



# JANUARY CLOVER CONNECTION



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## It's A New Year

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays and the past year treated you well. It has been an enjoyable time here in 4-H and Extension. Things change, but one thing remains the same great thing...our youth!

A new year often brings new resolutions and in 4-H I like to relate resolutions to goals. I am certain that all of you have started your record books (I say this with a wink and a grin), but just incase, let me share a few thoughts with you. When you sign up in a project area in November during enrollment, you likely have a goal in mind. Therefore, all you have to do to get started on your record book is decide what that goal was and write it down. Starting on your record book now would be a great goal or resolution. Stop in and let me know how that goes and don't forget to call if you have questions.

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## Banner Club Program

The 2011-2012 Youth Action Committee is pleased to reintroduce the Cass County Banner Club Program. The 2010-2011 Banner Cub is Bear Grove Blazers. They will have their picture on a banner at various events throughout the year and they will also be excused from County Fair clean-up day.

Clubs will again be rated on participation in significant club criteria. The goal is to promote greater participation in county activities by clubs (i.e. County Convention, record books, service projects and more.).

Leaders received a new copy of criteria in the Fall. Please ask your leaders how you can help.

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## LOCAL 4-H NEWS

# Share-the-Fun



All members are expected to give educational presentations, but did you know that you can sing, dance and act to share your communication skills in 4-H? You can. Share-the-Fun is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cass County Community Center at 4:00 PM. 4-H'ers can perform alone, in

small groups or as an entire club. The youth council is in charge of this county-wide program. Expect new and exciting things from this large, dynamic group!

Deadline to enter acts is February 8. There are two divisions. Please use the entry form included.

## LOCAL 4-H NEWS

# Discovery Workshop



The countywide workshop for members enrolled in the Discovery project is Sunday, January 29 from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Cass County Community Center. This is a great way to complete a variety of exhibits for county fair, meet new friends and learn more about 4-H. The registration is \$5 and forms

will be sent directly to all 3rd and 4th grade 4-H members and due Jan 16. Non 4-H members are welcome at the event for a \$10 registration fee, so encourage young people to invite friends that are interested in learning more about 4-H.

## LOCAL 4-H NEWS

# Club Volleyball Tournament



The club volleyball tournament is Sunday, Jan 15 at Washington and AMS gyms. Teams that submitted their club name and captain will receive direct mailing on schedule and bracket.. The tournament begins at 12:30 PM.

Keep reading the newsletter to see the updated rules for the tournament.

We will, once again, be having socializing over treats. YAC will provide water and hot chocolate, as well as a pan of bars or cookies per member. We invite 4-H members to bring treats to share also. This would be something you could list under citizenship in your food and nutrition project record.

## OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



**LOCAL 4-H NEWS**

# Must Haves

We have some needs for Risk Management that all clubs must meet to be a compliant 4-H club. I will share the information and you can please let me know at 243-1132 or [smmck@iastate.edu](mailto:smmck@iastate.edu) if you have questions. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Each club needs to turn in a **club program**. These were shared with you in the Fall. Please turn them in as soon as possible. Our insurance uses this to determine if an incident happened at an actual club

event. You can call or e-mail anytime to have us change a date, etc.

Each leader needs to carry **medical forms** on youth. Our office can print very nice medical/information release forms only when youth are enrolled online. Please encourage youth to enroll online right away or contact me directly. They can leave a message if they are not able to call during our office hours and I will coordinate with them.

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**LOCAL 4-H NEWS**

# Attention All Treasurers

Each Fall, treasurer training is held in Cass County to prepare the county's treasurers for their officer responsibility. Here are some treasury check-up items pulled from the *Financial Guidelines for Iowa 4-H Clubs and Groups, General Financial Guidelines for 4-H Treasurers*. Some things we should verify every month and some will be new additions related to the month's newsletter. Is your club following these guidelines?

- Club uses Treasurer's 4-H Record Book, 4-H 21 or computer program
- Checks are recorded, maintained and there are no missing checks.
- Records are written in ink to prevent changes.
- Treasurer's book can be reconciled with the most recent bank statement.
- Club requires at least two adult leader's names and the youth treasurer's name on the bank account.
- Two signatures are required on each check issued.
- Payments are made in response to a formal written bill or invoice and show the purpose of the expenditure.
- Club minutes reflect a monthly report by the club treasurer.

Expenditures are made only after approval by the club members at the meeting in which they were presented for approval and payment, (recorded in the monthly minutes).

All money received is acknowledged with a written receipt, deposited in the bank and receipts are a permanent part of the club records?

Fundraising activities have prior review from the county extension 4-H youth staff.

All money raised using the 4-H name is used only for 4-H activities. (Not given to individuals, but for; educational programs, activities, workshops or 4-H club supplies)

Non-cash donations have been acknowledged in writing to the donor.

Note: The goal is for this to help the treasurers. Please as caring adults, help youth read and remember these responsibilities.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



## LOCAL 4-H NEWS

### Scholarships for Seniors

If you are a senior in high school and interested in attending college next year, NOW is the time to apply for scholarships. Application packets for 4-H Scholarships are available at the Extension Office. Please call ahead so we can cut down on printing costs and have your packet prepared specially for you. Deadline to apply for most scholarships is February 1.

The 2011 Iowa 4-H Scholarship applications and

information [have been updated and](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm) is now available for the public and County offices at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm>.

Both applications and all materials have CHANGED this year! Applications received using OLD forms will not be accepted. **All application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than February 1.**

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## LOCAL 4-H NEWS

### Junior Superintendents

We need many volunteers to help before and during the Cass County Fair as junior superintendents. An application form and a brief description of what is involved with each department is being sent to Senior 4-H'ers. If you are interested in being a junior superintendent this year, fill out the form and return it to the Cass County Extension Office by February 1.

### Six Meetings

A lot of times we ask "What's the big deal about attending six 4-H meetings?" Your club depends on you to make your club a strong team. Your leaders volunteer a lot of time to plan activities, to support you, to make your club the best it can be, so do your part! You must attend 6 meetings to be eligible to exhibit at the Cass County Fair.  
- Cass County Policy Statement.

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## LOCAL 4-H NEWS

### Officer Training

We have excitedly been working on Officer Training to update the materials and make it a more feasible training. We are nearing the end of this process and the result is going to be very nice. Thank you for your patience! If anyone would like officer training this year or needs new books for their officers, please contact me at [smmck@iastate.edu](mailto:smmck@iastate.edu) or at 712-243-1132.

### Record Keeping

Now that your enrollments are in, it's time to start working in your project areas and recording your goals and progress. That means it's time to start working on next year's record book. Many of you have received requested record book materials from your leaders, but did you also know that they are on the web? They are. Go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass> and click on "Kids and Teens/4-H" in the left sidebar. Then go to "Record Book Information" .

## 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.



# Calendar & More

## POLAR BEAR & PENGUIN DAYCAMP

Penguin/Polar Bear Camp: for children in Kindergarten thru 2nd

Monday, January 16th, 2012

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. or  
1:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m

Just because it's winter doesn't mean your children can't have fun at camp! Give them something to do on a no school day, by registering them for a winter day camp! All camps will be held at the Community Building in Atlantic. These camps will be offered free of charge, with pre-registration required. Snack provided please let us know if your child is allergic to chocolate or goldfish crackers. Medical/information release forms are required for participants. You can find the form at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/kidsteens.htm> or plan to have a parent/guardian bring the child into daycamp that day.

Registration deadline will be Thursday, January 12th. Call 243-1132 to register your children (due to limited space, it will only be possible for you to sign up your children). Call now! No registrations will be accepted after the January 12th deadline. All camps are sponsored by the Cass County Conservation Board AND the Cass County ISU Extension.

## JANUARY

- 5 YAC @ 6PM
- 5 Fairboard @ 7PM
- 15 Volleyball Tournament @ 12:30PM at AMS/ Washington
- 16 Deadline for Discovery Workshop
- 16 Polar Bear & Penguins Daycamp
- 16 Clover Kids Find Out Night
- 29 Discovery 4-H Workshop

### February

- 1 4-H Scholarship Apps Due
- 8 Share the Fun Deadline
- 19 Share the Fun
- 20 Atlantic 3rd-5th grade Winter Daycamp

### March

- 1 Fairboard @ 7PM
- 6 YAC @ 7PM
- 11 Mardi Gras @ 2PM
- 15 Pancake Supper @ 4:30PM
- 19 FSQA in Lewis @ 5:30PM

## CLOVER KIDS FIND OUT

Come for an informative meeting on Clover Kids, a 4-H program for youth in Kindergarten through Second grade. The meeting is January 16 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. There is no obligation to lead a group or recruit members, etc. This meeting is to share the possibilities of this exciting program and gauge interest from parents.

Clover Kids volunteers can choose meeting structure for youth. Models that often work well meet at the same time of a traditional 4-H club meeting, after school or Saturday mornings. Groups often charge a due to cover the cost of craft materials.

Children participating in Clover Kids will:

- Experience the fun of learning
- Gain self-confidence
- Engage in age-appropriate activities and events
- Master physical skills ...and more

For more information or to RSVP by Noon on January 16 contact Susan Oliver, youth coordinator at [smmck@iastate.edu](mailto:smmck@iastate.edu) or 712-243-1132.

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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