



April Showers Bring May Deadlines

Truly not a lot of rain in the month of April, but there are several deadlines to observe as fair season draws near. The Cass County Fair this year is August 1-7 and May 15 remains the deadline for many things including livestock ID sheets. Also, livestock entries for fair are due July 13. Be sure to keep these on your calendar. It's fun and eventful time of year, but cannot be without respect for deadlines.

Forever Green,

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Fair Leader Packets

Leaders may pick up fairbooks & materials May 15th & 18th at the Extension Office. Packets must be used at June 4-H meetings to complete participation chart and distribute fairbooks. Participation charts are due back June 15th. Livestock entries are due Monday, July 13.

Sheep Weigh-in

Sheep weigh-in will be held on Saturday May 2 from 8:00 to 2:00. All market and breeding lambs will be tagged and weighed by sheep superintendents. Bring \$1.00 per tag to buy your ear tags. Only county fair lambs will be weighed from 8:00-11:00. State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN lambs will weigh from 12:00-2:00. To help move things along, please have your sheep sorted and marked before coming to weigh-in.

Remember, all sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. This includes any ewes being shown in market classes. If you are purchasing lambs for fair ewes should have the scrapie tag at the time you buy your lamb.

Livestock Identification Forms

ID forms (4H106a-f) for livestock need to be turned into our office by May 15. This includes ID sheets for breeding beef, dog, horse and dairy cow. Market beef, swine, sheep, meat goat and dairy goat are turned in at weigh-ins.

Remember – an ID sheet does not enter your animal in the county fair. Livestock entries for fair are due on July 13.

Iowa State Fair Entry Reminder

State Fair entries are due to the Extension Office by July 1. The Iowa State Fairbook is only available online this year. Remember that just because you had animals verified at a State Fair verification site, this does not automatically enter them for State Fair. You must complete the State Fair entry forms and pay the required fees by July 1st in order to be entered. You will also need a signed "Youth Code of Ethics" form to accompany your entry forms.

...and Justice for all

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Stitch This! A 4-H Design Challenge

What? This event is similar to the t.v. show Project Runway. It is a competition for youth to deconstruct nine wedding dresses and reconstruct them into another wearable garment. One person on each team will then model their garment at a fashion show in the evening. Youth will apply in teams of four and 9 teams will be selected to compete. Over the course of two days each team will be able to use their creativity to create a new garment. Each team will be paired with an ISU Textiles and Clothing Student to assist with patternmaking.

When? Friday & Saturday, August 21-22, 2009

Where? 4-H Exhibit Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa

Who? All Iowa high school youth who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades are eligible to apply. At least one member on each team must be a 4-H'er.

SW Iowa 4-H Area Recognition Event

Each year Southwest Iowa 4-H high school members have the opportunity to participate in the 4-H Area Recognition process. Held on March 29th in Murray, this year's Area Recognition event saw thirty-one senior 4-H members from eleven counties participating in the categories of State 4-H Council, Youth Technology Team, National 4-H Congress, and State 4-H Project Awards.

Through this process, 4-H members determine personal goals, develop learning plans and evaluate their 4-H experiences. This information is summarized in their support material application for consideration by the area award evaluation committee. In addition, each 4-H member participated in a personal interview as part of the selection process.

State 4-H Council members are ambassadors for Iowa's 4-H program. This group provides input on 4-H program issues, plans and executes state events, and practices leadership, communication and citizenship skills. Youth chosen to serve on the State 4-H Council representing southwest Iowa for 2009-2010 include: Victoria Frisbie – Cass County; Tym Wood– Fremont County; Laura Chekal, Kayla Grenier, and Cassie Ford – Mills County; Jessika Chapman – Shelby County; and Ally Fox – West Pottawattamie County

Congratulations Victoria!

Iowa 4-H Camping Center BBQ Picnic Dinner

Are you wondering what the 4-H Camp Center in Madrid, IA is all about? Wednesday, June 3, 5:30-8:00 p.m. join us for a BBQ picnic dinner, try out the climbing tower and archery range, make a camp craft, take a wagon tour of camp, visit the overnight camp cabins and day camp

Iowa State Fair Vet Camp

Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon for Kids Vet Camp is a two hour program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-17 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp will meet in the media center of the Cattle Barn and will tour that facility along with the other barns on the Fairgrounds. Vet Camp is free with gate admission. Questions regarding Vet Camp may be directed to ebrewer@iowastatefair.org or 515/262-3111 ext. 244. Vet Camp is sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises.

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



2009 State 4-H Photography Expo

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in the 3rd annual statewide photo exhibition entitled "4-H'ers in Action!" The theme this year will be holidays and seasons. The exhibition will again feature the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. A "4-H'ers in Action" class will be added to the fairbook. The class is open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12, regardless of their project enrollment areas.

Each participating county will select one entry that best represents "4-H in Action" in their county to be included in the state fair exhibition. Get your camera ready and start taking pictures of 4-H members in action representing seasonal and holiday events.

State 4-H Conference

Voyage to Greatness is the theme for State Conference to be held at ISU on June 30-July 2 for youth who have completed grades 8-12. There are three tracks to choose from: Conference, Roundup and CSI: Crops. Registration packets are available at the Extension Office. Registration is \$125. For more information visit:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>

"O" What a Big Adventure

"O" What a Big Adventure for SW Iowa Area 4-H 7th and 8th graders on June 10-11 will include touring the Qwest Center and Kountze Planetarium in Omaha, spending the night at the Henry Doorly Zoo, taking a morning hike and exploring the Zoo and conclude with attending a movie at the IMAX Theater. Cost of the trip is \$64 which includes admission and lodging at the Zoo, evening meal and breakfast, snacks and tour admissions. Applications are available at the Cass County Extension Office and are due to the Montgomery County Extension Office by May 15th. Sign-up early because space is limited. Transportation to and from the adventure is NOT included. Adult chaperones are encouraged to apply also.

Iowa 4-H Center 2009 Update

2009 Summer Cam Information is Now Online at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp.

- Twelve new camps for 2009!
- Discounts available for 4-H members, siblings and early-registrations.

Dog Obedience Schedule

Orientation Meeting, Wednesday, April 29

7:00 PM @ Cass County Community Center

(Do not bring your dog to orientation)

Obedience Classes

Every Wednesday, May 20-July 22

7:00 PM @ Fairgrounds

Goat Identification

The mandatory identification day for ALL goats, dairy and meat, will be held Saturday, May 2 from 10:00-Noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

Meat goats will be tagged and weighed. If dairy goats do not already have tattoos for identification, they will be tagged. Identification forms will be filled out at that time. Only goats that are identified at the fairgrounds on May 2 are allowed to exhibit at the Cass County Fair.

Feeder Calf Identification

All feeder calves will be tagged and identified at a countywide ID day on June 13 from 9-Noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

Best of Iowa

The categories for the 2008 Cass County Fair will be:

Discovering 4-H: 3rd & 4th grade – Spreads/Dips

Older Junior: 5th & 6th grade – Nutritional Breakfast

Intermediates: 7th & 8th grade – Salads/Homemade Salad Dressings (no jell-o because of set)

Seniors: 9th – 12th Hot Ground Meat Dishes

Start looking for recipes now and practice cooking them for your family. Everyone will receive registrations from their leaders in June. Registrations will be due July 1.

2nd FSQA Session

A second session for FSQA has been scheduled for May 27 at the Armstrong Farm in Lewis. Testing is available at 6pm, with certification to follow at 7pm.

We always try to schedule to best accommodate the entire county. If you have a conflict or question regarding your need to take the certification, please contact the Extension Office soon.

4-H'ers for 4-H

4-H'ers for 4-H donations are slowly coming in. Cass County has been recognized at the state in the past because 100% of our clubs have given \$2.50 per member to the 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign. Can we do it again? If your club hasn't already done so, please send your contributions to the Extension Office by May 15th.

Many clubs are matching their 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign with a donation to the Cass County Endowment. This can also be sent on the 15th.

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Iowa 4-H Foundation Requests for Financial Aid due to county office	2 8-12 county fair sheep Noon State Fair sheep 10-12 goats
3	4	5 YAC @ 7 pm	6	7 6 pm Horse meeting Fairboard @ 7 pm	8	9
10	11	12 6 pm horse meeting	13	14	15 livestock IDs, add/ drop project requests, 4-H'ers for 4-H due to Ext Office	16
17	18	19	20 7 pm dog project meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 7pm dog project Meeting FSQA meeting at Armstrong Farm, Lewis	28	29	30
31	4pm horse project meeting					

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Deadline
May 15

Last day to add/drop projects
Livestock Ids Due
4-H'ers for 4-H Due