



Cass County 4-H News

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The 2008 Cass County Fair was a great success thanks to your efforts and dedication to making it an outstanding fair. Now we look forward to finishing this 4-H year and completing the record of accomplishments and progress toward your goals in your 4-H Record Book. Your written record will help measure the growth and progress you have made as a result of your 4-H participation.

Julie Hering Kent served Cass County for many years and we want to thank her for her service to the 4-H and youth program. The Cass County Extension Council will begin the search for a new County Youth Coordinator immediately to ensure we maintain a high quality 4-H experience in Cass County. When you come to the Extension Office, please welcome and introduce yourself to Rocka Rasmussen, our new office assistant. Rocka looks forward to getting acquainted with the many 4-H members and leaders that make the 4-H experience a great one in Cass County.

Steve Olsen
County Extension Education Director

HAVE YOU HEARD?

- **Curtis Ullerich and Drew Ladd** will participate in the State 4-H Award Interviews on August 23 in Ames, Good Luck!
- **Cass Coed Clan** had a float at Lewis Days. Chris Clover put in an appearance and helped with the kids games and served ice cream and drinks at Hitchcock House entertainment.
- **Pleasant Noble United** had a float both nights of Old Soldiers Reunion.
- **C & M Champions** was the 1st place winner in Herdsmanship, **Bear Grove Blazers** won the 2nd spot at the County Fair. CONGRATULATIONS!
- \$280 was raised for the 4-H Endowment through voting for the People's Choice award for the quilt blocks. The top 3 were Emily Ullerich, Haley Carlson and Victoria Frisbie.
- Cass County sold 63 raffle tickets for the 4-H Ford Truck. We raised close to \$600 for the Cass County 4-H Endowment.
- Thank You to the Dave & Marcia Buboltz family for pulling the trailer with State Fair Exhibits to and from Des Moines.

THANK YOU NOTES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Have you written your thank you's yet? It takes a lot of people to make County Fair a success. Take a moment to make a list of those people who contributed to your success at the fair—award donor, livestock buyer, auctioneer, 4-H leader, superintendents, veterinarian, Fairboard member, and even your parents. Now take a moment to write a note to each of these people. If you aren't sure who your thank-you should be sent to, or what their address is, call the Extension Office to find out. Please do your part to recognize these 4-H supporters and show them they are appreciated.

RECRUIT A FRIEND

It's time to start the new 4-H year! Do you know anyone who might enjoy being in 4-H??? Why not bring a friend to a club meeting! If you know of someone who would like to join 4-H, send them to the Extension Office for additional information.

2008/2009 ENROLLMENT

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Re-enrollment forms have been printed. Leaders can pick up enrollment packets the last week in August to use at September & October club meetings. Enrollment Forms and Medical Release Forms are due **November 3rd**.

We enroll according to grades:

Discovering - 3rd & 4th grade

(4th graders **must** enroll in Discovery and may take one additional project.)

Juniors - 5th-6th grade

Intermediates - 7th and 8th grade

Seniors - 9th-through 12th grade

RECORD BOOKS DUE SOON !!!

Your record books will be due to your club leader soon. Check with him or her for your club's deadline. Enclosed in this newsletter is a suggested guideline to follow when putting your record book together. If you are on-line, you can download a computerized template of some of the record keeping forms. Visit our web page at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass. Leaders need to turn Record Books and award sheets into the Extension Office by **September 15**.



COUNTY CONVENTION

We will celebrate National 4-H week at County Convention on **Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 PM at the Cass County Community Center**. Your 4-H uniform is required for you to walk across the stage and get your picture taken.

Assignments for Convention are:

Set-up – Union Leaders

Clean-up – Pleasant Noble United

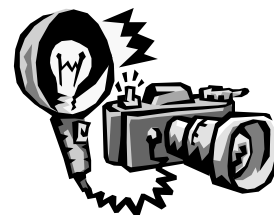
WANTED: FUN & ENERGETIC 10th, 11th, or 12th GRADERS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

We want you to be part of the 2008 – 2009 Youth Council. The Youth Council is an important part of our 4-H program. They help plan and conduct events for 4-H members on a county-wide basis, including activities at county fair. We also have a ton of FUN when we organize the various events and do things as a group.

Sound like Fun? Applications have been sent to all 10th-12th graders and are due **September 15**.

CLUB PHOTOS NEEDED

We plan to do a power point presentation at County Convention featuring activities that clubs did during the year. In order to do this, we need 5 or more photos from each club. Action shots of members working on a service project, doing a presentation, or having fun at a party would be great. If you have digital photos, just e-mail them to swolsen@iastate.edu. or photographs can be submitted to the Extension Office. Please send us your pictures by September 15.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the Cass County website this month. You will find State Fair results, Record Book forms, applications for Youth Council and YC2 and much, much more. The address is:

www.extension.iastate.edu/cass

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 5-11. Now is the time to invite friends and classmates to join in the fun of 4-H. Begin planning now for promotional activities in your school and communities.

We'd like to see each club do something special to celebrate 4-H during this week.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Set up a display in your school's library or lunchroom.
2. Put up a window display in a local business.
3. Display 4-H posters in businesses.
4. Present 4-H bookmarks to local schools, libraries, etc.
5. Have a hayride or other gathering and invite old and new 4-H members.
6. Hold a membership drive.
7. Have all the members of your club wear their 4-H t-shirts to school.

4-H WINDOW/DISPLAY CONTEST

Many clubs already do displays or windows promoting 4-H for National 4-H week. The Youth Action Committee wants to recognize clubs for your hard work. You can enter the first ever 4-H Window/Display Contest. Organizational leaders will be sent a nomination form which is due September 15. Your window must be up by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, October 7 so YAC members can judge the displays.



Attention Club Secretaries, Treasurers & Historians -- We want to recognize you for your hard work. Make sure your officer books are turned into the Extension Office by September 15 to be judged! Top books will be announced at County Convention.

4-H HALL OF FAME

Jerry & Kathee McCrory were inducted into the 2008 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during the Iowa State Fair. Inductees into the Hall of Fame were recognized for their outstanding service and devotion to 4-H. The McCrory's have combined to give over 50 years of service to the Cass County 4-H program as parents, leaders, volunteers and committee members. Jerry has served on the Extension Council, chaired the Youth Action Committee, volunteers as a fair superintendent and is a leader of the Union Leaders. Kathee has served as a club leader for 31 years, is a fair superintendent and volunteers her time to organize project workshops. 4-H has been a large part of Jerry and Kathee's lives. They are both 4-H alums and they have chosen to remain active in the 4-H program. Volunteering to support 4-H is the McCrory's number one hobby.

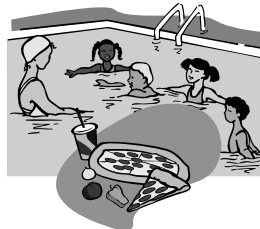
NEW PROGRAM YEAR

A new year brings new leaders, members and officers. As you elect officers and leaders, remember the important qualities necessary for each leadership role. Look for those who can work well with all members, attend meetings, respect others, accept responsibilities, and inspire.

This is a great leadership opportunity for older 4-H'ers.

HERDSMANSHIP RESULTS

Congratulations to the C & M Champions for winning first place in the Herdsmanship contest at county fair. For their efforts they will receive a pool party sponsored by the Nishna Valley Family YMCA, pizza from Casey's, and their name will be engraved on the Herdsmanship Plaque hanging in the lobby of the community center. Bear Grove Blazers placed 2nd .



TEENS CAN APPLY FOR 4-H AREA COUNCIL

High school age 4-H members who are interested in helping develop 4-H and youth programs on an area level are encouraged to apply for the 2008-2009 Area Council.

Teens who should apply should be interested in the following areas:

- ❖ Meeting new friends from other counties
- ❖ Developing leadership skill
- ❖ Getting ideas to take back to their county

An overnight retreat will be held November 8th and 9th. Youth will participate in get-acquainted activities and then plan a variety of events and activities to be held for SW Iowa youth of all ages.

The youth are selected from a simple application which is available at the Extension office. Applications are due Friday, October 3.

4-H LICENSED TO SUCCEED



Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate and to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted within one year. Get your license plate today by filling out the application form online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Lullabye Foundation is looking for art of any type that you would be willing to donate to help kids who are hurting. They will be having an art sale and concert on Saturday, October 11 at St. Paul's Church in Atlantic. Learn more about this organization at www.lullabyefoundation.org. This is a great opportunity to put your citizenship skills to work through the Visual Art project.

Please call Jan Highfill at 243-4786 or Rehna Lensch at 243-2413 if you are willing to donate something that you have created to benefit less fortunate kids. If you can help please call before October 1.

BECOME A JUNIOR NATURALIST

The Iowa Junior Naturalist program is a wonderful opportunity to experience diverse outdoor recreation, natural resources and conservation.

Requirements:

Age: Participants should be between the ages of 6-12 yrs. old

Public Programs: Attend 3 public programs – like what the Cass County Conservation Board sponsors

Independent Activities: Complete 2 independent activities such as reading a nature book, fishing, hunting, camping or hiking.

Awards: Upon completion of all the above requirements, participants will receive a certificate of achievement and a colorful embroidered Iowa Junior Naturalist Patch.

Contact the Cass County Conservation Board at 243-6665 for more information.

PORK YOUTH CONFERENCE

If you are in grades 9-12 and have an interest in pork production or a career in agriculture, you won't want to miss this conference on September 20-21 in Newton. You will gain a better understanding of the pork industry while experiencing the Iowa Speedway. To top things off, you will be bussed to the Iowa Speedway for the race and Phil Vasser and Jason Brown Concerts.

Registration cost is \$20 which includes hotel accommodations, meals, T-shirts, race & concert admission and workshop fees. Registrations are available from the Iowa Pork Producers. Call them with questions at 1-800-372-7675.

THANK YOU

Cody Ihnen would like to thank all the 4-H groups and individuals who helped with his Eagle Scout project at the fairgrounds campground. Clubs donating to help were: Bear Grove Blazers, Benton Blue Ribbons, Cass Coed Clan, C & M Champions, G & L Clovers, Grant, Groovy Grovers, Lincoln Guys & Gals, Pleasant Noble United, Pymosa and Washington GEM. Those 4-H'ers who came and helped put tables together or move them around were: Austin & Kristin Johnk, Mark & Emily Jacobsen, Bailey Smith, Marcy, Taylor & Emma Dorsey, Chad & Linda Olsen, Mathew Williamson, Curtis & Gwen Ullerich, Kyle Havens and Josh Perkins. Enough money was donated by these clubs to pay for 10 tables.

2008 FALL LEADER TRAINING

What is a **vibrant** 4-H Club? Vibrant 4-H clubs are made up of a group of characteristics known as "best practices." Iowa 4-H volunteers will explore these best practices this fall as a part of the statewide 4-H Organizational and Project Volunteer Leader Training. The fall volunteer training will be held on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

The 'vibrant' ingredients can be found in any dynamic 4-H group.

The training is based on research (Astroth, 1997) that explores the impact of the following characteristics:

- Vibrant 4-H clubs may change how they do things, but not what they do, providing a "fun" learning environment with powerful educational impact (FUN).
- Vibrant 4-H club members work hard and play hard while building friendships (FRIENDS).
- Vibrant 4-H clubs empower young people by allowing their voice to be heard (VOICE).
- Vibrant 4-H clubs value and practice service to others giving youth a 'choice' in the direction of their learning and activities (CHOICE).

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Congratulations to this year's Church Photography Contest Winners:

1st place – Aaron Buboltz

2nd place – Austin Johnk

1st place discovery – Brooklyn Wahlert

2nd place discovery – Garrett Schwanke

Congratulations also to Michelle Buboltz for her first place "4-H'ers in Action" picture that went to the Iowa State Fair. Start now taking pictures for next year's 4-H'ers in Action!

Action: **2008 IOWA STATE FAIR EXHIBIT**

Ag & Natural Resources

Kaitlin Koll – Blue
 Zavier Olivo – Blue
 Erick Schrier – Blue

Child Development

Valerie Watson - Red

Clothing

Bethany Berg – Blue
 Diana Perkins – Red
 Mikayla Somers – Red

Communicating Through Posters

Charles Ankenbauer –
 Certificate of Excellence
 Drew Ladd – Certificate of
 Excellence

Food & Nutrition

Minden Brix – Red
 Michelle Buboltz – Red
 Kasey Cook – Blue
 Victoria Frisbie – Red
 Austin Johnk – Red
 Kristin Johnk – Red
 Drew Ladd – Red

Home Improvement

Aaron Buboltz – Blue
 Michelle Buboltz – Blue
 Logan Potter – Blue
 Heather Reyna – Red
 Jackie Rush – Blue
 Brienna Steffens – Blue
 Kate Wheatley - Blue

Issues

Maggie Peck – Red
 Tess Peck – Blue

4-H Go the Distance

Minden Brix – Blue
 Kristin Johnk – White

Personal Development

Kayleen Amos – Red
 JT Baker – Blue
 Sarah Masker – Blue

Photography

Aaron Buboltz – Blue
 Liz Guttenfelder – Blue
 Kaitlin Koll – Blue
 Erin Mathisen – Blue
 Garrett McConnell – Blue
 Austin Petty – Blue

Science & Engineering

Adam Bierbaum – Blue
 Aaron Buboltz – Blue
 Michelle Buboltz – Blue
 Colton Jones – Blue
 Tucker Sager – Blue
 Jordan Westphalen – Blue

Visual Arts

Aaron Buboltz – Blue
 Michelle Buboltz – Blue
 Michelle Buboltz – Blue
 Victoria Frisbie – Red
 Deb Potter – Red

Clothing Selection

Jordan Sager
 Michelle Buboltz

Extemporaneous Speaking

Kayleen Amos

Queen

Kasey Swinnerton

Share-The-Fun

Kelsie & Haley Schmidt
 Emily Jacobsen
 Curtis & Emily Ullerich & Amanda
 Phippen

Working Exhibits

Tierney Sothman & Audrey Drevet
 Katelyn Blake – Excellence
 Brienna Steffens & Stephanie
 Freund
 Minden Brix & Kristin Johnk

Rabbit

Kaitlin Koll

Beef

Garrett Carlson
 Luke Schroder – 2 Purple
 Erin Steele
 Shane Suhr – Purple
 Daylan Kleen – Purple, Blue
 Dexter McDermott – Purple
 Tyler Steele
 Reid Nichols – Purple
 Austin Sonntag – Purple

Sheep

Blake Miller – Purple, 2 Blue
 Shane Suhr
 Dexter McDermott – 2 Purple,
 Blue
 Heather Reyna – 2 Purple, 4 Blue

Swine

Nicholas Demanett – 4 Blue
 Nick Olsen – 4 Blue
 Kaci Croxell – 3 Blue

Showmanship

Reid Nichols – Purple
 Kaci Croxell – Blue
 Nick Olsen – Purple

**Note: Not all results have been
 posted yet**

**Check out State Fair Results at:
www.extension.iastate.edu/cass**

