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Calendar of Events

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3  Holiday — Office Closed
13  Preliminary Fair King & Queen Judging
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August
13-23  Iowa State Fair

The July Newsletter is packed full of
County Fair information! Please read it to
the end, you don’t want to miss any
important dates and deadlines!
**Static Judging Reminder**

4-H static judging will be on Thursday, July 23. Each member must report to exhibit check-in at the front lobby of the Cass County Community Center. Assigned club judging times are listed in the fairbook on page 49. If you have a conflict with your club’s judging time, please check-in and participate in exhibits judging as close to your club’s judging time as possible. Everyone must be checked in by 2:30 PM or you will not be allowed to go through conference judging.

After checking in, fill out your 4-H Exhibits Building entry form and entry tags for each project, receive a sticker with a number, then proceed into the fair exhibit waiting area. For 2015: There will be separate lines for the different project areas. Once a 4-H member starts the judging process, they will rotate to a different judge for each project area and participate in a conference judging experience with the various judge(s). When an exhibitor waits in line, the smallest number takes precedence in the line.

For example, a 4-H member may go to a photography judge for their photos, a food and nutrition judge for their muffins and an Ag and Natural resources judge with their poster on water conservation. Wait in each of the project area lines until it is time to be judged in each area.

Don’t forget to shake the judge’s hand, tell them your name and smile while meeting with the judge.

We hope each member can complete the judging process in a timely manner. Please be patient on the day of exhibits judging, we have many great 4-H exhibits to be judged on July 23.

Remember written goals and explanations are encouraged for any 4-H static exhibit at the Cass County Fair and required at the Iowa State Fair. The exhibitor should respond to each of the following questions on each of their projects:

1. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
2. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
3. What were the most important things you learned?

When deciding which class your exhibit should fit, please think of your goal for the exhibit. Please see fairbook pages 49-55 for class descriptions and learning objective related to your exhibit goals. If you have questions about what class your exhibit should fit into, please contact the Extension Office.

Don’t forget to incorporate the design principles into your visual arts, sewing, home improvement, etc. exhibits! More information can be found on the Extension Fair Webpage.

When it comes to Food & Nutrition exhibits, please make sure you are following the proper cooking instructions and remember to check out the approved exhibits food guide.

When preparing for county fair, please remember to do your own work. If you are working on a project with someone else, make sure you are crediting others for what effort they put in to your project. If you are creating a project that you use pictures or quotes that others created or developed, check the copyrights and give them credit. A great way to do this is by including this information in your project write-up. Please contact your club leaders or the Extension Office if you have questions about copyright and project write-up.

**Prepare Before You Come to Fair**

Want to be more prepared before you come to Static Judging Day? Stop by the Extension Office and pick up static entry cards (4-H & Clover Kids), photography display forms, food preservation labels, and poster contest forms. Fill these items out before you arrive at fair and the check-in process should move quickly for you!
Livestock/Small Animal Project Members

Please be sure that you read the specific rules for your livestock species in the fairbook to make sure you are meeting all show and health requirements before you get to the fair! Don’t forget to look over the 4-H uniform requirement also!

**Beef Carcass**

To participate in the beef carcass program youth must have weighed in calves in December, enter them with your leaders by July 1 and bring the calves and an Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement to the scalehouse on July 20 between 7-7:30 PM.

**FSQA**

Any youth planning to exhibit swine, beef, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, and/or rabbits at the Cass County Fair must have a current FSQA certification. Check your 4-H Online profile, or call the Extension Office to check your status.

**Swine Exhibitors**

Due to packer requirements, there is a withdrawal period of no less than 14 days prior to harvest for all feed and water tetracycline class antibiotics for the swine project. This is different than the standard FDA regulations. Please remove any tetracycline ingredients from feed and water by July 14 and be aware of all other mandatory withdrawal times for products you may be feeding. Please include this information on your Swine Disclosure Statement that you bring to Swine Check-in on July 23.

**Disclosure Statements**

All livestock exhibitors are required to complete a Livestock Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement, to track any medication or other treatments given to animals while they are under your care. They are available online: www.extension.iastate.edu/cass in the Fair Forms & Resources section or by stopping in the Extension Office. It is the 4-H’ers responsibility to return the disclosure statement to the fair veterinarian at weigh-in at the fair in order for your animals to be allowed to show.

**Premise ID**

All swine exhibitors must have a premise ID number. If you do not have a Premise ID number for the farm where your hogs are being cared for you will need to apply for the number immediately! You will only have to do this if you are a new exhibitor or if you have a new location for keeping your hogs. The form can be found on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) website at: http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf. Your quickest response will be by faxing the completed application to 1-515-281-4282 and write RUSH across the top. We will assist you in faxing the form from the Extension office if needed. You should receive a phone call from IDALS a couple days after they receive the application with your assigned number. You can also call 1-888-778-7675 to find out if a number has been assigned or to find out your number if you have forgotten. No hogs will be allowed to unload at the fairgrounds until it has been verified they have a Premise ID number on the Swine Care and Management Disclosure Statement submitted when the hogs arrive. In other words, if you do not have a Premise ID you will not be allowed to show.

**Exhibitor Numbers**

Exhibitor numbers for all 4-H & FFA livestock/small animal events will be located in the Extension Office during county fair. Please remember to pick them up during fair office hours before your show. 4-H & FFA exhibitors have separate numbers. Please keep your exhibitor number for the whole fair. You may need it for multiple shows and the livestock sale!
County Fair Poultry Opportunities

Due to the outbreak of Avian Influenza, we will not have live birds at the 2015 Cass County Fair. The Extension Staff, Poultry Committee and Fairboard have worked to put together some alternate options for the 2015 Fair. Please contact the Extension Office by July 10th to be eligible to participate in any of these poultry opportunities.

Photo Displays- Youth are encouraged to bring a poster of their birds to be put on display in the barn throughout the fair. Please include information about your poultry breeds, facts, feeding, biosecurity, etc. Tri-fold poster displays are encouraged. Please use a copy of all photos in case of damage.

Market Broilers, Market Chickens, and Market Turkey- Exhibitors are able to sell a pen of three or market turkey through the sale. Exhibitor must complete a record keeping form and supply photos of the bird’s growth and progress. This form will be turned in to the superintendent during the Poultry Show time. The exhibitor will provide a photo of the birds to go through the sale. Following the sale, the birds will be taken to be processed. Birds will be available for pick-up Wednesday evening at the Foodstand. The $2.15 per bird processing fee is required to be paid by the exhibitor. Pre-registration required.

Showmanship Contest- Exhibitors will have the opportunity to participate in the Showmanship contest with a photo of their bird. Exhibitors will be asked questions regarding care, breed information, etc. Participants will be awarded premium money for participating in the Showmanship Contest. Pre-registration required.

Poultry Quiz Bowl- Teams of no less than two and no more than four can compete in this poultry knowledge competition. The Poultry Quiz Bowl will take place on Sunday morning. Questions will cover poultry breeds, parts of the bird, feed, etc. Team pre-registration required.

Egg Judging Contest- Bring in a dozen eggs from your current poultry project to be judged. Eggs can come from any grouping of birds, judging will be based on uniformity, cleanliness, and etc.

Clover Kids Events at the Fair

Clover Kids that were enrolled by May 15 have two great opportunities they are able to participate in for the 2015 Cass County Fair. Clover Kids Showcase will take place on July 23 from 9 AM-11 AM in the Cass County Community Center. Please check page 57 of the fairbook for the Clover Kid group schedule. Each Clover Kid is able to bring 5 showcase items to talk to a caring adult about and then will be put on display. Each showcase item will have an exhibit tag. The exhibit tags are available at the Extension Office or the day of the event at check-in.

The Clover Kids Animal Show will take place on July 26 at noon in the Outdoor Show Ring. Please check in near the scalehouse at 11:30 PM. Don’t forget to have your proper health paperwork and senior level 4-H member with you for the show! All Clover Kid Animal Show entries need to be made by July 1 through the Clover Kid leader. Clover Kids Animal Show Record Books can be dropped off at the Clover Kids Showcase Check-in on Thursday, July 23 to be put on display throughout the fair.

Looking For Something? Check the Extension Page

Are you looking for forms and documents related to County Fair? Check out the Extension Website for the downloadable files and information. Visit extension.iastate.edu/cass and click on the fair information page to see the fairbook, schedule, event registration forms, animal disclosure statements and much more! We are still adding things, so check back often!

Bucket of Junk

Attention all crafter, metal workers, and creative thinkers! Buckets are still available for the Bucket of Junk contest at the Cass County Fair! Participants will be provided a 5-gallon bucket of unique metal pieces to create their masterpiece. Participants can clean, weld, cut, fasten, bolt, etc. their items together to create their final product. Participants are encouraged to work with an adult to ensure safety. If you are still interested in a bucket, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible!
King & Queen Judging
Preliminary judging for the King & Queen contest will take place July 14 at the Cass County Community Center. King and Queen applications must be turned into the Extension Office by July 1 to participate in the 2015 contest. All candidates will receive information on specific judging times following the July 1 deadline. The final round of the King & Queen contest and announcement will take place Thursday, July 23 at 7:30 PM.

Clothing Selection & Fashion Review
Pick your favorite outfit and plan to participate in the Clothing Selection/Fashion Review judging on July 14 at the Heritage House in Atlantic. Judging will take place starting at 9:30 AM. Participants will have the opportunity to share with the judge the things they learned through the project and model their selection at the style show that afternoon and at the Cass County Fair. Entries for this event will need to be in the Extension Office by July 1. Check out page 61-62 of the fairbook for more information on this event.

County Fair Planning
Are you anxious for county fair? County Fair is an exciting time, but can also be very stressful for any involved. The best way to reduce stress is being prepared in advance. Here are a few tips for having a positive fair experience:

1. Get your fairbook from your leader and read it. Mark the activities you plan to participate in and know the rules.
2. Work on your exhibits NOW. It doesn’t matter if it's showing your animal or giving a working exhibit, the more you practice, the better prepared you’ll be.
3. Find out what your fair assignments are and write them down. Know where you should report for fair set-up and cleanup day; know where your club is in charge of grounds pick up; What other fair activities have you signed up to help with?
4. Watch your mail for work schedules and judging schedules. Read them carefully and keep them in a safe place.
5. Carefully read this newsletter, it contains many valuable tips and reminders.
6. Call our office with your questions. There is no such thing as a silly question.

Remember, Fair is about FUN! Make the most of it!

Copyright Information for Fair Exhibits
Every year at the fair there are 4-H exhibits that cannot be displayed because they have not followed copyright rules. Your responsibility as a 4-H’er is to make sure that you are not using other’s people’s work without their permission before putting the item on public display and earning premium money from the work. Before you copy/draw/recreate a painting, cartoon character, photograph, company logo, or other piece of work for the fair, you need to ask the original creator for permission.

A copy of a copyright permission letter can be found on the Iowa 4-H State Fair web page at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair under the “Exhibitor Resources” in the green box section. It is also okay to email the request to the creator, include the information from the permission letter and include the creator’s response with your exhibit.

Also included at this link is information about Pinterest and how to search the site to credit the creator.

Reminder to Parents & Families
We know your 4-Hers and Clover Kids love your support and assistance. Please remember when they are showcasing their exhibits this is their time to shine and share their knowledge of the project area! You are welcome to take photos and support from the sidelines, but please do not accompany them into the judging area or interfere with these important conversations.
Photography Project Goals
As you prepare photos for county fair think about what makes a good photography exhibit. Consider: focus, lighting, color, distance, background, foreground, and composition – what is in your picture? Thinking about these things can help you write a photography goal.

Goals include:
Action – to compose, learn about lighting, hold camera steady, practice cropping, etc.
Time – when to complete the goal. A photo goal is more than “I want to take a picture.” Your goal should include what you want to do to create a good picture.

Here are a few great resources:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/photography
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/projects/hotsheets/PhotographyTipSheet.pdf

Mud Volleyball at the Cass County Fair
Gather a team and plan to play Mud Volleyball at the Cass County Fair. Youth Council will be hosting this event on Monday, July 27 at 8 PM after Grand Champion Beef Selection. Teams can have up to 8 members (6 players on the court at a time) and all 18 years old or younger. Teams do not have to be from the same club or chapter. Registrations will be accepted until noon on July 27. Teams can find registration information at the Cass County Extension Office or on the Extension website. Gather a team and wrap up the 2015 Cass County Fair with tons of messy fun at the Youth Council Mud Volleyball Tournament!

Commodity Carnival at the County Fair
Come and join the fun at the Community Center on Saturday, July 25 and test your skills at the 4-H Commodity Carnival. The Commodity Carnival is a fun, interactive and hands-on game that allows kids, and parents alike, to experience what it takes to raise a hog, feed it, and find out the answer to the real question - did you make a profit?
See what it takes to raise a pig and sell it for a profit. Stop by the Community Center on the Saturday of fair and see why The Commodity Carnival is a big hit.

Fair Preparation Day
Be sure to mark Wednesday, July 22 on your calendar as set-up day for county fair. Everyone meets at the foodstand at 6 PM for directions. When your club has finished with the work in your area, the entire club should report to a designated volunteer. 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 procedure will be followed on Clean-up Day on July 29. Please read page 8 of your fairbook for club assignments.

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