



Clover Leaflet

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DATES

July 10th-Fashion Revue & Clothing Selection Judging, Extension Office, 9:00 a.m.

New member walk-around at the fairgrounds, 7 p.m. (page 5)

July 11th-4-H Council Meeting at 4 p.m. @ the Extension Office.

July 12th-Communication Judging at the Osceola United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

July 15th-Fair Queen Contest and Style Show, Clarke Community Elementary School, 2 p.m.

July 16th—Booth setup at the Exhibit Bldg. at SWCC, 5-9 p.m.

July 17th-Exhibit Building Judging.

July 18th through 22nd—Clarke County Fair

July 23rd—4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale

August 3rd— Non-baking exhibits chosen for the State Fair into the Extension Office.

August 6th—Hardy baked items chosen for the State Fair into the Extension Office.

August 7th—Freshly baked items chosen for the State Fair into the Extension Office. by 7:30 a.m.

Member and Leaders,

The weather is heating up, so July and the county fair must be getting closer. I think everyone will be pleasantly surprised at the fairgrounds this year. The arena has been paved, the central sidewalk and drive way between the arena and sheep & swine barns is paved, the community building is progressing, the campsites are in and the horse barn is to be built by fall. There is more to do, but we are closer and closer to the final product.

Between fair entry time and the actual fair is a busy time. Do not procrastinate with your projects. If you have exhibits for the exhibit building, get in and get them ready in advance of the 17th. If you have animals get out there each morning or evening when it still cool and work with them. The more you do in advance of the fair the easier it is at fair time.

Glen Easter
Clarke County Extension Education Director

Member News

4-H Council's Thursday Night in the Park for 2007???

As you all realize I felt it was necessary to cancel our Thursday Night in the Park. The crime scene investigation went on until around 9 p.m. Because of the curiosity of young people, I thought it better to just cancel for the evening.

Now is the hard part, do we reschedule? At best, rescheduling is always difficult. We pick early June because it is our best time considering our the county fair activities of July, the state fair in August and the start of school at the end of August. Many of evenings are taken at the same time by the same group each year. Thus there are not that many to choose from that are handy for our July and August schedules. One thought would be to ask the Osceola FFA Chapter if we could combine with them. for a Thursday Night.

From discussion at the June 28th Leader meeting, I will visit with the Osceola FFA Chapter and see what they plan to do. When I hear back their decision and/or the date they have I will decide whether or not we might combine with them. Then I will let you all know.

Fair Time Reminders (for Members and Leaders)

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 and walkways to be more complete in regards to the fair.

Grounds Clean-Up Times

I shared a sign up sheet on June 28th with the leaders at the leader meeting. Each club and FFA Chapter takes a clean-up slot every morning. The clean-up begins with Thursday morning the 19th and ends Tuesday morning the 24th. Clean-up needs to be accomplished before 9 a.m. I will post the clean up time at the fair office. **I still need to hear from Clarke Panthers, Green Bay Gophers and the Murray & Osceola FFA Chapters.**

If your club or chapter has not signed up, call the extension office at 342-3316. Thanks!

Food Stand Shifts for the 4-H Clubs

The Fairboard meets on July 9th and I will find out how the food stand is to be handled this year. I will be contacting Club leaders about food stand shifts as soon as I have the information.

County Fair Sale Reminders

Just a reminder that the market animal sale at the end of the fair is special sale to help our 4-H and FFA members realize a greater profit with their market animal(s). The sale is made possible by community supporters that “pay extra” for the animals they buy. Many of the buyers buy only to support 4-H and FFA members. Their animals are shipped to the packers. A few actually take the animal for processing and family consumption.

Whether taken for family consumption or sent to the packer, the principles we learn with FSQA must be kept in mind . We want a healthy animal to be sold so that it produces a healthy meat product.

Small animals are often given back to the exhibitor. Every once in while, the buyer actually takes the animals. The small animal seller should be ready for this and not always plan to get the animal back. There have been instances where the youngster thought his or her chicken or rabbit was sold only to be called the next day and told that it is still at the fairgrounds. Small animal sellers need to make sure they understand whether the animal is being taken or returned.

And lastly.....Do not wait for someone to chase you down to find out which animal(s) your are selling. Figure it out and get the info to the Fair Office in the corner of the show barn.

Lamb Fitting/Showing Clinic

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.



Clarke County 4-H Riding Clinics

Randy Shifflett will have 4-H riding classes (4-H Horse Project meetings) on Sunday evenings, July 1 and 8 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. There will **not** be a ride on July 15th because of the Demo Derby. If it rains, call before you haul. Call Randy Shifflett at 417-860-5369.



Shooting Sports Meetings for July

- Rifle will meet on July 8th and 29th, 4 p.m. at the shooting range.
- Archery will meet on July 11th, 6 p.m. at Jeff Webb's.
- Shotgun will meet on July 6th, 12th, 26th, and August 8th. Meet at the Free Evangelical Church in Osceola at 5:15 p.m. The group will then travel to Waukee to shoot at a gun club range. If you have questions call Randy Shifflett at 417-860-5369.



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

Please remember that 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 . The birds will be tested this year at the time of check-in at the fair.

Jody Woods will be doing the testing at check-in time. **Poultry (and rabbits)** will be checked in on Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. Dr. Judy Little, DVM, will check the general health of both poultry and rabbits for the fair. She will most likely be present towards the end of the check-in periods to check animals. 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 to review.

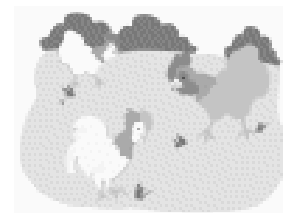


Exhibit Building, Judging Schedule

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. . For 2007 we will use the state conference theme: **License to Succeed**

Booth Space Assignments the SWCC for Exhibits

Will be the same as last year. Clarke Panthers will have the space previously assigned to Horse & Rider.

KW Hustlers, Koolios, Clarke Panthers, and Osceola Go-Getters are in the right hand (east) classroom. KW Hustlers will be along the west wall with Osceola Go-Getters and Clarke Panthers on the south wall. Panthers are on the right side and Go-Getters on the left side of the south wall. Koolios will be along the curved wall with windows.

Fremont Feenix, Shamrocks, Triple Troopers, Osceola FFA and Green Bay Gophers will be in the middle room. Starting on the left and going clockwise around the room will be Triple Troopers, Green Bay Gophers, Osceola FFA, Shamrocks, and Fremont Feenix. Should the Murray FFA desire a booth they will be to the left of Osceola FFA.

The west classroom will be for the conferencing on judging day and then for the open classes. The foyer will be our staging area on judging day and our state fair bound exhibits during the fair.

If your club has a large increase or decrease in exhibits to be shown in your booth, let Denise or Glen know so that we can make adjustments. If you have questions, call Glen at 342-3316 or Denise Sebek at 342-4321.

4-H T-Shirts for the County Fair

We have followed-up on the T-shirts order and they should be around June 29th or July 1st. As soon as they are in we will be contacting the club leaders to pick up their orders.



Hanging the New Rabbit and Poultry Cages

The new rabbit and poultry cages are completed. Assistance is needed to help hang the cages on July 7th in the Sheep Barn at the Fairgrounds. Work will begin at 7:30 a.m. 10th, 11th and 12th grade poultry and rabbit exhibitors are asked to assist. If you have questions call Kathy Taylor at 342-7188.

There is another event at the fairgrounds that weekend, but they will not be using the sheep barn.

Family Fun Night and Club Games

Clubs should not forget the opportunity to have a game for Family Fun Night on July 19th. Check the fair book for all of the activities planned for that evening.

In addition, the **ISU Rainfall Simulator** will be at the fair on Family Fun Night, from 5-8:30. It demonstrates the effect of rainfall and erosion. There are 5 trays with different types of vegetation (or lack of), water is allowed to rain down on the trays and the observers can see the effect and power of the simulated rainfall.

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Second 4-H Leader Training was June 28th

The second of two required 4-H Leader annual trainings was held on June 28th. For those that missed the training, a CD is available to be reviewed at home. It was a lively meeting with art work by Melanie and rapping by Darwin.

The leaders also discussed rescheduling Thursday Night in the Park, fair preparations, use of the new 4-H Building, fall training date (10/25) and fall fest (10/4).



Ak-Sar-Ben Materials are in the Office

We have received our entry materials from Ak-Sar-Ben for those planning to show there in the fall. Stop by and pick them up if you are planning to show at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Clay County Fair Materials in the Office

This year we had a few requests for information on the Clay County Fair. The entry materials are now in our office. Stop by and pick them up if interested.