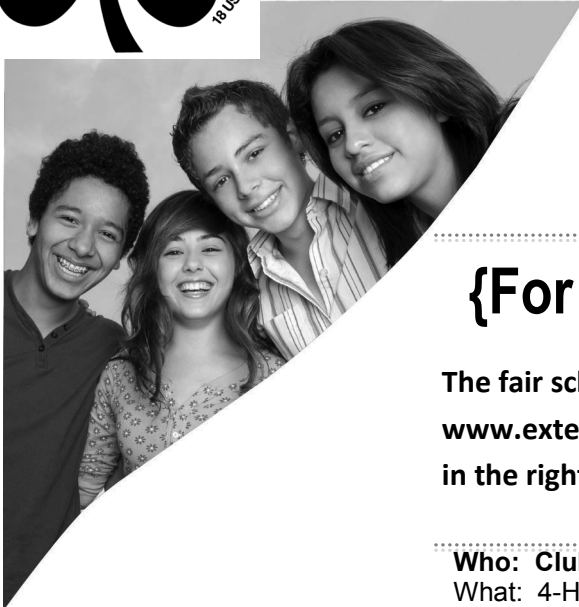


FEBRUARY 4-H UPDATE



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{For All Members}

The fair schedule is posted online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/kidsteens.htm>. It is near the bottom in the right hand sidebar.

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Who: Clubs That Want To Join The Fun Of Mardi Gras

What: 4-H Mardi Gras

When: Sunday, March 11 from 2:00 -4:00 PM

Where: Cass County Community Center

Additional Information: Club choices are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 on February 20. Clubs will receive a map after that deadline. Remind your 4-H families that EVERYONE who attends and works at Mardi Gras must pay \$.50 at the door.

What: 4-H Endowment Pancake Supper

When: March 13 4:30 P.M to 7:00 P.M.

Where: Cass County Community Center

Additional Information:

This money will then be used to offset the Program Development Fee. If we did not have this Endowment 4-H would cost \$30 for every member in Cass County each year.

Attendance is critical. Everyone needs to attend.

Special note: We will have an additional grill this year. No more long, agonizing lines with 95 pancakes being cooked at a time. This is truly all you can eat pancakes for \$6.

Who: All Cass County 4-H'ers Clubs can participate as a group also

What: Share the Fun

When: February 19 @ 4:00 PM

Where: Cass County Community Center

4-H'ers can perform alone, in small groups or as an entire club. Deadline to enter acts is February 8. There are two divisions – State Fair eligible and the Junior Division that is not eligible for State Fair. The entry form is located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/NR/rdonlyres/3464B784-50E5-47FB-A521-BE7A26477E59/162001/JanInsert.pdf>

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{FOR ALL MEMBERS CONTINUED}

Current Members, It's Not Too Late to Invite New Members

- It's not too late to ask friends to join 4-H!
- Welcome people you care about into a program that cares for you.
- May 15 is the deadline for new members to join 4-H and still exhibit at the Cass County Fair!

Record Book forms on the Web

- Many of you have received requested record book materials from your leaders.
- They are also online: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass>
- Click on "Kids and Teens/4-H" in the left sidebar.
- Go to "Record Book Information" under "Information for Club Members".

Leadership, Communication and Citizenship Requirements in Record Books

- In order to receive a project award, 4-H'ers must show that they have been involved in Leadership, Communication and/or Citizenship in each project area.
 - Juniors (grades 3-6) need to complete at least one of these areas in a project.
 - Intermediates (grades 7-8) need to complete at least 2 of these areas in a project.
 - Seniors (grades 9-12) need to complete all 3 of these areas in a project.
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{For Adults}

Who: Adults That Love 4-H and Have a Skill Set Related to 4-H Project Areas

What: Southwest Iowa Judges Training

When: Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the

Where: Iowa Western Community College-Cass County Center in Atlantic, Iowa.

Why: Young people need caring adults to evaluate their exhibits. These opportunities are typically paid.

For Information: Contact Susan at 243-1132 or smmck@iastate.edu

Current Shooting Sports Leaders or Adults Interested: SESS training

Southwest Iowa will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training August 26 & 27, 2012 in Red Oak, Iowa. We will be offering Training in Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader and Wildlife Skills. Deadline for Registration is August 10!

Welcome: New 4-H leaders—March 17 at the Cass County Community Center

Please join other new 4-H leaders for a day of Fun, Learning and Sharing. Learn from others about the essential elements of 4-H, getting involved, exploring resources that create a fun environment for your 4-H club. To register, go to <http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers> and click on the link under Training in the bottom right box.

Robotics Volunteer Training is Coming This Spring

We are excited to be providing a local training this spring for Robotics Club training. If you or someone you know would be interested to help youth in this area, please contact me at smmck@iastate.edu or 243-1132.

Who: Parents of youth in Grades K-2

What: Join the *Atlantic Go-Getters* Clover Kids Group-Fun games, Educational Activities, Creative crafts, snacks, and time with friends

When: February 12 at 4:00 P.M.

Where: Cass County Community Center, Atlantic, IA

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



{CLOVER KIDS CONTINUED}

Clover Kids is:

- a FUN 4-H Youth Development program specially designed for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grades
- hands-on, cooperative learning

to promote children's healthy development; mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally.

Maybe you would be interested in volunteering to make this opportunity happen for your club? You're welcome to attend too to find out what Clover Kids is all about!

{For Juniors [4-6 grade]}

Who: 5th & 6th Grade 4-H'ers

What: SW Iowa 5th-6th grade camp: June 10-13, 2012

Where: Birch Village (a village at the Iowa 4-H Camp Center in Madrid, IA)

Additional Information: **Cost is \$145.00 per camper for the four day camp (Some County Scholarships may be available for campers)**

For More Information: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2012Jr4HCamp.htm>

{For Seniors [9-12 grade]}

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Who: Graduating 4-H Seniors Who Want Money for College

What: 4-H Scholarships: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm>.

When: Deadline/postmarked: March 1, 2012

{All Project Areas}

Who: Photography Project Members {or anyone interested}

What: Photography Day with Ty Smedes

When: February 18 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

Where: Creston Walmart Garden Center

Why: Ty's photos have been published by many major magazines and book publishers. Here how he does it. You can view Smedes' photos online at <http://www.smedesphoto.com/>.

Additional Info: You can also drop in between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. and a Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs group member with help you one on one with your camera.

Who: Photography 4-H members in grades 7th – 12th

What: "Snapshot Iowa" - A Photography Contest historic Iowa Architecture and capture these images in black and white.

When: Entries must be received by March 14, 2012. Winners will be announced by March 22, 2012.

Additional Information: One winner from each group will earn a \$100 cash prize: 7th – 9th Grades and 10th – 12th Grades

For complete rules, see: <http://www.iowaarchfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=39628&audienceID=1>

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.



{Livestock/Small Animal Project Members}

Poultry Project

Watch for a letter in the mail from superintendent Sue McDuff. She's compiled some good information for you. If you do not receive this letter, go online to verify your address is correct and you have enrolled in the poultry project. It involves free birds.

Beef Project

Thanks to the Beef Committee for their long, hard work for a successful weigh-in.

Thanks to families for waiting patiently and sharing information to complete their paperwork!

Look for more information from the beef committee in month's to come about some workshop opportunities.

Swine Project

Swine Weigh-in—The date for weigh-in is April 14th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds in Atlantic. Contact superintendent Shane DeBord or the Extension Office with questions. BOTH home-raised and purchased pigs will be tagged.

Tags will cost \$1 each. ALL Iowa State Fair swine (derby, market and breeding) must attend a regional verification site in April. If you plan to identify hogs for the 2010 State Fair you must fill out an "Intent to Participate" form by March 20.

The form and other swine information can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm>.

Sheep & Meat Goats Project

Mark your calendar—Sheep weigh-in will be May 5. County fair-only sheep will weigh from 8-11:00 a.m. and Noon-2:00 p.m. will be Iowa State Fair weigh time. From 2:30-3:30, the same committee will weigh-in meat goats.

Who: Horse or Animal Science Project Members

What: "Inside Your Horse's Mouth & Gut" by Dr. England of Gravel Road Equine Ambulatory Service

When: February 23 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Where: Farmers Coop in Creston, 1000 E. Mills Street

Why: There will be a live teeth floating demonstration, tips on choosing the correct de-worming program, choosing the correct vaccination program and refreshments and prizes.

Additional Information: They request you please bring lawn chairs.

{DATES}

February 8—Share the Fun deadline

February 10—Griswold Outdoor Adventures Camp

February 11—CAM Outdoor Adventures Camp

February 12—Youth Council @ 2PM

February 12—Clover Kids @ 4PM

February 13—Endowment Board @ 6PM

February 19—Share the Fun @ 4PM

February 20—Atlantic Outdoor Adventures Camp

February 20—YAC @ 7PM

March 1—Fairboard @ 7PM

March 10—Judges' Training in Atlantic 9:30-3PM

March 11—Mardi Gras @ 2PM

March 13—Pancake Supper @ 5-7PM

March 17—New Leader's Training

March 19—FSQA at Lewis

March 25-31—Extension Week

April 5—Fairboard @ 7PM

April 6—Office Closed

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/CASS