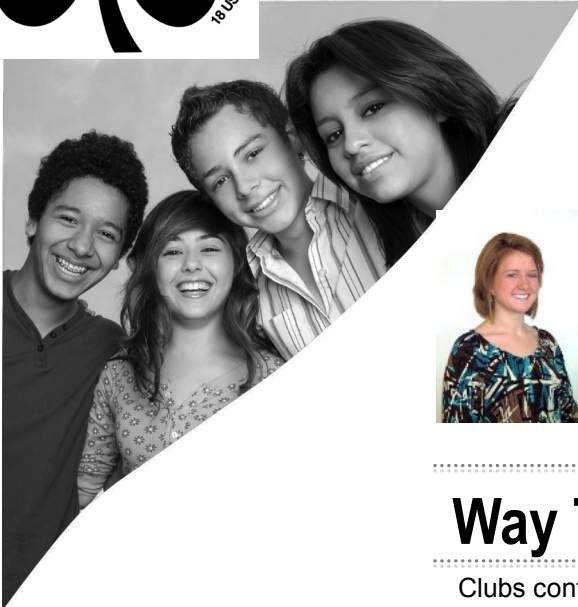


JUNE CLOVER CONNECTION



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Way To Go Cass County

Clubs contributed generously to the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign. Contributions are in from 56 counties, and the competition for first place is closer than ever! Remember, only the top **three** counties in each award category will stand on stage at the State 4-H Youth Conference this year. Here are the top 10 contributing counties as of May 25:

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

Aim For Adventure: Junior 4-H Daycamp

Each year, youth council members plan a day of fun, friends and learning for the 3rd-6th grade 4-H members. Come join the fun! The day camp is July 8 from 10AM-3PM at the Cass County Fairgrounds. The theme is "Aim for Adventure" and the youth council will be aiming high when it comes to fun. Youth will participate in a passported adventure

through and obstacle course and learn how to dress for a hike, make a first aid kit and how to make and use a compass. There will be lots of activities just for fun and youth will leave with their very own safari hat. More information will be sent directly to youth in 4-H in grades 3-6 in June, but mark your calendars now.

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Prep Day

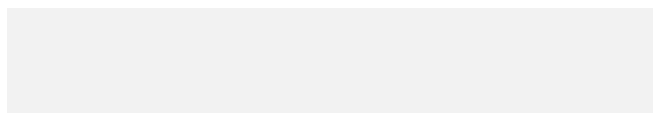
Be sure to mark Friday, July 29th on your calendar as set-up day for county fair. I have always been amazed at how quickly the fairgrounds transform on set-up day as 4-H members and volunteers work together to prepare for their big week. When your club has finished with the work in your area, the entire club should report to Ray Zellmer in the commercial barn. If there is additional work to be done, you will be directed where to go. If there is no more work to be

done, EACH member of the club will need to sign the attendance sheet for your club. If you aren't present to sign the sheet, you won't be counted as being there. As in the past, all 4-H clubs and FFA chapters must have 50% of their members and leaders actively participate and sign the attendance sheet to receive premium money. The same will be followed on Clean-up Day on August 5th. Please read page 8 of your fairbook for club assignments.

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Lost Eartags

If you have an animal that had a 4-H ear tag has lost it, please contact the Extension Office. All tags need to be replaced before the county fair weigh-in.



COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Showmanship Classes

Showmanship classes at the County Fair will be divided by the grade you just completed. Beef, Sheep, Horse, Meat Goat, Rabbit and Swine showmanship classes are as follows:

- Juniors- 4th, 5th and 6th grades
- Intermediates- 7th and 8th grades
- Seniors- 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

The showmanship for Poultry, Dog and Dairy Showmanship and Horse Performance classes are as follows:

- Juniors- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades
- Seniors- 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade

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COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Feeder Calves

There is no longer a pre-fair weigh-in for feeder calves. Calves must be born between January 1, 2011 and June 15, 2011. Exhibitor may identify no more than 4 calves per exhibitor by June 15 on the 4-H Breeding Beef Identification Report by completing the calf line in the Cow-Calf section. Families must pick up their own tags prior to June 15 and must have the tag, birthdate and sex identified on the Report by June 15. Calves must be tagged prior to arrival at

fair.

*All youth planning to exhibit feeder calves at AK-SAR-BEN must pick up envelopes from the Extension Office to pull hair for DNA sampling. To be eligible for AK-SAR-BEN, DNA samples and completed Breeding Beef Identification Report must be turned in by June 15.

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Poultry

Poultry Pullorum Testing is July 23 from 6-8PM at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

The superintendent's would be happy to include a workshop that day as well. You can call (243-1132)

or e-mail (smmck@iastate.edu) Susan if you would attend the educational workshop. Please call in by July 1 so superintendents can plan accordingly.

REGIONAL NEWS

Missouri Tornado Disaster-A Way To Help

Dear Colleagues and Friends of 4-H: Thank you for your messages of strong support received in the last few days concerning the devastation from Monday's tornado in Missouri. As you've heard, the tornado in Jasper and Newton Counties resulted in at least 125 deaths and from \$1 billion to \$3 billion in damage to the Joplin area. Persistent rains have added flooding to situation.

FEMA reports that monetary donations are the best way to meet the needs of tornado survivors at this time. In response, the State 4-H Council is donating all Kids Helping Kids proceeds between now and July 1 to provide some level of focused relief to 4-H families affected by this disaster. Although we are collecting funds now, our help will remain through the long journey to restoration.

Kids Helping Kids is a fund devoted to helping Missouri 4-H members and their families in times of need by providing financial grants to 4-H families who

have been impacted by natural disasters, medical emergencies, or other similar circumstances. The Missouri 4-H Foundation encourages your support of this effort, and will match all contributions up to a total of \$5,000.

Donations may also be made by check or credit card. Checks made out to the Missouri 4-H Foundation noting "Kids Helping Kids" on the memo line can be sent to the Missouri 4-H Foundation, 819 Clark Hall, Columbia MO, 65211. Credit card donations may be made using the easy-to-follow steps outlined below.

Thank you for your consideration, and best regards as we work to help these 4-H children and their families.

Point of contact is Bradd Anderson, who can be reached at andersonb@missouri.edu or (573) 884-0576.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



County Fair Updates

BEST OF IOWA

Best of IA is a live cooking demonstration contest where youth show their skills and abilities to cook as well as work within a specific time-frame and category. Don't hesitate to try this out. You never know what you might enjoy (Grades Completed)

3rd & 4th-Cheese/Dairy

5th & 6th-Sandwiches

7th, 8th & 9th-Desserts

10th, 11th & 12th-Family favorite made healthy

Entry for this activity is due July 1.

KING & QUEEN CONTEST

4-H Clubs will have the opportunity to nominate both King and Queen candidates by June 16. Preliminary judging will be July 15 and the final judging will take place **Sunday** night, July 27 of county fair. Let's see if we can get as many King candidates as Queens this year.

PBR HELP WANTED

Any clubs interested in helping with the PBR even on June 24 can contact Christy Cunningham at 712-249-4718. The opportunity would be to help with set-up and clean-up. Fairboard would greatly appreciate your support.

County Fair Updates

FOOD SAFETY

Are you deciding which foods to exhibit at the fair? New recipes or family favorites? As you prepare and/or process foods, remember to use current and safe practices. Technology and varieties of food change frequently as does the recommended safe food practices.

Using safe food practices ensures health and well being for your families, exhibitors, evaluators and the general public. Your exhibit also makes the public aware and encourages them to use current recommended practices.

There are publications available to update your food practices. Check with the Extension Office or call the ISU Hotline at 1-800-262-3804. Have fun preparing and/or processing a food product for the fair with up-to-date information. Foods that do not follow current and safe practices may be disqualified from fair.

FLOWER BARRELS

Flower Barrels are available for planting again this year. Things will be done a little differently this year, but this is still a nice feature for all who visit our Cass County Fair. If your club is interested contact Susan at 712-243-1132.

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STATE FAIR ENTRY REMINDER

State Fair entries are due to the Extension office by July 1. Forms can be found online on the State 4-H Web site or by visiting the Extension Office. The Iowa State Fair book will only be available on-line this year. There will be no hard copies. Please 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 the entry forms.

ATLANTIC RELAY FOR LIFE

If any 4-H clubs would like to plan an activity for Relay for Life on Friday, June 24th. Please contact Sheryl Dusenberry at 712-250-0479 or sdusenberry@atlantic.k12.ia.us. Your Mardi Gras activity would be great for this. They are looking for booths for 30 minutes each from the hours of 6:30-9:00 P.M.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Senior 4-H'ers, here is an opportunity for you! Do you enjoy planning, presenting, and answering questions in a short amount of time? Better yet, do you want to be comfortable in job interviews and more? Consider entering the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest.

Participating in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest is a wonderful opportunity to your communication skills, as you will use them throughout your life.

The county contest is Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011. Registration forms are with club leaders or at the Extension Office.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

By now most everyone has given their presentation at a club meeting. Since you already went to all that work, why not share it again at the county Educational Presentation Contest? The 2011 County Educational Presentation Contest will be held during the Cass County Fair. The contest is Wednesday, August 3rd at 1:00 in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

EXHIBIT WRITE UPS

Written goals or explanations are optional at the Cass County Fair. Since write-ups are required on exhibits at the Iowa State Fair, having them ready at county fair will be helpful as the judge can help you improve your write-up before state fair. Try using this form: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/hotsheets/GeneralExhibitInfoForm.pdf>

STATE FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS

Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Books and Information Available

Iowa State Fair total 4-H information: <http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>. See also Livestock info: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm> and State Fair 4-H webpage: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/>.

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