



## Cass County 4-H News

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National Volunteer Week, April 27 - May 3, celebrates the special contributions volunteers make in our lives. I urge each of you to look around you and see the difference volunteers have made in your life. Very special people have taken time to help keep the 4-H program strong. They serve on committees, as leaders, as workers for projects and at fairs. They may be adults or youth. These volunteers show up to paint, hammer, and clean. Some are named and we know them. Some just show up and do what needs to be done and may be nameless. This week think of someone who has helped you by volunteering time and call or write him or her to say "Thank You".

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?

- Drew Ladd, Curtis Ullerich & Alisha Blake interviewed for State Project Awards.
- 43 people attended the YC2 Lock-In
- Benton Blue Ribbons donated cookies to the Bloodmobile in Atlantic
- The Poultry Project members received a \$250 Iowa's Promise Grant to help purchase new poultry cages for fair. Poultry Project members continue to sell 4-H window decals to raise money for this project
- The Youth Council received a \$250 Iowa's Promise Grant to purchase flower barrels for the fairgrounds

We are just 24 members short of our enrollment goal for 2008. That's only 1 1/3 new members per club! It's not too late to recruit new members for your club. If we all work at it we can make our goal by May 15!

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

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



## 4-H'ERS FOR 4-H

This campaign was set up to aid **you** as a 4-H member. The State 4-H Council has set a goal of \$2.50 per member. This is a very small price for the large lifetime gift that 4-H offers each of its members. Every donation is important, because it shows that 4-Hers can support their own organizations. Contributions are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant-Noble & Grant are already turned in.

## CASS COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

In addition to your 4-H'ers for 4-H Pledge, consider making a donation to the Cass County 4-H Endowment Fund too. All of this money stays right here in Cass County to help the Cass County 4-H program. The Program Development fee is just one item the Endowment will fund. Remember, they will pay this \$20 per member so you don't have to. Cass County 4-H Endowment contributions should be sent to the Extension Office by May 15.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE

In the Cass County 4-H Policy Statement it states that a 4-H member must attend a minimum of six 4-H club meetings, which include the business meeting, before July 15, to be eligible to show at county fair. **There are no excused absences.** Club officers and organizational leaders determine a member's fair eligibility.



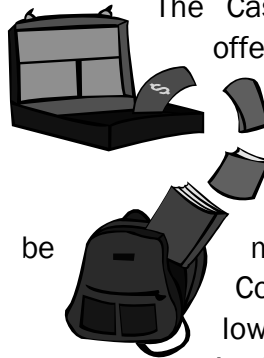
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## PORK PRODUCER SCHOLARSHIP

The Cass County Pork Producers are excited to be able to provide a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to the son or daughter of current Cass County Pork Producer members. Applicants must be incoming freshmen in the fall of 2008 at any 2 or 4-year institution. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due **April 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## BEEF PRODUCER SCHOLARSHIP

The Cass County Cattlemen are offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors or current college students. The applicant's parents must be members of the Cass County Cattlemen and/or Iowa Cattlemen Association. Applications are available through your high school or at the Extension Office. Applications are due **April 4.**



## COWPOKES ELECT OFFICERS

The Cass County Cowpokes Horse club kicked off the 2008 year with an organizational meeting and election of officers. Congratulations to Chairman, Jessica Cunningham; vice chair, Justin Jacobs; and Secretary, Emily Ullerich. Christy Cunningham is serving as this year's Horse Superintendent. It's not too late to add the horse project to your enrollments and get involved with the Cowpokes.



## SWINE PROJECT INFORMATION

Swine weigh-in will be **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM – 11:30** at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Pigs will have a maximum weight of no more than 70 lbs. **4-H'ers may weigh up to 15 hogs.**

As in the past, families unable to bring their hogs to Atlantic may have a vet weigh at the farm, but this must be done on **March 29**.

**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 are available at the Extension Office, and cost \$1.00 each.

If you missed the FSQA trainings and plan to show hogs at the Cass County Fair, you need to make arrangements with Julie to get certified. Remember, the FSQA certificate is only good for 1 year unless you chose the test-out option.



## SHEEP WEIGH-IN

**COUNTY LAMBS 8:00AM – 11:00 AM  
STATE FAIR & AK 12 NOON – 2:00 PM**



Sheep Weigh-in will be **Saturday, May 3** from 8:00 – 2:00 at the fairgrounds. Ear Tags will be \$1 each. If you plan to exhibit sheep at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben nose prints and DNA testing will be done on May 3. Remember, you may weigh up to 15 market lambs for county fair.

Goats will be tagged from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.



## DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Welcome back Becky Buckman as the Dog superintendent. An Orientation meeting for Dog Project members will be Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. **DO NOT BRING YOUR DOGS TO ORIENTATION!** At this meeting we will complete ID forms, review fair rules and classes. Dog classes will be held every Wednesday evening beginning May 21 through July 23. Classes will begin at 7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds. 4-H'ers are required to attend 6 of the 10 classes, however the orientation meeting will not count toward your 6.

## FEEDER CALF

All Feeder Calves must be brought to the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 14 from 8:00 AM - 12 noon. The Beef Committee will tag the calves and help you complete your Identification form. This will help us assure that all of the calves get tagged in June. For everyone's safety, we ask that calves be haltered prior to tagging.

## MARKET BROILER ORDER

If you plan to show in the Market Broiler class at the Cass County Fair, you need to get your request form turned into the Extension Office by May 1. To show in this class, poultry project members must purchase 10 birds. All birds will come from the same hatchery and will be available on the same date in early June. Birds must be paid for



## SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Cass County Extension will again join the Cass County Conservation Department to offer summer Day Camps. Look for information on these camps to come home from school.

### K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade camp

May 29-30 Lake Anita  
June 5-6 - Atlantic Sunnyside  
June 12-13 - Cold Springs @ Lewis

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp

June 3 - Lake Anita  
June 10 - Atlantic Sunnyside  
June 17 - Cold Springs @ Lewis

4-H'ers in grades 7-12 will be needed to serve as counselors at these day camps. Contact Julie if you are interested.

## JUNIOR AREA CAMP

Take a Ride on the "Wild" Side by attending Southwest Iowa's Junior 4-H Camp. Experience camp favorites like nature hikes, creek stomping, wall climbing, canoeing, swimming, cool crafts, and campfires.

When: June 15-18, 2008

Where: Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa

Who: All Youth who have just completed 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade – You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend, so bring your friends!

Cost: \$130 – Cass County 4-H'ers who attend this camp are eligible to receive a \$25

scholarship. Financial aid is also available through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Registration: Registration forms are available at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## STATE 4-H CAMPS

Do you want to go fishing, climb & canoe or get wet & wild? Maybe you want to stay up all night and sleep all day. State 4-H Camps have it all. See the enclosed listing of camps or visit the web at

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/).

Registration information is available at the Extension Office. The early registration date for reduced rates is May 15. Financial Aid is available to attend camps.

## SPEAK OUT FOR AGRICULTURE

This year the SOFA bus will be traveling through Ames & Cedar Falls on June 19-20. We will tour the ISU Dairy Farm, participate in hands on workshops at Iowa State, and tour ALMACO where they build combines and planters for plot work.

Day 2 will begin in the Cedar Falls area where we will learn about soybean based products at the National Ag Based Lubricants Center and build a solar car at the Center for Energy and the Environment. On the way home we will tour the DMACC farm at Adel which is now managed by a SOFA alum, and visit Hawkeye Breeders.

The cost is \$30 which includes transportation, lodging, a T-shirt and most of your meals. 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Cass, Adair, and East Pott counties can sign up for the trip, starting April 14. Seats on the bus fill



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up fast, so if you want to attend this year's trip plan to stop by the Extension Office on or soon after April 14 to fill out a registration and pay your \$30.

### **STATE 4-H CONFERENCE**

Are you ready to “Ignite the Flame?” The Iowa State 4-H Council and ISU invite you to come join the fun on **June 24-26**. These three days will be packed with new friends, dances, banquets, games, motivational speakers, workshops and giving back to the community. 8th - 12th graders can attend State Conference, and you don't have to be a 4-H'er so you can take your friends along. Registration information is available at the Cass County Extension Office. Financial Aid is available.

### **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee will be offering scholarships to Cass County 4-H'ers who attend State 4-H camp, State 4-H Conference or other out of county trips where the registration fee is over \$50. Scholarships will be in the amount of \$25 and will be available on a first come first served basis. Applications will be available when you pick up registration forms and will be due to the Extension Office with your registration.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Anyone who needs help fitting the cost of 4-H Camp or State Conference into the family budget should apply for financial assistance from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The Extension Office has application forms. Apply now, because money for camps is limited.

Visit the Cass County Website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/cass](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass)

The financial aid application deadline is **May 1**.

### **SPRING LEADER TRAINING**

4-H leaders, join us for Spring Leader Training on **Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 PM** at the Cass County Community Center. This is the second of two trainings focusing on leadership that you will need to complete this year. All organizational and project leaders are expected to complete the training.

### **2008 PHOTO CAMP –**

If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grader and interested in photography, then this is the camp for you this summer. The photography camp will be held June 18-20 at the 4-H Camping Center near Madrid. You'll experiment, create and think with your camera. Participants will increase their knowledge of photography, sharpen their skills and learn from skilled instructors. Registrations are at the Extension Office and due May 15.

### **BABYSITTING CLASS IN ANITA**

Another Babysitting and Child Safety Care Class will be held for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday, April 19 and Saturday April 26. Both classes will be from 1:00 – 4:00 at the Anita Public Library. Registrations are limited to 30 participants and can be made by calling the Anita Public Library at 762-3639. Deadline to sign up is April 11. Another class will be held at the Atlantic Public library in early fall. Priority in the fall will be given to those who are on the current waiting list.

### **EVENT DISCOUNTS FOR IOWA 4-H'ERS**

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces the opportunity for 4-H'ers and 4-H Clubs to receive discount tickets to Iowa Events Center and Iowa Speedway events. Both organizations have developed a partnership with the foundation to provide discounted tickets and educational opportunities for

Iowa 4-H'ers. Go to [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org) to learn more about the many events available. You could plan a fun club tour or outing to one of these events.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The Relay for Life Committee is looking for 4-H clubs to organize activities to entertain youth at this year's event. You club could set up for 20-30 minutes to play games or do other special activities. Think about the games your club does for Mardi Gras. Could you do that? Relay for Life will be Friday, June 27 from 6:00 - 11:00 PM at the Atlantic High School Track. If your club would like to help entertain, contact Sheryl Dusenbery at 243-6958 or [sdusenberry@atlantic.k12.ia.us](mailto:sdusenberry@atlantic.k12.ia.us).

## **ADOPT A FLOWER BARREL AT FAIR**

The Youth Council has received an Iowa's Promise Grant to purchase Flower Barrels to set around the fairgrounds this summer. But we need YOUR help to fill them! The Youth Council will provide the barrel and the dirt; they'll even take care of watering them all summer. 4-H clubs will be responsible for selecting & purchasing flowers and planting their adopted barrel this spring. You can even get creative with it and decorate your barrel for county fair so that fairgoers can learn about your 4-H club. Call the Extension Office if your club wants to adopt a flower barrel at fair.

## **4-H CLUB SPOTLIGHT – G & L CLOVERS**

The sweet smells of Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes, and freshly baked pies filled the Zion Lutheran Church as the G & L Clovers 4-H club prepared their annual Thanksgiving dinner for their families last November. Not only do the members prepare a delicious meal, but they also learn about measurements, following instructions, and proper cooking disciplines. Other traditions of the G & L Clovers include a progressive dinner, road clean-up, and making cookies for the blood mobile.

The G & L Clovers 4-H club gives to the community in ways such as making a baby quilt for the first baby born during 4-H week and donating holiday treats to Willow Heights Residential Care Facility.

Although this is one of the smallest clubs in Cass County with only 12 members, they keep their meetings fun, but also structured. Everyone has the opportunity to talk and share their opinions. Nicole Laurito was asked why she enjoyed being a member of the G & L Clovers. She said "Since we are a smaller club, we get to know each other better."

While some 4-H clubs are known for being the oldest or the largest club, the "Growing and Learning Clovers" 4-H club is known for their involvement in the non-livestock projects. At fair time, their members are very involved with projects inside the building. The G & L Clovers have a strong focus on project workshops and record books.

In addition to their community service projects and monthly 4-H meetings, the G & L Clovers also enjoy "fun" trips, such as Adventureland, Living History Farms, and cookouts.

The G & L Clovers 4-H club usually meets in members' homes or at the Atlantic Fire Station on the first Sunday of each month as 6:30 pm. The G & L Clovers 4-H club is led by Rosemary Zellmer, a 32 year veteran 4-H leader in Cass County.

## **STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS**

The Iowa State Fair is August 7-17. Preparation and entry days in the 4-H Exhibits Building are August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>. Youth and Adult volunteers are needed to help throughout the Iowa State Fair in many ways in the exhibit building as well as in the livestock departments. Check at the Extension Office for volunteer opportunities. Applications for both youth and adults are due **June 1!**

## **PROJECT ALERT – LEADERSHIP**

Through 4-H, we are developing our LEADERSHIP skills. We serve as club officers, work on councils and committees, and organize workshops, club outings and other events. We use our LEADERSHIP skills at home, in our clubs, in youth groups, school and in the community. Now you can take it the next step by enrolling in the LEADERSHIP project to help bring out the best in you.

Some possible FAIR EXHIBITS might include:

- Plan a workshop for other 4-H'ers during the year and make a poster showing what you did;
- Keep a journal documenting your responsibilities as a club officer during the year;
- Organize a blood drive in your school and create a notebook about the experience;
- Create a video tape presentation explaining the duties of a club officer to use at officer training;
- Create a PowerPoint Presentation to share with other 4-H members about opportunities beyond the county level.

Fair exhibits entered in the LEADERSHIP project will be judged by the Personal Development Judge. You can still add LEADERSHIP to your 4-H Enrollment. Call the Extension Office by May 15 and ask to add LEADERSHIP (8410 – 8412).

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS: 4-H IN ACTION!**

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in a statewide photo exhibition titled "4-H'ers in Action!" The contest is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4-12 and you do NOT have to be enrolled in photography.

Any 5"x 7" photo taken after January 1, 2006 by the 4-H'er is eligible. 4-H'ers are limited to ONE entry. The picture should show a 4-H'er or group of 4-H'ers involved in a project, doing community service, giving an educational presentation, enjoying a recreational activity, or anything related to 4-H.

A photo story depicting what is happening in the photo should be included and is limited to 75 words or less. These pictures will be mounted in a special frame available at the Extension Office and will be checked in on Saturday of fair with other photography exhibits.

One 4-H'ers in Action! Photo will be selected to represent Cass County at the Iowa State Fair. Photos at the state fair will be considered for a 2009 calendar and other 4-H promotional materials. You must be able to provide a high resolution, electronic version of the photo on a CD if selected.

## **CHURCH PHOTO CONTEST**

Don't forget to be taking pictures of churches for this year's county photography contest. Scout out churches in the city or in the country. You can take pictures of the inside or the outside. Use your imagination to show off some great buildings.

## **INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SPRINGBROOK**

How often do you get to go on night hikes? What about owl calling? Have you tried canoeing or kayaking? What about archery? Well here's your chance!! The SW Area Youth Council is planning an overnight trip for intermediate 4-H members and their friends. **Spring into Nature at Springbrook** will be held on June 30-July 1 at Springbrook Conservation Education Center in Guthrie County. Attendance numbers will be limited. Mark your calendars now and start talking with your friends about this fun opportunity. Detailed information will be available in the next newsletter.

## **ISU RECRUITMENT MEETING**

High school sophomores and juniors and their families are invited to learn more about Iowa State University on Monday, March 31 at the Cass County Community Center. The program will run from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and will include information about Iowa State academics, student life, residence halls, campus visits and the application process.

You'll have the opportunity to meet with current Iowa State students (who are former 4-H'ers), as well as staff from the Office of Admissions. The Iowa State students will answer questions during a panel discussion and be available afterward to visit with you and your family. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are able to attend, please contact the office at 243-1132 by noon on the 31<sup>st</sup> to allow us to make arrangements. If you do not have an opportunity to call, you will still be welcome.



## **THANK YOU**

Thank You to everyone who helped at the Pancake Supper. 360 people were served. Whether you helped serve & clean up, made posters, donated silent auction items, or brought your friends and family to enjoy some pancakes, your contribution was greatly appreciated. These dollars will be used to help pay the 4-H program development fee and for camp/conference scholarships. Thank you again for your support!

Be sure to read the information in this newsletter about the Endowment Committee's Quilt Block Contest being held at the 2008 Cass County Fair.

*The Endowment  
Committee*

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 7 HELP BUILD OUR FUTURE**

A benefit golf tournament will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Nishna Hills Golf Course in Atlantic. 100% of the proceeds will go back to the Fairgrounds for building improvements and repairs. Darrin Petty is organizing the event. You may contact him with questions at 249-5884. They are currently looking for tournament sponsors.