



**Special points of interest:**

- QC Flames “4-H Night 2009”
- Re-Enrollment Information
- FSQA Information
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- Area/State Awards
- 4-H License Plates

## Upcoming Events

### January

- 1: Office Closed
- 12: Youth Committee Meeting, TC’s-DeWitt (7 p.m.)
- 16: Deadline for ordering QC Flames tickets from Extension Office
- 19: Office Closed
- 25: County Council Meeting, Extension Office (3 p.m.)
- 29: Iowa Pork Congress Judging Contest, Vets Auditorium-Des Moines
- 30: Area/State Awards due to Extension Office
- 31: Re-Enrollment forms due to the Extension Office

### February

- 2: Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due to State 4-H Office
- 7: QC Flames 4-H Night, i wireless Center (7:05 p.m.)
- 14: Clover Kids Kick Off, New Clinton Y Location previously Harding School (9:30 a.m.– 11 a.m.)
- 28: FSQA Training, DeWitt Community Center (10 a.m. –12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-3 p.m.)

### March

- 16: Spring Leaders Training, Auditorium (noon and 6:30 p.m.)
- 21: Swine Weigh-Ins

### April

- 6: FSQA Training, Auditorium (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- 25: State Fair Swine Weigh-Ins, Clinton County Fairgrounds

### May

- 2: Sheep Weigh-Ins

### June

- 12-14: Jr. 4-H Camp
- 30-July 2: State 4-H Conference

### July

- 15-19: Clinton County Club Show

### August

- 13-23: Iowa State Fair

## Quad City Flames “4-H Night 2009”



On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Quad City Flames hockey team will be hosting a “4-H Teddy Bear Toss Night” at the i wireless Center. The QC Flames will play against the Houston Aeros. The night will be focused on recognizing 4-H groups from the states of Iowa and Illinois. All fans are encouraged to bring a new teddy bear to the game. The teddy bears will be tossed onto the ice following the first goal scored by the Quad City Flames. Teddy bears will be donated to foundations and organizations throughout the area. After the game, fans are encouraged to participate in a post-game skate. Fans will be able to skate on the Flames home ice with multiple Quad City Flames players. Fans without skates can rent them at no charge (depending on availability). Tickets are available at a discounted rate for 4-H members and their families. To order tickets please call the Extension Office by **January 16<sup>th</sup>**. See enclosed flyer for more information.

## Iowa Pork Congress Judging Contest

The Iowa Pork Producers Association is looking for 4-H members who may be interested in a judging contest at the 2009 Iowa Pork Congress. The contest will be held in Vets Auditorium in Des Moines the morning of January 29, 2009. The Iowa State University Judging Team will be giving the final placing. Teams finishing in the top three will receive scholarships and be recognized in the Iowa Pork Producer Magazine. All interested parties should contact Cody McKinley at (515) 225-7675 or (800) 372-7675. You can also reach him at [cmckinley@iowapork.org](mailto:cmckinley@iowapork.org).



## Re-Enrollment Forms

- Forms due to Extension Office by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- You must turn in your enrollment form to be eligible to participate in fair!



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## FSQA Information

The 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) program will again be in place for 2008-2009 4-H year. FSQA stands for Food Safety Quality Assurance. This program helps 4-H producers understand their role in producing food, and helps them make wise, ethical decisions related to food production. If you exhibit the following livestock you are required to be FSQA certified: Beef, Bucket Bottle, Dairy, Goat, Swine, Sheep, Rabbit (if it is not a pet project), and Poultry. **You MUST become FSQA certified** to sell your animal, and exhibit your animal at the County Fair or the Iowa State Fair.

-Youth 9 – 11 years of age must re-certify annually by attending a youth FSQA education program.

-Youth 12 – 14 years of age and 15 - 19 years of age can certify and recertify annually by attending a youth FSQA education program **OR** can test out at the appropriate age level for their age bracket. Once certified by a test, the youth is not required to recertify until the next age bracket is reached.

Tests will be graded by Extension staff. Youth must receive a 70% to pass and there is NO time limit. If youth do not reach the 70% score, they have the option to take the test again immediately, or go home, study and come back again to re test after that day. Youth can take up to three tests in one day and can take the test as many times necessary to pass. Please call the Extension Office if you would like to schedule a time to take a test. Guides are available to check out from the Extension Office to study.

Below are the Clinton County FSQA Training dates:

**\*Saturday, February 28** from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center

**\*Saturday, February 28** from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center

**\*Monday, April 6** from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds  
Auditorium

**Please mark these dates on your calendar. More dates will be available through other counties.**

## Scholarship Information



The Iowa 4-H Foundation announced the 2009 scholarship program for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college in the fall of 2009. More than 95 scholarships totaling over \$100,000 are available to Iowa 4-H'ers pursuing various fields of study at an Iowa Regent university, Iowa private college, or Iowa community college.

Applications are available from the county Extension Office and are due before or on February 2, 2009 to 4-H Scholarships, Extension 4-H Youth Building-ISU, Ames, Iowa 50011. You can find a link to the 4-H Scholarship at our website.

Applications are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>.

### Other Scholarships Available:

- Dorothy Klindt Memorial Scholarship- \$1000 (renewable for three years) for students entering Iowa State University this fall. Application deadline is March 1, 2009, the application is available at our office.
- Christina Hixson Opportunity Award- \$10,000 (\$2500 per year for four years) for students entering Iowa State University this fall. Application deadline is February 1, 2009. For more information and to complete the online application visit [www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/).
- Hoover Uncommon Student Award- \$5000 for high school **juniors** planning to attend any two or four year college or university. Applications due March 31, 2009. Additional information can be found at [www.hooverassociation.org](http://www.hooverassociation.org).

## Club Programs

The following clubs need to turn in a copy of their club program to the Extension Office by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. With the risk management guidelines from the state, our office is required to have a copy of every club's program. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

- C-W Jr. Ag
- Wapsi Valley
- Spring Valley

## Area and State Awards

4-H'ers in grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply and expand their involvement in 4-H. Many opportunities are available for recognition awards or to represent Iowa at the state and national levels. These include National Conference, National Congress, State 4-H Council, Iowa Youth Technology Team, and Project Area Awards.

These are just a few of the opportunities:

- **State 4-H Council** – ambassadors for the state 4-H program by providing input on 4-H program issues, planning and executing state events, and practicing leadership, citizenship, and communication skills.
- **Iowa Youth Technology Team** – teens from around the state will work together to expand technology usage at 4-H events and activities.
- **Project Area Awards** – (very similar to our County Project Awards) recognition for youth who have excelled in projects by participating, learning, and evaluating 4-H experiences. (4-H'ers did not have to receive the county award to apply for this.)

4-H'ers will need to complete an application, provide support material, and attend an interview. Support materials are due to the Extension Office by **January 30<sup>th</sup>**.

4-H'ers may pick up an application at the Extension Office or on the website. Area Award interviews will be Sunday, February 22 in the Muscatine County Extension Office. We would be glad to assist members with their support materials.

## 4-H: Licensed to Succeed

Support 4-H across the state with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate, but in order to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted by July 14, 2009. To purchase your 4-H license plate, fill out the application found online at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org). License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Send application and payment (check/money order) to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 4-H License Plate, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. Once 500 pre-paid applications have been received, the plate will be made and all checks will be processed at that time.



## Clover Kids Kick-Off

Students in grades kindergarten through third are invited to attend the Clover Kids Kick Off event. The event will be Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the new Clinton Y location previously Harding School. Students and their families will be able to participate in various science experiments, crafts and other fun activities. The Clinton Y and the Extension Office are planning this event.

## Clinton County 4-H Council

Ever wonder who helps plan activities throughout the year? A group of 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school 4-H members known as the Clinton County 4-H Council are responsible for many of these great events and activities through the Clinton County 4-H Program. They meet once a month for about an hour. Some of their activities include: dances, new member workshops, fundraisers, service projects and various fair events. The following are members of the County 4-H Council: Alisha Carstensen, Steven Eskildsen, Megan Oliver (Charlotte Jr. Producers), Alex Filloon, Joey Spain (Delmar Hot Shots), Amanda Franck, Anna Mangan, Shanna Spies (DeWitt Hustlers), Rachel Puckett (Elvira Rustlers), Lance Bormann, Caitlin Wagemester, Maria Wagemester (Goose Lake Jr. Feeders), Stuart McCulloh (Mohawk), Brian Kruse, Nick McClimon (Welton Jr. Farmers), Lance Goettsch (C-W Jr. Ag), Karolyn Kruse (Iowanna), Rebecca Dickman, Brittnei Jones, Marcie Stevenson (Wapsi Valley), Brittney Klein (Spring Valley), and Abbey Peterzalek (Equine Fever).



County Council Members



## New Employee Spotlight



Wendy Proctor

Wendy Proctor is the newest staff member at the Clinton County Extension Office. She is working as the 4-H County Youth Coordinator. She resides in DeWitt with her husband, Matt, 3 1/2 year old son Brody and 1 1/2 year old daughter Caitlin. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy and a Masters degree in Crop Production and Physiology from Iowa State University. She enjoys gardening, fishing, being outside and spending time with her family.

Wendy's goals include increasing awareness and reaching out to potential members. She would like to work to remove pre-conceived ideas that people have about 4-H and increase membership.

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### Office Hours

Monday: 8-6

Tuesday-Thursday: 8-4:30

Friday: 8-3



*\*Office will be closed on January 1 and  
January 19\**