



CLINTON COUNTY CONNECTION

APRIL 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/1: Derby [Swine Weigh In](#)
4/3: Dog Workshops begin
4/11: Ext. Office Closed for Prof. Dev.
4/16-4/22: National Volunteer Week
4/16-4/22: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week
4/17: [Cedar County Horse Invitational](#) Information Night, 5:15 pm
4/19: Extension Council Meeting
4/23: Youth Council Meeting, 4 pm
4/29: [Sheep Weigh In & Goat State Fair ID](#)
4/30: [YQCA Training](#) in Maquoketa

5/6: [Livestock Workshop](#) in Maquoketa
5/11: Open until 7 pm for [animal ID help](#)

KEY DEADLINES

4/1: [Vote on Your Fav T-Shirt Design](#)
4/1: [Clinton 4-H Scholarships](#) Due
4/30: Request [Swine Tag](#) deadline

5/15: [Animal ID](#) deadline in [4hOnline](#)
5/15: [4-H'ers for 4-H](#) funds Due
5/15: [YQCA Certifications](#) Due
5/15: Hall of Fame/Meritorious Service [Nominations](#) Due

7/19-7/23: Clinton County Fair

A Note from your County Youth Coordinator:

Thank you for all of the well-wishes from my pregnancy announcement! I am sad I'll miss out on a highlight of the 4-H year but am confident our volunteers and 4-H families will make it a great fair season! Speaking of volunteers... in April we celebrate National Volunteer Week. It's also Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week! This is just one way we celebrate extension and recognize the volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies, and other partners who support our work across the state. THANK YOU!!

Happy National Volunteer Week! *Amanda Rau*



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County News



Youth Council Meeting

Who: 9-11th grade 4-H members

When: April 23 at 4:00 pm

Where: Extension Office (400 E 11th St. DeWitt)

Dog Workshops Begin 4/3

Who: 4th-12th grade 4-H & FFA members

When: April 3 at 6:00 pm @ Fairgrounds

Cost: \$0

RSVP: 4-H—none needed! Sign in each week.

RSVP: FFA—email clinton4h@iastate.edu

The dog committee will start dog workshops on Monday, April 3! Workshops will continue every Monday (except Memorial Day) until county fair. This makes 15 training class opportunities.

Exhibitors must attend at least 8 classes to be eligible to show. (Rule 5 in Dog Section of the [Fair Book](#))

Fair Books are here!!

Each 4-H/Clover Kids family will receive a printed fair book again for 2023. Attend your club's April meeting to pick it up. Read through it, mark it up, ask questions. This is YOUR fair book! It is also posted [online](#). They are safety green this year so you can't miss them!

How do I identify animals?!

4-H members must identify their animals (except poultry and rabbits) by May 15 in order to be eligible to exhibit them! Check out the [help sheet](#) on the [County Fair website](#).

Information Night about Cedar County Horse Show

Who: 4th-12th grade youth & guardians

When: April 17th at 5:15 pm

Where: Extension Office

RSVP: none

What to expect: One of the organizers of the upcoming [Cedar County Horse Invitational](#) will be at the Clinton County Extension Office to answer questions and provide an overview of this new event. All 4-H and FFA members are welcome to attend. It'll be a short 15-30 minute discussion!

Derby Sheep Weigh In & 4-H State Fair Goat/Sheep ID

New for 2023! Sheep and Goat members must bring their animals to the designated weigh in location. Committee members will NOT be visiting your farm. See letter for more information.

When: April 29 from 8-10 AM

Where: Central-DeWitt Bus Barn Parking Lot

Who should attend: FFA and 4-H members showing Derby lambs must attend. 4-H members identifying sheep or goats for state fair must attend.

THANK YOU! From the Clinton 4-H Foundation

During the cake auction, \$12,800 was raised for the Clinton County 4-H Foundation! Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased a cake! Over \$1,000 was raised from player fees in addition to the cake auction. Great work!!

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Swine Tag Pick Up

4-H swine not attending the derby weigh-in must be tagged with USDA/EID tag for county fair. State Fair 4-H pigs also must have a DNA sample taken.

Timeline for swine tag pick up:

- Now—April 30: Order tags through online survey: <https://go.iastate.edu/0lFIAP>
- April 3— May 5: pick up tags/taggers from the Extension Office
- By May 15: All swine identified on 4hOnline (v2.4honline.com) or Google Spreadsheet
- By May 15: State Fair DNA envelopes returned to the Extension Office
- By July 1: 4-H and FFA youth make the actual entry in FairEntry.

All 4-H members interested in the swine project received a [letter mailed](#) with additional in March. View [online](#) for a reminder!

May 15 [Animal Identification](#) Deadline is Almost Here

Animals that MUST be identified for 4-H/ FFA members include: beef, bucket bottle calf, dairy cattle, dogs, goats, horses, pets, sheep, and swine. **FFA members**—identify via Google Spreadsheet, ask your advisor. **4-H members**—identify via [4hOnline](#). **REMEMBER:** This process only identifies the animal. You will still need to enter the animal in a specific class through [FairEntry](#) by July 1. Page 42 in the [fair book](#) explains it.

FairEntry is Open Now—yes, you read that right!

After hearing feedback from exhibitors, you can now identify and sign up for classes at the same time. They are still TWO different websites:

- Animal Identification is in [4hOnline](#) (or Google Spreadsheet for FFA)
- Entries/Classes are all in [FairEntry](#)

You MUST identify your animal FIRST and then sign up for classes through FairEntry. Need help? Visit the [County Fair website](#).

The deadline is still 11:59 pm on July 1 for the Clinton County Club Show in FairEntry.

- 4-H members—you must log into FairEntry with your 4hOnline account.
- FFA members—Please follow [this flow chart](#).

2023 Clinton County Club Show FairEntry: <https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com/>

Hall of Fame and Meritorious Service Nominees

Please help us recognize outstanding volunteers by submitting a [nomination form](#) by May 15.

Please Hall of Fame inductees can be found [here](#). Past Meritorious Service inductees can be found [here](#).

Award recipients are recognized at the Clinton County Fair on Thursday, July 20. We can keep a secret or share with them ahead of time!



LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP



Dubuque, Jackson, Clinton Counties

MAY 6, 2023 AT 8:00-NOON, YQCA TRAINING AT 12:45 PM

JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS COST: \$10

REGISTER FOR WORKSHOP AT [V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

REGISTER FOR YQCA AT [WWW.YQCAPROGRAM.ORG](https://www.yqcaprogram.org)

4-12th grade youth are invited to attend this beginner workshop focused on beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats. Youth will select two of the four species when registering. Check-In from 7:30-7:55 am. Lunch served at noon with a presentation.

Session 1: 8:00-9:45 am

Beef

Sheep

Session 2: 10:00-11:45 am

Swine

Meat Goat

Topics will include:

- Identification best practices
- Daily care of livestock May-July
- Fitting tips and tricks
- Showmanship How-To

MORE INFORMATION: Contact your local Extension Office.

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Region News



Livestock Workshop for Clinton, Dubuque, Jackson

Who: beginner showman in 4-12th grades

When: May 6th from 8-2 including YQCA

Where: Jackson County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$10

Register: v2.4honline.com

About: 4-12th grade youth are invited to attend this beginner workshop focused on beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats. Youth will select two of the four species when registering. Check-In from 7:30-7:55 am. Lunch served at noon with a presentation. See [flyer](#) for more information.

Happy National Volunteer Week! April 16-22, 2023

We're celebrating all of our volunteers during National Volunteer Week! 4-H members and families, please help our staff thank our volunteers by sending your own thank you note or kind message to your club leader the week of April 16-22. We can't do what we do without the support of our volunteers!

Swiss Valley Day Camp

Who: 4-6th grade youth

When: June 14 from 9-3 pm

Where: Swiss Valley (near Peosta)

Cost: \$25

Register: v2.4honline.com

About: Camp activities include fishing, hiking, water games, snacks and more! Plan to bring a sack lunch, water bottle, change of clothes, closed toe shoes, sunscreen and bug spray. See [flyer](#) for more information.

4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

Deadline for Clinton County is May 15th! This includes signed funds requests from your club leader and club treasurer!

As members of the State 4-H Council Youth Philanthropy Committee, we'd like to invite you to be a part of this year's campaign! We have a goal to raise \$27,000 this year and invite you to contribute \$4 per member. But what does the campaign support? We're glad you asked!

- Financial aid for enrollment fees
- Scholarships to attend state-wide events
- Support for State 4-H Conference
- Support for State 4-H Council

See the [Count Your Clovers](#) flyer for additional information.

4-H Presents

SUMMER

DAYCAMP



JUNE 14

START AT 9AM & ENDS AT 3PM

AT SWISS VALLEY

13606 Swiss Valley Rd.
Peosta, IA 52068

Cost is \$25.00. Attendees must have completed 4th, 5th or 6th grades. Camp activities include fishing, hiking, water games, snacks and more! Plan to bring a sack lunch, water bottle, change of clothes, closed toe shoes, sunscreen and bug spray.

Registration: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

GAMES . FISHING . HIKING

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.



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State News



Market Broiler for State Fair

Entry is now open for Market Broilers for the Iowa State Fair. Entries are due in [FairEntry](https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/17953) by May 1. Payment must be postmarked on or before May 1. Exhibitors must purchase 50 birds at a cost of \$93.50. For families sharing the 50 birds, each 4-H member must make a class entry for the Market Broiler division, but only one 4-H member should indicate the bird order. Birds will be shipped from the hatchery contracted by the Iowa State Fair directly to the 4-H'ers on June 26. Participation is limited to the first 100 youth. FairEntry: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/17953>

Host Families Still Needed

The [States' 4-H Exchange International Program](#) seeks 8 more Iowa families to host a Japanese exchange student or adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. This program is designed to focus on daily life in Iowa households. Families who would like to host a youth should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17. They are paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and within 3+ years of age. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2023. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2023.

Interested in becoming a 4-H Judge? Attend this!

How to become a 4-H Judge:

1. Complete "Evaluate, Educate, Encourage: 4-H Judges Training" for general knowledge about the role of a 4-H judge and expectations.

Evaluate, Educate, Encourage: 4-H Judges Training: April 13 from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/230575628996170>.

This training will be offered virtually.

2. Complete the project area training offered. Many of these trainings are recorded and can be found on the [Resources for Evaluating Exhibits webpage](#).

3. Complete the [judges database form](#).
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Youth Conference Open!

The 2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is a three-day event for high school youth. There is a specific Animal Science Roundup track too! Learn more on the [Youth Conference website](#). Financial assistance is available. Past Clinton County attendees have really enjoyed their time at this event!

STEM in Motion 2024 Trip

STEM in Motion 2024 is in Florida! The registration deadline has been extended until April 16. There will be a parent information meeting on April 5 at 6 pm. Information can be found on the "Beyond the County" side of the [Youth Programs website](#).

Clover Kids Corner

Upcoming Club Meetings

As always, please confirm with your club leader for the most up-to-date information!

- **Cal-Wheat CK** - 4/16 at 1:00 pm
- **Delmar CK** - 4/2 at 4:00 pm
- **DeWitt CK** - 4/2 at 4:00 pm
- **Elk River Eagles CK** - 4/6 at 5:00 pm
- **Goose Lake CK** - 4/12 from 4:30-5:30 pm
- **Grand Mound CK** - 4/20 at 6:15 pm

Fair Activity Highlight

Clover Kids members can participate in a ton of different ways at the Clinton County Fair. One way is at the **Bucket of Blooms** contest!

Youth decorate and plant flowers in a 5-gallon bucket to be displayed around the fairgrounds during the fair. This activity is a county favorite!

Steps for Success:

- Check out all five steps in the [Clover Kids Fair Activity Guide](#) online.

Awards Presented:

- Delightfully Delicious (minimum of three edible herbs or vegetables)
- Colors of the Rainbow (minimum of three colors)
- Fantastic Foliage (2 different types)

Fair Books are for you too!

Clover Kids also receive a copy of the fair book. You can pick up yours at your next club meeting. If you also have a 4-H member, check with their club! Your family only receives one book.

Recipe of the Month



Frozen Pudding Sandwiches

Serves  25 Cost/Serving  \$0.20
Serving Size: 1 sandwich

The weather is getting warmer and we're dreaming of summer! Frozen pudding sandwiches come together in no time and make a fun sweet treat. Customize with vanilla or chocolate pudding today. Link to full recipe on [Spend Smart. Eat Smart.](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/frozen-pudding-sandwiches/)
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Activity of the Month

"The Beeman" story activity

From Ohio 4-H Download for free [online](#).

This book takes the reader through a year of beekeeping from the point of view of a little girl helping her grandpa, who's known in town as the Beeman. Activities include a honeycomb craft, bee hummer, and games. There's even two snack ideas!

Summer Discovery Update

As shared in the email to Clover Kids families... Unfortunately, Clinton 4-H will not host summer day camps for K-3rd youth this June. As Amanda shared in the March Newsletter, she is expecting her first baby in July and the Extension Office has decided to focus on fair preparations. We plan to return next year!

Extension News

The Science of Parenting: Understanding Research and Reality Workshop

Intended audience: Adults caregivers of children ages 0-18 years

Format: One 45- to 60-minute workshop

When: Wednesday, 5/3 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: Clinton Public Library

About: How do parents use research to help inform their unique parenting reality? If you are an adult caregiver of children or county Extension staff, this workshop will help answer this important question. You will be introduced to The Science of Parenting, learn about how parenting realities are different, and be introduced to five helpful tools and techniques. [More information.](#)

Custom Farm Rate Results Released for Iowa

Many Iowa farmers hire some custom machine work in their farm business or perform custom work for others. Others rent machinery or perform other services.

In order to help producers and custom operators examine the market, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach publishes the [Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey](#).

[Read more about this report.](#)

'Money Smart' Virtual Series Begins April 17

Iowans facing financial challenges may sign up for "Money Smart: Prioritizing Bills, Credit and Debt," a free, three-part, virtual series. ISU Extension and Outreach will host the series on Mondays, April 17, April 24 and May 1, from noon to 1 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. Participation in either the noon series or the evening series is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. [More information.](#)

Improve Thin or Over-grazed Pastures This Spring

The negative impacts of drought, high nitrogen prices and other high prices associated with pasture management have left some pastures in the state in less-than-ideal condition.

As the 2023 growing season approaches, Aaron Saeugling, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, discusses important considerations when improving thin or over-grazed pastures. A [recent article](#) written by Saeugling for ISU Extension and Outreach's [Acreage Living Newsletter](#) highlights these considerations and provides resources for pasture improvement. Read [more](#).

4-H Pledge

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service,
My **HEALTH** to better living,
For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



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