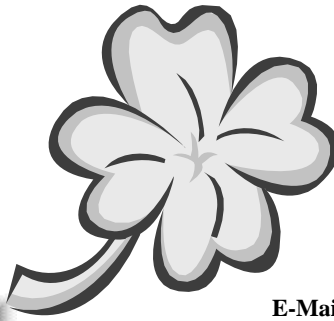




Cass County 4-H News



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*We have an important event coming up this month. The Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee will be holding their annual fundraiser. The Pancake Man will be at the Cass County Community Center on **Thursday, March 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.** I'm sure you have talked in your club meetings about ways you can help with this event. Some of you will be helping serve and clear tables, some of you are working on silent auction items. But most importantly, we need ALL of your help in telling others about this fundraiser. **Bring your family, friends and neighbors with you on the 13th.***

*Remember, all proceeds from the Pancake Supper will support the 4-H program here in Cass County. It will help pay the 4-H Program Development Fee, Provide scholarships for 4-H'ers attending state camps and conferences, and support Cass County 4-H in countless other ways. The Endowment Committee thanks you for your support and look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, March 13!***

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?

- 16 acts participated in Share the Fun.....
- **Curtis & Emily Ullerich & Amanda Phippen** received 1st place with Yakety Sax.
- **Kelsey & Haley Schmidt of Cass Coed Clan** received 2nd place with their vocal duet
- **Emily Jacobsen of Bear Grove Blazers** received 3rd place with her drum solo.
- All three advance to the State Fair in August.
- In the Junior Division first place honors went to
- **Brighton** with their skit "4-H - 4 you and me!"
- **Washington GEM** placed 2nd
- Top Muscial Performance went to Kelsie & Haley Schmidt
- **Pleasant Noble United** made valentines for the Griswold Care Center
- **Brighton** served the Marne Valentines Dinner
- **Benton Blue Ribbons** held a family soup supper and washed dishes for the Wiota Fireman's Sweetheart Supper.
- **The Poultry Project** members and **Youth Council** each applied for Iowa's Promise Grants
- **The Poultry Project** members continue to sell 4-H window decals. \$3 for one or \$5 for 2. See any poultry project member to get yours.
- **The SOFA Planning Committee** members had the chance to visit with nationally known speaker Trent Loos about the role they play in agriculture. Jenna Ferguson was interviewed by Trent for his radio show.
- **46 7-9th grade 4-H'ers** and their friends attended the YC2 lock-in

RECORD BOOK REMINDER

Have you started your Participation Summary? If you attended the Discovering 4-H Workshop, Family Volleyball Tournament or Share-the-Fun, write it down under 4-H participation. Start today, to avoid that last minute frustration in your family.

AREA 4-H JUNIOR CAMP



While everyone else is bored with the same old stuff like hanging out in the backyard or watching TV, you can be learning how to climb up a 100 foot high wall and

rappelling back down, rowing to the front of the pack in your sleek canoe, searching for creatures of the night through night hikes, playing water volleyball or discovering all the creatures that live in the cool water during the creek walk. Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend **Southwest Iowa's 4-H Junior Camp, June 15-18**, at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa.

Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all Southwest Iowa youth who have completed grades 5 & 6. The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

You could be a counselor at 2008 Area 4-H Junior Camp, June 15-18 at the State 4-H Camping Center in Madrid. You just need to be 16 years old at the time of camp. Applications are available at the Extension Office and must be returned by March 24. All camp counselors will need to attend training sessions in May.

CAMP/CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Again this year scholarships will be offered to Cass County 4-H'ers who attend State 4-H camp or State 4-H Conference. The Endowment Committee will award \$25 scholarships on a first come first served basis. Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. That deadline has been moved up to May 1. Applications are available at the Extension Office.

SENIOR LOCK-IN FOR SOUTHWEST IOWA 4-H'ERS

The Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council is hosting a dance/lock-in/activity night for Senior 4-H'ers. It will be held on **Saturday, March 15 at the Atlantic YMCA**. Please return your registration and \$8 fee to the Harrison County Extension Office by **March 7th**. They will have experienced 4-H DJs for dancing, a Movie Theater set up, fun activities like basketball, volleyball and racquetball, energetic games and plenty of pizza and pop. There is something for everyone.

RABBIT WORKSHOP

Rabbit Superintendent Dale Retallic will hold a Rabbit Workshop on **Tuesday, March 11**. The workshop will begin at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Topics to be covered are rabbit care and maintenance as well as fair rules. Be sure to come with your questions.

OPEN SHOWS

Cass County Superintendents and Volunteers are busy planning several Open Livestock shows this summer. Be sure to get these dates marked on you calendar. More information will be coming soon!

Open Beef Shows: May 25

Open Sheep Shows: June 14

Cowpokes Horse Invitational: June 8

SHEEP WEIGH-IN

Attention Sheep project members: Sheep Weigh-in will be **Saturday, May 3rd** Cass County Fair Lambs **Only** weigh-in from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM, if you have any State Fair Lambs and Ask-ar-ben Lambs weigh-in will be from 12:00 noon – 2:00 PM at the fairgrounds. **This is something new that we are going to try to speed up the process.** Remember, you can identify up to 15 Market Lambs at weigh-in. Please note that if you are weighing in lambs for State Fair, it will be the **same 15 lambs** for both county and state fair. Look for more information next month. If you have any questions please call Darrin Petty at 249-5884. **Goats** will weigh from **10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.**

SHEEP SCRAPIES

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual ***Scrapie Flock of Origin Identification Tag*** to exhibit at the Cass County Fair. This means that ***ALL*** breeding ewes AND market ewes that show at the Cass County Fair need to have this special tag.

If you purchase your lambs - Any ewe lamb that you purchase must already have a scrapie flock tag in its ear before you can purchase the lamb.

If you or your family have your own ewe flock (homeraised) - You must tag your ewes yourself before they can show at county fair.

Tags can be ordered by calling 1-866-873-2824. The tags along with the applicator are free of charge.

**2008 Cass County Fair
July 26 – August 1**

**2008 Iowa State Fair
August 7 - 17**

SWINE WEIGH-IN

Swine members are reminded that weigh-in is on **Saturday, March 29, 8:30 AM - 11:30** at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Pigs will have a maximum weight of no more than 70 pounds. **Minimum weight at county fair will be 230 lbs.** As in the past, families unable to bring their hogs to Atlantic may have a vet weigh at the farm on **March 29th**.

Before coming to weigh-in, ALL pigs must have ear notches. In addition, **ALL** pigs must have an official 4-H ear tag. We encourage everyone to tag their hogs at home before weigh-in. Tags will be available at the Extension office, and cost \$1.00 each.

STATE FAIR HOGS

If you plan to show swine at the Iowa State Fair mark **April 19** on your calendar. State Fair hogs will be weighed from 2:30-3:30 at the fairgrounds in Atlantic. State Fair Derby and Market hogs will be DNA tested at that time. You must notify the Extension office by March 13 if you plan to have State Fair hogs.

JUDGES TRAINING

Have you ever thought about becoming a judge at a 4-H County Fair? Here's your opportunity. Judges training has been planned for anyone who is interested in becoming a 4-H exhibit judge for county fairs. Several sessions will be offered including a special course for new judges. Other subject areas to be offered include food and nutrition, horticulture, child development, clothing construction and events, communications, agriculture and natural resources, photography and home improvement. Training is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at the Creston High School with registration beginning at 9:00 am and the day concluding by 4:00 pm.

FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

WHO NEEDS FSQA?

- All youth exhibiting **swine** at the Cass County.
- All youth exhibiting **beef, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry, rabbit or goat** at the Iowa State Fair.

HOW DO I CERTIFY FOR FSQA –

- 4-H'ers ages 9-11 (on January 1) must attend a certification program every year to be FSQA certified.
- 4-H'ers ages 12-14 (on January 1) can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 15.
- 4-H'ers ages 15-18 (on January 1) can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 19.
- 4-H'ers age 19 on January 1 will need to certify through the adult program.

WHEN AND WHERE DO I CERTIFY?

Two trainings have been scheduled for Cass County:

- **Tuesday, March 18** – Cass County Community Center in Atlantic
OR-
- **Thursday, March 27** – Wallace Learning Center Near Lewis –

Classes at both sites will begin at **7:00 PM.**

WHAT IF I WANT TO TEST OUT?

- Youth choosing to **test out** may do so before one of the regular training sessions on March 18 or 27.
We will begin testing at **6:00 PM.**
- You may set up your own time to test at the Extension Office by calling Julie at 243-1132
- To study for the test you may pick up a FSQA manual at the Extension Office.

BEEF TEAM TRAINING

If you are in 6-12 grades and have an interest in the Beef Project, you won't want to miss Beef Team Training on Saturday, March 1. The training will begin at 1:00 PM in Winterset. The Cass County Cattlemen are partnering with this event and will help provide transportation to kids who need a ride.

Representatives from the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will lead workshops to equip you to conduct beef promotional activities in your own community. Every time you promote beef, you can earn points which you can accumulate for yearly reward prizes. In addition seniors are eligible to compete for a \$1000 scholarship.

The only way to become a Beef Team member is to attend training on March 1. There is no charge to attend the training, but you do need to register by calling Colleen Babe at 243-9711.

4-H DESIGN LOGO CONTEST

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a competition to design a new logo for the Iowa 4-H program. After ten years of using the Iowa 4-H "Splash" logo, we believe it's time for a new look. The logo design will be used on t-shirts and other marketing items used to promote the Iowa 4-H program. This contest is open to everyone. Guidelines for submission are located on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website,

www.iowa4hfoundation.org. For questions, contact Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607. **Deadline for submissions by e-mail or hard copy: April 15, 2008**

4-H CLUB SPOTLIGHT

The Atlantic News Telegraph is printing a new feature spotlighting the 4-H clubs in Cass County. Each month we will highlight one club in the county. Contact Julie at the Extension Office and let her know what month we can spotlight YOUR 4-H club.

The Partnership for Progress offices were filled with the gentle humming of sewing machines last October 20th as members of the Washington G.E.M. 4-H club were busy making pillowcases for the Children's Hospital in Omaha. As well as making these pillowcases, they enjoyed a pizza party. On December 16th the club traveled to Omaha to deliver the pillowcases to the Hospital. After distributing the pillowcases, the 4-H club left for the Westroads Mall for shopping and supper. Washington G.E.M. members also left a wreath at the staircase for the victims of the Von Maur shooting. Members of the Washington GEM 4-H club have been helping others in their community for over 70 years. This 4-H club also enjoys such traditions as making cookies for the Bloodmobile, Road ditch Clean-up, and an annual family potluck.

The Washington G.E.M. club started as the Washington Pig Club and was later reorganized as the Washington G.E.M. 4-H club in 1938. Although G.E.M. stands for Genius-Economical-Manly or Gentleman-Entering-Manhood, the club became coed in the 1980's. This year's club is 28 members strong and led by Julie Phippen as Organizational Leader. Washington G.E.M. meets the first Monday of every month at 7 o'clock PM in the Partnership for Progress offices in Atlantic.

When asked why he joined Washington G.E.M. the club's President, Drew Ladd, was quoted saying, "I really like the wide age range of the members in Washington G.E.M. There are older

There are older members with years of experience and younger members willing to learn. It is a larger club but everyone still seems to be involved and has an equal chance to participate."

MUSIC PROJECT

Many Cass County 4-H'ers are involved with music at school or take lessons to learn more. But did you know that you can enroll in music as a 4-H project too?

You can set your own goals for learning activities based on your interests and skills in music

Some possible **FAIR EXHIBITS** might include:

- Record yourself singing or performing
- Compose or arrange your own song
- Build your own musical instrument
- Keep a diary tracking your music lessons and the progress you've learned

- Teaching others about music
- Research your favorite composer or music style - create a poster or notebook

Fair exhibits entered in the music project will be judged by the Personal Development Judge. There is still time to add music to your 4-H enrollment. Call the Extension Office at 243-1132 and ask to add Music (8710) to your list of projects.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Thursday, March 13

5:00 - 7:00

Cass County Community Center

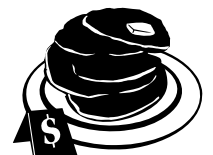
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5 and Under - \$3.00

- **Bid on Silent Auction items**

- **Support Cass County 4-H**

- **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**



4-H Mardi Gras

Sunday, March 9, 2008---2:00-4:00 PM

Cass County Community Center, Atlantic

1. Clubs may set up Sunday between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. **Booths will open at 2:00.**
2. Food stand and Drink stand may start selling at 1:00. They may take money from 1:00 – 2:00
3. **Everyone** must pay 50¢ admission charge.
4. Clubs must furnish equipment, workers, prizes, signs to advertise games and ticket containers. Tables and chairs are provided. Please don't use candy bars, pop, or food as a prize. Some clubs sell those items and it detracts from their earnings. How about balloons, pencils, rings, stickers or small toys?

5. All tickets must be redeemed for cash between 4:00-5:00 PM that day in the Extension Office Conference Room. Clubs will be paid 10¢ per ticket.
6. Clubs must decide how many 10¢ tickets to charge to play their game.
7. All booths must be cleaned up by clubs by 5:00 P.M.
8. 4-H Clubs should **NOT** hold meetings at the Community Center after Mardi Gras. YAC & YC members need this time to clean-up the building and would only disturb your meeting. Please consider meeting before Mardi Gras or select another location for your club to hold its meeting.
9. **Please wear 4-H T-shirts---it's a 4-H event!**
10. Remember it is the Youth Council's responsibility to police the jail and to haul people in. We know that 4-H members want to be helpful in making sure their buddies get to the jail, but we need to leave that up to the Youth Council.
11. It's open to the public. *Everyone is invited, not just 4-H families.* Because of the large crowd and particularly young children in attendance, safety is a concern. Each club is encouraged to have **at least one adult at their booth AT ALL TIMES!** We ask everyone to think about safety when planning, setting up and taking down a booth. Please help 'patrol' the area by not allowing running, hitting, shoving etc. We appreciate your concern.