a project, doing community service, giving an educational presentation, enjoying a recreational activity, or anything else related to the 4-H youth program. Photos should reflect any of the many aspects of 4-H throughout the year. (Because photos may be selected for an exhibition at the Iowa State Fair, negatives or digital copies of the photos should be kept on file.) Include a photo story to tell what's happening in the photo and explain why it's the best example of "4-H'ers in Action!" from your county. Captions are limited to 75 words or less. **Photography and story writing are to be done by a 4-H youth member.**



## **Judging Camp Date: June 28-30, 2007**

This year's camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members interested in enhancing their knowledge of evaluating livestock. The camp will focus on market and breeding animals, including cattle, sheep, and swine. Any students 12-18 years of age are welcome to attend. This camp will concentrate on selection guidelines, oral reasons, live market animal evaluation, and breeding animal performance data.



This year's instructors will include members of the Iowa State University faculty and staff, along with one-on-one instruction from the 2007 ISU Livestock Judging Team. Cost: \$200.00 (Includes lodging and meals) An application and additional information can be found by following the judging camp link on the web at [www.ans.iastate.edu](http://www.ans.iastate.edu).

## **Canoeing Anyone? - 2007 Intermediate Trip to NE Iowa:**

What does canoeing down the Turkey River, camping at Pikes Peak State Park, and touring the Ertl Toy Company have in common? They are all part of the Northeast Iowa Canoe Adventure for Intermediate 4-H'ers, June 19 and 20. Open to 4-H'ers who've completed seventh and eighth grade, the group will also tour Motor Mill, hike in Pikes Peak State Park, and tour the Field of Dreams.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/info/2007IntTrip>. They must NOT be postmarked before May 14. The first two applicants after May 14 from each county will be accepted. Additional seats will be filled on a first come, first serve basis to take the seats of any county that does not fill their seats. The cost of the trip is \$80. Check with your county extension office to see if a county scholarship is available to help with your cost of the trip.

For more information, contact Mary Kramer at [mkramer@iastate.edu](mailto:mkramer@iastate.edu) or by calling the West Pott. Extension office at (712)366-7070.



## **June 26-28 — Iowa 4-H Youth Conference: License to Succeed**

The 2006-2007 State 4-H Council would like to invite all Iowa youth (8th-12th grades) to attend the 2007 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference with Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops. This exciting event, held June 26th-June 28th, offers a wide variety of new experiences and opportunities to today's youth.

### **What is the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference?**

- A gathering of more than 1,000 youth delegates from around the state
- A three-day event held on the Iowa State University campus
- Educational, fun, innovative workshops, and motivational speakers
- Enriching community service projects
- Evening entertainment activities: dances, bowling, casino night, swimming
- Iowa Picnic, formal banquet and residential life in Iowa State residence halls
- A chance to share your talents and creativity in the Talent Show

### **What is Animal Science ROUNDUP?**

- **Most** of the above and **MORE!**
- Specialized workshops focusing on beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, and horse
- New animal agriculture technologies
- Introduce career opportunities in animal agriculture

### **What is CSI: Crops?**

- Specialized workshops focusing on agronomy and its many facets
- Find out about GMO's, GPS, FEEL, ELISA, and DNA
- Conduct a plant crime investigation - solve insect, disease, weed, and plant problems

### **What about cost?**

- \$120.00 per delegate
- cost includes all meals, housing and events
- some areas have added transportation costs
- Partial Scholarships available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation

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For information about this year's State 4-H Conference visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>





## Clarke County 4-H Riding Clinics

Randy and Marla Shifflett will begin eight 4-H riding classes on May 27th, Sunday at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The project classes will each Sunday evening up to the fair. For more information contact Randy or Marla Shifflett at 342-9338.

## When Animals Ear Tags Are Torn Out

Every once in while ear tags are rubbed or torn out by our 4-H and FFA animals. When that happens you need to come into the Extension Office and buy a new tag.

If your 4-H animal has been signed up for the State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, I will need to schedule a trip out to your farm to re-nose print and to re-DNA hair sample your project animal. If it is an FFA animal headed to the state fair, contact your Vo-Ag instructor.



Torn tags are not that uncommon. When this happens, get the new one purchased and retag your animal. We need the old tag so we can keep our records straight for all of the fairs. Remember to get me scheduled if you are showing beyond the county fair.



## State Fair Livestock Schedule 2007

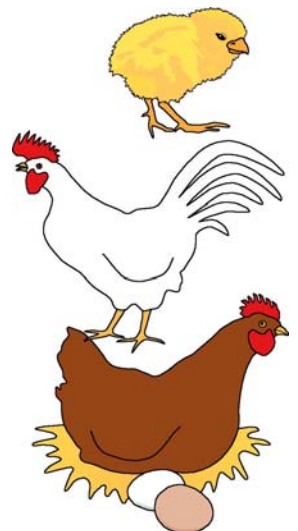
The tentative 2007 State Fair Livestock schedule is available online at, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculturelivestockhandbook.htm> under the "General" section of links. There are a few dates waiting for confirmation (dog show activities). You can also check out the State Fair website at: <http://www.iowastatefair.com/competition/livestock.php>

## Pullorum—Typhoid Test for Poultry Exhibits

All poultry present at exhibitions, sales and shows must have come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flock or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid Test done by a authorized tester within 90 days of the event.

If you purchase birds from a company that is an approved Pullorum-Typhoid free flock and you keep the birds separate from other birds then they do not have to have the birds tested. If you get a bird from a neighbor or relative that is not Pullorum-Typhoid free then they must have that bird tested within 90 days of the show.

This is normally scheduled in mid to late June to make sure the test catches both our county fair and the state fair. Thus, this is just an early reminder. I will have the date or dates in the June Newsletter for this testing.



## County Fair, Jr. Superintendent Applications

Jr. Superintendents assist Fair Superintendents with fair-related activities, promote 4-H and/or FFA, and assist members, leaders and parents before and during fair. They must attend fair superintendent planning meetings as determined by the supt. to discuss schedule, changes, etc.



Junior Superintendents help with fair clean-up, building preparation, assist with weigh-ins, assist on judging day--directing youth, writing comments, and handing out ribbons. . They help clean up live-stock judging arena, buildings, etc. after fair, participate in fair evaluation and promote 4-H and/or FFA.

To be eligible you must be committed to the 4-H or FFA program, act as a positive role model for other youth, have a positive attitude, the ability to work with other youth and adults and be able to budget time so you can commit hours to helping. You must be a freshman in high school for the fall of 2007 or older.

In the selection process we select youth to help with a given show in which the youth is not showing. If you have questions or want an application please contact the Clarke County Extension Office. **The deadline for application is June 29th.**

## Area Horse Shows that Might Interest Our Horse Project Members.

Sunday, June 10	Marion County 4H Horse Show
Saturday, June 16	Madison County 4H/FFA Invitational
Saturday, June 23	Central Trail Horse Show, Leon
Saturday, June 23	Union County Open Youth Show

As more information is available I will include the websites in the June Newsletter. If a particular show interests you, contact the Extension Office at 342-3316 and I will chase down the information or the web site for you.



# Leader News

## For Club & Project Leaders Who Missed in January A Make-Up Volunteer Leader Training is scheduled for May 31st

Our first training session and leader meeting was held January 25th. This training is required for our club and project leaders. Our second training session will be at the end of June. Each session is a stand alone training session.

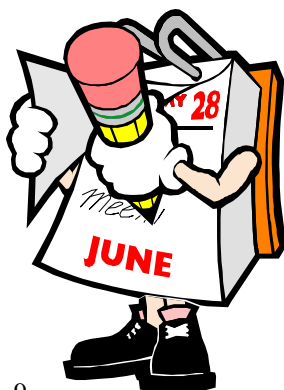
**If you missed the first training session in January, it will be repeated on May 31st, 7-9 p.m. at the Clarke County Extension Office.** Leaders, both club and project, that did not attend the January meeting did not get their risk management notebooks. This notebooks contains the information on members that are in your club or project area. The notebooks contains their enrollment information and health sheet.

As a club leader, you are a key to our 4-H program. In your volunteer role, you are making a significant contribution to our communities by helping young people grow and develop in positive ways. All 4-H club leaders and project leaders (such as dog, horse, beef, shooting sports and sheep) will be required to participate in two volunteer training opportunities throughout the 4-H year. This is an Iowa 4-H requirement.

The leader training portion of the first meeting focuses on:

- creating safe environments for kids,
- how to prevent the disease *lacksofocus communicato*, and
- how to create an extraordinary learning opportunity for club members and families.

Those leaders who attended in January and the Shooting Sports (SS) project leaders do not need to attend the May 31st training. SS leaders received the training at their required state certification training last year, so their first year is taken care of.



## Second 4-H Leader Training is June 28th

The second required 4-H Leader Meeting will be held on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will *probably* be at a location different than our office. If I can get you all to attend??!??, we will need more space. I will put the location in the June Newsletter.

**For now, just mark your calendars.** For the June meeting the club leaders will receive their new, updated leader notebooks to be used with club meeting's.

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## **4-H Web Sites**

There are many 4-H related web sites:

Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/memberresources.html> for Iowa's 4-H Youth and Parent Resources.

Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicinfo.htm> for Iowa' Weekly 4-H News.

Go to <http://www.4husa.org/> for a national 4-H resource.

Go to <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/> for the national 4-H Council.

Go to <http://4hblogs.org/ccn/> for 4-H Clover Corner News.

