



**Special points of
interest:**

- May 15th
Deadlines
- Club Show
News
- 4-H Youth
Conference
- Junior 4-H Camp

Upcoming Events

May

2: Sheep Weigh-Ins in the Ag Building—DeWitt High School (9 –11 a.m.)

8: 4-H Open Speed Horse Show in Jackson County at 6:00 p.m.

15: Last day to add projects

15: Livestock Id Forms due to Extension Office

15: Non-livestock Registration forms due to Extension Office

15: Deadline for New Enrollment Forms due

15: 4-H'ers for 4-H Contributions due

15: 4-H Youth Conference Registrations due

15: Jr. 4-H Camp Registrations due

The Extension Office closes at 3 p.m. on Friday May 15th !!!!!!!!

June

1: State Fair Market Broiler Entry Forms due to State 4-H Office

2: Geocaching Workshop at Clinton County Fairgrounds (1-3 p.m.)

11-13: Cyclone Horse Judging Camp

12: 4-H Open Speed Horse Show in Jackson County at 6:00 p.m.

12-14: Jr. 4-H Camp

13: 4-H Open Fun Horse Show in Jackson County at 8:00 a.m.

16: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

21-27: Dubuque 4-H Horse and Pony Camp

26: County Fair Entry Forms due by 3:00 p.m. to the Extension Office

27: Photography workshop at the Clinton County Fairgrounds (2-4 p.m.)

30-July 2: State 4-H Conference, *Voyage to Greatness*

July

1: State Fair 4-H Livestock/Horticulture entries due to Extension Office

6: Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews (3– 7 p.m.)

7: Fashion Revue/Clothing Selections (3 - 7 p.m.)

8: Communications Day (1 - 5 p.m.)

11: Conference Judging Day (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

15-19: Clinton County Club Show

August

13-23: Iowa State Fair

“Stitch This!”

“Stitch This!” is a 16-hour fashion design competition for Iowa high school youth inspired by the TV show “Project Runway”. The competition will involve teams of youth working together to deconstruct wedding dresses and design them into new wearable garments, which will culminate into a runway-style fashion show during the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

“Stitch This!” will take place on Friday and Saturday August 21-22nd at the 4-H Exhibit Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. Youth can apply in teams of four, and nine teams will be selected to compete. Each team will be paired with an ISU Textiles and Clothing student who will provide directions and overall expertise on patternmaking and construction.

To apply teams must submit a written application and upload a video application. Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/stitchthis.htm> for more information.

Voyage to Greatness

The 2008-2009 State 4-H Council is inviting all Iowa youth (8th-12th grades) to attend the 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference with Animal Science ROUNDUP and CSI: Crops. This event will be held June 30th - July 2nd on the Iowa State University Campus.

Registration is due May 15th. Contact the Extension Office for more questions or check www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm.



Geocaching Workshop

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure-hunt where you use GPS or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called “geocaches”) anywhere in the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container (usually Tupperware or ammo box), containing a logbook and maybe “treasure”. Geocaches are currently placed in over 100 countries around the world and on all seven continents, including Antarctica.

There are over 1000 “caches” within the Clinton County area alone!

We will be having a geocaching workshop at the Clinton County Fairgrounds from 1-3 p.m. on June 2nd. Come out and learn how to use GPS units and all about the world of geocaching. **There will be a \$5 registration fee. Please register and drop off or send your fee to the Extension Office by May 25th.**



Pulling it Together

Iowa State University Extension has released a new brochure titled, "Pulling it Together" to help explain how to use Elements and Principles of Design in Home Improvement. We have these brochures available at the Extension Office for purchase.

2009 Iowa State Fair Vet Camp

Vet Camp is an educational, exciting, hands-on learning program aimed at encouraging youth ages 10-18 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp is a two hour program focusing on both large and small animal veterinary medicine. Vet Camp is FREE with paid Iowa State Fair admission. Only 30 spots are available per session and sessions will be assigned according to date received. Vet Camp deadline is June 1, 2009. The Vet Camp Registration Form is available online at www.iowastatefair.org and can also be found on the Clinton County Extension website: www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton. Vet Camp will be held on Thursday, August 13th, Saturday August 15th, Tuesday August 18th, Wednesday August 19th, Thursday August 20th, and Sunday August 23rd.



4-H Open Speed Show

The Jackson County 4-H Horse Project Committee is sponsoring an Open Speed Show on May 8th and June 12th. The start time for both events is 6:00 p.m. There will be youth barrels (grades 4-8 and 9-12), open barrels (19 and up), youth poles (grades 4-8 and 9-12), open poles (19 and up), youth plug (grades 4-8 and 9-12), open plug (19 and up) and an open flag race.



To see the flyer, check out the [Clinton County Extension website](http://www.clintoncountymissouri.org).

4-H Open Fun Show

The Jackson County 4-H Horse Project Committee is sponsoring an Open Fun Show at the Jackson County Fairgrounds on June 13th at 8:00 a.m. Classes include: Ribbon Race, Egg and Spoon, Catalog Race, Texas Keyhole, Jump Figure 8, Rescue Race, Flags, Plug, Barrels and Poles.

To see the flyer, check out the [Clinton County Extension website](http://www.clintoncountymissouri.org).

FSQA Training

All 4-H'ers who will be showing in the following livestock areas: beef, bucket/bottle calf, swine, sheep, goats, dairy, rabbits and poultry, must be FSQA certified. If you still need to attend a training session, there will be one May 11th from 6-8 p.m. at the Scott County Extension Office. If you would like to attend, please register with them by calling 563-359-7577. There will also be another training session in Jackson County on June 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. You can contact the Jackson County Office at 563-652-4923.

If you are 12 or older, you may call the Clinton County Extension Office and set up a time to test out instead of attending a training session.

Youth must have their FSQA requirements met by Friday, June 26th. If you have any additional questions, call Wendy at 563-659-5125.

Poultry Testing

All poultry exhibited at the fair must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks or have had a negative test within 90 days of show, performed by an authorized tester. Exhibitors must have this document at check-in time at the county fair. If you need to have your birds tested, please contact Glenn Drowns at 563-246-2385, or check the [ISU Extension website](#) for authorized testers.

Scott County Dairy Show

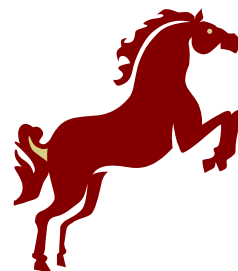
Scott County 4-H would like to invite Clinton County 4-H'ers to participate in the Mississippi Valley Fair with their 4-H dairy project. The 4-H dairy show begins at 9:00 am on August 5th, with the animals entering on the 4th. Dairy projects must be identified in Clinton County by the May 15th deadline. Fair entry forms and stall fees for the Mississippi Valley Fair must be received by the **Scott County Extension Office by July 1st**. (No late or postmarked forms will be accepted.) You can find the fair entry form and rules of the show by visiting <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/scott/info/Dairy++Extended+Invitation+Info+Forms.htm>. If you have questions, call the Scott County Extension Office at 563-359-7577.



**More information on all articles in the Connection can be found at:
www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton**

Win a Free Mustang

A free Mustang horse, that is. In June, Gentle Mustang Connection and Quantum Horseman will be giving away a gentled mustang to a lucky 4-H member. The horse is absolutely free, no strings attached, as a way to showcase the American Mustang breed of horse. The recipient will be able to use the horse as a 4-H project, thus spreading the word about the usefulness and beauty of this breed. To enter, go to www.quantumhorseman.com and look on the 4-H page. For more information, contact Linda Adams at mustangtreat@yahoo.com or Diane Swick at lazyspurrranch@yahoo.com.



Iowa State Fair Communications Schedule

The following date has been set for Clinton County Youth to participate in Communications at the Iowa State Fair. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits will be all day August 17th, and Share the Fun will be at noon and 5 p.m. on August 17th. These dates are set and are not able to be changed, so please plan accordingly.

State Fair Market Broiler Requests

Iowa State Fair Market Broiler entry forms are now available on the ISU Extension Website. Entry forms and payment must be returned to the **State 4-H Office** by June 1st. The entry form can be found on the State 4-H website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHPoultryBroilerEntry.pdf>.



State Fair Entries

State Fair 4-H Livestock and Horticulture Entries are due to the Extension Office by **July 1st**. If you need entries for state fair, they will be available mid to late May.

Please call first to make sure we have received them from the state office before stopping in to pick them up.

Entry cards for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats will be sent directly to the exhibitor from the State 4-H office. Dog exhibitors will not need to complete entry cards prior to the Fair.

Iowa State Fair premium books and open class entry forms will be available online at www.iowastatefair.org beginning in May.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The 2009 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl will be on Tuesday, June 16th in Oelwein. There will be 3 age divisions; junior, intermediate and senior. Teams must pre-register prior to June 1st. For more information about registration and rules, go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookdairy.htm>.

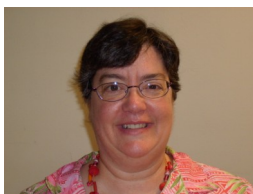
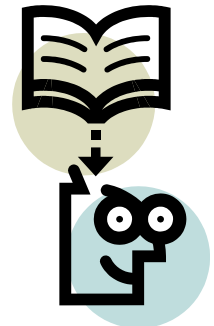
Photography Workshop

The Extension Office will be hosting a photography workshop on June 27th from 1-3 p.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Learn about exposure, focusing, discovering details, lighting, and what judges are looking for. Bring your camera if you have one, and take some great pictures for your photography project. If you would like to attend, please contact the Extension Office and register by June 15th.



Reminders

- **Voyage To Greatness** - Don't forget to turn in your registration forms into the Extension Office by May 15th.
- **Missing Ear Tags** - Be Sure to notify the Extension Office if you have an animal with a missing ear tag. Wendy will contact you and make arrangements for the retag of your animal.
- **4-H Junior Camp** - Registrations for Camp Shalom are due to the Extension Office by May 15th.



Cathy Winchester

New Employee Spotlight

Cathy Winchester is the newest staff member here at the Clinton County Extension Office. She is our newest Office Assistant. Cathy and her husband Bill recently moved to DeWitt from Durant to be closer to their 22 month old grandson. Cathy worked 28 years in the Postal Service and is now looking forward to a new chapter in her life. Cathy enjoys volunteering at Westwing and spending time with family. She is excited to meet new people in the community and to learn more about what Extension has to offer.

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Office Hours

Monday: 8-6

Tuesday-Thursday: 8-4:30

Friday: 8-3

**The Extension Office will be closed
on May 25th and July 3rd**

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