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2006 4-H News



May Activities

Lots of activities coming up in May and June and with the county fair just around the corner in July. Plenty of options ahead.

Once again the 4-H Council is sponsoring a Thursday Night in the Park. Please read the description on page 2.

Glen Easter
Clarke County Extension Education Director



May 15th—DEADLINE to identify animals to show at the 2006 Clarke County & State Fair.

Don't Forget—Sheep/Goat Weigh-In

Market Sheep/Goat Weigh-In—Scheduled for May 5th, 5-7 p.m. at the Clarke County Fairgrounds, the sheep weigh-in will be for the Clarke County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. The goat weigh-in is for the county & state fair.

Sheep Project Meeting—May 9, Ext. Office, 7 p.m.

4-H Thursday Night in the Park — June 1st, see page 2.

Beef Project Meeting—County-wide beef fitting class on June 10th at the Fair Grounds. Bring your own animal to groom and practice show. Bring a grooming chute if you have one. Burgers provided, please bring a side dish. Time TBA.

FSQA Test-Out — June 14th, Ext. Office, for Int./Sr. 4-H/FFA members @ 1:30 p.m. Call to register, so we can have the tests printed off in advance.

New Member/Leader Pre-Fair Meeting — June 15th, 7 p.m., Clarke County Fairgrounds

Fair Entries Due—June 30th by 4:30 p.m. As the 1st is on a Saturday, deadline is the Friday before.

4-H Council to Host Thursday Night in the Park June 1st

As mentioned in my opening comments, we have had to change our date for Thursday Night in the Park. The 4-H Council will host Thursday Night in the Park on June 1st and needs the assistance of each Club. The Council plans a bake sale to make money for the Exhibitors Dance at the fair. **The Council asks that each club set up a fun booth for family entertainment. Each club booth can be a money maker for the club as well. Thursday Night in the Park (actually the courthouse lawn in Osceola) runs from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Set up can begin anytime prior to the start. Osceola (Big Chief) FFA will be making Kettle Korn as well. The Cattlemen are scheduled to serve. A talent show will provide the bandstand entertainment.



Please call the Extension Office (342-3316) with your Club's activities. That way we can keep a list and avoid duplicating each others fun activity. If you have already called and your activity is not changing, there is no need to call again. **Thursday Nights in the Park are under review, but the Chamber President has said 4-H is a go because we always have a big crowd!**

We recognize that ball season will be in full swing at this time. Thus, our attendance may be affected. But the weather can affect that also.

4-H T-Shirts for the County Fair

If you are in need of an exhibitor's 4-H T-shirt for the Clarke County Fair, **orders must be placed by May 31st.** The t-shirts will be of the same design as last year. Contact your club leader to order.

In the 4-H (& FFA) Livestock Project Rules of the Clarke County Fair book it states that "All exhibitors will wear 4-H or FFA shirts or a white shirt with FFA or 4-H emblem while showing, except horse exhibitors." Horse exhibitors have a slightly different requirement.



2006 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:

"Feel the Pulse"



3 May is Beef Month - Clarke County Promotion for 4-Hers

Clarke County Cattlemen are sponsoring a promotional activity for beef month. The cattlemen have redeemable \$2 coupons available for 4-H Clubs to use in a beef related activity. Clubs can do a beef trivia activity, for example, at the May Club meeting with coupons as the reward.

The coupons are redeemable at the Cattlemen's grill at the Thursday Night in the Park on June 1st, at the grill on during Osceola's July 4th celebration, or at the grill during the Clarke County Fair. The coupons have no cash value and are redeemable for beef sandwiches from the Clarke County Cattlemen's grill only. Make me hungry just typing about it.



The promotion is funded by the Iowa's Beef Producers through the Beef Checkoff. We have coupons here in the Extension Office to be picked up Club Leaders. The coupons, although targeted for 4-H and FFA kids, can be redeemed by anyone.

We have a list of beef questions that can be used for the beef trivia activity as well as the Beef Skill-a-thon Kit available. Call the extension office to reserve the Beef Skill-a-thon Kit. If you have further questions give us a call here at the Extension Office, 342-3316 or call the Clarke County Cattlemen's Grill Master, Jeff Pollard at 7162.

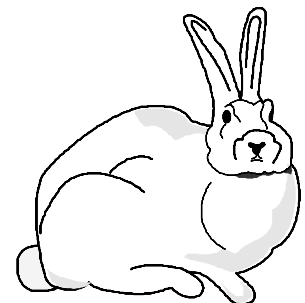


IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER.[®]

Don't Forget the Classic Clarke County's 20th Annual Rabbit Classic

The year's Classic is May 6th at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. Show time is 9:30 a.m. with check-in 8 a.m. The show is free for spectators.

For additional information please contact Vance Vestwebber, 641-443-2311 or Frank Gale, 641-782-2998.



Pre-Fair 4-H Leader Meeting

The Pre-Fair 4-H Leader Meeting will be held on June 15th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be at the Fairgrounds. More in the June newsletter.

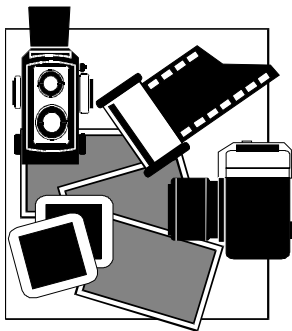
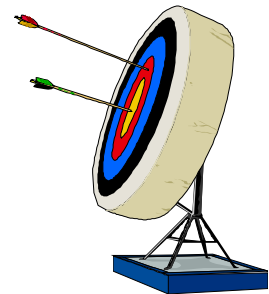


Clarke County 4-H Riding Clinics

Randy and Marla Shifflett will begin eight 4-H riding classes on May 7th, Sunday, at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The other seven dates will be announced at the first practice. For more information contact Randy or Marla Shifflett at 342-9338.

Shooting Sports to Hold Project Meeting

Archery, Small Bore & Air Rifle and Shotgun will meet in May with the date, time and place to be announced. This first session will include all three areas and go over the program and safety for all three project areas. For more information contact Jeff Webb at 342-6288 or Gerard Liskens at 342-2390, or Randy Shifflett at 342-9338.



4-H Photography Project Members— University of Iowa Photo Essay Contest

Kids across Iowa are invited to participate in “The Animals Among Us” photo-essay contest at the University of Iowa. The contest offers up-and-coming K-12 artists a great chance to share the animals in their lives with people throughout Iowa. The contest could also be an exciting project for Iowa 4-H members.

To enter, a contestant just needs to submit one of his or her own photographs along with a short written reflection on the image. Participants can take pictures of pets, but the judges also welcome photographs of farm animals, wild animals, birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and relationships between humans and animals. The Iowa Children’s Museum will host an exhibit of the 25 winning entries from October-December 2006. In early 2007, the winning photo-essays will go on tour through the state of Iowa. At the same time, winners of a separate competition for adults will be displayed the Old Capitol Museum.

Entries are due by June 1. Additional guidelines and entry forms are available at <http://www.uiowa.edu/obermann/animals> or by e-mailing animals-among-us@uiowa.edu.

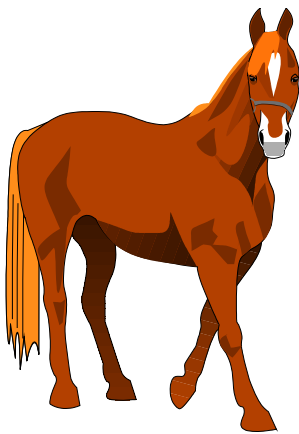
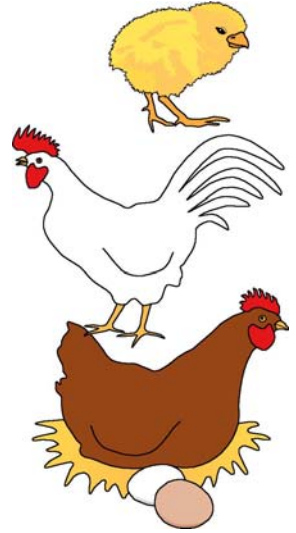
This contest is sponsored by a grant from the Office of the President at the University of Iowa as part of the Year of Public Engagement and is coordinated through the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies.

Don't forget the Pullorum—Typhoid Test for Poultry Exhibits.

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 within 90 days of the event.

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. If you get a bird from a neighbor or relative that is not Pullorum-Typhoid free then they must have that bird tested within 90 days of the show.

Dr. Smith at the Osceola Vet Clinic will conduct the tests on **June 24th during the morning, 8-10 a.m.. Please call the Clinic, 342-2159, to set up an appointment** for your Pullorum-Typhoid Test.



Madison County Horse Judging Contest

The early bird registration deadline for the Madison County 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest to be held Sat., May 13 near Winterset is quickly approaching! Early registration for the contest is May 1. Participants may register as individuals or a team and there is no limit to the number of teams each county may enter. Registrations will also be accepted up to and including the day of the contest with an increased entry fee. For a complete set of contest rules and an entry form, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/madison. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jana Peters, contest coordinator - 515-462-4177.

Horse Camp in Fremont County

The 19th annual Waubonsie 4-H Horse Camp will be held June 10-11, 2006, at the fairgrounds and rodeo arena in Sidney, Iowa. Horse camp is open to any 4-H youth in Southwest Iowa and the surrounding area. The purpose of the horse camp is to help 4-H'ers learn and improve riding skills, prepare for exhibiting and learn about horse care while eating good food and meeting new friends.



Camp includes educational demonstrations and fun games during non-riding time. Nutritious home-cooked meals are provided by the cook shack staff. Camp will be fully staffed with seasoned capable volunteers who will provide campers with a memorable skill-building, character-developing weekend of fun. Sunday will feature an all-family pot-luck dinner followed by a recognition ceremony and campers skill showcase.

Horse Camp registration fee is \$25 due by May 26th. Complete information, itinerary, and the registration form can be found on the Fremont County Extension Website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/fremont/info/horsecamp.htm> or by calling 712-374-2351.

Annual ISU Livestock Judging Camp

The Iowa State University Department of Animal Science and 2006 Livestock Judging Team will again sponsor the ISU Livestock Judging Camp being held June 22-24. The camp is designed for youth ages 14-18 that are interested in building their knowledge on the principles of market and breeding evaluation of sheep, cattle, and hogs, as well as oral reasons. Youth will also learn the importance of performance data



and how to interpret and incorporate data into a set of reasons. Also, current members of the 2006 ISU Livestock Judging Team will work one on one with the participants on oral reasons

All activities will be held on the Iowa State University campus. Attendants will be housed in campus dorms and meals will be provided. All persons attending will need to bring their own toiletry items as well as bedding (i.e. linens, pillows, etc.). Cost of attendance is \$175.00 per individual for the three day camp. This fee includes meals, lodging, awards, judging manual, DVD, as well as a t-shirt and hat. Additionally, FFA instructors and 4-H coaches who accompany at least four youth delegates will have their registration fee waived.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ans.iastate.edu/events/judging/index.htm> . For more information contact Clint Schwab at crschwab@iastate.edu or 515-294-5910.

Going to Kansas City

Join Intermediate 4-H'ers from SW Iowa on a two-day action packed adventure to Kansas City on June 20th-21st. Your first stop will be Science City where you might try riding a bicycle on a tight rope or building a race car out of Legos. Enjoy some real Kansas City barbeque before heading back to the hotel for a night of relaxation including swimming in the pool. Day two will be busy with a tour of Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals, and a stop at Harvesters, Kansas City's only food pantry. You can do all of this for \$85.



Because of the popularity of the KC Royal Adventure trip, we expect seats to fill quickly.

Applications for the trip will be accepted beginning May 15th. Stop by the Clarke County Extension office or pull the application off the web at www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/ **Complete your application and have it ready to go in the mail on May 15th. No applications will be accepted after May 24th.**

The trip is being planned by members of the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council. Adult chaperones are also needed for the trip. They must also pay the \$85 registration fee. Applications for chaperones are available at county Extension offices and on the web at www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/

Financial Assistance Available for 4-H Camps and State 4-H Youth Conference

The Iowa 4-H Foundation offers financial assistance for youth to participate in 4-H summer camps and the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Applications and guidelines are available on the 4-H Foundation Web site at <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/financial/applications/foundapp.htm> . Letters of support must be written by parents, staff, or volunteer 4-H leaders. They are not to be written by the young person who is the recipient. Applications will not be considered without an adult's letter of support. A staff signature also is required on the application form. Financial assistance can not be applied to Citizenship Washington Focus or any other out-of-state trips.

Get "Wild" at Southwest Iowa 4-H Junior Camp this Summer

SW Area 4-H 4th & 5th Grade Junior Camp, June 11-13, at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa. Area 4-H Junior camp will be held in Birch Village and is open to all Southwest Iowa youth who have completed grades 4 and 5. The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up. Registration, Parental Permission and Camp Health forms are available from the county extension office or can be downloaded from <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/info/2006camp> in Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF format. Registration **Deadline is May 15**. The deadline for financial aid is May 1.

Feel the Pulse—Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

The State 4-H Council would like to invite all Iowa youth (8th-12th grades) to attend the 2006 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference with Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops. This exciting event will be held June 27-29. It offers a wide variety of new experiences and opportunities to today's youth.



The three-day event includes educational sessions, fun, innovative workshops; motivational speakers; enriching community service projects, evening entertainment activities, an Iowa Picnic, formal banquet; a look at residential life in ISU's residence halls; and a chance to share your talents and creativity in the Talent Show. The Animal Science ROUNDUP is specialized workshops focusing on beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, and horse; new animal agriculture technologies; and an introduction to career opportunities in animal agriculture. The CSI: Crops is specialized workshops focusing on agronomy and its many facets; learning about GMO's, GPS, FEEL, ELISA, and DNA; and conducting a plant crime scene investigation - solve insect, disease, weed, and plant growth problems.

Cost is \$120.00 per delegate and includes all meals, housing and events, some areas have added transportation costs. Partial Scholarships are available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is May 25th**. For more information go to: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm> .

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County Fair, Jr. Superintendent Applications



Jr. Superintendents assist Fair Superintendents with fair-related activities, promote 4-H and/or FFA, and assist members, leader and parents before and during fair. They must attend fair superintendent planning meetings as determined by the supt. to discuss schedule, changes, etc.

Junior Superintendents help with fair clean-up, building preparation, assist with weigh-ins, assist on judging day--directing youth, writing comments, and handing out ribbons. . They help clean up livestock judging arena, building, etc. after fair, participate in fair evaluation and promote 4-H and/or FFA

To eligible to be a Jr. Supt at the Clarke County Fair you must be committed to the 4-H or FFA program, act as a positive role model for other youth, have a positive attitude, the ability to work with other youth and adults and be able to budget time, so you can commit hours to helping. You must be a freshman in high school for the fall of 2006 or older.

In the selection process we select youth to help with a given show in which the youth is not showing. If you have questions or want an application please contact the Clarke County Extension Office. **The deadline for application is June 30th.**