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Notes from Jennifer

- How do you plan to Unmask Your Opportunities at the Clarke County Fair? Your youth council has exciting activities planned and is ready for the fair, are you?

- We have found a couple mistakes in the fairbook I would like to share. On page 29, rule number 3, calves must be born after January 1, 2013 (not 2012) and be entered by July 1, 2013 (not 2012). On page 32, the first bullet should read– the age of the child must be between 5 years old as of January 1, 2013 and 3rd grade (not 2012). Please note we have found an additional mistake since the May newsletter. Under the Pets category, it says that members must complete a scrapbook. This is not the case for Clover Kids, only 4-Hers (4th-12th grade) are required to complete a scrapbook when showing a pet.

- Are you showing beef for the first time, or just need a good refresher? There is a FREE beef clinic being held in Creston. They will be focusing on washing, rinsing, blowing, daily care, and feedings tips. I have attached a flyer with all the details if you are interested.

- Club leaders– The Extension Office has purchased your club display boards. Please stop by to pick them up so your club make decorate them during your June meeting.
Clarke County Prince and Princess Contest

New this year— the fairboard is having a Prince and Princess contest. All entrants must be 5 years of age and no more than 9 years of age by July 16th 2013 (the 1st day of the Clarke County Fair).

This is open to all youth, not just Clover Kid participants. The application can be picked up at the Clarke County Extension Office and must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on June 21st. Judging will be held on Sunday, July 7th at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

The contestants will be interviewed by a committee and the winning prince and princess will help the King and Queen during the Clarke County Fair.

Clarke County King and Queen Contest

How would you like to be the 2013 Royalty at the Clarke County Fair? We are now accepting applications for these two great opportunities.

The royalty will help throughout the Clarke County Fair and the Queen will represent Clarke County during the 2013 Iowa State Fair.

Judging day will be held Sunday, June 30th at 12:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. It will then be open to the public at 2 p.m. for questions and the fashion show.

Showing any type of bird at the fair?

Pullorum- Typhoid testing is required for all birds coming to the Clarke County Fair. This means anything with feathers must be tested. All birds being shown at the 2013 Clarke County Fair MUST be tested on Saturday June 22nd from 9– 11 a.m. at the fairgrounds regardless of the birds age. There will not be another date available so please plan accordingly.

New this year: members are required to pay for the testing of their birds, this cost will be $.50/ bird and will be due at the testing date. Checks can be made payable to the Clarke County Fairboard.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Shooting Sports– Shotgun

Randy has scheduled some additional shotgun events at his home, 2519 Idaho Street. Each event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and these dates include:

- Friday, June 7th
- Friday, June 28th
- Friday, July 12th
- Friday, July 26th

Remember, you must have completed one of the safety trainings to participate in any shooting sports events. If you have any questions, please contact Randy at 417-860-5369.

Livestock Entry Forms– Due July 1st

Now that you have entered your animals in 4-H online, your next step is filling out the Livestock Entry Form. This form tells us what animals you have decided to bring and what classes you would like to enter them in. This form must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on July 1st. These can be picked up from the Extension Office and can also be found on our website by going to www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke. I have also included a copy of the Animal Entry Form with this newsletter.

There is also a small fee that is paid to the fairboard when turning this form in. Depending on what animal (s) you bring and how many, will depend on the total fee for each exhibitor. Clover Kids fee is waved for bottle calves and pets.

Cook This!

Cook This! Is a youth culinary challenge where a three member teams complete in a part challenge where participants will demonstrate their knowledge in kitchen equipment, produce identification, and creativity in food preparation. There will be 10 teams at each of the junior, intermediate, and senior levels completing to show that they can COOK THIS!

I have attached the flyer with all the complete details. If anyone would like to me to try their food, I would be more than happy to do so.
Clubs Hosting the Exhibit Building

Once again- each club will be hosting the Exhibit Building one day during the fair. What will the hostess do that day? The overall job is to watch over the Exhibit Building. The host will maintain the front table, help oversee the bake sale, and help people locate a particular club or project.

Keep in mind, this does not have to be a 4-H member or the leader. A club could get a business or individual to watch the front desk that day. You could also have each club member take a one hour shift, or have groups of two. Each club can decide how they would like to go about hosting the Exhibit Building, we just need to make sure someone is at the front table at all times throughout the fair. We had great comments about this addition last year, and hope it will continue to be helpful.

Club Schedule:

- Wednesday, July 17th from noon to 8:00 p.m. - Fremont Feenix
- Thursday, July 18th from 9a.m. to 8p.m.– K.W. Hustlers
- Friday, July 19th from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.– Osceola Go-Getters
- Saturday, July 20th from 9a.m. to 5 p.m.– Triple Troopers and Koolios from 5-8 p.m.
- Sunday, July 21st from noon to 5 p.m. – Osceola Chargers and 5-8 p.m. Green Bay Gophers

Premium Money– New Changes

The Extension Office has been looking for ways to get the 4-Hers premium money into their hands faster. New this year– members will receive their money directly after they are judged in the Exhibit Building or once they are done showing each day in the show barn. For example, once you are done judging in the Exhibit building and are checking out, someone will be there to give you your premium money right then. If you plan to show any animals, you must come to the northwest corner of the show barn after each species you show that particular day. If you do not collect your premiums directly after you are done in the exhibit building or showing your animal, you will have to wait until late September.

We hope this will make it easier on families, will make for less mistakes, and will give the 4-Hers a little spending money throughout the fair.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
Refrigerator Reference

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, $15 Challenge and Communication forms due:**
Monday, June 3rd by 4:30 p.m. to the Extension Office.

**Sheep Workshop:**
Saturday, June 8th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Darwin’s home

**Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, $15 Challenge and Communication Judging:**
Friday, June 21st at 2 p.m. in the Clarke Auditorium

**King/Queen Entries Due:**
Friday, June 21st to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

**Prince/Princess Entries Due:**
Friday, June 21st to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

**P.T. Testing for all birds:**
Saturday, June 22nd from 9-11 a.m. at the fairgrounds in the show barn.

**Sheep Workshop:**
Tuesday, June 25th 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**King/Queen Judging:**
Sunday, June 30th at the fairgrounds. Individual judging begins at 12:30 p.m. and open to the public at 2 p.m.

**Animal Entry Forms, Fee’s and COOL papers due:**
July 1st by 4:30 p.m.

**Iowa State Fair Entries due in 4-H online:**
July 1st by 4:30 p.m.

**Prince/Princess Judging:**
Sunday, July 7th at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds

**2013 Clarke County Fair “Unmask Your Opportunities”:**
July 17th– 22nd

**2013 Iowa State Fair:**
August 8th– 18th

**Fairgrounds Clean Up Schedule**

To keep our fairgrounds looking nice, we need all 4-H and FFA members help. It may not be everyone’s favorite part of the fair, but if everyone chips in, it shouldn’t take long at all. Keep in mind all trash must be picked up before 9 a.m. each day.

- **Thursday AM—** K.W. Hustlers
- **Friday AM—** Osceola Go-Getters
- **Saturday AM—** Triple Troopers and Koolios
- **Sunday AM—** Osceola Chargers and Green Bay Gophers
- **Monday AM—** Fremont Feenix
- **Tuesday AM—** Murray and Osceola FFA (can be done Monday night after the sale)

* Remember, we need to pick up the entire fairgrounds. This includes the parking lot, around the arena, around the barns, and over by the track. Even if there was not an event in that area the night before, please check to make sure the area is clean!