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### FUN Night

- Thank you to all the older 4-Hers who attended FUN Night, it was a huge success! I foresee offering one of two of these each year. If you were unable to attend, we sure hope you will join us next time.

### Notes from Jennifer

- Get the latest Clover Kid and 4-H information by liking our 4-H facebook page. Just look up “Clarke County, IA 4-H.”
- The 2015 Clarke County Fairbook was e-mailed to all families on Friday, March 20. If you need a section of the fairbook printed off, please stop by the Extension Office.
- Fun fact– Did you know the 4-H emblem (4-H Clover) was founded in Clarion, IA by a group of students at recess. The clover was officially adopted in 1911.
Swine Available– Contracts due March 31

Over the years Swine Graphics has given 4-H’ers the opportunity to show swine at the fair using their starter program. Swine Graphics is once again offering this program. They will deliver the hogs at weigh-in (April 11) and 4-Hers will take them home from there.

Hogs do not have to be paid for until after the county fair sale. Those who have utilized the program 2 years or less will pay $30/hog. Members who have utilized the program 3 + years will pay $45 per hog.

Contracts may be picked up at the Clarke County Extension Office and must be signed, dated, and returned to the Extension Office before March 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Want $100? - Applications due April 28

The 4-H and Youth Committee has project scholarships available to all 4th–12th graders. 4-Hers can apply for this scholarship to purchase supplies to complete any 4-H project. The committee will select a total of 6 recipients, two from each age division.

The money could be used to purchase lumber, a blender, show stick, camera, feed for livestock, the animal itself or any other 4-H project. Those interested can pick up an application from the Extension Office. They must be completed and returned on or before Tuesday, April 28.

This is a simple application, with only a few questions. Please take the time to look at the application, it’s FREE MONEY!!

4-H Conference– Dare to Discover

The moment so many of you have been waiting for– 4-H Conference registration is now available!! Last year Rileigh Hiatt attended this event and had an absolute blast!! She shared how much fun it was and many of you became very interested.

The conference is scheduled for June 30– July 2 and will be held in Ames at ISU. I will be taking a group and would love for you to join! Remember, you don’t have to be a 4-Her, this event it open to all youth who have completed 8th through 12th grade.

For all the details please contact the Extension office at 641-342-3316 or check out the website at- www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

Registration is online and due before June 1.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Food Safety Quality Assurance

Clarke, Union, and Adair counties are partnering to offer FSQA trainings with live presentations from SWCC Ag students at the SWCC Ag site in Creston. They will be covering required topics and have live animal presentations.

The training is required each year for 4th-6th graders.

7th–12th graders have a few different options:
- Test out
- Attend the training
- Or both (testing is available after each training).

FSQA is required by the state for all youth in grades 4th through 12th exhibiting beef, sheep, dairy/dairy goats, swine, meat goats, poultry and rabbits.

New this year for parents:
Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their 4-Hers. We will have a short separate session for parents on the importance of drug affidavits (new requirement), COOL papers, and their affect on packing plants and consumers.

FSQA dates are: (choose one)
- Wednesday, April 15 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon

Pre-registration is required by Monday, April 13. You may either contact the Extension Office at 641-342-3316 or e-mail me at jpollard@iastate.edu.

If you are in 7th through 12th grade and only wish to test out, you may do so by making an appointment with me. Testing must be completed before June 26.

For Sale- 4-H Apparel

The 4-H Youth Council is selling 4-H Apparel—t-shirts, hoodies, and sweat pants in youth and adult sizes. The money raised will go toward events at the county fair such as the very popular exhibitor dance and other activities like mud volleyball, eating contests, and the prizes. Youth Council funds also go toward events like FUN night. Please see a Youth Council Rep or stop by the Extension Office to put your 4-H order in!


The order form is attached with this newsletter or available from a Youth Council Rep or the Extension Office. Order form and money are due Tuesday, April 28.

Please note—I forgot to add size 2XL to the adult pants. The cost will remain the same, $25.
May 15– Animal Identification Deadline

If you plan to show any beef, sheep, goats, dairy, swine, horses, pets, or dogs at the Clarke County Fair you MUST have these animals identified in 4-H online before May 15 at 11:59 p.m. This is a state deadline and under no circumstances will late entries be accepted.

If you are showing market beef, swine (weighed in), sheep or goats, I will enter this information for you at weigh-in. All other animals must be completely identified in 4-H online on your own time.

PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to complete this process.

I have attached a help sheet that will be helpful when identifying your animals. If you do not have internet access or do not feel comfortable entering your information online, I would be more than happy to help. Please keep in mind, I am not always in the office so calling in advance is recommended.

Rabbits, poultry, and bottle calves/lambs/goats have an extended deadline of July 1 to enter their information in 4-H online. Sometimes these projects aren’t always born by May 15 to we allow for an extension on these animals.

Please keep these items in mind:

- If you decide not to bring an identified animal, you will not get penalized. This just gives us a better idea of what might be coming to the fair.
- This is required for all 4-H and Clover Kids.
- If you plan to bring a dog, but plan to show it as a pet, please identify that animal under the pet category, not dog. Only dogs participating in dog obedience should be placed under dog.
- Animals that have been to the fair before such as dogs and horses and plan to return. You do not have to enter that’s animals information again, just check the box saying they will be attending for 2015.

Mark your Calendars:

- Monday, April 6 – 6:30 pm
- Monday, May 4 – 6:30 pm
- Saturday, June 6 – 9 am to 2 pm
- Monday, July 6 – 6:30 pm

For more information contact Darwin at 641-414-1062

Sheep & Goat Workshops Available

Each year Darwin Downing offers outstanding opportunities to 4-Hers who have an interest in sheep and goats. Participants learn proper techniques and daily care, showing skills, washing, trimming and much more!

Attached with this newsletter is a flyer with specific details.

The April, May, and July meetings will take place at the fairgrounds in the small board room. The June meeting will take place at Darwin’s home. This is a hands on workshop so bring your sheep or goat. Darwin’s home address is 2379 Doyle St. Osceola, located right off Hwy. 69.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CLARKE
**Refrigerator Reference**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sheep/Goat Workshop:**
April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

**Swine Weigh-In:**
April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon

**FSQA:**
Wednesday, April 15 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at SWCC

**FSQA:**
Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at SWCC

**Project Scholarships Due:**
April 28 before 4:30 pm

**4-H Apparel Orders Due:**
April 28 before 4:30 pm

**Sheep/Goat Workshop:**
May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

**Sheep/Goat Weigh-In:**
May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon

**Livestock ID Deadline:**
May 15 before 11:59 p.m. in 4-H online

**4-H Conference Registration:**
Due before June 1

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sheep/Goat Workshop:**
June 6 from 9 am to 2 pm

**PT Testing:**
June 20 from 9-11 a.m.

**Livestock Entry Form Due:**
Before July 1 to the Extension Office. (Form not yet available)

**Sheep/Goat Workshop:**
July 6 at 6:30 pm

**2015 Clarke County Fair:**
July 14-20

**Iowa State Fair:**
August 13-23

**SWINE REMINDERS**

**Swine Participant Reminders:**
- You must be an active 4-Her before weigh-in. I will not activate 4-Hers at weigh-in.
- Swine Weigh-In- April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds show barn
- Swine participants have the option to opt out of weigh-in, however, swine not weighed in will not be eligible for rate of gain or the carcass contest
- If you are thinking about showing 4-H swine at the Iowa State Fair, remember there is a different process. Swine possibly attending the ISF must have a DNA tag. Tags may be purchased in advance at $8 per tag at the Extension Office. Tags will be available at weigh-in or may be picked up at the Extension Office. All DNA tags and envelope must be returned to the Extension Office before April 15.