



## MARCH 2017 CLOVER CONNECTION



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#### March

- 2 Fairboard Meeting@ 7 PM
- 3 Grades 3-5 Winter Day Camp at Atlantic
- 5 Mardi Gras@ 2-4 PM
- 5 YAC Meeting@ 5 PM
- 9 New Member/New Parent Meeting@ 6:30-8 PM
- 11 Bucket of Junk Workshop 9 AM-12 PM
- 23 Endowment Pancake Supper@ 5 PM
- 24 K-2 Penguin Day Camp at Atlantic
- 28 Dog Project Meeting@ 7:00 PM

#### April

- 1 State Recognition Day
- 4 Endowment Meeting@ 6:30 PM
- 6 Fairboard Meeting@ 7 PM
- 8 Swine Weigh-In@ 8-11 AM
- 10 YAC@ 6:30 PM
- 14 Extension Office Closed
- 15 Youth Council Outing
- 17 FSQA Testing/Training@ 5-8 PM
- 17 K-2 Penguin Day Camp at Atlantic

#### May

- 6 Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in
- 13 Paper Form Livestock ID Deadline
- 15 Online Livestock ID Deadline
- 15 Re-enrollment Deadline

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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Extension and Outreach

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## **Record Keeping Tip of the Month**

Are you looking for new ideas to enhance your project experience and incorporate Citizenship, Communication, and Leadership activities into your project? Check out the *Sample Ideas for Communication, Citizenship, and Leadership Activities* at [www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/page/4-h-record-keeping-information](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/page/4-h-record-keeping-information). The opportunities are endless for project activities. Don't forget to record the activities you did in your project area for your record book!



## **Bucket of Junk/Mechanics Workshop—March 11**

Interested in the 4-H Mechanics project area? Did you see the awesome Bucket of Junk exhibits at the County Fair? Would you like to learn how to weld? Join us on Saturday, March 11 for the Bucket of Junk/Mechanics Workshop from 9 AM-12 PM at Weirich Welding Plus in Lewis. This hands-on workshop will give participants the opportunity to learn about Ag Mechanics, the field of welding and the Bucket of Junk contest at the 2017 Cass County Fair. Participants who are interested in the Bucket of Junk contest will be provided their 2017 contest bucket following the workshop. The buckets includes unique metal pieces to create a masterpiece by July 26. Participants can clean, weld, cut, fasten, bolt, etc. their items together to create their final product. Participants must pre-register for the workshop by Friday, March 10. Please contact the Extension Office to register for this event or if questions about the workshop or the Bucket of Junk contest. Plan to join us at Weirich Welding Plus on March 11.

## **Mardi Gras Set for March 5!**

Mark your calendars! 4-H Mardi Gras is scheduled for March 5, 2017 from 2-4 PM at the Cass County Community Center. 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.

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.

## **4-H Regional Leadership Lock-In for Grades 9-12**

Interested in meeting new friends? Want to know your personality color? Join senior level 4-Hers from Adair, Adams, Cass, Clarke, Decatur, Ringgold, Taylor and Union Counties on Saturday March 25, 2017 for the Regional Leadership Lock-In from 9 AM– 3:30 PM. Lock-In will be held at the 4-H/FFA Center on Adair County Fairgrounds in Greenfield. Some topics covered will include finding your personality color, table manners and etiquette dinner, group activities, interview skills and professional tips and lastly a dynamic speaker. There is a \$10 registration fee which covers all supplies and meal costs. Registration is due March 17 to the Adair County Extension office. For questions contact Haley Jones from Union County at 641-782-8426 or Donna Wallace from Adair County at 641-743-8412.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CASS/4H](http://EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CASS/4H)

## **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 23 to support the Cass County 4-H Program!

## **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.

FSQA Training/Testing will take place on April 17 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 Day Camp for youth in grades 4-8 on June 19 at 1 PM which will also cover 1 year of FSQA Certification no testing will be available. Surrounding areas also with training/testing include: March 14 at Greenfield, March 29 at Red Oak, and April 22 at Audubon. If you have more questions on the trainings in surrounding areas contact the extension office for more details. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Statewide, an online option is in the works as well. Once these dates and options are all confirmed, we will share them in the April 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.

## **New Member Night—March 9 @ 6:30 PM**

All new or second year 4-H members are invited to attend the New Members Night on March 9 at 6:30 PM. Bring your parents and learn about the opportunities in 4-H, learn about possible project ideas, record keeping, meet new friends, and much more! Please contact the Extension Office if you plan to attend this fun, informative event!

## **4-H PLEDGE**

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

## **2017 Swine Weigh-in**

Who: All Cass County Fair Swine Exhibitors for 2017

When: April 8 from 8-11 AM; all families who are in line by 11 AM will be allowed to weigh-in

Where: Cass County Fairgrounds; all exhibitors that wish to bring swine to the Cass County Fair for 2017 must weigh-in at this date and location.

Cost: Eartags are \$1/head. State Fair Swine tags are \$8/head. Please stop by the Extension Office before weigh-in to purchase 4-H tags. Please bring pigs already tagged and eat notched. For FFA tags contact your advisor.

There is an 80 lbs. maximum weight at Spring Weigh-in, hogs weighing over 80 lbs. will not be eligible for the Cass County Fair. No offsite weighing will be allowed. Please wear clean clothes & footwear to weigh-in.

Again like last year the 2017 Cass County Swine Show will be a non-terminal show. This allows swine exhibitors who would like to take their hogs home following livestock release the option to. Exhibitors who would like to take their swine exhibit home must complete a sale release form and turn it into the Extension Office within one hour of the completion of the swine show. All exhibitors who decide to take their animals home are encouraged to follow strict quarantine practices following the county fair. Any pigs that go through the swine sale will be sent to the packer or local locker.

If you have any questions about weigh-in procedures or rules, please contact the Extension Office or Swine Superintendent, Stacie Euken.

## **Graduating Senior Scholarships**

Attention 4-H Seniors! The Cass County Endowment Committee is offering four, \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. If you have been involved in 4-H for at least five years and are planning to pursue a level of higher education, this scholarship is for you! Applications are due to the Extension Office by **April 3.** Visit the Cass County Extension website for more information and to find the scholarship application.

## **IFAA Scholarships Available**

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA). The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two or four-year, college this fall and current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in a degree that is related to the agriculture industry.

Winners will be announced during the 2017 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on Saturday, August 19. Winner's Circle scholarship funds come from a percentage of Sale of Champions proceeds as well as Winner's Circle Club donations. Scholarship applications are due April 1 (current college students) or May 1 (graduating high school seniors), visit [www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships) for application and more information.



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## **Out of County Scholarships**

Attention 4-Her's who want to attend 4-H Camp, or State Conference, or other out of county 4-H event! The Cass County Endowment Committee is offering five, \$100 scholarships to 4-Her's who are participating in activities out of the county. Scholarships will be given on a first come first serve basis. The Committee will also place precedence on a first time attendee. Applications are due to the Extension Office by **May 15**. The application is attached in the newsletter and also can be found at the Extension Office.

## **Become a Junior Camp Counselor**

GREAT friends...GREAT memories.....GREAT leadership opportunity....GREAT for the resume and college application....GREAT role model that your campers will look up to.... GREAT chance to help younger 4-H'ers grow in their skills....What could be this GREAT?

Being a counselor at the 2017 West Field 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp is all that, and more! Volunteer to be a camp counselor June 11-17 at the Eastern NE Nebraska 4-H Camping Center, near Gretna. The camp will include campers from all across southwest Iowa from Monona County to Decatur County, Greene to Fremont County and all counties in between. **Applicants just need to be a 4-H'er and age 16 or older by June 11 in time for camp.** Counselors will need to attend the two required training sessions in late May and early June. Counselors will head up to camp the day before campers arrive, Saturday, June 10 for a workday to finish preparations for camp as well as get familiar with the important programming sites on the camp grounds. Being a camp counselor is also a great leadership opportunity as you are building your resume for college scholarships and leadership roles at school.

Fill out a counselor application from the West Field 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Jr. Camp Webpage [www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2016-west-field-4-h-5th-6th-grade-jr-camp](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2016-west-field-4-h-5th-6th-grade-jr-camp) and mail, fax or email it to the Harrison County Extension Office by Friday, April 1st to be considered for this year's GREAT Camp Leadership Team. 5th and 6th grade campers information to register will be coming soon.

## **Livestock Identification Deadline-May 15**

May is not far away, please remember, all non-market animals (dairy, dairy goat, breeding beef, horses, dogs) must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 to exhibit at county fair, state fair and AK-SAR-BEN. All paper ID forms must be turned into the Extension Office by Monday, May 15 at 4:30 PM. As always, 4-H animals can be entered in 4-H Online until 11:59 PM on May 15. We encourage you to take care of this before the evening of May 15, in case you run into questions or problems with the ID system.

You may add animals under each youth's *Animals* tab within their enrollment screen on 4-H Online. The Extension staff will enter all sheep, goats, and swine from weigh-in in 4-H Online by May 11, please log in to your animal profile and verify that information is correct before May 15. After May 15 the system does not allow changes. The information entered into 4-H Online will be the information used as the County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with ID'ing your animals or verifying your animals in 4-H Online.

If you are interested in showing a Cow/Calf exhibit or Feeder Calf at the 2017 Cass County Fair, you must ID the calf by June 15. The ID information for feeder calf is located on the bottom of the Breeding Beef ID form in the Cow/Calf section.

For any questions about ID'ing an animal for county or state fair, please contact the Extension Office.



## **Summer Assistant Opportunity**

Cass County Extension is now accepting applications for two assistants to help with summer programming. Positions will be seasonal, from approximately mid- May through mid-August 2017. See position description online for full details. Applications for summer assistant position are due by Friday, March 24. Application form can be downloaded and printed below, or picked up from the Cass County Extension Office. Please direct any questions regarding the positions to Kate Olson, Cass County Extension Program Coordinator by emailing [keolson@iastate.edu](mailto:keolson@iastate.edu) or calling 712-243-1132.

## **2017 Cass County Fair**

It will be here before we know it, 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 in the 4-H newsletter in the upcoming months for exhibit information, updated schedule, tips and important messages. Fairbooks with the final schedule will be available to families in May. We hope you are excited to make the 2017 Cass County Fair the best one yet!

## **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 presented to our exhibitors 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!

## **Little Hands on the Farm at the Iowa State Fair**

The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm display is looking for 4-H Clubs to volunteer for a shift. Little Hands on the Farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. The program helps youth connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way. The 2017 Iowa State Fair is August 10-20. Each day is divided into three shifts and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt. If your 4-H Club would like to volunteer at the Little Hands of the Farm display, please contact Emily Wynn at [ewynn@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ewynn@iowastatefair.org) to get your name on the schedule!

## **Dog Project Meeting—March 28 @ 7 PM**

If you are interested in the dog project, have exhibited your dog in the past, or want to learn more about the dog project, plan to attend the project meeting on March 28 at 7 PM at the Cass County Community Center. At this meeting we will go over project information, project tips, and discuss upcoming events & exhibitor information. Your dog is not required at this meeting. If you are interested in the dog project please plan to attend this informational meeting on March 28 at 7 PM. To RSVP or with questions contact the extension office.

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# Cass County 4-H Scholarship Application

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide post-secondary tuition funds to 4-H youth who have outstanding record of 4-H participation and achievement in the Cass County 4-H program and are wishing to pursue higher education. The scholarship is designed to award 4-H youth who have represented the 4-H program in a positive manner.

This scholarship is available to currently enrolled Cass County 4-Hers who are high school seniors. Applicants should have participated in the 4-H program for at least five years. This scholarship is sponsored by the Cass County 4-H Endowment.

**Procedure** - Applications are due **April 3** to the Cass County Extension Office, selection will be made by the Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee. Recipients of the scholarship will be announced at the High School Senior Awards Day. Recognition will also be given at 4-H County Convention in November. Scholarship checks will be written to the college in the student's name following the first semester of the recipient's freshman year.

**Selection Criteria** – Active 4-H participation, academic merit, application quality, and community involvement (selection NOT made on financial need)

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Name:

Home Address: Phone:

4-H Club: Years in 4-H:

High School Attended:

Grade Point Average: Class Rank: Date of High School Graduation:

**Answer all the following questions on no more than 3 pages.**

1. Tell your college plans for fall 2017. (name of college, major and minors)
2. Highlight at least three of the most significant project areas and/or 4-H activities during your 4-H career. Describe years involved, knowledge and skills gained, and how your involvement impacted others.
3. Explain the importance of citizenship, communication and leadership in your life.
4. Describe how the skills that you learned in 4-H have influenced you.
5. Highlight your future goals and plans.

CASS COUNTY  
OUT OF COUNTY EVENT  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Camp or Conference you plan to attend:

Why do you wish to attend this camp or conference?

How will you share your camp or conference experiences with your 4-H club and/or county?

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H'ers signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's signature

This application should be turned into the Cass County Extension Office. **All applications are due no later than May 15.** \$100 scholarships will be awarded on a **first come, first served** basis from the Cass County 4-H Endowment.