



Clover Leaflet

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Member and Leaders,

The meetings to review our fair book have gone very well. In many ways there have not been a lot of changes but a lot of updating. The state fair rules have been reviewed each time in an effort to bring our rules in line with them. One major improvement is more explanation of existing rules. If a beginning 4-H family reads the fair book there should be enough information there for them to figure out what is required. In some cases there has been expansion of classes.

Glen Easter
Clarke County Extension Education Director

Fair Book Division Review Meetings All at the Extension Office, 7 p.m.

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- Oct 3 Horses

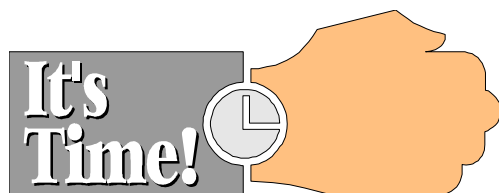
Oct 4th Fall Fest, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Osceola.

Oct 24 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office after school.

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

Nov 11th 4-H Club Officer Training

Dec 14th - Deadline for getting enrollments (new and re-) into the Clarke County Extension Office.



For Re-Enrollment

Member News

Fall Fest—October 4th

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. 4-H Council representatives visited our two county elementary schools to 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.



National 4-H Week — October 7-13

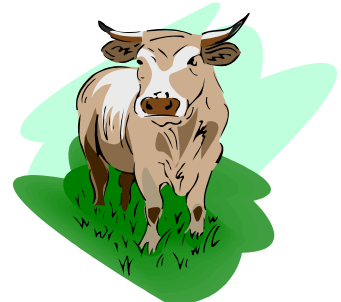


Time to start planning activities for National 4-H Week, October 1-7. Activities to consider are window displays, radio spots, attending religious services as a Club, all of a club's members wear an official 4-H shirt to school the same day, etc. The activity can be a club-based program or a community-based 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.

Beef Project Meeting Scheduled

A 4-H Beef Introduction Project Meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2 p.m. at Nate and Leslie Ruby's Farm. The topic will be beef evaluation and selections. The Ruby Farm is located at 1170 Elk Street. At the Murray water tower go south 5 miles on R15. Turn right (west) on Elk Street and go 1.25 miles. Elk street curves south and it is on the east side of the road. You will see green and white barns. If a ride is needed from Osceola or if more information is needed contact Dale Hembry at 342-4876 or 414-3187.



3 **Re-enrollment Procedure**

Each member (family) please complete the re-enrollment forms included with this newsletter. If you are missing one or need more forms let us know or ask your leader.

- Complete the 4-H Re-Enrollment form
 Make sure the current information is correct!
 Choose your projects for 2006-2007
- Complete the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form front and back.

Bring the forms and \$10 per member to the Extension Office (SW corner of the square in Osceola).

Each 4-H'er gets two 4-H project publications free. Additional publications must be purchased. Prices are listed in the "Pick A Project" paper available from your leader or at the Extension Office.

Any member having trouble paying the membership fee or for publications, talk to your leader about assistance.

Pioneer Grant Brochure, Application and Information on Web

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs in your county are encouraged to apply for "seed money" to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>

Club Officer Training—November 4th



The Clarke County 4-H Council is conducting an officer training program on Sunday afternoon, November 4th, from 2-4 p.m. The location will be announced in our October Newsletter. The program will include overall officer leadership activities as well as specific training for the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and historian.

Shooting Sports

The Clarke County Shooting Sports program will not hold any more out-door events until March. If you have specific questions about the program give Randy Shifflett a call if interested in shotgun at 342-9338, Jeff Webb for archery at 342-6288, or Gerard Liskens for rifle at 414-2311.

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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
- Exhibit Building
- How to handle fees for this year.
- Review project area.
- 4 4-H Leader Training for the coming year

