



Clover Leaflet

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2008 4-H News



Members & Leaders,

It's hard to believe it's already May! County fair is fast approaching and there are lots of reminders and information in this newsletter about that. Please be sure to pay attention to all deadlines and dates! Of course the entire newsletter is important, but if you have time to read only 1 page, PLEASE BE SURE TO READ INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

I know I have mentioned this before, but just as a reminder—if you know someone who is interested in joining 4-H, please send them our way! We still will accept new registrations at any time, and these new members will be welcome to participate in club meetings and activities, the only restriction is that they will not be able to show at the county fair. Any questions can be directed to us at the Extension Office! Thanks for your help!

Kate Johnson
Clarke County Youth Coordinator

May 2nd—Sheep and Goat Weigh-In 5-7

May 3rd—Clarke County Classic Youth Rabbit Show

MAY 15—BREEDING ANIMAL, HORSE & DOG IDENTIFICATION DEADLINE
(see page 2 for details)

June 11th—FSQA Test-Out 1 p.m.—Extension Office

June 15th—Deadline for Ak-Sar-Ben swine information

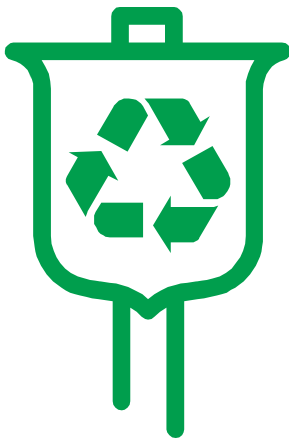
June 25th—FSQA Training—Juniors—7 p.m.—Extension Office

July 23rd-28th—Clarke County Fair! (See pages 5-7 for details)

2 **MAY 15th is the Breeding Animal, Horse, and Dog Identification Deadline!!!**

May 15th is soon approaching and if you plan on showing breeding cattle (dairy or beef), goats & sheep, or showing horses or dogs (obedience project dogs) you **MUST** identify them by May 15th. **There will be no late identification accepted!**

Our office closes at 4:30 p.m. every day. There will be no one here past 4:30 on Thursday the 15th, so please plan accordingly and do not wait until the last minute!!

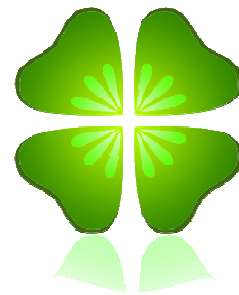


The 4-H Newsletter is “Going Green!”

In the interest of helping our environment, a topic which seems to be at the top of everyone’s minds these days, we have made the decision to discontinue the mailing of the newsletter. **In other words, this is the last newsletter you will receive in print!** Each month, the newsletter will be put online at our extension office’s website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/kidsteens.htm

Of course we realize that not every family has quick access to the internet, so **if you would still like to receive a paper copy each month, it is important that you notify Kate at the Extension office at johnska@iastate.edu or by calling 342-3316.** If you would like to receive email notification as to when the newsletter is posted, please send your name and email address to johnska@iastate.edu and you can be added to the list. If you do not let us know that you want to receive a paper copy, you will not receive a newsletter in the mail next month!



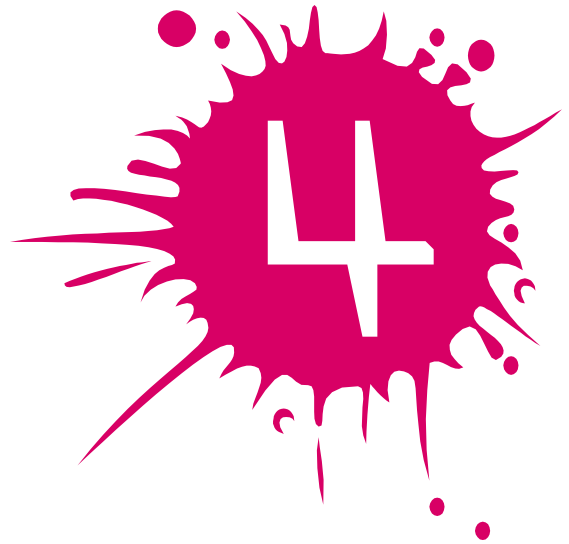
2008 4-H/FFA Clarke County Fair Booth Theme

For 2006 we will use the state conference theme. Thus the booth theme for this year is:

“Ignite the Flame”

Four Club Meetings Required to Show

Members and parents need to be checking your club attendance records. We require your attendance at four 4-H club meetings if you want to show at the Clarke County Fair. It is your responsibility to check and see how many you have. If you are short one or two meetings, you will need to make sure you make it to your club's meetings in May and June, and possibly July. Clubs can hold a July meeting up through Saturday, July 19th. Fair week activities begin on July 20th with the Queen Contest and Fashion Show.



Thursday Night in the Park Has Been Scheduled!

This year, 4-H will be hosting a Thursday Night in the Park on September 18th. This typically runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In the past 4-H has done this in the summer, but we hope that by moving it to a date *after* school starts, we can tie it in with some recruitment activities! More information will be made available as the date gets closer.



FSQA Change of Date

Just a reminder that the final two FSQA opportunities have had some changes made to them from the original schedule! If you have not yet completed your FSQA requirement, call the Extension Office to reserve a spot at one of these two times as soon as possible!

The test out date has been moved to JUNE 11th. This will be held at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office. The final training for junior exhibitors will be held JUNE 25th at 7 p.m in the Extension Office.



2008 Clarke County Fair Book is available online!

The 2008 fair book will be available in PDF format online (within the first two weeks of May) at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/kidsteens.htm>

All fair related information will be available in this book, but if there are any questions beyond what can be answered by the fair book, feel free to contact the extension office at (641)342-3316.



When fair books become available we will distribute them to the club leaders and FFA advisors. It is your responsibility to attend the next club or chapter meeting and/or contact the leader to get your fair book. We do this because of the high cost of sending the book out to each individual family.

The fair schedule can be found on the following two pages of the newsletter so that you can save it and refer to it as necessary, but this information will also be found in the fair book.

The state fair premium book and entry forms will only be available through the Fair's website at www.iowastatefair.org.

Club Activities

Please call the Extension Office at 342-3316 with an update of your club's activities! We occasionally will be able to include "press releases" of these activities in the newsletter or on the website and give your club a little publicity—a great opportunity for your club's news reporter to showcase their talents!



2008 Clarke County Fair Schedule of Events

EVENTS PRIOR TO CLARKE COUNTY FAIR:

July 1st:

State Fair livestock entries due at Extension Office
All County Fair entry forms due at Extension Office

July 8th:

Fashion Review and Clothing Selection Judging (style show will be held at Fair Queen contest)

July 10th:

7:00 p.m.—Communications Judging, Osceola United Methodist Church

July 20th:

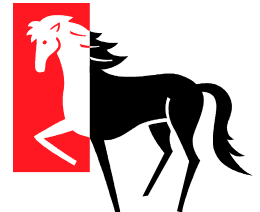
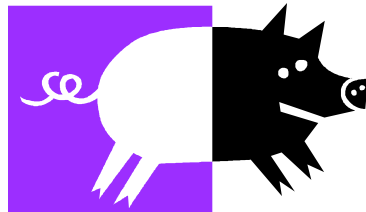
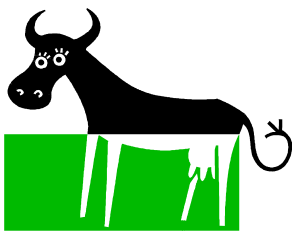
2:00 p.m.—Fair Queen Contest and 4-H Style Show, Clarke Elementary School

July 21st:

5:00-9:00 p.m.—4-H Exhibits & Booth set up, Exhibit Building

July 22nd:

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.—4-H Exhibit Building Judging, Exhibit Building
5:00-7:00 p.m.—Check in open class except horticulture, Exhibit Building



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Wednesday, July 23rd

7:00 a.m.—Dogs Check In
8:00-9:00 a.m.—Check in open class including horticulture, Exhibit Building
8:00 a.m.—Judging Dogs
9:00 a.m.—Judging open class
9:00-10:00 a.m.—Judging booths
5:00 p.m.—Swine weigh-in and ultrasound begins
6:00-8:00 p.m.—Early rabbit & poultry check-in
10:00 p.m.—Beef, dairy goats, horses, sheep & swine in place
Noon-8:00 p.m.—4-H & Open class exhibits, Exhibit Building

Thursday, July 24th

5:30-8:00 a.m.—Weigh-in & ultrasound of sheep and weigh-in of market goats
8:00-10:00 a.m.—Beef weigh-in and ultrasound
8:45 a.m.—Pets check in
9:00 a.m.—Pet judging
9:00 a.m.—Rabbits and poultry in place
10:00 a.m.—Livestock judging contest
4:00 p.m.—4-H & FFA horse show
5:00-10:00 p.m.—Family Fun Evening
5:00 p.m.—Pedal Pull
5:00 p.m.—Farm Bureau Cookout Contest and Youth Cookout Contest
5:30 p.m.—Hot dogs served by American State Bank
7:00 p.m.—Celebrity Pie Eating Contest
9:30-11:30 p.m.—Exhibitor Dance
9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.—4-H & Open Class Exhibits, Exhibit Building

Friday, July 25th

8:00 a.m.—Judging rabbits
Followed by—Judging poultry
8:00 a.m.—Sheep judging
Followed by—meat goat judging
Followed by—wool goat judging
Followed by—novelty goat judging
Followed by—dairy goat judging
Followed by—Goat Division Showmanship
Followed by—Dairy Cattle Judging
Followed by—Open Sheep Show
4:00 p.m.—Clarke County Youth Rodeo
9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.—4-H & Open class Exhibits, Exhibit Building

Saturday, July 26th

8:00 a.m.—Swine judging
Followed by—Open Swine Show

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Saturday, July 26th continued

7:00 p.m.—Demolition Derby
9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.—4-H and Open Class Exhibits, Exhibit Building

Sunday, July 27th

Noon—Bucket calves and feeder calves in place
1:30 p.m.—Beef heifer judging
Followed by—Bucket calf and feeder calf judging
Followed by—Market beef judging
Followed by—Open Beef Show
7:00 p.m.—Young Farmer ATV races
Noon—8:30 p.m.—4-H & Open Class Exhibits, Exhibit Building
8:00-9:30 p.m.—All open class & 4-H exhibits released
8:30-10:00 p.m.—All livestock not to sell will be released

Monday, July 28th

9:00-10:00 a.m.—Final release of 4-H exhibits
9:00-Noon—Fairgrounds clean up
4:30 p.m.—Exhibitor and buyer barbecue
6:00 p.m.—Livestock sale and drawings

Heads Up On T-Shirts!

If you are in need of an exhibitor’s t-shirt for the Clarke County Fair, please let your leader know. We’ll ask that club leaders keep a list compiled of those members who need shirts, and what sizes are needed so that when it comes time to order we will have that information readily available!



T-shirts are available in either White or Kelly Green for \$9 (sizes 2x, 3x, or 4x add \$1 more). Polos are available in White or Kelly Green for \$15 (sizes 2x, 3x, or 4x add \$1 more). Please let your leader know which style, color, and size of shirt you will need as soon as possible. Leaders will need to return their club orders to the Extension office no later than May 23rd.

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Attention High School Students!:

If you are a high school student who will be a junior or senior in the fall of 2009, have a reliable form of transportation, and are interested in earning some silver cord hours, please contact Kate at the Extension Office! I have a few opportunities for volunteer hours to be earned through helping at our summer day camps. If you are interested, please call 342-3316 or email john-ska@iastate.edu.