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A Clarke County 4-H Family News Update

Members & Leaders,

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the 2008 Clarke County Fair a big success! It was great to see all your smiling faces each day out at the fair grounds. I also want to thank all the wonderful 4-H members for all their hard work this past year. It was wonderful to see it all come together with your projects in the exhibit building, and to see all the time and effort you put into your animal projects!

If you didn't make your way up to the exhibit building or add something to our suggestion box, we still want to give you a chance to offer your "two cents." While the fair is still fresh in your mind, please take the time to send an email my way (johnska@iastate.edu)

with any suggestions you may have to help next year's fair go as smoothly as possible. We received several great ideas in our suggestion box that are already under consideration for next year.

As you are out and about around town, please take the time to stop and thank your Clarke County fair board members for all their hard work in making this fair a great one.

I know nobody wants to think about it just yet, but with school starting just around the corner, I would like to take the time to encourage all of you to think about fellow classmates who may be interested in or benefit from 4-H. Information is available on the

Clarke County website, and also in the Extension office for anyone who is interested!

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Thanks again for everything you do to keep 4-H great! Your hard work has not gone un-noticed and it really paid off last week! You guys are GREAT!



Kate Johnson

Clarke County Youth Coordinator



\$600 Raised for 4-H Foundation

We were fortunate enough to be able to host the 4-H Foundation Ford Truck on three separate occasions this year, and through this opportunity raised approximately \$600 for Clarke County 4-H, and \$600 for the Iowa 4-H Foundation!

The Triple Troopers had the highest number of tickets sold, with 23. Osceola Go-Getters sold 19, the 4-H Council sold 8, and the Fremont Feenix and Shamrocks each sold 5.

The drawing for the truck will be in October, and the

Foundation will send us our check following that date. We will then issue checks to each club that participated in the raffle ticket sales.

Congratulations to everyone, and thank you to all who participated!

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Local 4-Hers headed to the State Fair!
- ☺ Awards results
- ☺ 4-Hers in Action contest
- ☺ Foundation Ford Truck Raffle Results!

Dates to Remember:

Iowa State Fair—U Gotta Love It!	8/7-8-17
Clarke County Youth Rodeo	8/17
MAKEUP leader training (p.	8/28
Fall Leader Training	9/11
Thursday Night in the Park	9/18

New 4-H Council

The last meeting for the 07-08 school year will be held on August 27th after school at the extension office. We will set up 4th grade visits to coincide with National 4-H week.

In September, it will be time to organize our new 08-09 4-H council. Each club can have two representatives on the council. If your club has over 20 members, you may have 3. If club representation is not filled, other eligible 4-Hers may apply. To be eligible to serve on the 4-H council, you must be in 7th grade or older

and have been a member of your club for at least one year. You must plan to be active in your club and on the council.

The 4-H Council year runs from September through August. Meeting dates will be set at the September meeting to best fit council members schedules.

CLUB LEADERS: Please notify the extension office once your 08-09 club leaders are selected. Once this is completed, we can send out a post-

card to each council member to notify them of the first 08-09 meeting. Thank you for your cooperation!



Clarke County 4-H Members Selected for 2008 State Fair

The following Clarke County 4-Hers were selected to show exhibits/animals at the state fair level:

Static Exhibits: Ethan Abbott, Spencer Abbott, Mallory Bakley, Kelli Ehrhardt, Katie Fuller, Damon Helgevold, Kurt Henrichs, Lance Henrichs, Melissa Kerr, Carrie Kindred, Kacey Klemesrud, Kristin Klemesrud, Lizzy Lohr, Paul Queck, Julia Scadden, Lauren Sebek, Megan Snell, Heather Stearns, Allen Taylor, and



Ann Taylor.

Animals: Cody Anderson, Zachary Billington, Carter Cooley, Julianna Kruse, Jennifer Loos, Dakota Matlage, Brenna Paul, Turner Paul, Paul Queck, Hannah Reisinger, Morgan Schrodt, and Matthew Sebek.

Congratulations, and we wish you all the best of luck!!

Post-Fair, you will be able to view results in the competition section at: www.iowastatefair.org

2008 Clarke County Fair Awards

Congratulations to Jake Lupkes (K.W. Hustlers) on receiving the 2008 Tanner Matlage Memorial Livestock Grant. The grant is for \$250 to be applied to a 4-H/FFA livestock project.

Congratulations also go to Paul Queck (Osceola Go-Getters), the 2008 recipient of the Mateer Award of Excellence, presented to an outstanding

4-H/FFA exhibitor for the year overall, including livestock and non-livestock projects and participation.

Kelli Ehrhardt (Shamrocks) was the recipient of the 2008 Best in Show for Photography award presented by the Laura Haines Studio. Congratulations, Kelli!

Additionally at the 2008 Livestock Sale, the 2008 pie auction for the

general Clarke County 4-H Fund raised just shy of \$1000! Thanks to everyone who participated, both the pie bakers and the pie buyers! What a great way to support 4-H programming within the county!



THANK YOU!

Thank You Notes: Just a reminder—each 4-H member should send a personal thank you note to the individual or business that purchased their animal at the Clarke County Fair Sale. Also, those receiving trophies should send a note to their trophy donor (engraved on their trophy). If you compare your sale price to the floor price, you will notice a big difference. This difference would not happen if the community doesn't support their local 4-H and FFA market projects at the sale—if you let them know how much their support means to you, they will be more likely to continue their support of our local efforts!

The fair sale was clerked by Clarke County State Bank. CCSB does this as a contribution to the fair—with this being said, each club should consider sending them a thank you note as well for all their hard work. Fair sale checks will be available on Friday, August 1st.



Record Books Due

It's once again time to reflect on the past year! With all your hard work and record keeping related to the fair, I would encourage you to gather your information, and compile it into your record book if you haven't already done so!

Past record books come in handy during your senior year in high

Please remember to thank your club and project leaders for all their help and support throughout the year, not just at fair time. Without leaders, 4-H would not be a possibility, and having their support is priceless!

While on the subject, I would like to thank our Junior Superintendents this year! Without them, we would not have been as successful in all our fair related activities, and having their help was wonderful! Thanks to the following people for all their hard work:

Lauren Sebek

Ethan Abbott

Spencer Abbott

We also appreciate all the help from older 4-Hers who gave the younger members a helping hand in their project areas last week!

As I mentioned earlier, please remember to thank your Clarke County Fair Board members, Extension office assistants, club leaders, and FFA advisors for all the "behind-the-scenes" work that must happen for the fair to be a success.

school while applying for scholarships and awards, and need information from the past. Your 4-H record book is a lasting record of all your hard work and accomplishments.

Record Books are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on September 30th.

Premium Checks



Just a reminder, as in the past your premium checks will not be available at the same time as the fair sale checks.

Your premium checks will be given out by your club leader at one of your early fall meetings. An exact date is not known at the present time, but we will be sure to get these out as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!



If you are in need of a record book cover, contact your leader or Kate at the

Extension office. They will be happy to help you out!

Leader Trainings Scheduled

I have a few leaders who still need to complete the 2 leader training requirement for the 2007-2008 school year. This should have been done in mid-June but we realize there was some miscommunication, and are extending the deadline to September 1st. REMEMBER: In order to continue as a 4-H leader, these 2 trainings per year are required!! This is a state-wide requirement that has gone into effect this year. For those of you who still need to complete the trainings, on August 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office, there will be an opportunity to view the training DVD as a group, and fill out the required forms all together. If this date does not work for you, remember that you can still come into the office and complete the training here, or check out the DVD and complete the training at home, but we need this to be done by September 1st, 2008.

Leaders who are still in need of 1 or 2 MANDATORY trainings will be notified by mail. Please call the Extension Office at 342-3316 if you would like to attend the August 28th make-up training. Remember, this training is a makeup for last year's (2007-2008) trainings, NOT a substitute for the 2008-2009 school year training.

The first of two required leader trainings for the 2008-2009 school year has been scheduled for **September 11th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Extension Office. Attendance is required for all club and project leaders in the county. If you are unavailable on this date, please contact Kate and she can give you a list of surrounding county training dates, or you can set up a time after the September 11th training to check out the DVD and

complete the training at home. This meeting will consist of a general club discussion with Glen and Kate, and also include a state-wide training hosted by our local Youth Field Specialist, Karen Pattison. Her portion of the presentation will be focused on exploring Vibrant 4-H Clubs.

We really appreciate your cooperation with this new requirement, and continue to appreciate your hard work and time spent serving the youth in your area as a leader!

If there is anything we at the Extension Office can do to help your club out, please contact Kate at 342-3316 or email johnska@iastate.edu and let us know what we can do.

Other Notable 4-H News!



Local 4-H members Bernie Denney (K.W. Hustlers) and Melissa Kerr (Triple Troopers) participated in the statewide Farm Bureau Cook-off Contest, and each won their respective events! Melissa won with Hawaiian Chicken Skewers and Bernie (and teammate, former 4-Her Sean Robinson) won with BBQ Chicken! Congratulations to these talented Clarke County 4-H'ers!

Other notable news—at our last area meeting, Clarke County was recognized for outstanding growth in our 4-H clubs! Thanks to all of your hard work and recruitment, we were able to go above and beyond the 3% growth that we set as our goal last year—we obtained a growth of 12% during the 2007-2008 4-H year! Way to go, Clarke County!

If you or someone you know in our 4-H community are involved in extra activities that you feel deserve

some recognition or would like some 4-H support for, please let the extension office know and we can include your event in future newsletters! It's always exciting to hear about the other activities our 4-H'ers are involved in.

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Know someone interested in 4-H?? How about a local adult who would be a GREAT 4-H leader? Send them our way! Club information is available on our website or in the office.

Any 4-H questions can be directed to Kate Johnson, Clarke County Youth Coordinator at the Extension office or by email at johnska@iastate.edu



Upcoming 4-H Events

The Extension Office will be hosting a Thursday Night in the Park on September 18th—mark your calendars and plan to attend! This event will be used to promote 4-H and act as a spring board into our fall recruitment time period, since National 4-H week will be coming up soon after.

Our 4th grade visits will be scheduled sometime during National 4-H week, which is October 5th-11th. We will also be hosting an informational event at

the fairgrounds during that week, the date is yet to be determined—we will keep you posted as we make progress in our planning. If clubs would like to help out with this event, please contact Kate at the Extension Office at 342-3316 or by email,

johnska@iastate.edu. We will need club leaders to keep their display boards that were used at the fair in good condition, as we would like to use these again during National 4-H week. If your club did not pick up their

display board, we have several in the Extension Office—feel free to come pick it up from our back room when you get a chance.

Thank you for your cooperation—without wonderful clubs and club leaders, we wouldn't be able to continue to grow!