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DATES TO REMEMBER

Immediately—Send THANK YOU notes!

Aug 9-19 Iowa State Fair

Aug 17th Aksarben entries due in the Extension Office

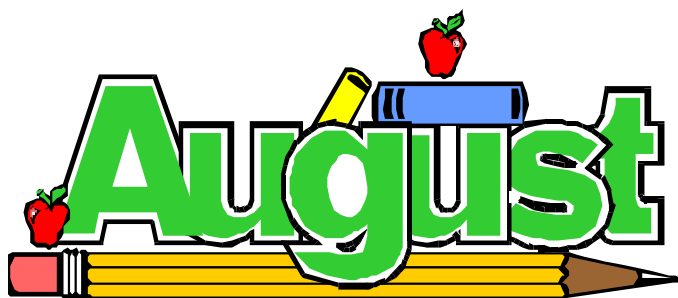
Aug 21st or 22nd State Fair exhibits can be picked up at the Extension Office

Aug 28th 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 4 p.m.

Sept 28th 4-H Records due in the Extension Office

Oct 4th Fall Fest, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Osceola.

Oct 25th Fall leader meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.



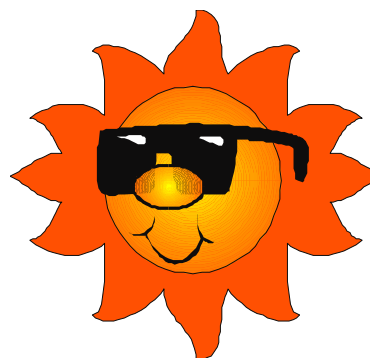
Member and Leaders,

One look at the date and you can see the August Newsletter is late. I left for a wedding on the west coast on July 24 and just got back on the 4th. Was a great trip and nice wedding. So, I am a little late!

This week the State Fair begins and I hope each of will get a chance to attend. The weather does not sound good, in the 90s every day, but then it is August.

A new 4-H year is just around the corner and school is only a couple of weeks away. So enjoy what little is left of the summer.

Glen Easter
Clarke County Extension Education Director



Member News

4-H Council's Thursday Night in the Park

I think we need to consider this cancelled for the year. August is not our best month with the state fair and the resumption of school. I did discuss the option of doing a night with the Osceola FFA Chapter but they had not scheduled anything yet. The 4-H Council will try again in June of 2008.

Thank You Notes

Just a Reminder: Each Club should have their members send a personal thank you note to the individual or business that purchased their animal at the Clarke County Fair Sale and to their trophy donor. If you received a special award (e.g. welding rods), be sure to send a note of thanks. By comparing your sale price with the floor price, you can see the difference it made in your check. The difference does not happen if the community does not support 4-H and FFA market projects at the sale.

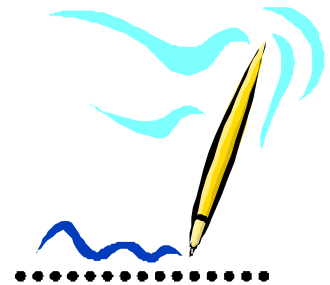
Each member that had an exhibit in the SWCC Building should send a personal thank you note to:

Mindy Oswald
Continuing Education Coordinator
Southwestern Community College-Osceola
2520 College Drive
Osceola, IA 50213

This was the fourth year SWCC allowed to use their facility. They kept a receptionist there for extra hours just to accommodate us. The facility was air conditioned and allowed us to have a cool day of exhibit judging.

Next year we will be in the new 4-H/Community Building.

Again, the Clarke County Fair does not happen without the support of the community.



Thank you notes do make a difference.
Send Thank You Notes !

Analysis of Prices Paid at the 4-H Livestock Sale



Last year I did a detailed analysis of the Livestock Sale. At this writing I do not have the data. I will be getting it from the Clarke County Bank and will be doing it once again. I can tell you in advance that pigs were the hot item this year. I anticipate the bonuses paid for hogs to be excellent. I think most 4-Hers selling hogs figured that in their heads the evening of the sale. It will be interesting to see the results in the September Newsletter.

Clarke County 4-H Members Selected for our 2006 State Fair

Communications: Lance Henrichs, Paul Queck and Keri Taylor

4-H Exhibits: Ethan Abbott, Mallory Bakely, Amanda Blair, Kelli Ehrhardt, Emily Flaherty, Ashley Gibbs, Kimber Gibbs, Lacey Gray, Kurt Henrichs, Lance Henrichs, Melissa Kerr, Kacey Klemesrud, Kristin Klemesrud, Jenny Loos, Paul Queck, Lauren Sebek, Breana Sitzman, Heather Stearns, Kim Stearns, Allen Taylor, and Keri Taylor.

Animal Exhibits: Cody Anderson, Zachary Billington, Chelsey Green, Jewell Jimmerson, Lacy Johnson, Kacey Klemesrud, Julianna Kruse, Jenny Loos, Megan Oswald, Jacob Oswald, Danielle Queck, Paul Queck, Alexandra Reynolds, Morgan Schrodt, Rachael Schrodt, Matthew Sebek, Lauren Sebek, Jentry Shannon, Tyler Walters, Austin Watkins, Jacob Watkins,.

Good Luck Clarke County 4-Hers!!!

Look Up State Fair Information on the Web

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

<http://www.iowastatefair.com>

Find the results at: <http://www.iowastatefair.com/competition/results.php>



County Fair Sale 4-H Pie Money



Support for the 4-H pies was again excellent. \$2630 was raised for the Clarke County 4-H program. In the past the County Extension council has used this money to help pay dues and for two 4-H publications that each member gets free. Make sure your Club sends a thank you note to the buyer of your pie(s).

Premium and Fair Sale Checks

Please recall that your premium checks will be given out by your Club Leader during your October 4-H Club Meeting. Some years the work has been done earlier enough to catch some of the September meetings, but plan on October.

The fair sale was clerked by Clarke County State Bank. They have completed their paperwork and the fair sale checks are available. Clarke County State Bank does this as a contribution to the fair. **Each Club should consider sending them a thank you note as well.**

Jr. Superintendents at the 2007 Clarke County Fair

Special thanks to Jr. Superintendents that helped out at the fair this year:

Dairy/Goats	Kurt Henrichs
Dog	Janna Shifflett
Exhibit Bldg	Lauren Sebek
Horses	Ethan Abbott
Pets	Lacy Johnson
Sheep	Spencer Abbott

THANKS!!



Ak-Sar-Ben

Entry forms for the 4-H Livestock at Ak-Sar-Ben are due in our office by **August 17th**. The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be September 25-October 30 at the Qwest Center in Omaha.

Categories of this 4-H only competition are Dairy, Feeder Calf & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Beef, Market Broilers, Meat Goats, Market Lamb and Market Swine

Time to Start a New 4-H Council Year

Our last meeting for 06-07 will August 28th, 4 p.m. at the Extension Office. Our agenda will be a review of setting up the 4th grade visits in each school during the week of September 24-28. **Fall Fest is scheduled for October 4th at the Osceola United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.**

In September, it will be time to organize our new, 07-08 4-H Council. Each club can have two council members. If your club has over 20 members you may have three. If club representation is not filled, then other eligible 4-Hers may apply. To be eligible you must be in the 7th Grade or older and must have completed one-year of club work. You must plan to be active in your 4-H Club and on the Council.

The 4-H Council program year runs from September through August. Meeting dates for the coming year will be set at the August/September meeting to "best fit" council members schedules. Traditionally the meetings are the second Wednesday after school. It is very difficult to find a time that suits everyone as school activities are quite demanding.

If we are fortunate enough to have a club with more older (high school) age members who wish to be an active member of the 4-H council than the guidelines allow, we will work to involve them. The Council needs active, energetic members.

Please notify the Extension Office once your 07-08 Club's 4-H Council members are selected. Thus, we can send them a reminder of the **first 07-08 meeting**.



Record Books Due

It is time to look back and take note of the past year. Your 4-H Record Book allows you the chance to do just that. Each Clarke County 4-Her is highly encouraged to complete their record book.

All record books are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. September 28th.

Past record books are extremely handy your Senior year in high school when you begin filling out scholarship and awards applications and need that information from the past. Your 4-H Record Book is the lasting record of your hard work and accomplishments.

Recruiting Time Again

August brings our fair season to a close and a new school year. This means it is time to think about a new 4-H year and time to recruit new members. Work with your 4-H leaders to locate and enroll new members.

There are many activities for young people to choose from in our community today ...help make 4-H Clarke County's first choice.



National 4-H Week — October 7-13

Time to start planning activities for National 4-H Week, October 1-7. Activities to consider are window displays, radio spots, attending religious services as a Club, all of a club's members wear an official 4-H shirt to school the same day, etc. The activity can be a club-based program or a community-based program to let everyone know about 4-H. It is an excellent time to celebrate the past year and get fired up about the new year.

Over the years window displays have diminished. If such a display interests your club, now is the time to contact businesses for permission. Keep in mind that the extension office can be contacted for a display as well. Our east window pane and west window are definitely available for a club to use during 4-H Week.

The 4-H Council will once again help organize Fall Fest. Fall Fest is our annual county-wide 4-H recruiting activity. **Each Club will be asked to provide a booth exemplifying 4-H. Fall Fest will be the evening of October 4th at the Osceola Methodist Church, 7 p.m.** This is the week prior to 4-H Week. My annual conference is during the 4-H Week and is required attendance. 4-H Council representatives will visit our two county elementary schools and talk about 4-H during the week of September 24-28.

Once your club chooses an activity for Fall Fest, let the extension office know. That way we can keep track and avoid duplication.

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Leader News

4-H Leader Meeting, October 25th

4-H leaders will not want to miss this meeting! This will be our first meeting of the new 4-H year and the first required training session of the new year. Do you realize we have training CDs for those who cannot make the training? But you miss out on the discussion, which is always rich with ideas for the coming year. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarke County Extension Office.

Agenda items include:

- Suggestions for the 2008 Fair
- How to handle fees for this year.
- Review project area.

