



Upcoming Events

July

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

5: Johnson County 4-H Horse Fun Show at Fairgrounds (10:00 a.m.)

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.)

10: Quilt Design Contest Entries due to Extension or Fairboard Office

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

12: 4-H Pancake Breakfast at the Clinton County Fairgrounds Food Pavilion (8:00 a.m. to 11: a.m.)

15-19: Clinton County Club Show

August

13-23: Iowa State Fair



Special points of interest:

- Things to Remember
- State Fair Information
- Pancake Breakfast
- Silent Gift Basket Auction

Pie Eating Contest

DeWitt Bank and Trust is sponsoring a pie eating contest again this year at the fair. The contest will be on Saturday, July 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the beef arena. There will be a junior, senior, open, and leaders division (junior and senior divisions will be divided into girls and boys).

To participate, you must pre-register.

Registration forms must be turned in by July 3rd to DeWitt Bank and Trust, and can be found on the Clinton County Extension Website.

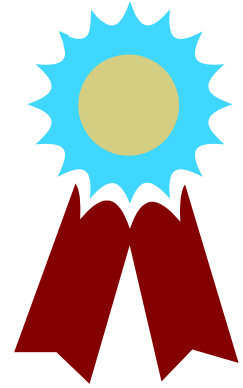


Conference Judging Day

Conference Judging day is July 11th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please check the schedule that is posted in the online fairbook for the time your club is scheduled to arrive.

Here are a few tips to help the day run smoothly:

- Please arrive at least 5-10 minutes before your scheduled time.
- Make sure that you have your write up. (Refer to the fairbook to make sure you know what you need)
- Bring your entry tags, completed non-livestock list (yellow sheet with projects listed on it), specific labels (if needed), and your project
- Wear appropriate dress (Refer to the fairbook)
- Come in the south door of the auditorium
- 4-H greeters will be there to help you find your way



Most importantly, don't forget to have fun and showcase yourself and your exhibit!

Conference Judging Day Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with Conference Judging Day as well. If you would like to help out, you can choose between an all day shift or a half day shift. We are looking for comment writers, judges helpers, and bake sale helpers. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

Club Booth Set Up

Set up time for club booths will be Tuesday July 14th and Wednesday July 15th. Please call and let the Extension Office know what time your club will be decorating so we can make sure the auditorium will be open.

The 2009 Club Booth Theme is Voyage to Greatness. This is also the theme for the 2009 State 4-H Youth Conference. Be creative and show off your club spirit!

The Auditorium will be open to the public starting on Thursday, July 18th at 8:00 a.m.



**The Clinton County Connection and the fairbook can be found at:
www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton**

Club Show Clean Up

The following clubs will be responsible for cleaning up the fairgrounds on Monday, July 20th from 9:00 a.m. to noon: C-W Jr.Ag, Jolet, Wapsi Valley and Orange Future Leaders. Please be sure your club is well represented. Let's leave the fairgrounds looking as good or better than before the fair began.



State Fair Project Transportation

The Extension Office will provide transportation for most of the indoor exhibits chosen for the Iowa State Fair (large items must be transported by the exhibitor). Any 4-H'er, who would like to take advantage of this exhibit transportation to Des Moines will need to pay \$15.00 per family. More information will be handed out at the mandatory State Fair meetings during the fair. All State Fair meetings will be held in the auditorium.

State fair meetings will be held:

Friday, July 17th at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 19th at 1:30 p.m.

State Fair Communications

The following dates have been set aside for Clinton county Youth to participate in communications at the Iowa State Fair. **These dates are set and are not able to be changed, so please plan accordingly.**

- Educational Presentations: Monday, August 17th (All day)
- Working Exhibits: Monday, August 17th (All day)
- Extemporaneous Speaking: To be Announced
- Share the Fun: Monday, August 17th (Noon and 5PM)



Mustang Winners

Congratulations to Sierra and Kylie Moore! They are the winners of the Mustang horse giveaway that was posted in last month's newsletter. They picked up their horses last week. Way to go!

Fair/Club Show Olympics

The 2009 Clinton County Club Show will be having Fair/Club Show Olympics again this year. Note that the time has changed. Olympics will be held Thursday, July 16th at **7:00 p.m.** Please watch at the fair to see where and when to sign up., or contact the fairboard for more information.



Cow Chip Bingo

Cow Chip Bingo will be back at the fair again this year. The cow will be brought to the grid at noon on Saturday, July 18th. Tickets are available for \$5.00 at the Extension Office and the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce. 4-Hers are also welcome to pick up tickets to sell. Proceeds go toward the Clinton County 4-H Endowment Fund.

Congratulations Seniors

Congratulations to all of the seniors on their accomplishments this year. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors! Please plan to attend the Senior Recognition Ceremony at the Clinton County Club Show on Friday, July 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the Beef Arena.

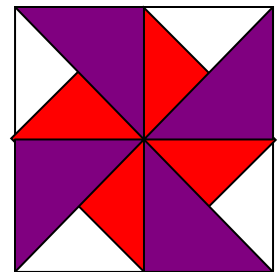


Tile Design Contest

The Iowa State Fair is building a new facility, the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, which will be ready for the 2010 Iowa State Fair. The State Fair would like to incorporate Iowa's tradition and heritage by gathering quilt block designs to be displayed on the exterior of the new structure. Each county in Iowa will be represented by one quilt design.

Everyone in Clinton County is encouraged to design a quilt tile block (design should be submitted on paper, no actual quilting required) and bring it to the Clinton County Fair to be displayed and submitted for the contest. One winner and one alternate will be sent to the State Fair. Winners will be displayed at the Iowa Fairs Conference in December.

For Guidelines, visit the Clinton County Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton.



4-H Pancake Breakfast

We will be hosting a 4-H Pancake Breakfast on July 12th from 8 to 11:00 at the Clinton County Fairgrounds food pavilion. Proceeds from this breakfast will go towards enrollment fees for all 4-H'ers in the 2009-2010 year. Please tell all of your friends and family to come out and support our 4-H youth program. We will also be posting Iowa State Fair qualifiers from Conference Judging Day that morning.



We are also asking that every 4-Her sell 3 tickets to the pancake breakfast. We will be distributing those tickets with the club t-shirts. Each ticket costs \$5.00. Please get the money and any unsold tickets back to your club leaders. Lets all make this breakfast a success!

Silent Auction Gift Baskets

The Extension Office will be hosting a Gift Basket Silent Auction at this years Clinton County Fair. All proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the Clinton County Extension Endowment Fund. We are encouraging all clubs to put together a basket for the auction, and are also inviting families, businesses, and individuals to donate gift baskets as well. Baskets should not contain perishable items. They should also be wrapped and have a tag with the contents of the basket attached to the outside. For more guidelines and ideas, visit the Clinton County Extension website. Baskets should be turned in to the Extension Office by July 10th.



2009-2010 County Council Applications

Are you going to be a Junior or a Senior in High School next fall? If you are, you should consider applying for a spot on the 4-H County Council. This is an excellent leadership experience for you and you can serve as an ambassador to the 4-H community. Applications for the 2009-2010 County Council will be due August 19th to the Extension Office. If you would like an application, stop by the office or get the application off of our website.

Teen Dance

The 4-H County Council will again be hosting a teen dance at this year's fair. The dance will take place from 8:00 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 18th in the beef arena. Dance admission is \$3.00 for a single ticket, or \$5.00 for a couple.

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Office Hours

Monday: 8-6

Tuesday-Thursday: 8-4:30

Friday: 8-3

**The Extension Office will be
Closed July 3rd**

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