



FEBRUARY 2017 CLOVER CONNECTION



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February

- 2 Fair Board Meeting@ 7 PM
- 17 3-5 Winter Day Camp at Lewis
- 20 3-5 Winter Day Camp at Anita
- 20 Record Book Workshop @ 6 PM
- 22 Beginning Rabbit Workshop @ 6:30 PM
- 27 Annual Volunteer Training@ 6 PM

March

- 2 Fair Board Meeting @ 7 PM
- 3 3-5 Winter Day Camp at Atlantic
- 5 Mardi Gras@ 2-4 PM
- 5 YAC Meeting@ 5 PM
- 23 Endowment Pancake Supper@ 5 PM
- 24 K-2 Winter Day Camp at Atlantic

April

- 1 State Recognition Day
- 6 Fair Board Meeting@ 7 PM
- 8 Swine Weigh-in
- 14 Extension Office Closed
- 17 K-2 Winter Day Camp at Atlantic

May

- 4 Fair Board Meeting@ 7 PM
- 6 Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-in
- 15 Enrollment and Livestock ID deadline

805 W. 10TH STREET, ATLANTIC, IA | 712-243-1132 | 8:00 AM-4:30 PM



Let Me Introduce Myself

Hello, my name is Shelby Williams. I grew up on a small family farm in Pella, Iowa where my family raised hogs and had a cow-calf operation. I was very active in both 4-H and FFA through school and exhibited swine and beef at the Marion County Fair. My junior year of high school my family moved to Adair. I then graduated from Adair-Casey High School in May 2013. My freshman year of college I attended Southwestern Community College and played women's golf. After my first year of college I got offered a golf scholarship to play at Northwest Missouri State University, so I transferred to pursue other options. I graduated from Northwest in December 2016 with my Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Science. Working with children and agriculture have always been passions of mine and I cannot wait to see where this next adventure takes me. My first day with extension was January 30th so please be patient with me as I learn. I look forward to working with all of you as the Cass County Youth Coordinator. Call or email me at shelbyrw@iastate.edu or at 712-243-1132.

Club Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Grant Guys & Gals for placing 1st and Griswold Clubsters for placing 2nd at the 4-H Club Volleyball Tournament on Sunday, January 22, We had an amazing, 10 teams, participate in the county-wide event. Thank you to everyone who showed good sportsmanship and team spirit!

Record Keeping Tip of the Month

The cold winter months are a great time to start working in your project areas and recording your goals and progress. Take photos of the progress you have made on your project each month. When September comes around you will have a variety of photos to choose from and it will also help you remember the steps you took to reach your goals. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/page/member-info, then go to "Record Book Information" to find more information on record keeping.

Looking to start off in the right direction? Join us for the Record Book Extravaganza on February 20!

Record Book Extravaganza—February 20 @ 6:00 PM

Join the Youth Action Committee and 4-Hers from around the county on Monday, February 20 at 6 PM for the 4-H Record Book Extravaganza! Youth, adults and parents will have the opportunity to learn about record books, where to find the forms, what forms need to be included, and how to answer those challenging record book questions. There will be games, prizes, snacks and FUN! Don't miss out; you're sure to learn something new that will help you get your record book off to a great start.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Record Book Extravaganza on February 20. Please call the Extension Office by Friday, February 17 to register.

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Annual Volunteer Training—February 27 @ 6:00 PM

Join 4-H leaders from across Cass County in an interactive, hands on training that will help volunteers create a fun, safe, inclusive environment for all youth. During this training, 4-H leaders will be discussing youth engagement as well as sharing ideas for club management and learning from fellow county leaders. We are excited to roll out some new training activities as we work to make these trainings more beneficial and interactive for our leaders!

This training will meet your requirement for your annual volunteer training and will be held on February 27. A light supper will begin at 6:00 PM with the training beginning at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options. Please register to attend by contacting the Cass County Extension Office by February 23 so we can plan for food and materials.

We hope to see a great group of leaders join us for training this year— YOU are the ones who help keep the Cass County 4-H program going strong!

County Fair Trophy Sponsors

Are you or someone you know interested in recognizing our 4-Hers for their great accomplishments at the County Fair? Consider sponsoring a trophy that is given to out at the shows and events. We have a few available trophies in many departments. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to check on available trophies and sponsor a trophy for the 2017 Cass County Fair!

Share your 4-H Experience

Are you doing something really neat in your 4-H club or in your project area? Share it with your local newspapers, they are interested in showcasing your 4-H experience. Write up an article about what you are doing, share a few photos and get published in the newspaper. This is a great way to fulfill the communication requirement in your project area and share the great things you are doing in 4-H! If you need contact information for the local newspaper, contact the Extension Office.

4-H PLEDGE

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AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Mardi Gras Set for March 5!

Mark your calendars! 4-H Mardi Gras is scheduled for March 5, 2016 from 2-4 PM at the Cass County Community Center. Each club who wishes to participate must submit their club activity to the Extension Office by Monday, February 27, so start thinking now on what your club would like to do and call or email to get on the list. Don't forget to be creative with your Mardi Gras game or activity! New ideas and activities can be more fun for participants and raise more money for your club.

Again this year, 4-H clubs will be charged a \$10 fee instead of their members who are working at their club booth having to pay to enter Mardi Gras. 4-H booth workers must wear a 4-H shirt to be eligible for the free admittance. For all those not working at a booth, admission to Mardi Gras is 50 cents and tickets are 10 cents each. Please encourage all your friends and family to attend. This event raises money for each club and is also a great low-cost opportunity for families to have fun and support 4-H.

Endowment Pancake Supper—March 23

Who: Anyone who loves 4-H or pancakes or both

What: The annual Endowment Pancake Supper to support 4-H

When: March 23, 2017 from 5-7:30 PM

Where: Cass County Community Center

The money raised at this pancake supper is used to offset the Program Development Fee charged to all 4-H'ers across the state. If we did not have this Endowment in addition to the support from the Cass County Extension Council, 4-H would cost \$30 for every member in Cass County each year. Clubs will be asked to work shifts, as well as donate an item(s) for the silent auction. Also, if you know of any business that is willing to donate to the silent auction, please encourage them to do so! We had great support from local businesses last year and would like to have even more this year. The cost is \$6 per person to enjoy pancakes. Children 6 and under can eat for \$4. Please encourage friends, family members and neighbors to come out on March 15 to support the Cass County 4-H Program!

Don't Forget to Re-enroll!

We still have many inactive youth in 4-H Online. Please take care of this now. Your club leaders should have a list at your February meeting. If you are not sure of your enrollment status please call the office or check with your club leaders. We cannot enter your animals after weigh-ins, gather accurate information for insurance coverage, share project related information with you, and many other things without current enrollment figures. You can find complete instructions on how to re-enroll online at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please give us a call and we will be happy to help. Please complete this as soon as possible; we cannot assure you that will get all the communication you need if you are not re-enrolled.

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Animal Science Round-Up

Attention 7-12 grade Animal Science Enthusiasts! Are you interested in learning more about animal science, meeting new friends, doing hands on activities and attending the largest state-wide 4-H conference in the Iowa State University campus June 27-29? Animal Science Round-Up is for you! Participants will choose from 5 different interest tracks, beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle and horse. Youth will explore careers, conduct live animal evaluations, media training, ISU Farm Tours, and much more! Applications to attend must be submitted online by March 1. Please visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup for application information.

2017 FSQA Information

All Cass County 4-H & FFA swine, beef, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry exhibitors are required to be Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified to show at county and state fair. This includes all market & breeding animals.

Training/testing is based on grade, youth in grades 4-6 must attend an approved FSQA training each year. Youth in grades 7-9 will have the option of attending a training every year or completing a test which will certify them until they reach the 10th grade. Youth in grades 10-12 will have the option of attending the training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 20 years old. If youth have not participated in FSQA Training in the past, they are encouraged to go through FSQA Training before they test. Parents are also welcome & encouraged to participate in FSQA Training to help reinforce the principles at home.

We are in the process of finalizing dates for Cass and our surrounding county partners to host these trainings in 2017. Statewide, an online option is in the works as well. Once these dates and options are all confirmed, we will share them in the March newsletter and directly with all members enrolled in livestock project areas. Please make sure you are re-enrolled in 4-H for the year, and enrolled in the project area for any animals you plan to exhibit this year to make sure you get these important notifications.

Veterinary Feed Directive - Are You Prepared?

Livestock exhibitors- the new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) law took effect January 1, 2017. Not sure how, or if, this applies to you? An informational document has been developed by state 4-H Livestock staff to help explain the new law and how it may impact 4-H members use of certain feed and water-based antibiotics. The VFD information sheet is available on the front page of the 4-H Livestock Homepage: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock. This website is designed by State 4-H staff and has many resources for exhibitors and their families pertaining to livestock projects and exhibits in 4-H, so be sure to check out other resources while you are there!

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Poultry Exhibitors 2017 Order Information

The 2017 Cass County Fair will be here soon! Below is information on poultry classes that require a GROUP PRE-ORDER of birds. Poultry exhibitors interested in participating in these classes should **contact Sue McDuff (call or text 515-371-1728) by the deadlines listed** in each class to make order arrangements.

Hy-Line Egg Production Class

We are offering the Hy-Line Egg Production Class (pen of 3) again at the 2017 county fair. Hy-Line in Spencer, IA is willing to donate Hy-Line chicks to any 4-H or FFA member interested in the poultry project at NO COST TO YOU. You will not be able to sell them at the livestock sale, but this is a great way to start a laying hen flock. These birds should be laying by fair time. This is not replacing the Commercial Egg Chicken class. Exhibitors will still be able to bring birds for both the Commercial Egg Class and the Hy-Line class. Hy-Line chickens from 2016 may be shown in the Commercial Egg Class. Please contact Sue McDuff by **Feb. 3, 2017** if you are interested in the Hy-Line Egg Production class. At this time, pickup of these birds is scheduled for February 17th at the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be notified with details and time after order is placed. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to show one Hy-Line pen of 3. They will count towards your total of 15 birds that you are able to show. We recommend that you order 6 birds per exhibitor. Please remember, the birds are FREE to 4-H & FFA members!

Market Chicken Class

Entries in the Market Chicken class will all come from the same hatchery and families will be notified of delivery date (potentially the week of March 6th) after the order is placed. Price will vary depending how many are in the total order, but plan to pay approximately \$3.15 per bird. This is a separate class from the Market Broiler Class (below). Birds will be exhibited as a pen of 3, with one pen of 3 birds allowed per exhibitor. The Poultry Committee recommends each exhibitor order at least 6 birds for 4-H and 6 birds for FFA. The Market Chickens will be eligible for the Livestock Sale at county fair. Please contact Sue McDuff by **Feb 20, 2017** if you want to participate in the Market Chicken class. All eligible Market Chickens must be purchased through the bulk order.

Market Broiler Class

If you are interested in the Market Broiler class at the county fair, please contact Sue McDuff by **May 5, 2017** to place your order for your broilers. Price will vary depending how many are in the total order, but plan to pay approximately \$1.15 per bird. Birds will be exhibited as a pen of 3, with one pen of 3 birds allowed per exhibitor. The Poultry Committee recommends each exhibitor order at least 6 birds for 4-H and 6 birds for FFA. The Market Broilers will be required to go through the Livestock Sale at county fair. All eligible Market Broilers must be purchased through this bulk order. Families will be notified of delivery date (potentially the week of May 22nd) after the order is placed.

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