Calendar of Events

January
1  New Years Holiday—Office Closed
5  Club Officer Training
8  Fairboard Meeting
11  Poultry Workshop
12  YAC Meeting
19  Clover Kids Day
25  Club Volleyball Tournament

February
1  Market Beef ID, state recognition, & scholarships due
5  Fairboard Meeting
9  YAC Meeting
13  K-2 Winter Daycamp
16  K-2 Winter Daycamp
19  FSQA Training @ Armstrong Research Farm
23  Rabbit Project Meeting
28  New Volunteer Training

March
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9  YAC Meeting
12  3-5 Winter Daycamp
17  FSQA Training @ Montgomery County Fairgrounds
26  Endowment Pancake Supper

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Market Beef Weigh-ins Follow-up Reminder
On December 27 we had a successful weigh-in with 148 4-H and FFA calves attending. Thank you to all volunteers, parents, and participants for your patience on weigh-in day. Please remember to log in to 4-H Online after January 9 to verify your market beef animals. Watch your email for the verification process instructions; this is a very important step in the ID process for all exhibitors.

Club Officer Training—January 5 @ 6:30 PM
Club Officer Training is scheduled for January 5 at 6:30 PM at the Cass County Community Center. This will be a great opportunity for all club officers and leaders in Cass County to gather, share ideas, develop leadership skills and learn about being an officer. This year we will focus on duties as a club officer and how to effectively run a meeting. If you are a club leader or officer, plan to attend this training. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 4:30 PM on January 3 to attend this training.

Clover Kids Day—January 19 @ 12:00 PM
Looking for a fun afternoon on a no-school day in January? Sign your K-3rd grader up to attend the Clover Kids Day at the Cass County Community Center on January 19 from 12-4 PM. Learn about the different projects that Clover Kids can be involved in, participate in fun Clover Kids activities, enjoy a snack and make new friends! This event is open to any K-3rd grade youth. Please RSVP to the Cass County Extension Office by Wednesday, January 14 to attend.

Club Volleyball Tournament—January 25
The club volleyball tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Jan 25 at the CAM High School and Anita Wellness Center, games will begin at 2 PM. Teams must give their captain’s name to the Extension office by Monday, January 19. Just call 243-1132 or email xcass@iastate.edu to give us your captain’s name. Team captains will be sent schedules following the January 19 deadline. Please find the rules for the 2015 Club Volleyball Tournament on the back page of the newsletter.

State Recognition Awards and Opportunities
The hard work you put into your projects and involvement in 4-H deserves to receive recognition! If you are in grades nine through twelve, there are many opportunities available to you for awards or to represent Cass County on the state and national levels. These include: National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council and State 4-H Project Awards.

The process isn’t difficult and it is a great learning experience for senior level 4-H members. All it takes is filling out an online application about yourself and your project and participating in an interview on March 28, 2015 in Ames. Learn more about applying for these opportunities by contacting the Extension Office or visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities.

All applications and materials must be submitted via electronic submission by 11:59 PM on February 1, 2015. This is a great opportunity for senior level 4-H members to grow their 4-H experience! Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions about the process.
Iowa 4-H Scholarships
It is that time for most high school seniors, scholarship time! The Iowa 4-H Foundation has an opportunity for you to earn scholarships to offset some of the costs of attending college. Visit www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships to learn more about the scholarship opportunities available. All 2015 scholarship application materials must be submitted online no later than 11:59 PM, February 1, 2015 for consideration.

2015 FSQA Information
New for 2015! All Cass County swine, beef, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry exhibitors are required to be FSQA certified, this includes all market & breeding animals. Please note: This is a change from previous years.

FSQA Training/Testing will take place in 3 locations this year, February 19 at the Armstrong Research Farm, March 17 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, or April 13 at the Cass County Community Center. Test out will be from 5-5:45 PM and FSQA Training will begin at 6 PM. We will also be holding an Animal Science Daycamp in late spring which will also cover 1 year of FSQA Certification.

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.

Poultry Project Workshop—January 11 @ 1:00 PM
We will be hosting a Poultry Workshop on January 11 at 1 PM at the Cass County Community Center. Anyone who is interested in learning about the poultry project is encouraged to attend this informational workshop. Topics that will be covered are project selection, care & handling, county fair information, as well as answering any questions that families have about the project. If you are interested in the poultry project or are already involved in the 4-H or FFA poultry project, please plan to attend this informational workshop. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by January 9 to attend this workshop.

Sheep Project Workshop—February 21 @ 10:00 AM
Are you interested in the sheep project? Would you like to meet others from across Southwest Iowa? Plan to attend the Southwest Iowa Sheep Project Workshop on February 21 at the Emerson Community Building in Emerson, IA. Please contact the Cass County Extension Office if you would like to attend.

Rabbit Project Meeting—February 23 @ 6:30 PM
Attention Rabbit Project Members! We will be hosting a Rabbit Project Meeting on February 23 @ 6:30 PM at the Cass County Community Center. Anyone who is interested in learning about the rabbit project is encouraged to attend this informational meeting. Topics that will be covered are project selection, care & handling, county & state fair information, FSQA, as well as answering any questions about the project. If you are interested in the rabbit project or are already involved in the 4-H or FFA rabbit project, please plan to attend this informational meeting. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by February 20.

4-H PLEDGE
I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
Poultry Exhibitors Information

Hy-Line Poultry Class

Hy-Line in Spencer, IA is willing to donate chicks to any 4-H’er interested in this project at no cost to you. This is a chance to get good quality egg laying chickens. These birds should be laying by fair time. However, these birds will not be allowed to be sold at the Livestock Sale.

This year you will only be able to show one pen of 3, which will count towards your 15 birds total. The committee recommend that you order 6 birds per exhibitor. If you would like to participate in the Hy-Line Class at County Fair, please contact Sue McDuff at 515-371-1728 by February 13 to place your order.

Market Chicken Class

New for 2015! If you are interested in the Market Chicken Class (this is a separate class from the Market Broiler Class) at the county fair, please contact Sue McDuff by January 11 to place your order on your Market Chicken. The Market Chickens will all come from the same hatchery and families will be notified the delivery date after the order is placed. The Poultry Committee recommends you order at least six birds per exhibitor. Please contact Sue at 515-371-1728 for more information.

Record Keeping

It is never too early to start working on record keeping. The earlier you start, the easier it will be when September rolls around. Now is a great time to start working in your project areas and recording your goals and progress. You can ask your club leaders to request materials from the extension office, stop in and pick them up yourself, or download them off the internet. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/page/member-info, then go to “Record Book Information” to retrieve the forms from the website.

New Volunteer Training

Attention volunteers! Please plan to attend the upcoming New Volunteer Training on February 28 at the Cass County Community Center. The training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help you be more confident and capable in your role of working with youth. The training includes breakout sessions for Clover Kid volunteers and club/project volunteers. Advantages of this program include: Learning about the role of a caring adult, dynamic training to boost the positive youth development knowledge and skills to support a vibrant 4-H club or Clover Kids group. This is also a great opportunity to meet and network with other new volunteers. If you are a new volunteer or a current leader interested in expanding your youth development skills, please visit the Training for New Volunteers sections at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining. Anyone is welcome to attend this training, not just new volunteers! Don’t miss this great opportunity!

2015 Cass County Fair

It will be here before we know it, mark your calendars for the 2015 Cass County Fair, July 23-28. The Fairboard and Extension Staff are excited for another great County Fair! Keep an eye out in the 4-H newsletter in the upcoming months for exhibit information, tips and important messages. Fairbooks should be available to families in May. We hope you are excited to make the 2015 Cass County Fair the best one yet!
2015 Rules

1. Players may play on one team only. Players are encouraged to be from one club. If a club does not have members in a certain age group, 4-H’ers from another club may play. Non 4-H’ers may play with one team only.

2. There is no maximum number of team members.

3. Teams must have a total of 6 players on the floor at all times. Non-4-H’ers must play in the representative age group. This must include:
   - 3 youth in 4th - 6th grade
   - 3 youth in 7th - 12th grade

4. Teams with less than 6 players may play, but cannot advance.

5. Players must rotate. Every person who plays must serve. Players must alternate by age group when possible, substituting one Sr. for another Sr., one junior for another junior, etc. Team captain is responsible for rotating players. You can play up a grade, but not down if your club does not have enough of a higher age group.

6. Matches will be 2 out of 3 games with 21 points per game. Team must win by 2 points. If game 3 is the deciding game, it is called based on the score at when the group is out of time.

7. There is a 5 point maximum run per server. After 5 point run, teams must rotate to next server on the same team.

8. 45 minute time limit on each match. If a team has not shown after 15 minutes, they forfeit.

9. There will be no spiking and no overhand serving. Juniors may serve ahead of foul line. Net serves are allowed.

10. Players must wear dry gym shoes. You may be checked.

11. Each team must furnish a line judge and scorekeeper.

12. Modified High School Girls Volleyball Rules will apply to all games. (Rally Scoring will apply)

13. Only team captain may address referee with complaints. Referee has final word on all calls.