



# Clinton County Leader Links

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## Hot Tip of the Month



Looking for club activities during the 10-15 minutes when 4-H'ers arrive at the club meeting? Try these ideas! Having an activity for 4-H members as they arrive helps youth feel they "belong" in the club. A Cedar County 4-H club has two parents who plan and lead pre-meeting activities each month: a great way to involve parents at the club meeting!

- Check the web site: [www.puzzlemaker.com](http://www.puzzlemaker.com). You can design and print word searches and a variety of puzzles at this site.
- "It's in the Bag" - Supplies: Paper sacks with objects, paper and pencil for each person. Put different articles in 8-10 paper sacks. Write a number on each bag and close with a clothespin. Put the bags on a table. Ask the youth to number on their paper and guess what object is in each bag by only feeling (not opening) the bag. You can use a theme, for example: all items are green, 4-H items used in the summer, fruit and vegetables, etc.

This month's hot tip brought to you by Janet Martin, YFS, serving Johnson, Cedar and Linn counties.

## IRS Tax Filing for 4-H Clubs

The IRS now requires small tax-exempt organizations, including 4-H clubs, to annually file Form 990-N. This requirement may be met by filing the Form 990-N e-Postcard. **4-H club leaders are responsible for ensuring that this tax form is filed by May 15, 2009.** I will be sending out a letter to all leaders with instructions. Please do not disregard them. If you have questions after reading the letter, we will figure it out together.

## New Fair Class

Resuse, Recycle and Repurpose: This new fair class will be listed under the Issues Department in the Fair Book. 4-H'ers will not need to be enrolled in any specific project in order to enter this class, and it will not be eligible to show at the State Fair.





## Iowa State Fair Volunteer Opportunity

The Iowa State Fair is looking for 4-H clubs to participate in the “Day of Volunteers” at Little Hands on the Farm. The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. Children get the opportunity to do farm chores, plant seeds and harvest vegetables, feed and milk a cow and drive a pedal tractor.

If you choose to participate, your 4-H club would be listed at the entrance and exit gates to the Little Hands Farm, everyone would receive an Iowa State Fair admission ticket, parking pass and a t-shirt, as well as being able to be a part of the great Iowa State Fair. Your club could commit to providing volunteers for the whole day, or for one of three, four hour shifts.

If you would like more information about this opportunity, contact Emily Brewer at 515-262-3111 ext. 244 or e-mail her at [ebrewer@ioastatefair.org](mailto:ebrewer@ioastatefair.org).

## Missing 4-H Forms

We are still missing medical and ethics forms from the following 4-H’ers:

### Code of Ethics

Jade Boylan  
Alexis Campie  
Abbigayle Coble  
Jonathan Gautreaux  
Sara Gautreaux  
Brock Goodall  
Derek Henningsen  
Brennan Ketelsen  
Ryan Ketelsen  
Mackenzie Kuehn  
Nick McClimon  
Sierra Moore  
Fletcher Paulsen

### Medical Forms

Kelly Andersen  
Dylan Bousselot  
Austin Forret  
Kyle Forret  
Jonathan Gautreaux  
Sara Gautreaux  
Lauren Heilig  
Derek Henningsen  
Brandon Holst  
Alexandra Hunter  
Ryan Ketelsen  
Brittney Klein  
Brian Kruse

Mackenzie Kuehn  
Jennifer Lane  
Seirra Moore  
Fletcher Paulsen



## 4-H Basketball Tournament

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered at the 2009 4-H Basketball Tournament. We had a great turnout of both youth and adults. Hopefully next year will be just as fun. Congratulations to the winners: Juniors - DeWitt Hustlers, Intermediates - C-W Jr. Ag., Seniors - C-W Jr. Ag.



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## Voyage to Greatness

The 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will be taking place June 30 - July 2 at Iowa State University. Please encourage your 4-H'ers in 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades to attend. The conference is open to all youth, not just 4-H'ers, so have everyone invite a friend. For registration packets, stop by the Extension Office, or look on the Clinton County Extension Website.



## Do Something Disaster Grants

Do Something and the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation have teamed up to offer \$500 Disaster Grants to young people across the US and Canada. Are you planning a service activity that revolves around helping those who have been through a natural disaster? Then Do Something wants to hear from you!

Each Week in 2009 the organization will be giving out \$500 to groups with a project idea around the themes of disaster preparedness and emergency response. They want to recognize you for what you're doing in your community. For more information, please visit the Do Something.org website at: [www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster](http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster).

## Don't Forget

April 6<sup>th</sup>: FSQA Training from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

May 15<sup>th</sup> :

- 4-H'ers for 4-H Contributions due
- Livestock and Non-livestock registration forms due
- Deadline for new enrollments
- Last day to add new projects
- 4-H Youth Conference registrations due

**Please remind 4-H'ers that May 15th is a Friday, and the Extension Office closes at 3:00 P.M.**

