



Cass County 4-H News

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Are you ready for summer? Now that school is almost out, it's time to work on 4-H projects, learn new skills, and have fun by meeting new friends. There is still time to sign up for several summer programs. Check the newsletter to see what programs you can attend. We can still use a few more teens to help with some of these programs too. Call the Extension Office to volunteer.

The county web page has been recently updated to include summer programs and fair information. Be sure to check it out at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass. As we head into fair season, make sure to check out your fair book for all the details on classes and rules. If you have questions, give our office a call. The only dumb question is the one that isn't asked. We are here to help.

*Julie Hering Kent
Youth Program Coordinator*

HAVE YOU HEARD?

- Brighton made cookies for the bloodmobile
- 35 Cass County 4-H'ers are graduating from high school this spring. Join their special recognition at the county fair on Sunday, July 27th in front of the grandstand
- Thank you to Darrin Petty and the Sheep Committee for their help at Sheep Weigh-in. Over 400 head of lambs were weighed in
- Thank you to Amber Tolzin and her crew for identifying 60 head of meat and dairy goats for county fair.
- Benton Blue Ribbons cleaned Highland cemetery
- Washington GEM and Pleasant Noble United did their highway clean-up
- The Youth Council placed 20 Flower Barrels around the Fairgrounds clubs are planting them

County Fair Activity Forms will be arriving in the mail soon.
Registration deadline is July 1st!

FEEDER CALF IDENTIFICATION

4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit Feeder Calves at the Cass County Fair must bring their calves to the County ID Day on **Saturday, June 14**. Calves must be brought to the fairgrounds between 8:00 AM and 12 Noon on the 14th to be tagged and identified. For everyone's safety, we ask that calves be haltered prior to tagging. As in the past, 4-H tags will cost \$1.00 each. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. New this year – To be eligible for Ak-Sar-Ben, feeder calves must be nominated with a DNA sample. We will collect DNA samples on Ak-Sar-Ben Feeder Calves at ID day, June 14. The cost will be \$5 per animal to nominate for Ak-Sar-Ben. Feeder calves without a DNA sample are not eligible for the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition.

IOWA STATE FAIR

The Iowa State Fair will run August 7-17. That means State Fair Livestock and Horticulture entries will be due to our office by July 1st. 4-H exhibitors must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade to be eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. The Iowa State Fair will NOT print a Fairbook in 2008! All rules, schedules and information must be found on-line at www.iowastatefair.com. **Be sure to look at the 4-H Rules.** Paper entries must still be made through the Cass County Extension Office. Only 4-H entries for State Fair are made at the Extension Office. Please make your FFA entries through your advisor.

COUNTY FAIR SET-UP

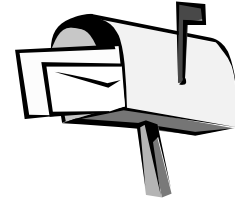


Be sure to mark Friday, July 25th on your calendar as set-up day for county fair. I have always been amazed at how quickly the fairgrounds transform on set-up day as 4-H members and volunteers work together to prepare for their big week. When your club has finished with the work in your area, the entire club should report to Ray Zellmer in the commercial barn. If there is additional work to be done, you will be directed where to go. If there is no more work to be done, **EACH** member of the club will need to sign the attendance sheet for your club. If you aren't present to sign the sheet, you won't be counted as being there. As in the past, *all 4-H clubs and FFA chapters must have 50% of their members and leaders actively participate and sign the attendance sheet to receive premium money.* The same will be followed on Clean-up Day on August 2nd. Please read page 8 of your fairbook for club assignments.

CHECK THOSE MAILING LABELS

Please check the mailing label on the front of this newsletter. If we do not have your correct mailing address, please call the office so we can update our computer files.

Our newsletter mailings are addressed to a parent in the household. Please make sure that all members of your family see the newsletter.



SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Showmanship classes at the County Fair will be divided by the grade you just completed. Beef, Sheep, Horse, Rabbit and Swine showmanship classes are as follows:

Juniors- 4th, 5th and 6th grades

Intermediates- 7th and 8th grades

Seniors- 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

The showmanship for Poultry, Dog, Dairy & Goat Showmanship and Horse Performance classes are as follows:

Juniors- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades

Seniors- 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade

EXHIBIT WRITE-UPS

Written goals or explanations are encouraged on exhibits judged in the Community Center at the Cass County Fair. Writing your goals and explanations before fair will help prepare you for the judging experience; however, judges will not penalize exhibits that do not have write-ups. Since write-ups are required on exhibits at the Iowa State Fair, having them ready at county fair will be helpful as the judge can help you improve your write-up before state fair.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST

Senior 4-H'ers, here is an opportunity for you! Do you enjoy planning, presenting, and answering questions in a short amount of time? Consider entering the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest.

Participating in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest is a wonderful opportunity to your communication skills, as you will use them throughout your life.

The county contest will be Wednesday, July 30, 2008. Registration forms will be included in the Activity Packet, and are due July 1st.

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Our office often gets calls regarding size regulations for exhibits advancing to the state fair.

- Posters - should not exceed standard poster board size of 22" x 28"
- Display boxes are not to exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth
- Food & Nutrition boxes are not to exceed 10" x 12" x 14"
- Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards and model displays should not exceed 4' x 4' in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.

State Fair information can be found on page 50 in the fairbook. 4-H'ers wanting to see state fair rules and classes for a project can get those from the extension office.

For complete list of State Fair Guidelines visit www.iowastatefair.com Click on competition; Premium Books; 4-H.

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION CONTEST

By now most everyone has given their presentation at a club meeting. Since you already went to all that work, why not share it again at the county Educational Presentation Contest? The 2008 County Educational Presentation Contest will be held during the Cass County Fair. The contest will be held **Wednesday, July 30 at 1:00 in the 4-H Exhibit Building.** Registration forms for the presentation contest will be included in the fair packet and will be due on **July 1.**

LOST EAR TAGS



If any animal that had a 4-H ear tag has lost it, please contact the Extension Office. All tags need to be replaced by the superintendents in charge.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From planning events to supervising activities, you can help make the 2008 Iowa State Fair a success. Paid 4-H staff and volunteer positions are available for adults and teenagers in a variety of areas. These vary from exhibit hosts, clothing, communications, to livestock programs. For more information, call the Extension Office. Application deadline is **June 1.**

QUILT BLOCKS

There were 9 quilt block kits available after the May 15 deadline. If a 4-H'er wants to do a 2nd quilt block you may come in and pick up a second bag of fabric. We will continue to sell the quilt block fabric for \$5 a bag until they are gone. The same rules apply and all completed quilt blocks should be turned in at the ribbon table in the community center on Saturday, July 26 during exhibit judging.

FAIR GATES

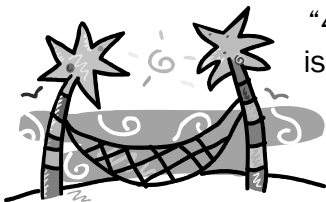
The Fairboard has adopted the following policy regarding county fair livestock gates: 4-H clubs that choose to make their own gates for the swine or sheep barns need to meet design standards of the respective barn. Gates should be painted either 4-H green or white. Lettering must be on the top board, is restricted to the name of the 4-H club, and will also be 4-H colors. Club gates must go home following fair. Any gates left by the clubs after clean-up day will become the property of the fair.

RELAY FOR LIFE NEEDS YOU!!



Cass County 4-H clubs have been asked to organize games and activities at Relay for Life in Atlantic on Friday, June 27. They are looking for groups to organize things such as face painting, ball toss games, or other Mardi Gras type games. Each activity will run for 30 minutes. Contact Sheryl Dusenberry at 243-6958 if your club would like to get involved.

JUNIOR DAY CAMP



“4-H Tropical Paradise” is the theme of this year’s Junior 4-H Day Camp. The camp will be held Friday, July 11 at Lake Anita State Park from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The camp is being sponsored by the 4-H Youth Council. This camp is open to all Junior 4-H’ers in grades 3-6. Registration information will be sent to all Jr. 4-H’ers and will be due July 1.

FOOD SAFETY

Are you deciding which foods to exhibit at the fair? New recipes or family favorites? As you prepare and/or process foods, remember to use current and safe practices. Technology and varieties of food change frequently as does the recommended safe food practices.

Using safe food practices ensures health and well being for your families, exhibitors, evaluators and the general public. Your exhibit also makes the public aware and encourages them to use current recommended practices.

There are publications available to update your food practices. Check with the Extension Office or call the ISU Hotline at 1-800-262-3804. Have fun preparing and/or processing a food product for the fair with up-to-date information. Foods that do not follow current and safe practices may be disqualified from fair.

CATCH A CALF

The Fairboard has again secured sponsors for the Catch a Calf program at fair. There will be 2 divisions: grade 4-6 and grade 7-9. 4th – 6th graders will have the chance to draw for one of 5 calves on Monday night of fair. 7th – 9th grade 4-H & FFA members will compete to catch 5 calves in the show ring Monday night. 4-H’ers wanting to participate in this event must complete an application form. Applications are available at the Extension Office and will be due by July 11. A complete set of rules and expectations will be in the Fairbook and with the application.



2008 PHOTO CONTEST “CHURCHES”

Pictures of Churches is this year’s special county fair photography theme. All “Church” pictures will be arranged in a special display at county fair and may be invited to be part of a traveling display after fair. Prize money will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place pictures. Use your imagination to capture lowan’s hard at work.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST “4-H’ERS IN ACTION!”

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for 4-H members to participate in a statewide photo exhibition titled, “4-H’ers in Action!” The exhibition will feature the best photo from each county on display at the 2008 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected will also be considered for a 2009 calendar and other 4-H promotional materials.

Any 5” x 7” color photograph (vertical or horizontal), that shows 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 else related to the 4-H youth program. Photos should reflect any of the many aspects of 4-H throughout the year.

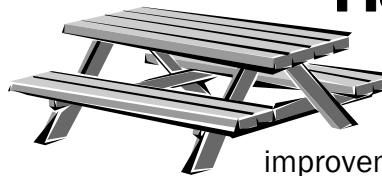


Because your photo may be selected for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair, negatives or digital copies of the photos should be kept. Include a photo caption to tell what’s happening in the photo and explain why you think it’s the best example of “4-H’ers in Action!” Captions are limited to 75 words or less. Limit of one entry per exhibitor for this contest.

INTERMEDIATE TRIP

4-H’ers in grades 7 & 8 won’t want to miss the Intermediate trip to Springbrook. The trip is June 30 – July 1 at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center near Guthrie Center. You will stay in cabins, go on night hikes, canoe & kayak and try archery. Registrations are available at the Extension Office and are due June 16. Cost is \$30.

PICNIC TABLES



Cody Ihnen is doing his Eagle Scout project by making improvements at the Fair campgrounds. Among the improvements are building 19 new picnic tables at a cost of about \$97 each. The Grant 4-H Club has voted to build and pay for one table. They are challenging the rest of the clubs to also help with this project by contributing what they can. Any donation will be greatly appreciated, and if you would like to earn some community service hours you can come and help put the tables together. If you have any questions or if your club wants to help out, please call Cody at 774-5675.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Plan an event for your 4-H Club at the Iowa Barnstormers or the Iowa Speedway. As part of a partnership developed with the Iowa 4-H Foundation both organizations are providing discounted tickets and educational opportunities for Iowa 4-H’ers. Go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org to learn more about the many events available.

ANIMAL SCIENCE EXHIBITS AT FAIR

Many Cass a County 4-H'ers are enrolled in a 4-H Livestock or Small Animal project (beef, dairy, dog, goat, horse, pet, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine). We all know that we can exhibit these animals at the fair, but did you know you can create exhibits that are an outgrowth of these projects to enter in the building at fair as well?

For example:

- Beef – Create a poster on the nutrition benefits of eating beef. Make a display about fitting your calf.
- Dairy – Explore careers in the Dairy industry and create a notebook about them.
- Dog – Make dog toys or homemade dog treats
- Goat – Invite an elementary class to your farm to learn about your goat project. Create a notebook about that experience
- Horse – Learn about horse diseases; Create a display about cleaning tack
- Pet – Create a pet first aid kit
- Poultry – Create a biosecurity plan for your farm to protect your birds from disease
- Rabbit – Build a rabbit carrier
- Sheep – Make a rope halter; Create an exhibit out of your sheep's wool
- Swine – Make a poster explaining various cuts of pork and showing where they are located

There is not a separate project to sign up for if you are already enrolled in a livestock or small animal project. When you check these exhibits in at fair, tell the volunteers in the building it is part of your beef project (or whatever animal project you have). These types of exhibits are judged by the Ag and Natural Resources judge.

4-H CLUB SPOTLIGHT UNION LEADERS

One of the most important days of anyone's life is the day they get married. Aunts, Uncles, and close friends usually are asked to help prepare and serve the meal in the kitchen, and often do not get the opportunity to enjoy the reception because their time is spent cleaning up the dinner. What a great feeling to have, knowing a responsible club was serving, bussing tables, and cleaning-up so that family and friends can enjoy singing and dancing with the newly married couple. The Union Leaders 4-H Club has enjoy providing this good deed as their community service project for 5 years.

Restoring the Cumberland Legions flagpole, donating a bench, and an American flag to be flown at the Cumberland Fire Station are more examples of the Clubs pure dedication to their community. The club is devoting their time to Cumberland's Quascentennial in 2009. They are in the process of helping the community get a town sign as you enter town.

The Union Leaders 4-H club has grown throughout the years from a club strictly just for boys showing livestock to a club for members carrying all sorts of projects. This club was organized in 1939. Many of the former Union Leaders 4-H members are now farmers in the community including but not limited to; Roger, Randy, and Erick Euken, Craig and Galen Becker, and Jim and Rick and Tibken.

Every Union Leader member is unique in their own way. Member Colton Jones posses great joy in restoring his tractors. Erick Schrier enjoys taking pictures of the weather for his photography project.

Being in the Union Leaders 4-H Club is also fun. The club has toured Milk Unlimited, played putt golf and went out for pizza. An upcoming

project that the members have organized includes a workshop on making plant pokes for flower barrels.

The Union Leaders 4-H Club is the current Cass County 4-H Volleyball Champions. "I enjoy watching younger members grow and become aware of what 4-H really means," states Erick Schrier when asked why he enjoyed being a member of the Union Leaders and Cass County 4-H.

LET'S GET READY TO GO TO THE FAIR...

A workshop for new 4-H members and parents will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 PM at the Cass County Community Center. We'll go over the fair entry and judging process, learn about fair activities, talk about schedules and expectations, and much more. If it happens at the fair, we'll talk about it here. You don't have to be a new 4-H family to attend. Anyone who wants to learn more about getting prepared for county fair is welcome – and be sure to bring your questions. Registrations are encouraged by calling the Extension Office by June 16; But walk ins will be welcome.

PREMISE ID FOR SWINE

Attention Swine exhibitors. Don't forget that you will be REQUIRED to include your Premise Identification Number on your Swine Feed Affidavit at county fair. If you do not have a Premise ID you must apply for one NOW to have it by fair. Paper applications were mailed to all swine exhibitors and are available at the Extension Office. You can learn more about Premise ID and apply on-line at <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/premiseIdentificationProgram.asp>

LEADER TRAINING

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

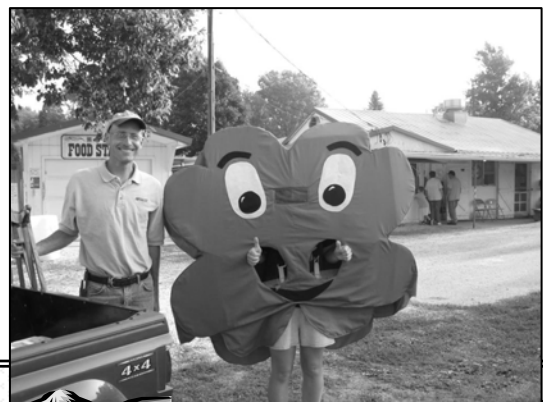
If you are a club Organizational or Project Leader and were unable to attend training on April 8 you have two options:

- 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 4Hvolunteer08 (it is case sensitive) is. 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**.

SUMMER PARADES

The Youth Action Committee wants your help to promote 4-H at community events and parades this summer. Is your club having a float or setting up a carnival booth? Can "Chris Clover" make an appearance? The Youth Action Committee is working on a float that can travel around the county this summer. Let us know how we can partner with your club to tell everyone in your community about 4-H – and maybe recruit some new members along the way.

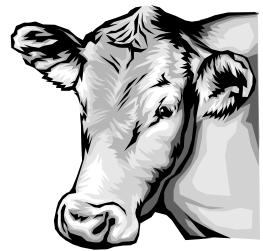


Wray McDermott

Beef Show

Cass County Fair

2 shows



Class Breaks

Steers shown by breed and weight
Market Heifers shown by weight
Purebred Heifers shown by breed and DOB
Commercial Heifers shown by weight
Heifers cannot be entered in more than one division

Weigh-in & Registration

Saturday: 6-8 pm
Sunday: 7-8 am
\$30 per animal
Health Papers Required
Breed Registration Papers Required
Woodchips will be provided
Generators Encouraged

SHOW LAMB CAMP

Amy Mounce will be presenting a Show Lamb Camp on Sunday, June 15th at the Cass County Fairgrounds. The camp will run from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Topics to be covered include lamb selection, nutrition, grooming and getting the animal ready to be shown.

Advanced registration is \$10. To register contact the Cass County Extension Office by June 13. If you register the day of the camp the cost is \$15.

**Sheep Show
Clash of Champions**

Saturday, June 14th
Cass County Fairgrounds
Atlantic IA
3 Shows
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

The “Right Start” show back show will be held in-between the two Clash of Champions shows.

- Entry fee: \$10.00
- Jackpot Showmanship \$5.00
- Exhibitors must be under 21 years of age
- Interstate Health Papers required
- Exhibitors are responsible for own bedding

This show is NPCLA Sanctioned
Youth do not need to be NPCLA members to exhibit

For more information contact
Jeff Anderson – 712-249-6820
Darrin Petty – 712-249-5884