



## Cass County 4-H News

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## FEBRUARY, 2008

Dear 4-H Families,

### **WHAT IS A DEADLINE??**

In the Cass County Youth Program it is a time to respond immediately! A time for action! A deadline means that something (usually a form, registration, sign up, entry fee, etc.) is due at the Extension Office in order for you to be eligible to participate in an event. This includes Share the Fun, Mardi Gras, Project Workshops, Fair entries, and many more. We pride ourselves with a very organized program in Cass County, offering a variety of opportunities for young people; and ***we hold strictly to due dates for everyone***. This is only possible with your continued cooperation. The day after a deadline, we start setting up schedules, ordering supplies, typing programs, etc. It is vitally important to observe those deadlines consistently for all activities for all persons. After all, we are trying to help you develop some responsibility and be more accountable for what you do. Please read the newsletter, watch the newspapers, listen to KJAN or KSOM and you will always know what is going on. If you have questions, please call *BEFORE* the deadline. Mark your calendar, make yourself a note and **DON'T BE LATE!**

Julie Hering Kent

Youth Program Coordinator

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or handicap



### **HAVE YOU HEARD?**

- **Union Leaders** won a hard fought match against **Groovy Grovers** in the final round of the Family Volleyball Tournament
- **Lincoln Guys & Gals** made crafts for residents at Colonial Manor
- **G & L clovers** had a homemade gift exchange
- **Union Lucky Clovers** went bowling
- **Washington GEM** donated cookies to the bloodmobile
- **Union Leaders** had a Family Pot-luck
- **Brighton** donated to Toys for Tots, had a family pot-luck and elected Junior Officers.

- **Fifty-eight** members have joined 4-H in Cass County this year. We are still taking enrollments for new 4-H members, so keep recruiting! We are still 35 members short of our enrollment goal of 372

### **Due Friday, February 1st –**

Share the Fun Entries  
Mardi Gras Choices  
Pay for club Literature  
4-H Scholarship Applications  
Iowa's Promise Grant Applications  
Independent 4-H Agreement

## BEEF NEWS

### Beef Weigh-In -

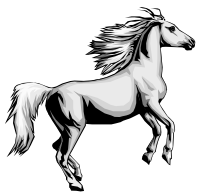
Beef weigh-in was a success! Thank you to Bryce Potter and the Beef Committee for their hard work at Beef Weigh-in. They weighed in 181 head of cattle for county fair. 44 of those were also nominated for the Iowa State Fair. Thank you to our 4-H'ers and their families for waiting patiently for their turn to unload.

### Iowa Beef Expo –

The junior show will be February 15 - 17 in Des Moines. The entry deadline is Feb. 1. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office. For more info log onto [www.iowabeefexpo.com](http://www.iowabeefexpo.com)

### FSQA Required for State Fair –

4-Her's showing Beef at the Iowa State Fair will be required to have a Food Safety Quality Assurance certificate. See the enclosed flier on FSQA for more information.



## HORSE NEWS

### Cowpokes –

The first Cowpokes meeting of the year will be **February 17th at 5:00 pm at the Community Center.** 4-H'ers enrolled in the horse project

will receive additional information in the mail.

### Horse Helmets –

If you don't have a horse helmet, make sure you get one soon. All 4-H'ers are required to wear a helmet every time they are mounted. This includes ALL horse practices, invitational shows, and county fair.

### Iowa Horse 4-H Jamboree

The Iowa 4-H Horse Jamboree will be April 11, 12 & 13 in Des Moines. There will be a variety of clinics for both Juniors and Seniors. There are also tons of team contests and individual events. Contact the Extension Office for more information. Registrations are due March 1.

Madison County is holding a 4-H Horse Clinic on Saturday, February 2. A schedule is available at the Extension Office.

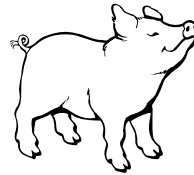
## SWINE NEWS

### Swine Weigh-In -

Superintendent Shane DeBord has announced that swine weigh-in will be **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM till 11:30 at the fairgrounds in Atlantic.**

The maximum beginning weight will be **70 pounds.** The minimum weight for hogs at the 2008 Cass County fair will be **240 pounds.**

**BOTH** home raised and purchased pigs will be tagged. Tags will cost \$1 each.



### Pork Congress

4-H'ers with an interest in swine can attend the Iowa Pork Congress Wednesday, January 23 free of charge! You can hear great speakers, go on a Pork Industry Trivia Game on the trade show floor or participate in a career scavenger hunt.

### Pork Youth Team

The Iowa Pork Producers Association would like to invite 4-H youth to join the Iowa Pork Youth Team. Julie H. is on this state committee, so ask her how to get signed up!

### PQA III / FSQA

You must have a valid PQA III / FSQA certificate to exhibit hogs at the Cass County Fair or Iowa State Fair. See the enclosed flier on FSQA for more information.

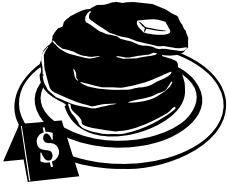
**ALL State Fair swine** (derby, market, **and breeding**) must attend a regional verification site in April. If you plan to identify hogs for the 2008 Iowa State Fair you must fill out an "Intent to Participate" form.

## MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR

- June 15 - 18 – SW Iowa Junior Camp – Madrid – 5-6 grade
- June 19 - 20 – Speak Out For Agriculture – SOFA Bus Trip – 7-12 grade
- June 24 - 26 – State 4-H Conference – Ames – 8-12 grade

## PANCAKE SUPPER

The Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee is planning a special fundraiser on **Thursday, March 13**. The Pancake man will be at the Cass County Community Center from 5:00 - 7:00 and all proceeds will go in the Cass County 4-H Endowment. This money will go toward the Program Development Fee, camp scholarships, and other 4-H programs.



The Endowment Committee will need the help of our 4-H clubs and families. Help will be needed in several ways:

- **Workers** - clear tables, serve drinks, set up and clean-up.
- **Silent Auction** - We would like each club to contribute one item to put toward this
- **Attendance** – Invite your friends, neighbors and family to come out and enjoy

Club organizational leaders will receive more details on the Pancake Supper to share at your next meeting.

### YC2 LOCK-IN

**What:** Lock in  
**Who:** 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers (each 4-H'er may bring up to 2 friends who are not in 4-H)  
**When:** Saturday, February 16 – 6:00 PM  
**Where:** YMCA Atlantic  
**Cost:** \$5  
**Sponsor:** Cass County YC2  
 Look for registration material to come –  
 Registration deadline February 8

### STATE RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too late for 4-H members in grade 9-12 to apply for State Recognition opportunities. These include State Project Awards, National 4-H Conference, Youth Congress or State 4-H Council. Contact the Extension Office for an application packet if you don't already have one. They are **due February 12** to the Extension Office. Area interviews will be **Sunday, March 30** in Atlantic.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AREA RECOGNITION

Cass County has been asked to supply volunteers to help at the Southwest Iowa Area Recognition Event on Sunday, March 30. We need volunteers to serve on interview teams, as well as people to serve as timers and hosts. Please contact Julie at the Extension Office if you would like to help with this great event.

### BUY YOUR 4-H WINDOW DECAL

Poultry Project members continue to raise money to buy new cages for county fair. They are selling 4-H window decals to put on your car. The cost is \$3 for one or \$5 for two decals. Contact a poultry project member to buy your 4-H decal. You can support the poultry project members while you promote 4-H!

### STAINED GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP

Jana Coughlin, project leader for Griswold Clubsters, will be holding a Stained Glass Painting workshop for 4-H'ers in Cass County. This is a 2-part workshop being held Saturday, March 22 and Saturday, April 12. You will need to be at both workshops to complete your exhibit. Both workshops will be from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon at the Elliott Community Building. The registration form is included in this newsletter and is due to Jana by March 10. Please contact Jana with any questions at 767-2398.

### EGG COOKING CONTEST



The Iowa Egg Council is sponsoring a cooking contest. There are 2 divisions: adults and 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Prize money will be awarded in each division. Recipes for the contest should be original and must contain a minimum of 4 whole eggs. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office and must be sent to the Iowa Egg Council by February 15.

### CASS CO. R.A.M.S. 4-H CLUB

Congratulations to Cass County’s newest 4-H Club, the Cass County R.A.M.S! (That stands for Rifle, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun—four of the 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines.) The club has elected new officers and will meet on the third Saturday of each month at 3 pm. Their next meeting will be at the Armstrong Research Farm near Lewis on Saturday, February 16, 3 pm. There is still time to add Shooting Sports to your 4-H enrollment by contacting the Extension Office.

### SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To keep the new Shooting Sports club growing we need more adult volunteers. The next training to certify adult leaders will be April 4-6 at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid. Training disciplines include riflery, shotgun, muzzle loading, archery and wildlife skills. If you or someone you know is interested in being trained to work with the 4-H shooting sport program in Cass County, please contact the Extension Office. The registration deadline is March 7

### JUDGES TRAINING

Fair judges, Leaders, Parents and Volunteers are invited to receive the latest training and updates in 4-H project evaluation. Judges Training will be Saturday, March 29 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM in Creston. The training is open to anyone interested in working with youth and county fairs. It is a great opportunity to learn more about judging fair exhibits and how to help youth learn and grow from the judging experience. Contact the Extension Office if you would like additional information on Judges Training.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Don’t forget that this year’s theme for the Cass County Photo contest is Churches. Now would be a great time to get those winter pictures of churches.

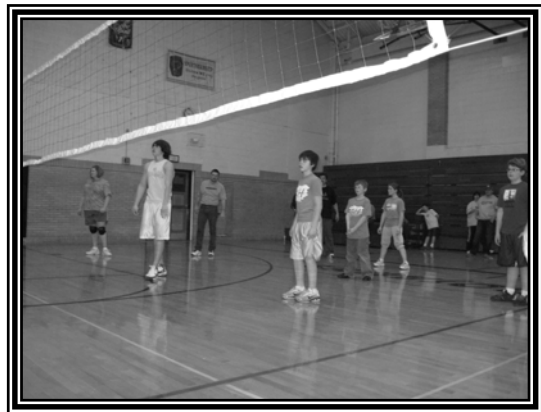
### REMINDER FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Just a reminder for “early birds” working on 4-H projects...be sure to take photographs of your projects before you begin. In some of your projects, you want to take pictures to show the steps or progress made. Photos are useful in restoring or refinishing an item, cleaning an item, showing a livestock project at the beginning or sometimes you’d just like a picture of yourself in action.

### ATTENTION

If there are changes to your medical condition during the year, please make sure a parent contacts our office to update your Medical Information Release Form. It is important that we keep that information current.

### 2008 VOLLEYBALL



**There’s still time to enter  
Share the Fun!  
Registration form and  
\$5 entry fee are due February 1**

