



Upcoming Events

November

8: County Wide Fire Up Meeting at the DeWitt High School Gym
(6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

26-27: Office Closed

December

12: Beef Weigh-in at DeWitt Vet Clinic (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

24-25: Office Closed

January

1: Office Closed

31: Enrollment Packets Due to the Extension Office (Packets may be turned in on Monday, February 1st due to the 31st being a Sunday)

June

29 - July 1: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference - "Set the Stage"

July

14-18: Clinton County Club Show

August

12-22: Iowa State Fair

Special points of interest:

- Fire Up Meeting
- Beef Weigh-in
- Citizen Washington Focus
- Horse Judging Team



Re-Enrollment Forms

Re-enrollment forms are due to the Extension Office by January 31st, however, since that is a Sunday, forms will still be accepted on February 1st. Keep in mind, those that turn enrollment forms in by November 20th will be sure to receive the December newsletter and other important 4-H information.

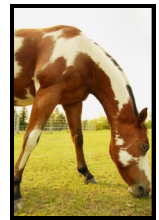
Community Service at Fire-Up Meeting

Let's all work together to bring a little community service to our Fire-Up Meeting. Everyone bring a non-perishable food item or \$1.00 to the meeting to donate to the local referral center.

The 2009 County Wide Fire-Up Meeting is November 8th at the DeWitt High School Gymnasium. The Fire-Up Meeting will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will be having make-it-take-it tables, games, and much more. Record book awards and project awards will be handed out at this event. Show your 4-H spirit and wear a 4-H t-shirt!

Clinton County Horse Judging Team

Congratulations to the Clinton County Horse Judging Team! Clinton County placed second among five senior teams at the 2009 Iowa 4-H State Horse Judging contest October 3rd at Jester Park near Granger, Iowa. The four-member team scored 1,464 out of the possible 1,650 in the senior division. The first place team from Madison County scored 1,466. Clinton County team members Heidi Andresen, Emily Kremer, Caley Jacobsen and Crystal McGarry were coached by Bev Downey.



In the Iowa 4-H State Horse Judging Contest, 4-H'ers learn evaluation methods, practice decision-making and communication skills and develop the ability to select horses appropriate for a defined purpose. Each contestant presented two sets of oral reasons describing his or her thoughts on why the animals were placed in a specific order.

Operation Military Kids

Operation Military Kids is the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support the children and youth of families serving in the Armed Forces. The State 4-H Office has partnered with Operation: Military Kids to help 4-H members (or potential members) that have a parent, step-parent, or sibling who is in the military. This includes all service branches, active, Guard or Reserves, deployed or not.



Operation: Military Kids will pay the 4-H program development fee for members that fit the requirements. If you have any members that fall into this category, let me know and I can get you more information on the program and its benefits to military families.

Beef Weigh-ins

Beef Weigh-in will take place December 12th beginning at 8 a.m. at the DeWitt Vet Clinic. Again this year, we will have determined time slots for clubs to bring in their market beef projects to help keep wait time at a minimum. More detailed information will be mailed in late November.

8 a.m.

Central DeWitt FFA
 Welton Jr Farmers
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9 a.m.

DeWitt Hustlers
 Mohawk
 Minnehaha
 Spring Valley

10:00 a.m.

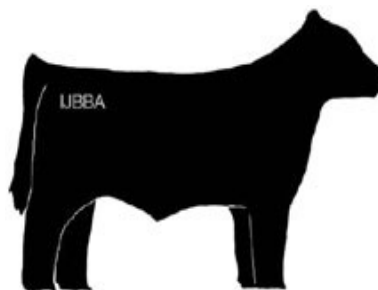
Northeast FFA
 Goose Lake Jr. Feeders
 Elvira Rustlers
 Charlotte Jr. Producers

11:00 a.m.

Orange Future Leaders
 Jolet
 Delmar Hot Shots

12:00 p.m.

Cal-Wheat FFA
 CW Jr. Ag
 Wapsi Valley



Citizen Washington Focus

Come and join senior 4-H'ers from Southeast Iowa on the Citizen Washington Focus trip. You will spend nine days making new friends, seeing the sights of our Nation's Capitol, and working on legislation with delegates from across the USA. The bus will leave Friday, June 11th and return on Saturday, June 19th.

Some of the places you will visit include Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, the War and Presidential memorials, and the Smithsonian Museums. Delegates will spend an evening at the Kennedy Center and tour the Holocaust museum. At the National 4-H Center, where you will be staying, delegates will hear motivational speakers, attend workshops and assemblies, and make lasting friendships during social events. The cost for this trip is \$1100, which includes lodging, entry fees, tickets, and meals while in Washington D.C. (everything except meals on the way out and back). Those interested need to complete an application and make a \$100 deposit by November 20th. Applications are available at the Extension Office and the Extension Website.

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Monday: 8-6

Tuesday-Thursday: 8-4:30

Friday: 8-3

***Office will be closed November 26-27
and December 24-25***

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