



JUNE 2017 CLOVER CONNECTION



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- 8 3-5 Summer Day Camp@ Anita
- 9 3-5 Summer Day Camp@ Cold Springs
- 9 Tractor Safety 9 AM– 1 PM
- 12 Tractor Safety 9 AM– 1 PM
- 12 FSQA Test Out 1 PM– 6 PM
- 12 YAC @ 6:30 PM
- 13-14 SOFA Trip
- 15 Feeder Calf Deadline
- 15 Tractor Safety 9 AM– 1 PM
- 15 K-2 Summer Day Camp@ Atlantic
- 16 K-2 Summer Day Camp@ Atlantic
- 16 Tractor Safety 9 AM– 1 PM (driving and written test)
- 19 Animal Science Day Camp 1 PM-4:30 PM
- 22 3-5 Summer Day Camp@ Atlantic
- 25 County Wide Clean Up Day@ 1 PM
- 27-29 State 4-H Conference
- 30 6-8 Summer Day Camp@ Lewis

July

- 3 County Fair Entries Due
- 4 Holiday— Office Closed
- 6 Fairboard@ 7 PM
- 6 STEAM Day Camp
- 17 King and Queen Prelim Judging
- 19 Clothing Selection and Fashion Review
- 24 Beef Carcass Weigh-In
- 26– August 1 Cass County Fair

See the entire fair schedule of events online or in the fairbook

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



Congratulations Graduates

Cass County Extension and Cass County Endowment would like to congratulate all 2017 graduating seniors on your accomplishments. The skills each of you have learned and experience you have gained will take you far in life. Good luck in the upcoming years on your new endeavors.

The Cass County Endowment had a challenge selecting the recipients of the 2017 Graduating Senior 4-H Scholarship. Congratulations to Megan Behrends, Ashely Freund, Paige Henderson and Hannah Richter for being selected as the 2017 scholarship recipients. These four individuals showed their involvement in the Cass County 4-H Program, community service, communication and leadership skills through their 4-H experience. These individuals were recognized at their Senior Awards Night in May and will be recognized at the 2017 4-H County Convention. Congratulations again to all graduating seniors!

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, this includes all market & breeding animals.

We will be hosting an Animal Science Day Camp for youth in grades 4-8 on June 19 at 1 PM which will also cover 1 year of FSQA Certification. There is a fee of \$5 per youth attendee. No testing will be given at the Animal Science Daycamp. An RSVP is required to attend. Contact the Extension Office for more information and to register by June 12.

We will also be hosting an FSQA test-out session from 1-6 PM on June 12 at the Extension Office. No need to pre-register, but stop in the Extension Office to take your FSQA test on June 12. This is not an FSQA Training, only an opportunity to take the FSQA test.

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.

All exhibitors must be FSQA certified by July 1.

Club Challenges

This year the Cass County Youth Council will be collecting donations for the local food pantries during fair. They are challenging each club to bring a decorated box to the fair, and the club that collects the most items will receive a pizza party. With questions, for a list of suggested donation items, or to sign up your club to bring a box please contact the Extension Office!

On June 25th Youth Council is holding a fairgrounds clean up day and planting flowers for the county fair. They would like to extend the offer out to other clubs if they would like to help out. This will take place at the Cass County Fairgrounds on June 25th at 1:00 PM. Call the Extension Office to RSVP so we can have enough materials.

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Invitational Horse Show

Attention Horse Project Members! Mark your calendars for the 2017 Invitational Horse Show on June 11 beginning at 8 AM. One of the requirements to exhibit at fair is to participate in the Invitational Horse Show or the Mock Horse Show, this is also a great opportunity to get your horse out in a show setting before county fair! More information about the Invitational Horse Show will be shared at the horse workouts. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2017 Invitational Horse Show on June 11!

Animal Science Day Camp

Who: All 4th-8th Grade Youth

What: An exciting Animal Science Day Camp with lots of hands-on activities to learn more about animals and their care and behavior.

When: Wednesday, June 19 at 1 PM

Where: Cass County Community Center & Fairgrounds

Cost: There is a fee of \$5 per youth attendee. Contact the Extension Office to register. If youth are not 4-H members, they need to also fill out a medical/information release form.

The topics covered for 2017 include, but are not limited to; record keeping, vet-client-patient relationship and ethics. All learning will be hands-on. 4-H members who attend will receive 1 year of FSQA certification for attending.

An RSVP is required to attend. Contact the Extension Office for more information and to register by June 12.

6-8 Grade Woodlands Adventure Camp

Cass County Extension has teamed up with the Cass County Conservation Board again this summer to offer fun and educational summer day Camps designed to give youth a chance to have fun while exploring and learning about nature. This year, youth who have completed grades 6-8 can attend Woodlands Adventure camp! This camp will be held at Cold Springs Park in Lewis on June 30, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The daylong camp will involve forestry, geocaching, wood carving, hiking and Dutch oven cooking over a campfire! Youth will also learn through team building games, hands-on activities and guided discussion.

Cost to attend the camp is \$10/youth. Registration & medical forms are available at the Cass County Extension Office, or can be printed from our website. The camp is open to all local youth who have completed grades 6-8, so bring a friend (or two) to join the fun. Pre-registrations for this camp are due to the Extension office, so sign up now to reserve your space!

State Fair Exhibitor Information

The 2017 Iowa State Fair exhibitor information is now available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock. If you are planning to exhibit 4-H livestock at the 2017 Iowa State Fair, please visit the website for information related to your project(s). All State Fair livestock exhibitors must be FSQA certified and have ID'ed their animals in 4-H Online by May 15. After June 1, families are able to make their State Fair livestock entries. All State Fair livestock entries are due by July 1. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions about entering your livestock for the Iowa State Fair.



2017 Cass County Fair

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Cass County Fair, July 26-August 1. The Fairboard and Extension Staff are excited for another great County Fair! Keep an eye out for the 4-H newsletter in the upcoming months for exhibit information, tips and important messages. The fair schedule and electronic fairbook can be found on the Extension website, hard copy fairbooks are now available at the Extension Office along with Fair Brochures. We hope you are excited to make the 2017 Cass County Fair the best one yet!

- ◆ **County Fair Activities**: The Cass County Fair will be here soon! At your June 4-H club meeting, you will have an opportunity to sign up for Judge's Helpers, Building Host & Hostess, Herdsmanship, and other county fair events. Please plan to volunteer or sign-up for one or a few of these activities. Clubs must have all spots filled!
- ◆ **County Fair Forms**: Looking for a specific county fair form or event registration information? Check out the Cass County Extension website for Cass County Fair information and forms starting June 1st. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/ and click on the County Fair Information link on the home page. You can find livestock disclosure statements, Best of Iowa, Decorator's Showcase, Communication Event registrations and much more on this page!
- ◆ **2017 Fairbook**: The 2017 Cass County fairbook is now online at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/ in the quick links section. Families will receive their fairbook from their club leaders at the June 4-H meetings.

Like Us on Facebook

Stay connected with upcoming events and activities by liking the Cass County Extension and Cass County Fair on Facebook! Search for *Cass County Iowa State University Extension* and *The Cass County Fair (IA)* to stay connected.

Poultry Information

Attention Poultry Exhibitors: All poultry, excluding Market Broilers, that are being exhibited at the Cass County Fair must have a current Pullorum-Typhoid Test. Testing will be offered, free of charge, by authorized testers on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 8:00 AM– 10:00 AM at the Fairgrounds. ALL birds, including the Hy-lines, need to be tested. The only exception is the market broilers do not need to be tested, please do not bring them to testing. Birds not brought in on Saturday, July 22 will not be allowed to show at the fair. Please have the testing form filled out when you arrive for testing. The form can be found on the Cass County Extension website in the County Fair Forms & Resources page.

Due to changes at the state level, if you have NPIP papers for your birds, we can no longer accept them as proof of Pullorum free birds. All birds must be at testing on July 22nd from 8:00 AM-10:00 AM.

If you have questions about the Pullorum-Typhoid Test, please call Sue McDuff at 515-371-1728.

County Fair Cow/Calf & Feeder Calf Deadline

If you are planning to exhibit a cow/calf pair and/or feeder calf at the 2017 Cass County Fair, please have it 4-H/ FFA tagged and ID paperwork turned into the Extension Office by June 15. Families can stop by the Extension Office and pick-up 4-H tags and ID paperwork between now and June 15. Tags are \$1 per tag. The feeder calves are ID'ed on the bottom of the breeding beef form in the Cow/Calf section. If you have any questions about the cow/calf pair or feeder calf deadline, please contact the Extension Office.



Fair Exhibit Copyright Information

As we prepare for county fair, and finalize our static exhibits, please be aware of copyright related to your exhibits. What is copyright? A copyright and/or a trademark are legal methods used by artists, photographers, writers, and others to protect their original and creative works. Protected items may range from professional photography and books to music, sport logo insignias, corporate and brand name logos to art designs. It is important to remember the idea itself cannot receive a copyright. The expression of an idea is what is copyrighted. It is the responsibility of individual 4-H'ers to be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities for county and state fairs. 4-H'ers are encouraged to create their own original work and illustrations so they can avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material. If you are using the source (photograph, painting,) to create a similar design, you must ask permission before you try to duplicate the original and you would not call it an original design. If you have questions about if your exhibit fits the copyright rules, please contact the Extension Office.

County Fair Participation

County fair will be here before we know it! Enrollment and Livestock ID deadline was May 15th. Please be aware of the other requirements to be eligible for fair. If you are planning to participate in the Cass County Fair this year, please be aware of the eligibility requirements that were put together by the Youth Action Committee. This is a direct statement from the Cass County 4-H Policy Statement:

- ◆ During each program year, a member must attend a minimum of six regular club meetings of their own club which will include the business meeting, and give a prepared educational presentation to the club at a 4-H club meeting, before July 15, to be eligible to show at county fair. Club officers and the organizational leader should determine a member's fair eligibility. There will be no excused absences.
- ◆ New 4-H members joining in March or later must attend a minimum of three club meetings and give a prepared educational presentation.
- ◆ New 4-H members joining in May must attend a minimum of two club meetings and give a prepared educational presentation.
- ◆ A member will become ineligible to exhibit at the county level at the end of the calendar year in which they graduate from high school.
- ◆ All 4-H members are to receive premium checks which they have earned. Fair board may withhold premium money upon rule violation. If members wish, they may leave the money in the club treasury.

County Fair Static Entry

To help create a more balanced Static Exhibit Judging Day schedule, clubs will again be asked to share an estimated number of exhibits by June 20. To prepare for your June 4-H club meeting, 4-Hers are asked to give an estimated number of static exhibits they plan to bring to County Fair. This doesn't require you to bring that number of projects, but this will help us create the Static Exhibit Judging schedule as well as make sure we have enough judges in each exhibit area. The exhibit judging schedule will be shared in the County Fair announcements and with the club leaders.

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.**



Clover Kids at the Cass County Fair

This year, our Clover Kids will have two great opportunities to be involved at the Cass County Fair. At the 2017 fair, Clover Kids will have the option to participate in the Clover Kids Showcase and/or the Clover Kids Animal Show. These events are non-competitive and will provide an opportunity for the Clover Kid to tell about their project to a caring adult.

Please see the Clover Kids section of the fairbook for specific event information. If you have any questions about Clover Kids events at the Cass County Fair, please contact the Extension Office.

County Fair Participation: Clover Kids

- ◆ During each program year, a member must attend a minimum of **six** regular club meetings of their own club, and give a show and tell presentation, before July 15, to be eligible to show at county fair. The organizational leader should determine a member's fair eligibility. There will be no excused absences.
- ◆ New 4-H members joining in March or later must attend a minimum of three club meetings and give a show and tell presentation.
- ◆ New 4-H members joining in May must attend a minimum of two club meetings and give a show and tell presentation.

****NOTE:** Clover Kid eligibility changes are new for this year. For this year clover kids must attend at least three meetings to be eligible to show and give a show and tell presentation. Next year the six meetings and show and tell presentation will be mandatory.

Wanted: National Anthem Performers

Do you want to showcase your musical talent at the county fair for all fairgoers? We are looking for someone to play an instrument or sing the National Anthem each morning of the fair before the start of the morning shows. Contact the Extension Office if you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to share their talent by performing the National Anthem.

State 4-H Conference

Registration is now open for youth in grades 8-12 to attend the Iowa 4-H State Conference on the campus of Iowa State University June 27-29. This conference is a great three-day adventure at ISU for ALL Iowa's youth. Delegate registration costs will be \$180 per person this year. This registration cost provides the opportunity to experience motivational speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, leadership opportunities, a banquet, make new friends, and community service activities. The Cass County 4-H Endowment offers scholarships to subsidize the cost for youth to attend State 4-H Conference.

Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference for registration information. Gather a few friends, and Start Your Future Here at the 2017 State 4-H Conference. Early registration is due June 1. After June 1 there will be a \$20 fee. June 10 will be the last day registrations are accepted.

Visit the Cass County Extension Website at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass for 4-H and other Cass County Extension & Outreach program information



2017 Produce in the Park

Summer is right around the corner, which means warm weather, farmers markets, outdoor community events and Produce in the Park! The Atlantic Produce in the Park committee is looking for community members or groups to participate in the weekly event. The event takes place every Thursday from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Atlantic City Park beginning on June 1 through September 28. Did your club have an awesome Mardi Gras activity? Would you like to practice your Working Exhibit before county fair gets here? Would you like to expand your Food & Nutrition project area by being a Guest Chef? Produce in the Park would be perfect for you or your 4-H club! Contact Lavon Eblen at lavonfay@gmail.com to sign up for a week at Produce in the Park.

Also new this year there is going to be a weekly Scavenger Hunt. The purpose of the scavenger hunt is to help kids learn about foods/produce that is grown locally. Lavon is seeking 4-Her's that would like to help out with the scavenger hunt each week. If you are interested please contact Lavon Eblen.

Cass County Fair Food Drive

Keep an eye out for the Cass County Fair Food Drive at the local grocery stores! This is a great way to donate to the food stand before the Cass County Fair begins! Additionally, 4-H families may also be contacted in the upcoming months to donated items to the County Fair Foodstand by the Foodstand Committee. Local Cass County Fair supporters have many opportunities to donate items to the food stand to make delicious items we all enjoy during the fair!

4-H Alumni Day at the Iowa State Fair/Endowment Contest

The Iowa 4-H Foundation and Iowa 4-H Program are hosting a Iowa 4-H Day at the Iowa State Fair on August 11. The theme of this event is "Wave Your 4-H Flag." The goal is to register 5,000 4-H Alumni and Friends at the Iowa State Fair. If you register, you will be eligible to pick up an Alumni membership card. This card will give you discounts around the fairgrounds. \$1 off and item at the Iowa Pork Tent, \$2 off a Hot Beef Sundae at the Cattlemen's Beef Quarters and additional offers. Those who register will also be eligible for special events and benefits through the year. There is an incentive! Counties that have the highest amount of alumni and friends will receive a monetary contribution to their county endowment. First place \$500, Second place \$250 and Third place \$100. This contest will run until September 30. Alumni can register at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/alumni.

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