



# Cass County 4-H News

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THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making the 2007 Cass County Fair a success. You should all be proud of the tremendous job you did. It certainly was a team effort and we appreciate your dedication to continue making the Cass County Fair so outstanding.

As we put the fairs behind us and bring the program year to a close, it's time to finish up those Record Books. I know that doing Record Books probably doesn't rate in the top 10 list of fun things to do, but looking back and reflecting on your accomplishments is a very important part of your learning process. By putting your thoughts into writing, you can see what you have learned and how you have grown. Learning and personal growth is what 4-H is all about.

Julie Hering  
Youth Program Coordinator

### HAVE YOU HEARD?

- Curtis Ullerich and Drew Ladd will participate in the State 4-H Award Interviews on August 25 in Ames, Good Luck!
- Griswold Clubsters was the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in herdsmanship, Cass Coed Clan won the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot at the County Fair. CONGRATULATIONS!
- Thank You to the Jeff & Melinda Hemphill Family for pulling the trailer with State Fair Exhibits to and from Des Moines.
- The Hemphill Family and the Dave & Marcia Buboltz Family helped check out exhibits from the State Fair. Thank You!
- Congratulations to ALL County Fair and State Fair Exhibitors on a job well done.

### THANK YOU NOTES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Have you written your thank you's yet? It takes a lot of people to make County Fair a success. Take a moment to make a list of those people who contributed to your success at the fair—award donor, livestock buyer, auctioneer, 4-H leader, superintendents, veterinarian, Fairboard member, and even your parents. Now take a moment to write a note to each of these people. If you aren't sure who your thank-you should be sent to or what their address is, call the Extension Office to find out. Please do your part to recognize these 4-H supporters and show them they are appreciated.

### RECRUIT A FRIEND

It's time to start the new 4-H year! Do you know anyone who might enjoy being in 4-H??? Why not bring a friend to a club meeting! If you know of someone who would like to join 4-H, send them to the Extension Office for additional information.

**2007/2008 ENROLLMENT**

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Re-enrollment forms have been printed. Leaders can pick up enrollment packets the last week in August to use at September & October club meetings. Enrollment Forms and Medical Release Forms are due **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

We enroll according to grades:

**Discovering** - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade

(4th graders **must** enroll in Discovery and may take one additional project.)

**Juniors** - 5th-6th grade

**Intermediates** - 7th and 8th grade

**Seniors** - 9th-through 12th grade

### **RECORD BOOKS DUE SOON !!!**

Your record books will be due to your club leader soon. Check with him or her for your club's deadline. Enclosed in this newsletter is a suggested guideline to follow when putting your record book together. If you are on-line, you can download a computerized template of some of the record keeping forms. Visit our web page at [www.extension.iastate.edu/cass](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass). Leaders need to turn Record Books and award sheets into the Extension Office by **September 17**.



### **COUNTY CONVENTION**

We will celebrate National 4-H week at County Convention on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Cass County Community Center**. Your 4-H uniform is required for you to walk across the stage and get your picture taken.

Assignments for Convention are:

**Set-up – G & L Clover & Atlantic Go-Getters**

**Clean-up – C & M Champions**

## **WANTED: FUN & ENERGETIC 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> GRADERS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL**

We want you to be part of the 2007 – 2008 Youth Council. The Youth Council is an important part of our 4-H program. They help plan and conduct events for 4-H members on a county-wide basis, including activities at county fair. We also have a ton of FUN when we organize the various events and do things as a group.

Sound like Fun? Applications have been sent to all 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and are due **September 4**.

### **CLUB PHOTOS NEEDED**

We plan to do a power point presentation at County Convention featuring activities that clubs did during the year. In order to do this, we need 5 or more photos from each club. Action shots of members working on a service project, doing a presentation, or having fun at a party would be great. If you have digital photos, just e-mail them to [jhering@iastate.edu](mailto:jhering@iastate.edu). or photographs can be submitted to the Extension Office. Please send us your pictures by September 17.



### **VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

Be sure to visit the Cass County website this month. You will find State Fair results, Record Book forms, applications for Youth Council and YC2 and much much more. The address is:

**[www.extension.iastate.edu/cass](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass)**

## **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

**October 7-14**

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 7-14. Now is the time to invite friends and classmates to join in the fun of 4-H. Begin planning now for promotional activities in your school and communities.

We'd like to see each club do something special to celebrate 4-H during this week. Here are some suggestions:

1. Set up a display in your school's library or lunchroom.
2. Put up a window display in a local business.
3. Display 4-H posters in businesses.
4. Present 4-H bookmarks to local schools, libraries, etc.
5. Have a hayride or other gathering and invite old and new 4-H members.
6. Hold a membership drive.
7. Have all the members of your club wear their 4-H t-shirts to school.

### **4-H WINDOW/DISPLAY CONTEST**

Many clubs already do displays or windows promoting 4-H for National 4-H week. The Youth Action Committee wants to recognize clubs for your hard work. You can enter the first ever 4-H Window/Display Contest. Organizational leaders will be sent a nomination form which is due September 17. Your window must be up by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, October 2 so YAC members can judge the displays.



**Attention Club Secretaries, Treasurers & Historians** -- We want to recognize you for your hard work. Make sure your officer books are turned into the Extension Office by September 17 to be judged! Top books will be announced at County Convention.

### **4-H HALL OF FAME**

Matt Rogers was posthumously inducted into the 2007 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during the Iowa State Fair. Inductees into the Hall of Fame were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Matt Rogers was actively involved in the Cass County 4-H program, first as a 4-H member, then as a member of the Cass County Fairboard. Matt was tragically killed in an automobile accident in April of 2006, at the age of 25; cutting short the life of this dedicated 4-H volunteer.

Matt could always be counted on to have a positive attitude. His Happy go-lucky personality and ability to talk to people made him a great asset to the Fairboard and to the 4-H program in Cass County. Matt's parents, Jim & Patty and his sister Bethany received the award in Matt's honor.

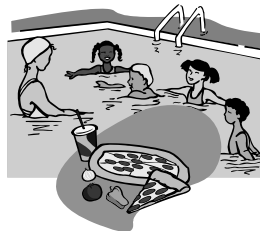
### **NEW PROGRAM YEAR**

A new year brings new leaders, members and officers. As you elect officers and leaders, remember the important qualities necessary for each leadership role. Look for those who can work well with all members, attend meetings, respect others, accept responsibilities, and inspire.

This is a great leadership opportunity for older 4-H'ers.

### **HERDSMANSHIP RESULTS**

Congratulations to the Griswold Clubsters for winning first place in the Herdsmanship contest at county fair. For their efforts they will receive a pool party sponsored by the Nishna Valley Family YMCA, pizza from Casey's, and their name will be engraved on the Herdsmanship Plaque hanging in the lobby of the community center. Cass Coed Clan placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## **AREA 4-H COUNCIL**

Applications for the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council are available at the Extension Office and are due on Friday, September 21. Contact Julie with questions

## **WOOL CONTEST**

Seamstresses are needed for the Make it with Wool contest. The contest will be Saturday, October 20 at Merle hay Mall in Des Moines. This is a great opportunity to make an outfit now that you can use next year at the fair. Registrations are due September 29. For complete rules contact Sandi Bolton at 712-568-1062 or visit [www.iowasheep.com](http://www.iowasheep.com).

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Here is a community service project for individual members or the whole club to work on. Circles for Success is a group of families of all backgrounds that work together to learn from each other and better the Atlantic community through service projects. They are looking for volunteers to assist with child care during their meetings. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 6-8 PM. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, please contact Kim Freund at Home Care Hospice at 243-8006 ext 3008.

## **SOUTHWEST IOWA 4-H TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC**

- **What:** CWF – Citizenship Washington Focus
- **Who:** High school youth who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade by June, 2008
- **Where:** Washington, D.C. and National 4-H Conference Center.
- **When:** June 8-14, 2008
- **Why:** An opportunity for 4-H'ers from SW Iowa and the nation to participate in a week-long program that focuses on enriching their lives by providing activities which broaden their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in their world.
- **Cost:** Estimated to be around \$1500 (some assistance with fundraising may be provided).

If you are interested in Citizenship Washington Focus, contact the Extension Office for an application.

**Registration and a \$200 deposit are due by December 15, 2007.**

## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

Shotgun training will be on three dates in September, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm at the Community Center and Sept. 29 from 9am-1pm at an outdoor range. Enroll in Shooting Sports as a 4-H project this year and join us at these September events. Shooting Sports counts as one of the six 4-H projects you are eligible to enroll in during the year. Ask a friend who may not be a 4-H member but enjoys hunting and outdoor activities to join with you!

