



Cass County 4-H News

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May is an exciting month! The warm weather, the end of school, the approaching summer camps, and the coming of summer fun! Now is the time to sign up for summer activities. 4-H conference, SOFA, and some camps are also open to non-4-H'ers, so be sure to include your friends. Read this newsletter carefully so you don't miss out on registration deadlines. Speaking of deadlines...May 15 will be here before you know it. Don't miss your chance to participate in the fair because you miss this deadline. In addition to Livestock ID forms, May 15 is also the last date to drop/add projects from your enrollment. Remember, if you aren't signed up for a project, you can't show it at fair.

Julie Hering Kent
Youth Program Coordinator

HAVE YOU HEARD?

- Grove H.O.T. held a Pancake Supper/Auction Benefit for Michael Gehling on March 28th.
- Curtis Ullerich has been selected to serve on the 2008-09 State 4-H Council.
- Drew Ladd and Curtis Ullerich were selected to interview for State Project Awards in August.
- Curtis was also selected to interview for a trip to National 4-H Conference in Washington DC.
- Victoria Frisbie, Jenna Ferguson and Kaylee Johnk served as room timers and helpers at Area Recognition.
- Thank you to Shane DeBord and the Swine Committee for their work at Swine Weigh-In.

LIVESTOCK ID'S DUE

All livestock ID's are due to the Extension Office, by 4:30 **May 15**. **No late forms accepted!** This includes Breeding Beef, Dog, Horse, and Dairy Cow. Market Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat and Dairy Goat are turned in at weigh-in's.

FAIR LEADER PACKETS

Leaders may pick up fairbooks & materials **May 15th & 16th** at the Extension Office. Packets must be used at June 4-H meetings to complete participation chart and distribute fairbooks. Participation charts are due back **June 16th**. Livestock entries will be due **Friday, July 11th**.

SHEEP WEIGH-IN

The Countywide sheep weigh-in will be held on **Saturday May 3rd** at the fairgrounds from **8:00 to 2:00**. All market and breeding lambs will be tagged, and weighed by sheep superintendents. Bring \$1.00 per tag to buy your ear tags. Only county fair lambs will be weighted from 8:00 – 11:00. State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben lambs will weigh from 12:00 – 2:00. To help move things along, please have your sheep sorted and marked before coming to weigh-in.

Remember, all sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. This includes any ewes being shown in market classes. If you are purchasing lambs for fair, ewes should have the scrapie tag at the time you buy your lamb.

GOAT IDENTIFICATION

The mandatory identification day for ALL goats, dairy and meat, will be held Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 – Noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

Meat goats will be tagged and weighed. If Dairy goats do not already have tattoos for identification, they will be tagged. Identification forms will be filled out at that time. Only goats that are identified at the fairgrounds on May 3 are allowed to exhibit at the Cass County Fair.

DOG ORIENTATION

Monday, April 28
7:00 PM @ Community Center
(Do not bring your dog to Orientation)

DOG OBEDIENCE

Every Wednesday
May 21 - July 23
7:00 PM @ Fairgrounds

CLASH OF CHAMPIONS SHEEP SHOW

There will be “Three Big Shows on One Big Day”. The Open Sheep show will be **Saturday, June 14** at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

The first show will start at 10:00 AM with weigh in from 7:00 to 9:00 AM. The second show will start at 2:30 P.M. with weigh in from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. The order for both shows will be as follows: commercial ewes, market lambs, white-faced influenced, natural, Hampshire, Suffolk, crossbreed and showmanship. Entry fees are \$10 per lamb per show.

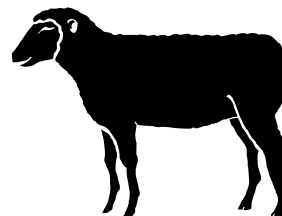
The “Right Start” show back show will be held in-between the two Clash of Champions shows. Exhibitors in this show must have purchased their sheep from our local producers including Anderson Show Lambs, Brix Club Lambs, or Touchdown acres in Atlantic.

All Cass County 4-H’ers are encouraged to show their sheep projects in these shows. It will be great practice for the county fair.

If you have questions, please call Jeff Anderson at 249-6820 or Darrin Petty at 249-5884.

SHOW LAMB CAMP

A Show Lamb Camp will be held for all 4-H and FFA members on **Sunday, June 15** at the Cass County Fairgrounds. The camp will run from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Amy Mounce will give the program during the camp, talking about lamb selection, nutrition, grooming and getting the animal ready to be shown. Cost for the camp is \$10 for early registration and \$15 on the day of the camp. To register in advance for this camp, call the Cass County Extension Office at 243-1132 or stop in with your \$10 registration fee.



WRAY McDERMOTT MEMORIAL BEEF SHOW

Cass County Fairgrounds
2 shows

Sunday, May 25 @ 11:00 AM
&

Monday, May 26 @ 10:00 AM

Any Cass County 4-H'er with beef may participate

- Please make sure calves are **well broke**

For more information contact Beth McDermott at 243-5684.

FEEDER CALF ID - JUNE 14

All Feeder Calves will be tagged and identified at a county-wide ID day June 14 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. At the Cass County Fairgrounds.



MARKET BROILERS

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 1st. 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. Birds must be paid for at time of delivery.

Poultry members interested in ordering Market Broilers for the Iowa State Fair must complete the request form at the Extension Office by June 1st.



Visit the Cass County Website at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass

TROPHY DONORS NEEDED

Several donors are still needed to sponsor plaques and trophies for the Cass County Fair. If you know of a business or individual that may be interested in picking one of these up, or if you would like to sponsor one yourself, please call the Extension Office.

Runner-up Sr. Decorator's Showcase - \$16.25
Runner-up Int. Clothing Selection - \$16.25
Additional trophy's may come open – Check with the Extension Office if you are interested.

FAIR CAMPGROUNDS

The Fairboard will again be charging a flat fee of \$70 for camping at the county fair. Reservations will be taken beginning June 2 by calling Linda Jurchen 774-5773. No reservations will be made before 8:00 am, June 2. Your \$70 must be received 2 weeks after making your reservation or your spot will be given to someone else. Campers may arrive Thursday, July 24 starting at noon and must leave by Friday, August 1 by 5:00 PM. Complete camping rules will be printed in the fairbook.

BEST OF IOWA

The categories for the 2008 Cass County Fair will be:

- Discovering (3-4 grades) – Fruit or Vegetable Appetizers
- Junior (5-6 grades) – Family Favorite Casseroles
- Intermediates (7-8 grades) – Whole Grains
- Seniors (9-12 grades) – Ethnic Foods



Start looking for recipes now and practice cooking them for your family. Everyone will receive registration forms in the mail the first of June. Registrations will be due July 1.

4-H HISTORICAL/FAMILY HERITAGE CLASS

This State Fair class is designed to help participants gain a greater appreciation for and to focus on 4-H history and family heritage. Emphasis is also provided for an intergenerational focus. Participants (youth and adults) are encouraged to learn more about the history of 4-H in Iowa and their heritage. This class is designed to provide an opportunity for **4-H'ers and adults** to form a team in planning and developing an exhibit to share together, and with others, learning related to history and heritage.

FAIR KING & QUEEN CONTEST

4-H Clubs will have the opportunity to nominate both King and Queen candidates by June 16. Preliminary judging will be July 15 and the final judging will take place **Sunday** night, July 27 of county fair. Let's see if we can get as many King candidates as Queens this year.

4-H'ERS FOR 4-H

4-H'ers for 4-H donations are slowly coming in. Cass County has been recognized at the state in the past because 100% of our clubs have given \$2.50 per member to the 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign. Can we do it again? If your club hasn't already done so, please send your contributions to the Extension Office by May 15th.

CASS COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT

Many clubs are matching their 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign with a donation to the Cass County Endowment. 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.

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LEADER TRAINING

If you are a club Organizational or Project Leader and were unable to attend training on April 8 you have two options:

- 1) Come to the Extension Office and check out the DVD. You can take this home to watch; fill out the appropriate worksheets and return them to the office. Please call ahead to make sure a copy of the DVD is available.
- 2) Visit the website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers
Follow the instructions to enroll in the course. It will ask for an enrollment key which is 4Hvolunteer08 (it is case sensitive). You will watch the course then complete the appropriate quiz. Please email me at jhering@iastate.edu when you have completed the training.

We would like to have everyone complete the spring leader training by **JUNE 1, 2008**.

4-H ENDOWMENT QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

Don't forget to pick up your packet of fabric to make your quilt block. Cost of the packet is \$5. Deadline to pick up your packet is May 15.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Is your club looking for a community service project this summer? The Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to paint bleachers. Call the Extension Office at 243-1132 if you or your club would like to take on a set of bleachers.

FLOWER BARRELS

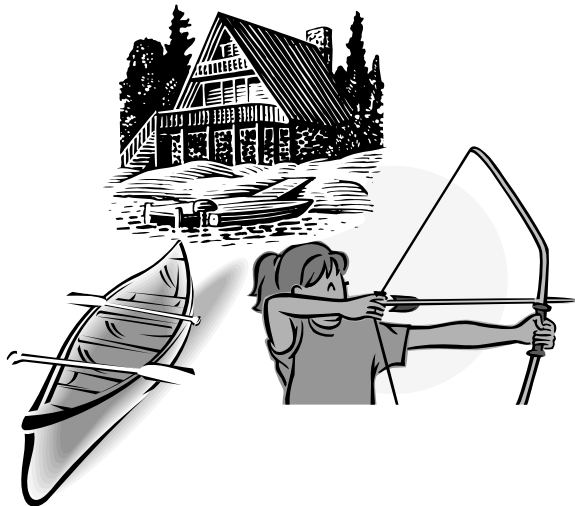
If your club has not signed up to plant a flower barrel at fair yet, make sure you call the Extension Office soon. The barrels will be ready for you to plant on May 15 (no sooner). The goal is to have all of the barrels planted by June 1. The Youth Council will take care of watering the barrels once they are planted.

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? You can do all this and *Spring Into Nature at Springbrook* with the 2008 Intermediate Trip sponsored by the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Youth Council.

This trip is for intermediate 4-Her's and their friends that have completed the seventh and eighth grade, and will be **June 30th- July 1st** at Springbrook Conservation Education Center near Guthrie Center. You will be in cabins for your stay at the park. If you want to have a fantastic time and make lots of memories and new friends, then this trip is for you. The arrival time is scheduled for 8:00 pm on June 30th and departure will be at 3:00 pm on July 1st.

Registration for this camp is limited. Forms are available at the extension office. The application, forms, and payment will be due no later than June 16th to the Union County Extension Office. The cost for this camp is \$30 and includes lodging in the cabins, bedding, all meals, snacks, your courses (archery, canoeing, etc.) and plenty of fun!



PROJECT ALERT – CITIZENSHIP

“I pledge my hands to larger service” – we say it at the end of every 4-H meeting. But what does it mean? Community service is when you give freely of your time or talents to benefit others. You all participate in Community Service projects with your 4-H club – cleaning the road ditch, baking cookies for the bloodmobile, or adopting needy families at the holidays. But are there other projects that you can do personally, or get your club involved with? You can enroll in the CITIZENSHIP Project and bring examples of your community service to county fair. This could include:

- Keep a log tracking the number of volunteer hours you contribute during the year
- Organize a club pie baking workshop, and then donate the pies to the 4-H Foodstand.
- Adopt a flower barrel or bed at the fairgrounds to plant and maintain all summer.
- Attend Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington DC and create a poster telling others what you learned.
- Create a notebook or poster about a community service project you have been involved with.

Fair exhibits entered in the CITIZENSHIP project will be judged by the Personal Development Judge. You can still add CITIZENSHIP to your 4-H Enrollment. Call the Extension Office by May 15 and ask to add CITIZENSHIP (8061-8070).

Remember, May 15 is the last day you can drop or add projects to your 4-H enrollment. To learn more about other 4-H projects, please visit the Website at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass. Go to the 4-H page and link to 4-H projects.

4-H CLUB SPOTLIGHT – CASS COED CLAN

Music fills the Cass County Community Center as eager people circle chairs, with hopes for winning the grand prize: a cake. The Cass Coed Clan 4-H club has become synonymous with the Cake Walk at Mardi Gras. But that's not the only thing that keeps these 11 4-H'ers busy. The Cass Coed Clan decorates a tree for the Festival of Trees and donates cookies to the Griswold Bloodmobile. They enjoy donating to the Bloodmobile, because they know that donating blood is very important and saves lives. Members also clean the road ditch from Highway 6 to Lewis Lake and recycle the pop cans they pick up. The Cass Coed Clan enjoys undertaking these multiple community services.

The Cass Coed Clan 4-H club has two very special and dedicated volunteers who have more than 80 years of combined experience. "I like being in this club because it has very dedicated leaders," says member Teresa Berry. Raymond Butt is currently serving his 48th year and Marlys Berry is in her 35th year as Organizational leaders.

The Cass Coed Clan 4-H club is the only club in the county that has their very own clubhouse. Not just any old clubhouse in a tree, but a clubhouse in the old city hall room on Main Street in Lewis. There is even a sign outside of the building designating it is their special meeting place.

Since they are a small club, everyone has the opportunity to be involved. Each member has the opportunity to tell the club about their unique projects and achievements. Recently, the entire club got involved with Sarah Masker's Citizenship project, where members took their pets to visit the residents of the Allen House. They are also keeping track of the progress Sarah's Catch-A-Calf, David, is making.

The Cass Coed Clan has been recognized for several accomplishments in the past year. They

received the top Historian's Book and placed 1st for Herdsmanship at the 2007 Cass County Fair. The club also had six members participate in Share the Fun. Members Kelsie and Haley Schmidt won second place and will represent Cass County at the Iowa State Fair in August.

Members of the Cass Coed Clan also enjoy taking tours. Some of the tours they have recently explored are the Danish Windmill, Milk Unlimited, and the Lewis Post Office. They also toured Lewis on a hayride and invited future new members and had a wiener roast at Pioneer Park after.

2008 FAIR CHANGES

The Cass County Fairboard has approved several changes for the 2008 Cass County Fair. Some of these changes include:

- Horse judging will begin at 9:30 AM on Sunday. Horses will be entered from 8:00 – 9:00 Sunday.
- The Sale order on Thursday will be Poultry – Beef – Rabbit
- The Sale order on Friday will be Goat – Swine – Sheep
- Beef and Dairy entry fees have increased to \$15 per head. This is the first increase in 15 years and is necessary because of the increased cost of bedding.
- The Swine Affidavit will require a Premise ID number. This is a new policy from Tyson. If you don't already have one, apply for your Premise ID soon.

Release from Sale – As in the past, exhibitors who do not wish to sell market animals in the sale must complete a sale release form. The Sale release form must be signed by both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian. This form must be in the Extension Office one hour after the show.

As always, when you receive your Fairbook it is important to read and understand ALL of the rules in the departments you are showing.

Cass County Fair July 26 - August 1

**4-H Exhibit Building Judging
Saturday, July 26th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

SUMMER CAMPS

Cass County Extension and Cass County Conservation are teaming up to offer Day Camp this summer for youth in Cass County

K – 2nd grade camp – M'azing Metamorphosis

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

3rd – 5th grade camp – Fun with Flight

- ♣ June 5 – Lake Anita
- ♣ June 12 – Atlantic Sunnyside
- ♣ June 19 – Cold Springs @ Lewis

Look for registration information on this camp to come home from school. If you have questions, call the Extension Office.

CAMP COUNSELORS

Intermediate and Senior aged youth are needed to help out as counselors at these camps. Please call Julie at 243-1132 to let her know which camps you want to help with.

JUNIOR 4-H CAMP

Attention 5-6 graders! Don't miss out on getting registered for the Southwest Iowa Junior 4-H Camp June 15-18. This camp will be held at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid. Registration forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due May 23rd. Cass County 4-H'ers who attend this camp are eligible to receive a \$25 scholarship.

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

The ISU Livestock Judging team will hold a judging camp June 18-20 for youth ages 12-18. Registrations and additional information are available at the Extension Office. The first 80 applicants will be accepted and final application deadline is May 21.

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

2008 4-H Youth Conference



**June 24 – June 26
8th – 12th Grades**

Contact the Extension Office for a
Registration Packet
Registration Due May 15, 2008.