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2006 4-H News

4-H Dates

If Weighing In Cattle Read the Details

If you are weighing in cattle on January 2nd, read the details on page 2. **The Extension Office will not be open on January 2nd.**

As we move into a new year, we in the extension office wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Glen Easter

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Clarke County Extension Education Director



January 2nd-Market Beef Weigh-In, 4-7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The bad weather date is 1/7, 9-Noon.

January 12th-4-H Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office

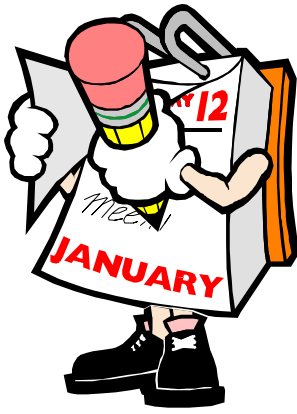
January 19th-Beef Project Meeting, 7 p.m., American State Bank

February 11th-4-H Council's Sweetheart Dinner, Osceola Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

February- FSQA Trainings,
15th-Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, ASB, 7 p.m.
16th-Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Osceola, ASB, 7 p.m.
20th-Jr. Exhibitors, Weldon, Comm Ctr, 7 p.m.
23rd-Jr. Exhibitors, Leon, 4-H Bldg, 7 p.m.

March-FSQA Trainings,
2-Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Weldon, 7 p.m.
9-Int/Sr Exhibitors, Leon, 4-H Bldg, 7 p.m.
20th-Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Clarke Community High School, Vo-Ag Classroom, 3:30 p.m.

April 1st-Market Hog Weigh -In, 9-Noon at the Fairgrounds.
Deadline to join 4-H in order to show at the 2006Clarke County Fair.



4-H Leader Meeting in January

The January 4-H Leaders meeting will be January 12th, 7 p.m. in the Extension Office. The agenda will include a catch-up on each club, review of 4-H council's spring program, and a look at activities between January and June.

Our program will be to look at and review Money Craze and Food & Fitness II.

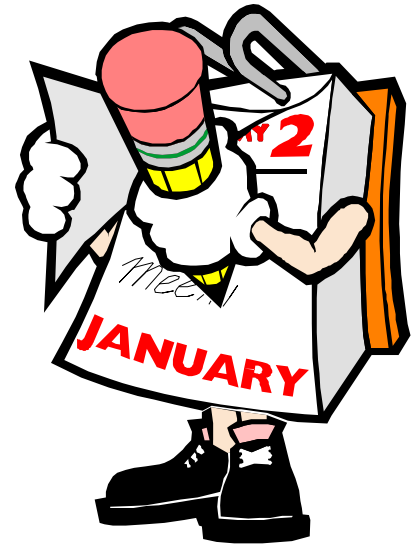
Reminders

Beef Weigh-In Scheduled for January 2nd

The 2006 Clarke County Fair beef weigh-in will be January 2, 2006, 4-7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The snow/ice date is January 7th, 9-Noon.

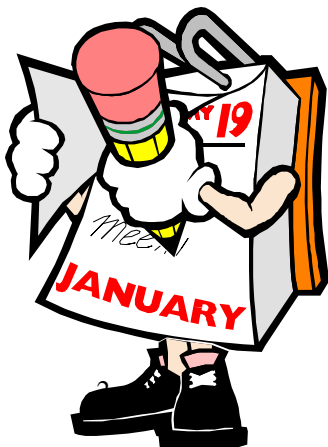
Remember that you **must weigh-in all of your market animals (beef, swine, sheep and goats) in Clarke County** at the appropriate weigh-in date and location. No transfers from other counties are accepted. If unable to make the weigh-in, someone else must weigh the animal in and bring the proper affidavit to the weigh-in.

For those planning to show at the state fair please remember that we will have to collect DNA samples and there is a \$5 per head fee that we must collect.



Don't forget to get your ear tags! Our office will be closed December 23, 26, and January 2nd!

Plan accordingly!



Beef Project Meeting Schedule for January 19th

A 4-H beef project meeting has been schedule by leaders Amy Boyer and Dale Hembry for Thursday, January 19th. They will meet at the American State Bank at 7 p.m.



Southwest Iowa 4-H's Trip to Washington, D.C.

Check out the details in December's Newsletter.

Registration and a \$200 deposit are due by December 29, 2005

Iowa 4-H Project Fair- Register Now!!

Objective: To provide first hand experiences with new 4-H project materials.

Audience: 4-H Youth Field , 4-H CYCs, CEEDS, OAs and interested volunteers

Date: **January 25, 2006** from 9 a.m. - noon at the Green Valley AEA office in Creston. Keep in mind this is on a Wednesday. The program can viewed in the November Newsletter.

There is a \$10 fee and the registration deadline is January 10th. If you want the registration information, give us a call or stop by the extension office.

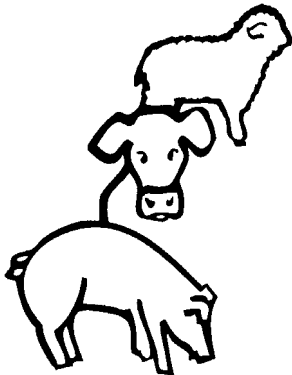


FSQA Training Dates—Register Early

The Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) programs will certify 4-H youth for **beef, pork, dairy (cattle and goats), sheep, poultry, meat goats, and rabbits in 2006**. Please note the age specific groups, we will adhere to the age limits. The training sessions will be adapted to the age group. Registration is required. There is a maximum of 15 4-Hers per session.

Training will be conducted in Clarke and Decatur on the following dates:

- 2/15 Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 2/16 Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 2/20 Jr. Exhibitors, Weldon, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 2/23 Jr. Exhibitors, Leon, 4-H Bldg, 7 p.m.
- 3/2 Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Weldon, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 3/9 Int/Sr Exhibitors, Leon, 4-H Bldg, 7 p.m.
- 3/20 Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Clarke Community School, Vo-Ag Classroom, after school, Date & Time TBA



- 6/14 Clarke County Test-Out, Osceola, Extension Office, 1 p.m.
I will schedule a different test-out time for any group of Int./Sr.'s.

For a description of the breakdown as to who is a Junior, Intermediate or Senior, see the November Newsletter, page 2.

Call the Extension Office, 641-342-3316 to register.

We “Still” Need the Enrollment Forms

I know I sound like a broken record butClub leaders, we need for you to bring in the enrollments forms One, we like to keep our records up to date and get 4-H members in to our records as soon as possible plus campus is asking us for enrollment information. Forms can be brought in multiple times.



This newsletter will be the last to go out on last year’s enrollment list. In January we switch to the new list, which, as of right now, is rather limited.

Triple Troopers and Osceola Go-Getters are all in or close to all being in. **KW Hustlers and Shamrocks** appear to be about half in, we just need the other half.

But we have not heard from Horse & Rider, Koolios, Green Bay Gophers, or Fremont Feenix.

Keep in mind that as each club will handle the \$15 differently, the money and enrollment forms must be collected by the Club Leaders and brought into the extension office. Members do not stop by the office to pay your dues, **PAY YOUR CLUB LEADER!**

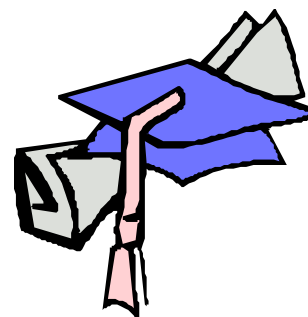
Club leaders may bring enrollment forms and money by the extension office multiple times, but the drop must include the form and the \$15. Members can make their checks for their portion of the dues out to the Clarke County Extension Council if they so desire. Ask your club leader how they plan to handle the members \$15 portion.



4-H Scholarship Applications Due February 1

The due date for 4-H Scholarship applications is quickly approaching. For high school seniors (and some college age students) this opportunity is available through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The Iowa 4-H Foundation will award over \$80,000 in scholarships for the 2005/2006 school year. All application materials can be found at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>.

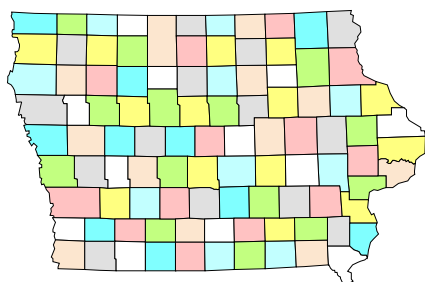


Christina Hixson Scholarship

The Christina Hixson Opportunity Award is a grant of \$10,000 (\$2500 per year for four years) to be used at Iowa State University. Ninety nine Iowa high school seniors (one from each county) will receive the award. Hixson is from SW Iowa and invested \$11.3 million to that young people in need would have the opportunity to attend ISU. The applicant must:

- Be a resident of Iowa
- Be admissible to ISU
- Demonstrate financial eligibility
- Have faced challenges of personal and/or financial hardship
- Possess the potential to succeed.

For more information you may pick up a brochure at the Extension Office or contact your high school counselor. Applications must be into Ames by February 1, 2006.



Hoover Uncommon Student Awards

4-H members may apply for the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award program, a \$5,000 college scholarship program. Applicants must be juniors in an Iowa high school or home school program.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association sponsors the award. Students chosen to participate in the program are eligible for \$750 awards. In addition, three \$5,000 scholarships are awarded for study at an accredited two or four year college or university anywhere in the USA. The application postmark deadline is March 31, 2006.

Students are not evaluated on the basis of grades, test scores, or financial need. Applicants are asked to propose a project they want to accomplish. For application materials, visit <http://www.hooverassociation.org/uca.html> . For more information contact your high school guidance counselor.



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Time to Reserve Your Table

On February 11th, the 4-H Council will have its 3rd Annual Sweetheart Dinner. The Council members will once again provide a candle lit atmosphere with soft music and a fantastic meal.



As with last year it will be held at the United Methodist Church in Osceola. There will be tables for 2, 4, and 6 people. The council, along with help from their culinary talented mothers will put together an excellent meal. This year the appetizer "activity" will be a cheese tasting! The main course will be pork loin, twice baked potatoes, green beans, garden salad and rolls. Cheese cake will be the dessert. Ummmmmmmmmmmmmmmm, makes me hungry just writing about it.

Funds raised from the dinner will be used to support the 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Dance for the County Fair and other 4-H Council activities.

**It is time to make your plans for Valentines Saturday 2006.
Call the Extension Office at 641-343-3316. Seating is limited.**

