



Special points of interest:

- 4-H Open House
- National 4-H Week
- 4-H Family Fun Get Together
- Extension Open House

Upcoming Events

September

- 19: Iowa Pork Youth Team Conference - Iowa Speedway, Newton, IA
22: 4-H Open House - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office

October

- 2: Project Award Applications due to Extension Office
4-10: National 4-H Week
4: 4-H Family Fun Get Together - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the DeWitt Opera House Theatre
5: Extension Open House - noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
9: Record Book Results due from leaders to Extension Office
9: Club Officer Books due to Extension Office
19: Fall Leader's Training - noon and 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office

November

- 8: County Wide Fire Up Meeting in the Beef Arena, Clinton County Fairgrounds

December

- 12: Beef Weigh-in at DeWitt Vet Clinic

January

- 31: Enrollment Packet Due to the Extension Office



Iowa Pork Youth Team Leadership Conference

The Iowa Pork Youth Team Leadership Conference will be held September 19th at the Newton Inn and the Iowa Speedway in Newton, IA. This conference is being held in conjunction with the USAR Pro Cup Series and the ASA Late Model Series races at the Iowa Speedway in Newton. The leadership program begins at 10:00 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m., followed by the race and a Billy Currington concert at 9:49 p.m.



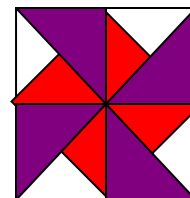
Learn more about how to be a leader in the Iowa pork industry and how you can help change the face of Iowa pork production. And see a FREE Billy Currington concert after the race. All junior high/high school aged students are welcome to attend.

For \$20 you get: tips and information on how to become a leader in the Iowa pork industry, a ticket to the Iowa Speedway race, food, hotel room (due to the late time of the concert), and a free Billy Currington Concert after the race.

If you would like to attend, please stop by the Extension Office for an application. Registrations are due to the Iowa Pork Producers Association by Friday, September

Quilt Expo

The Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild is hosting a Quilt Expo on September 11th and 12th. The Expo will be at the Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds at Keppy Hall. Guild members will be teaching and demonstrating on Friday Sept. 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and again on Saturday Sept. 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members will be demonstrating all aspects of quilting and will complete a quilt to be donated to an organization for wounded soldiers. An admission of \$2.00 will be charged for this event. For more information, contact Carol Herington at 563-355-5289 or Lois Schurr at 563-289-4573.



Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events

Not seeing a 4-H activity we have held in the past on the schedule? Don't worry, we will be having other group 4-H events this winter and will be adding new ones throughout the rest of the year. If you have an idea for a fun group event or workshop, send me an e-mail at wproctor@iastate.edu or give me a call at 659-5125 and let me know what your idea is. I can't wait to hear your suggestions!

Fair Congratulations

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the Clinton County, Mississippi Valley and State Fairs. Everyone did a wonderful job and excelled as 4-Hers. Special congratulations to Karolyn Kruse, Clinton County Fair Queen, Carly Bormann, Clinton County Fair Princess, Mariah Luallen, Clinton County Equestrian Queen, and Megan Oliver, Clinton County Pork Queen. Meritorious Service Awards went out to Mike Goodall and Mary Stevenson for their dedication and service to the 4-H organization.



4-H Open House

The state wide 4-H Open House will take place on September 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clinton County Extension Office. Come on over and learn about the programs that ISU Extension has to offer the youth of Clinton County. Come out and make a pinecone birdfeeder, learn some fun new activities, and check out our science experiments. If you have any friends that would like to join 4-H, send them over to learn more about how 4-H works. We hope to see you all there!

4-H Family Fun Get Together

The Extension Office will be hosting a 4-H family fun get together on October 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to jump start National 4-H week. All 4-H'ers and their families are invited to come to the DeWitt Opera House Theatre and enjoy a short awards program, installation of the County Council and a FREE movie. Get ready for an afternoon of 4-H fun, raffle prizes, an exciting flick and popcorn! The movie will be suitable for all ages, and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend.



County Wide Fire-Up Meeting

The 2009 County Wide Fire-Up Meeting will take place on November 8th in the Beef Arena at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Record book awards as well as project awards will be handed out at this event. More information on the Fire-Up Meeting will be in next month's newsletter, but save the date. Let's see if we can beat last year's attendance!

4-H Record Books

Record Book evaluations, forms and criteria have been included on the Clinton County Website. Please be sure to read the information carefully. Use the evaluation form to your advantage. It is included so you can see what you will be critiqued on and how you will be given a bronze, silver or gold ranking. Other forms you will need are the 4-H Yearly Summary, a 4-H Project Record for each project you participated in, and the Record Keeping Self Evaluation. These forms must be included with your record book and points will be deducted if they are not included. Check with your leader to see when your record book should be turned in to them. All leaders must have their club record book results turned into the Extension Office by Friday, October 9th by 3:00 p.m.



Record Book Forms

All record book forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Clinton County Website at www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton. If you have any questions, contact Wendy at the Extension Office at 659-5125.

Club Officer Books Due

If you are the Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, or Historian of your club, you are required to submit your books to the Extension Office by Friday, October 9th before 3:00 p.m. Again this year we would like to recognize 4-H clubs who have completed these books.

Project Awards

Project Award application forms, guidelines, and helpful hints are posted on our website or are available at the office. Forms are due on October 9th by 3:00 p.m. Please read carefully! Applicants who are in grades 9-12 have the chance to apply for a State Award as well. Applications are very similar to the county forms and can be picked up at the Extension Office or on the county website.



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

Fall Leader's Training

Fall leader's training has been set for October 19th. We will be serving a light meal at each training session, so please call the Extension Office to reserve a place by October 14th. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact the Extension Office to set up a time to check out the DVD version or to find out how to take the training online. At this meeting you will receive your clubs enrollment forms along with other club information.

Enrollment Information

4-H Enrollment fees have increased on a state level this year, but thanks to everyone's hard work at the 4-H Pancake Breakfast and the generosity of Farm Credit Services, we are planning on leaving enrollment fees the same or even lowering them from last year. Stay tuned to find out and please let Farm Credit Services know how much we all appreciate their dedication to the 4-H program!

Think Green, Expand 4-H

Once again, every county around the state has been handed down the challenge to increase their enrollment by 3%. Let's see how your recruitment skills are. The club that gains the highest percentage of new members will receive a prize, maybe a party or a group activity...on us. So get out there and spread the word about how great 4-H is. Good luck!



Extension Open House

The Clinton County Extension Office will having an Open House on October 5th from noon to 7:00 p.m. Come on over to our new office and meet our office staff and specialists, as well as tour our new facilities. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, give us a call at 563-659-5125.



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