



Clover Leaflet

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DATES



Members and Leaders,

June 29th—DEADLINE to enter the 2007 Clarke County & Iowa State Fair.

The fair books have finally arrived. Leaders should plan to come by and pick them up for each club.

Leaders do not forget the required training on June 28th. This is our second training session. 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 attend.

Glen Easter
Clarke County Extension Education Director

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Member News

2007 Clarke County Fair Books are Here

Your 4-H Club leader will have your family's fair book for you. As always we find a few errors:

Page 1, Under the Calendar of Events Prior To Clarke County Fair the last item:

Check in open class except horticulture, SWCC is on **July 17th** not the 18th.

The Style Show is at the Fair Queen Contest on July 15th.

Page 25, In the Poultry Division, Class 6006 will be split into two classes. Class 6006 will Ducks-2 young birds and Class 6008 will be Geese 2 young birds.

Page 31, Under Open Market Swine Show in paragraph three, the date for this show should be **July 18th** not the 19th.

If you find other errors (big or small) give us a call at 342-3316.

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

We have heard from the Fremont Feenix, Shamrocks, KW Hustlers, and Green Bay Gophers as to the games they are bringing. The 4-H Council has contacted the leaders about pies to sell for their fundraiser to make money for the Fair Exhibitors Dance and the advertising fee for Thursday Night in the Park.

The 4-H 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. The Quilters' will selling tickets for this year's fair quilt 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.

Out House Races



This is a 4th of July activity for 4-H Leaders and/or Senior members. This year the 4th of July festivities in Osceola will include many exciting opportunities for local groups and businesses to get involved. The Osceola Chamber is planning many family fun activities and events this year including the Outhouse Race!!

They would like to invite you to participate in the Race! We have a description of the event along with an entry form at our office. Their plans are to have a minimum of eight Outhouse entries. The Outhouse Race is tentatively scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 1st. The deadline to enter is June 10th. You must 14 or older to participate. Contact either Angie Mathews @ 641-414-4261 or Darren Mann @ 342-4553 if you have any questions.

Last Chance for FSQA Training

An FSQA program will be conducted in Lucas County on:

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.

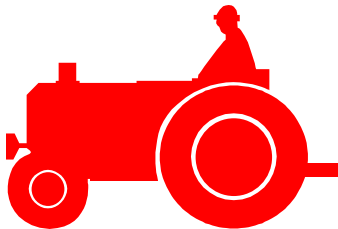
Clarke County's Test-Out for Intermediate and Senior members will be:

6/13 Osceola, Extension Office, 1 p.m.

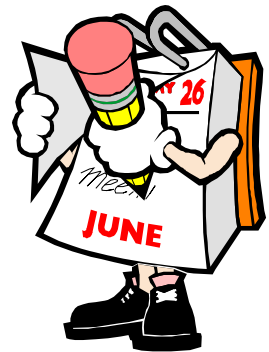
Fair Board Is Serving a WHO Tractor Ride Supper and Needs Our Assistance

On Tuesday, June 26th, the Clarke County Fair board will be serving the evening meal for the WHO Tractor Drive at the fairgrounds. They will be serving around 1200 people! The fair board would like to ask Clarke County Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, FFA members, and 4-H Leaders to pitch in and help serve, refill drinks, clean tables, etc. The work period will run from 4ish to 8:30ish. More details on the time period will come later. It will be a hectic 3-4 hours when serving, so lots of help is needed.

This will be an excellent addition to your club's community service project list. To volunteer, call Leslie Ruby at 641-447-2205. Calling and giving the Leslie the number of people that can help will give her and the committee a better picture to make sure enough help is on hand! If Ruby is not there, leave her a message with your Club name and number of helpers.

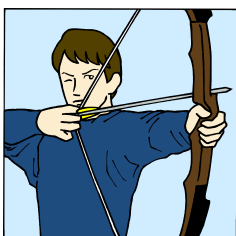


**Be a part of this great event that is coming
to Clarke County
and say
THANKS!!
to the Fair Board at the same time!**



Clarke County 4-H Riding Clinics

Randy and Marla Shifflett will have 4-H riding classes (4-H Horse Project meetings) on Sunday evenings, June 10 and 24 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. There will **NOT** be meetings on June 3 and 16. For information on July meeting contact Shifflett's at 342-9338.



Shooting Sports Meetings for June

Rifle will meet on June 3rd, 4 p.m. at the shooting range.
Archery will meet on June 6th, 6 p.m. at Jeff Webb's.
Shotgun will meet on June 11th from 6-8 p.m. at Shifflett's place.

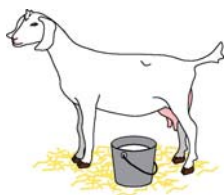
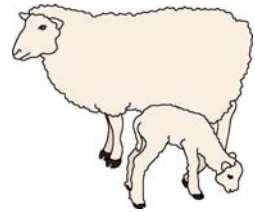


Lamb Fitting/Showing Clinic

This Clinic will be conducted by Sheep project leader Darwin Downing on **June 9th** from 10-3 at his farm. A light lunch will be served.

Darwin's farm is south of Osceola on US 69 and east on Doyle Street. Darwin's place is at the end of the gravel. Doyle turns to dirt at Darwin's place. For further information give Darwin a call at 342-3582.

The last sheep project meeting will be **July 9th** at the Extension Office at 7 p.m. The meeting will be about pre-fair preparation for your sheep project.



Scrapies Tags—Sheep and Goats

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin ID tag. Intact goats must also have an individual tag or an official registered tattoo.

Pullorum—Typhoid Test to be Done at the Time of Fair Check-In

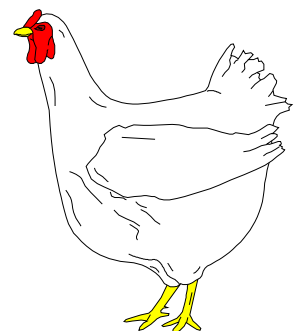
All poultry present at exhibitions, sales and shows must have come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flock or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid Test done by a authorized tester . In the past we have done this in advance of the fair. However, if the fowl is exposed to Pullorum-Typhoid between the test date and the fair, the test is of no value.

To improve on this, the birds will be tested this year at the time of check-in at the fair. Jody Woods has been certified as a Pullorum-Typhoid tester. Dr. Steve Smith, DVM, (Clarke County Fair Vet), Howard Denny, Rabbit & Poultry Show Superintendent, and Jody have decided to test at check-in time. **Poultry (and rabbits)** will be checked in on Wednesday evening from 6 to 8p.m. and on Thursday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. The Pullorum-Typhoid test will be performed at that time. Also present will be Dr. Judy Little, DVM, who will check the general health of both poultry and rabbits for the fair. There will be a cost recovery fee charged for the Pullorum-Typhoid test.

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. Just bring the purchase paperwork with you to the fair for the Jody, Howard and/or Dr. Little to review.

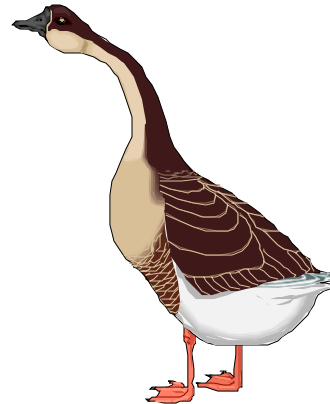
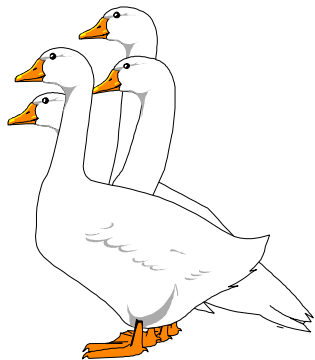
In visiting with Dr. Smith, DVM, this will be a much improved testing process and general health inspection. However we must adhere to the check-in times for both rabbits and poultry.

In addition, the Fair Board is having new poultry and rabbit cages built. These will be suspended from the rafters. This too will be a huge improvement.



Exhibited Ducks and Geese to be Part of a USDA Survey

Doug Anderson, the USDA Livestock Inspector for the Southern Iowa, will be taking fecal samples of our ducks and geese at the Clarke County Fair this year. This survey is part of the USDA's on-going work with avian influenza. The USDA is sampling at various fairs across Iowa. No animals will be disturbed, the samples will be taken from beneath the cages.



Pre-Fair New 4-H Member Meeting and Walk-Around

This meeting will be held on July 10th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be at the Fairgrounds. This is a good opportunity for new (and old members) to visit the fairground pre-fair and see the new buildings and facilities available for the 2007 fair.

Traditionally this meeting is held in late June. However with the last two weeks of June filled up with various events (WHO Tractor Drive, Community Garden Open House & Field Day, a Leader's Training Meeting, etc.) Thus, I opted to put this in early July after the 4th activities. This also allows for the new buildings to be more complete in regards to the fair.

Communications Events



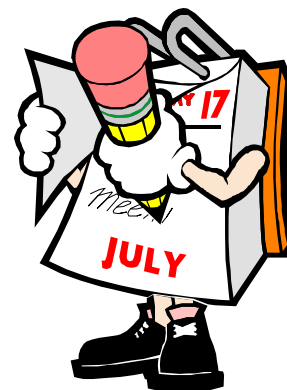
Do not forget about **Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits and Share the Fun**. The skill of communications is a major life skill that is stressed with 4-H. Former 4-H members when questioned on what skills they learned in 4-H that have helped them the most as adults always, I stress always, say the ability to speak and present an idea. Opportunities exist to develop your communication skills in clubs, schools, special interest groups and the county fair.

Entry Forms are due June 29th. Judging will be July 12th at the Osceola Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Exhibit Building, Judging Schedule

July 17, 2007, SWCC Building

8 a.m.	Judges orientation.
8:45 a.m.	Judges Helpers Orientation
9 – 9 a.m.	Arrival of Clubs in preparation for the day
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Project Judging
9:00-9:45	Fremont Feenix and FFA
9:45-10:30	Clarke Panthers
10:30-11:15	Shamrocks
11:15-Noon	Triple Troopers and Koolios
Noon-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-1:30	Osceola go-Getters
1:30-4: 00	K.W. Hustlers
4:00-5:00	Green Bay Gophers
5:00-6:00	State Fair Selection and Display Setup (Judging room closed)



If you have questions, call Glen at 342-3316 or Denise Sebek at 342-4321.

2007 4-H/FFA Clarke County Fair Booth Design and Theme



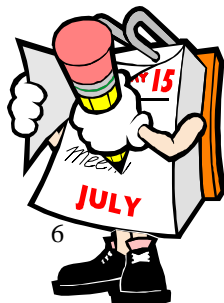
The Booths displays for the 2007 County Fair will be done as in the past. Earlier we had discussed a different system, but with one more year in the SWCC Building, we will do the displays as before. With a new 4-H Building completed for the 2008 Fair we will revisit the new idea.

For 2007 we will use the state conference theme:

License to Succeed

Fashion Review & Clothing Selection Clarke County Fair Queen Contest and Style Show

Fashion Revue and Clothing Selection entries must be in the Extension Office **no later than June 29th**. Judging for these events is **July 10th** at the Extension Office, 9 a.m.



As in past years, the style show will be held in conjunction with the Fair Queen Contest. The activities will be held on the afternoon of **July 15th** at the Clarke Community Elementary Auditorium. This event typically starts at 2 p.m.

The deadline for entering the Queen Contest is **June 29th**. Entry forms and information are available at the Extension Office. Contact Debbie Anderson, or Marsha Pontier for more details on the Queen Contest.



4-H T-Shirts for the County Fair

The T-shirts have been ordered. Contact your club leader as to when they will be in.

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.



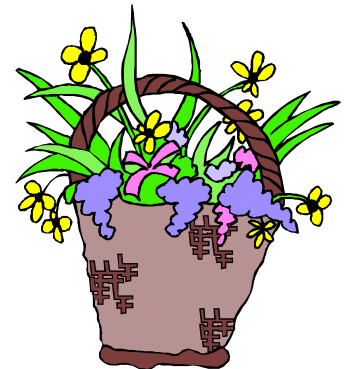
County Fair, Jr. Superintendent Applications

Don't forget the deadline for this is also June 29th.

If you have questions or want an application please contact the Clarke County Extension Office.

FFA Bucket Decorating Contest

The Big Chief (Osceola) FFA Chapter is once again doing their “spruce up the fairgrounds.” You can join-in by decorating a 5-gallon bucket. Take a 5-gallon bucket, put real or fake flowers inside and participate in the fun sprucing up activity. The cost is \$5 per bucket entered. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Bring your groups bucket to the Show Barn on July 19th at 9 a.m. to check it in. The buckets are then displayed around the fairgrounds.



Congratulations 4-H Seniors!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors Lacey Gray, Jewel Jimmerson, Lacey Johnson, Danielle Queck, Travis Rinner, Rachel Schrodt, Janna Shifflett, and Keri Taylor.

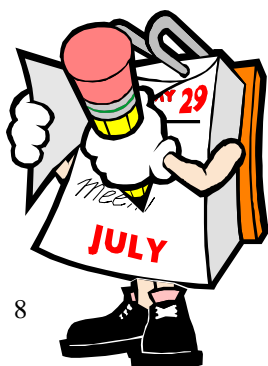
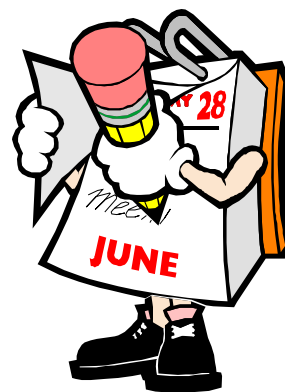
GOOD LUCK!!

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Leader News

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. If I can get you all to attend, this meeting will need to be at a location different than our office. Thus, call the office at 342-3316 to sign up. That way I will know how much space we will need.



June 29th is a Major Deadline

Leaders be sure and remind your club members and parents about the June 29th deadline for fair entries, county and state.

Thanks!!!