



## With Thanks Giving...

We are very excited to have Susan McKinley join the Cass County Extension staff as County Youth Coordinator. Susan is an Iowa State University graduate and brings a great deal of 4-H experience and enthusiasm that she is eager to share with youth across the county. Susan has lots of great ideas and is going to be a great person to work with 4-H members, leaders, and volunteers to help "Make the Best Better!" Please stop at the Extension office to welcome her and introduce yourself to Susan so she can get to know you.

Steve Olsen  
County Extension Education Director

With my first newsletter coming out for the month of November, I decided it was a great opportunity to say "Thank You" for so many reasons. I'm grateful to have the opportunity

### It's A Challenge

Tim Olsen and Victoria Frisbie, co-presidents of the Brighton 4-H club, issue a challenge to all Cass County 4-H clubs to participate in fundraising for a new food stand at the Cass County Fair. Tim visited with the Fairboard at their October meeting about the project and the Fairboard agreed to sponsor a pizza and pool party for the

#### ...and Justice for all

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to work with the youth of Cass County. In my short time, I've come to find out they are fantastic. I'm also grateful, without even knowing many of you, for the strong volunteer network in the county. Extension staff knows that our fine programs could not and would not continue without volunteers. Thank you, as well, to my co-workers, Steve and Rocka. They have created a great environment here and they have been very supportive of any off the wall, fun ideas I

may have (see photo below). Finally, to your Extension Council, Fairboard, Youth Adult Committee and Grounds Committee. You all volunteer a great deal of time. Whether I've had the pleasure of working with you or not, I thank you. Here's to a great year, Cass County.

Susan McKinley  
County Youth Coordinator



Staff takes a moment to thank Cass County 4-H families for their dedication to the program. From Left: Rocka Rasmussen, Office Assistant; Steve Olsen, County Extension Education Director and Susan McKinley, County Youth Coordinator.

4-H club that donates the most money to the food stand fund drive by June 1.

The funds can be generated from fundraising projects by the club or from the club itself, so use your 4-H imaginations and see how successful your club can be in helping make a new food stand become reality!

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## Club News

There are so many great members of the 4-H program. A large part of what 4-H represents happens in the community club. We thank all clubs for representing Cass County in a positive way. If your club is doing something interesting, please let us know.

### **Brighton Skiing Invite**

The Brighton 4-H club would like to invite all 4-H members and their families to a ski day. This adventure will take place on January 17 at Mt. Crescent ski area. The price will depend on the number of participants. Please have a leader notify Larry Sandbothe by December 14 with how many will attend.

### **Pleasant Noble United**

Pleasant Noble is a baking bunch. The group held a bake sale during



Apple Days in Griswold. We encourage all clubs to be active in our communities. Good job!

### **Cass Coed Clan**

This clan hosted a hayride for their new members in the fall spirit. It isn't all fun and games for that club, though. They can do the dirty

work too. Ten members of Cass Coed Clan and one member from Washington G.E.M. cleaned up after the horses during the Atlantic Fireman's Parade and at another date Cass Coed Clan cleaned their adopted roadside.

These are all great activities for a youth club. Other clubs went to pumpkin patches and held hayrides, as well. Share all of these fun ideas with your non-member friends and invite them to a meeting or to an approved club event. Also, please share what's going on with your 4-H clubs here at the Extension Office. We want to thank and congratulate you, share in your successes and invite you to apply for recognition and grants to support your efforts. Thank you again, Cass Co. community clubs.

## Renaming Game

The Cass County 4-H program is such an exciting thing to be part of. Let's demonstrate that as often as possible. Join me in giving the newsletter an interesting, new name.

We are sharing "Cass County 4-H News," but let the title shout out

how exciting 4-H is. Please submit name suggestions to [xcass@iastate.edu](mailto:xcass@iastate.edu) or stop in with submissions. The deadline for ideas is December 1.

YAC will be asked to make the selection during their December meeting. A prize (TBD) will be

awarded to the person who submits the chosen name. Submissions will be kept separate from the name of the person whose idea it was so the competition is fair. The January edition will announce the new name.

## Have You Heard?!?!

The raffle drawing was held for the Iowa 4-H Truck on October 10 on 1040 WHO radio with Van & Bonnie. The winner was Larry Meyers of St. Louis, MO. Meyer purchased his lucky ticket at the Grundy County Fair. Watch for other exciting opportunities from the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

The Cass Coed Clan had the best attendance (based on %) at this

year's County Convention

Fifteen clubs donated to the Cass County Endowment. The Endowment pays for programs such as the membership fee program.

The Cass County Endowment also awarded seven scholarships for State 4-H Conference or State 4-H Camps.

Marlys Berry received recognition at County Convention for 35 years of service as a leader. There is a lot of experience leading the Cass Coed Clan.

When 4-H clubs donate to 4-Hers for 4-H they are recognized at County Convention. Fourteen clubs in Cass County donated the requested \$2.50 per member. What a generous county!

## Club Information Due To the Extension Office

### Re-enrollment Forms

The 4-H community club program is in full swing! Your organizational leader should have given you your re-enrollment form to complete. Use your "Pick A Project" paper to review project areas. This year might be the year to try something new. Enrollment forms and club programs are due to the Extension Office by November 3. Don't delay. Complete your form **today!**

### Medical Release Forms

As part of the enrollment process all 4-Hers must complete the Iowa 4-H Medical Information release form.

This is part of the statewide effort to continue to create safe learning environments for our youth. The Cass County Extension Office will keep the original and provide the 4-H club leader with a copy of the form that they will take to their club events and activities. If there is an accident, the 4-H leader will have the necessary information. It will also help leaders be aware of

any allergies or medical conditions.

The medical forms only have to be completed once a year. If a 4-Her chooses to attend a camp, state conference, lock-in, etc. we will be able to use the form you filled out already. If you have any questions over this form, please contact the Extension Office.



## December is the Time to Weigh Your Market Beef

Members must weigh all market steers and heifers on Saturday, Dec 27 at the fairgrounds in Atlantic. Calves must be born after 1/1/08, with no maximum weight. 4-Hers may weigh up to six market beef. Calves will be tagged and old tags thrown out. Carcass calves cannot weigh over 1500 pounds at the July weigh-in. The schedule:

### 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Bear Grove Blazers  
Cass Coed Clan

C & M Champions  
Griswold Clubsters  
Griswold FFA  
Pleasant-Noble United  
Pymosa  
Union Leaders  
Atlantic Go-Getters  
G & L Clovers

### Noon – 3:00 p.m.

CAM FFA  
Atlantic FFA  
Benton Blue Ribbons  
Brighton

Grant  
Groovy Grovers  
Grove H.O.T.  
Lincoln Guys & Gals  
Washington G.E.M.

Remember to bring \$1 per head for ear tags. This is an opportunity as well to meet your new beef superintendent. Be sure to thank him and the other volunteers for their time.

*"Punctuality is the politeness of kings."*

*-King Louis XVIII of France*

## Pioneer Grants

Do you have a community service project in mind for your 4-H club this year? Now, do you need a little money to help get that project off the ground? The Pioneer Grant is just for that. What can your club do this year? Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due back Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## It's COOL To Identify Your Animals

### **Q. Does COOL pertain to both market and breeding animals?**

**A.** *If any animal will eventually go to a packer, even if it's a breeding animal 4 years down the road, that animal will need to have a documented paper trail affidavit in the case of an audit. The*

*breeder/producer will need records of some sort (birth records, etc.) and the 4-H'er will need a signed affidavit from that breeder/producer as a paper trail in case of a USDA audit. For more info on COOL requirements contact the Extension Office.*

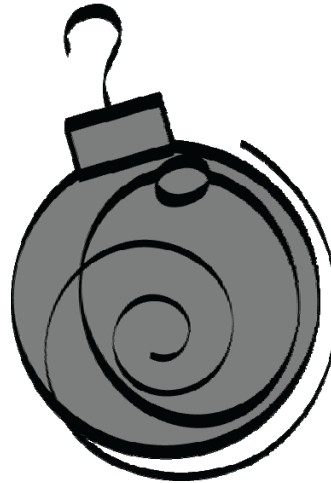


## Greetings From the Iowa 4-H Foundation

**S**chool did just start but Christmas trees are already up in Wal-Mart, so it's not too early to start thinking about 4-H holiday cards!

Every year many of our 4-H club members make the most colorful and creative holiday cards for us to share with many long-time and generous 4-H alumni, Foundation donors, and Extension supporters. I have heard from many individuals about how much they enjoy these hand-crafted notes from 4-H members... THANK YOU! I want to ask for your help again this year.

Please encourage 4-H'ers to craft their own special Christmas and Holiday Greeting Cards so we can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters. Most of our



4-H friends and donors celebrate Christmas, and it is wonderful to send them hand-made Christmas Cards. Some of our 4-H supporters celebrate Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza, and other holidays, and it is nice to have some cards that recognize their traditions and

backgrounds too. Also, we'd love to have your 4-H'ers sign their cards (on the back) with their club name and community or county. To help us keep postage down (so we can share more season's greetings) please make cards the equivalent of about ¼ of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page (think of a piece of construction paper folded in half, and then in half again).

Please mail or deliver your holiday cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011-3630. Cards received by November 25th will be used this year. If you have any questions please contact Roberta North, [rnorth@iastate.edu](mailto:rnorth@iastate.edu), 515-294-1537.

(Submitted by: Joe Leisz)

## Can 4-Hers Make A Difference? One Way Is Partnering

### ***4-H Million Trees Project Gets a Start on the West Coast...***

4-H clubs and members are invited to participate in the 4-H Million Trees (4HMT) project. Members of the Belmont and Pacifica (California) 4-H Clubs launched the 4HMT project, a large-scale service-learning project with the goal to plant 1,000,000 trees across the United States to beautify America, absorb atmospheric carbon

dioxide and combat global climate change. The project founders hope that every one of the approximately 90,000 4-H Clubs and units in the U.S. will participate in this community service and plant at least a dozen native trees in their areas during the current 4-H year. They hope that clubs will accept their invitation and adopt the project so members can enjoy the satisfaction of joining with millions of fellow 4-

Hers to make a big difference in the world.

4HMT is supported by National 4-H Headquarters and the Arbor Day Foundation. To learn more about 4HMT, or to register as a participating club, visit the 4HMT Web site at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>

(Mitch Hoyer, Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program)

## Welcome New Members

What do you do to welcome new members to your club? For new members, making new friends may be the most important need. You can make a difference by: Adopting a family or setting up a "family buddy system," recognizing new members in a special ceremony, always greeting new members and including them in your circle of friends, phoning new families to

encourage and help them with 4-H, planning recreation and fun activities for each other.

**Let's welcome new families to 4-H with warmth and sincere friendship. Then, hopefully, they will stick around to benefit from all the other things that 4-H has to offer!**



## Leadership Skills Are Abundant in Cass County

Not all counties in the state of Iowa offer so many opportunity to lead your peers to 4-H youth. Cass County has two leadership councils for members of the 4-H program; Youth Council and YC 2. As in the past, both were introduced at County Convention. Congratulations to both groups!

The high school County Council includes the following members:

Michelle Buboltz  
Jenna Ferguson  
Victoria Frisbie  
Austin Johnk  
Casey Marshall  
Caitlin Paulsen  
Kelsie Schmidt  
Kaley Stender

The Intermediate Council (YC2) was also named and held their first meeting at the community center.



(Above) The 2008-2009 Cass County Youth Council during their debut appearance at County Convention.



YC 2 works to decipher what their fellow council members were making in play dough Pictionary.

## Dates To Remember

### November

Nov 2 – Youth Council (past & present) Pizza Party, 2 p.m. @ Cass Co. Community Center

Nov 3 – **Enrollment Forms and Club**

### **Programs to Extension Office**

Nov 4 – YAC

Nov 6 - Fairboard

Nov 17 – Pioneer Grant 2008 Reports due in County Extension Office

Nov 20 – Bloodmobile Cookies, G & L Clovers and Groovy Grovers

\_\_\_\_\_ - Discovery Workshop Planning Meeting

### December

Dec 1 – Pioneer Grant Applications due to the Extension Office

Dec 27 – Market Beef Weigh-In

### January

Jan 2 – Deadline to Register Volleyball Teams

Jan 18 – County Volleyball Tournament

Jan 22 – Bloodmobile Cookies, Washington GEM

Jan 25 – Discovery 4-H Workshop

Jan 30 – Deadline to submit Mardi Gras Entries

Jan 30 – Deadline for Share-the-Fun

Jan 30 – Iowa's Promise...Our Youth Grant Applications due in Extension Office

### February

Feb 2 - 4-H College Scholarship applications due to state 4-H Office

Feb 8 – Share-the-Fun

\_\_\_\_\_ - State Leaders Training, Newton

### March

\_\_\_\_\_ - Applications for State Project Awards, State Council due to Extension Office

March 15 – Mardi Gras

March 17 – 4-H Endowment Pancake Supper

March 26 – Bloodmobile Cookies, Benton Blue Ribbons

March 29 – Area Recognition at Murray School

March 31 – 4-H Legislative Day in Des Moines

\_\_\_\_\_ - Market Swine Weigh-in

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship and life skills.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
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Youth Council Pizza Party 3 p.m.	2	Enrollment Forms Due	3	YAC 7 p.m.	4	5	Fairboard 7 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	Grounds Committee	13	14	15			
16	Extension Council	17	18	19	20	21	22			
23	24	25	26	 27 Extension Office Closed	28	29				
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Take time to thank your leader's and parents who support your 4-H life! You could send a card with a picture of the club spelling out the words "Thank you" on poster board or a simple phone call would speak volumes also.