

December 2021



Beef Weigh-in

Beef weigh in will be **Saturday December 11th, 2021 from 8:00AM -10:30 AM** at the Fairgrounds Scale (*Pull in the SOUTH side, go behind the sheep & Beef barns*).

All calves coming to the weigh-in must have some type of halter on for safety purposes.

Youth Staff

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Iowa 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.

Iowa 4-H Vision

Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.

Ear tags cost \$4.00 each and Iowa State Fair retinal imaging will be \$5.00 per head.

Families will enter the animal information into 4-H Online. You will have to be enrolled and approved to enter your animal. This is for county and state fair animals. Families have until **February 1, 2022** to enter their animal identification(s) into 4-H Online. The county 4-H staff will then double-check the entries with paperwork filled out at weigh-in.

This includes putting registration numbers/breed information into the system by February 1. "Pending" for the registration number blank is not acceptable (state fair beef).

Check out the help sheet :<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/4-h-online-20-details>.

In case of inclement weather, listen to 104.9 FM and watch our 4-H Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mahaska4H. Inclement weather date is Saturday

December 18th, 2021 from 8:00AM -10:30 AM.

Please contact these superintendents if you have any questions.

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Clover Kids Corner

Clover Kids groups are in full swing. Space is still available in the Fremont and the Oskaloosa Christian afterschool Clover Kids groups if you would like to join in the fun contact Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 for enrollment information.

The cost to join Clover Kids is \$25.00 per child for the year which includes a t-shirt, monthly activities, craft, and a snack. The Month of November was sticky fun with pumpkin slime! In December the groups will be using the engineering design



process to build gingerbread houses, read *Gingerbread Baby* by Jan Brett and play around with gingerbread play doh!

It will be a deliciously fun meeting!

Winter Break Day Camps

Come Join Amy & Teale during winter break to have a lot of hands-on STEM fun!

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade students are invited to take part in STEAMblast on December 27-28 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Extension Office. Cost is only \$20.00 and includes lots of snacks, experiments, and crafts. Participants will need to bring their own lunch each day.
- 3rd - 5th grade students— are invited to take part in invent STEM on December 29 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Extension office. Cost is only \$15.00 and includes lots of snacks, hands-on activities, make 'n' take activities, and more. Participants will need to bring their own lunch.

Full details including registration, will be released on December 1st, 2021. If you have any questions about Winter Break Day Camps, please contact Amy Brainard, Youth Outreach Coordinator, at vermeerA@iastate.edu or 641-673-

Winter Clothing Drive

THANK YOU to everyone who donated coats and winter wear! We far exceeded the goal of 20 items. Thanks for helping to keep Mahaska County safe and warm this winter!



4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair.

Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend that if members are part of an *additional* special interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance combined for both will count toward the 75%.

Holiday Hours

The Extension Office will be closed for the holidays December 23 –27th and December 31st, 2021.

We will also be closed Monday January, 17th 2022 for Martin Luther King Day.

4-H Club Fundraiser Approvals

If your 4-H Club plans to complete a fundraiser this year, please fill out form by visiting , ISU Extension 4-H page - Impact tab -look for: Fundraiser Request Form.

<https://iastate.box.com/v/4HP3020>

Please be sure to submit form to Sara Martindale at the Extension office. This is to comply with the Iowa 4-H Club Financial Policy.

Record Book Awards Event

The Record book Award Event was held Saturday, November 13th at the Extension office. Mahaska County 4-H members and Leaders were recognized for their achievements in record keeping and throughout this 4-H year.

Club Secretary Award: Karlyn Scott; Jefferson Go-Getters

Treasurer: Brandon Groenendyk; Garfield Boosters

Historian: Haiden Spray & Eden Van Zante, Cedar Livestock Club Officer Awards

Sponsored by Midwest One Bank

Long Time Record Keeping: Nathan Groenendyk; Garfield Boosters

Sponsored by Farm Bureau

Mahaska Chamber Club Community Service Award: Cedar Livestock & Harrison Hustlers *Sponsored by the Mahaska Chamber & Development Group*

Awards of the Clover: 5 Years of Service – Carissa Osborn; Clover Kids; 15 Years of Service – Jim and Tina Marshall; Garfield Boosters; 20 Year of Service- Sarah Williams; M & M Peppy Pals

Make A Difference Award: Emmet Van Zante, Lane Bayliss, Ephraim Van Zante, Bryce Roquet, Natalie Swope, Eliza Van Zante, Haiden Spray, Natalie Plate, Eden Van Zante, Cayden Plate, Haylee Lehman, Kenley Alberton, Jessica Rennacker, Mira Brown, Easton Roe, Emma Bayliss, Tyler Bayliss, Sydney Bruxvoort, Olivia DeGroot, Baylen Brink, Ben De Boef, Kora Kurid, Nathan Groenendyk, Rachel Groenendyk, Brie Marshall, Garrett Wielard, Katherine Wielard & Brandon Groenendyk

Special Project Awards

Beef Awards: Junior- Rachel Groenendyk

Intermediate – Eden Van Zante Senior- Ephraim Van Zante

Sponsored by Mahaska County Cattlemen's Association

Clothing Awards: Junior – Natalie Tague *Sponsored by Kelly Pose*

Communications Awards: Junior- Olivia Degroot

Intermediate – Trenton Van Zee; Senior - Abby Drost

Sponsored by Oskaloosa Rotary

Dairy Award: Junior, Natalie Tague *Sponsored by Lely Inc.*

Dog: Junior- Brie Marshall; Intermediate – Evan Tague

Sponsored by Deb Van Engelenhoves

Horse & Pony Award: Junior - Haylee Lehman; Senior - Nicole Edgren

Sponsored by Mahaska County Saddle Club

Horticulture Awards: Juniors- Jaycee Long & Gabi Pollock

Sponsored by Mahaska County Master Gardeners

Meat/Myotonic/Bottle Goat Awards: Junior- Natalie Tague;

Intermediate - Trenton Van Zee; Senior- Nicole Edgren

Meat/Myotonic/Bottle Goat Award sponsored by Gary Verploegh and Andy Padgett

Photography Awards: Junior- Sydney Bruxvoort; Intermediate- Rachel Groenendyk;

Senior - Nicole Edgren *Sponsored by Mahaska Drug*

Poultry Award: Senior- Nicole Edgren *Sponsored by Harris Family*

Sheep Awards: Junior- Brody Ransford; Intermediate - Andrew Stodghill;

Senior - Olivia Stodghill *Sponsored by the State Bank of Bussey*

Record Book Awards Event Continued

Outstanding Awards

Junior: Brie Marshall & Madison Smith

Intermediate: Andrew Stodghill & Sydney Bruxvoort

Senior: Olivia Stodghill & Abby Drost

Junior Ag & Natural Resources: Olivia DeGroot

Intermediate Ag & Natural Resources: Brandon Groenendyk

Senior Science, Engineering, & Technology: Ephraim Van Zante

Junior Family & Consumer Science: Rachel Groenendyk

Intermediate Family & Consumer Science Awards: Trenton Van Zee

Outstanding Senior Awards

Achievement: Abby Drost

Leadership: Ephraim Van Zante & Abby Drost

Citizenship & Civic Engagement: Ephraim Van Zante

Merit: Abby Drost

Outstanding Awards are sponsored by Iowa State Extension and Outreach Mahaska County



Danforth “I Dare You” Award – Olivia Stodghill

The Danforth “I Dare You Award” is the highest Honor that any 4-H member can receive at the county level.

William H. Danforth lived with the motto “to live is to dare” and Olivia earned this award because she exhibits the same principle in her approach to 4-H and through her experiences in life.

Congratulations Olivia!

Danforth Award sponsored by Dan & Karen Adams, Mike & Amy Brainard, Nathan Crane, Farm Credit Services of America, Karie Martindale, Sara & Chad Martindale, John & Karen Kummerfeldt, Joy Prothero, & Sherrie Moore

Record Book Awards Event Continued

General Project Awards

Ag and Natural Resources: Brie Marshall, Madison Smith,

Brandon Groenendyk, Rachel Groenendyk

Animal Science/Animals: Troy Mann, Eden Van Zante, Trenton Van Zee,
Eliza van Zante, Troy Mann

Beef: Logan Gardner, Eden Van Zante, Brody Ransford,
Nathan Groenendyk,

Bottle Goat: Evan Tague, Natalie Tague, Sydney Bruxvoort

Bucket/Bottle Calf: Haylee Lehman, Jonathan Jackson, Olivia DeGroot,
Arianna Jackson, Eliza Van Zamte, Sydney Bruxvoort

Citizenship/Civic Engagement: Brandon Groenendyk

Clothing, Sewing & Fashion: Haylee Lehman, Evan Tague, Norah Zylstra,
Natalie Tague, Lydia Zylstra, Eden Van Zante, Madison Smith,
Eliza Van Zante, Rachel Groenendyk

Communications: Abby Drost, Harper McKinney, Brie Marshall,
Olivia DeGroot, Arianna Jackson,

Consumer Management: Johnathon Jackson

Dairy Cattle & Goats: Natalie Tague

Dog: Evan Tague, Brie Marshall

Food & Nutrition: JT Pollock, Gabi Pollock, Norah Zylstra, Katie Pollock,
Lydia Zylstra, Arianna Jackson, Eden Van Zante, Madison Smith,
Brandon Groenendyk, Rachel Groenendyk, Jaycee Long, Nathan Groenendyk

Home Improvement: Haylee Lehman, Mason Beane, Harper McKinney,
Aubrey Kaisand, Arianna Jackson, Jaycee Long, Nathan Groenendyk

Woodworking: Harper McKinney, Johnathon Jackson, Andrew Stodghill,
Olivia Stodghill



Record Book Awards Event Continued

General Project Awards

Horse, Pony and Mule: Haylee Lehman, Logan Gardner, Nicole Edgren, Brody Ransford

Horticulture: Gabi Pollock, Madison Smith, Jaycee Long, Sydney Bruxvoort

Leadership: Brie Marshall

Llama: Troy Mann

Meat Goats: Nicole Edgren

Mechanics: Andrew Stodghill, Olivia Stodghill

Music: Troy Mann

Photography: Katie Pollock, Nicole Edgren, Olivia DeGroot, Brody Ransford, Trenton Van Zee, Jaycee Long, Sydney Bruxvoort

Poster Communications: Rachel Groenendyk

Poultry: Mason Beane, Addison Beane, Nicole Edgren, Trenton VanZee, Addison Beane

Safety & Education in Shooting Sports: Trenton Van Zee

Science Engineering & Technology: Logan Gardner, Emmet Van Zante

Self Determined: Brandon Groenendyk

Sheep: Andrew Stodhill, Brody Ransford, Olivia Stodghill

Veterinary Science: Eliza Van Zante

Visual Arts: Andrew Stodghill, Mason Beane, Gabi Pollock, Natalie Tague, Addison Beane, Harper McKinney, Johnathon Jackson, Olivia DeGroot, Addison Beane



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4-H Enrollment



If you have not already done so, please enroll in 4-H Online 2.0.
[Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

There are help sheets for enrollment online here: [4hOnline Information for Families and Leaders](#) | [4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#) Click the link for "Family Enrollment Guide", or if you have questions, contact

Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu or call 641-673-5841 ext. 11

Enrollment fee is \$35.00 for the year. Checks can be made payable to Mahaska County Extension. We are only able to accept cash or checks at this time, online payment is not available. Checks can be mailed to Mahaska County Extension and Outreach 212 North I St., Oskaloosa, IA 52577 or put in the black drop box by the west door.



Please help us get to know you better!
We are new faces!

Please provide your name and child's name on checks and paperwork that is submitted to the Mahaska Extension office.

Family max payment is for 3 members. If you have 4 or more 4-H members in your family, the Mahaska County Extension Council has agreed to cover the remaining fees after the first 3 members.

Free Enrollment

On December 15th there will be a drawing for ...
FREE ENROLLMENT !!

Each member enrolled in 4-H Online 2.0 by the end of that day will be put in a drawing to have their enrollment fees waived for 2021-2022 4-H year.

Club Recruitment Contest

We are challenging each 4-H club to recruit as many new members as possible! We will award the club(s) with the highest percentage of growth based upon their 2020-2021 numbers with an Ice Cream Party! **This contest will end on December 31, 2021.**

Statewide Clothing and Sewing Project



IOWA 4-H ENTHUSIASTS

Clothing and Sewing



Expand your learning and skills in the
clothing and sewing project areas!

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Iowa 4-H is excited to offer a virtual club experience to those in 9th – 12th grade interested in Clothing and Sewing. The Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts will meet virtually each month and will partner with Iowa 4-H professionals and Joi Mahon, fashion entrepreneur and author, to advance their knowledge and skills in the project area while completing technical skill building challenges!

This is an opportunity for youth to gain project area skills in addition to being an active member of your 4-H club.

Registration must be completed by January 3, 2022. To register, 4-H members log into their 4-H Online profile and visit the 4-H Events tab on 4-H Online. There is no cost to register to participate and some project materials will be provided to enthusiasts.

Ricochet Update

The Oskaloosa Middle School Ricochet Leadership Group has wrapped up another great year of programs! They met weekly on early-out Wednesdays to do activities focused on leadership, decision making, communication, and stress management. They planned and implemented a Cocoa for a Cause fundraiser at Oskaloosa Middle



School to raise funds for their service project and held a wonderful one-day service project on November 23rd, 2021. They provided doughnuts and pastries for OMS staff, cleaned a local bike trail, cleaned up a parking lot at the Oskaloosa Elementary School, assisted with animals at the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter, and aided Crisis Intervention Services sorting and organizing a storage area. They have grown as a team and are effective communicators. If you are interested in learning more about the Ricochet program, please contact Amy Brainard, Youth Outreach Coordinator, at vermeerA@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841

National 4-H Agri-Science Summit



Youth in grades 9-12 can apply to be a part of the State 4-H team, led by Maya Hayslett and Lynne Campbell, for the National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit. The Summit will be in Washington D.C. from March 10-13 and selected youth will receive reduced registration and travel fee. Application deadline is January 4th. Any youth are welcome to form a team with an adult chaperone and register for the conference with travel, registration, and other expenses to be paid by the team, if not a part of the state-led team. Learn more on the [National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit page](#).

Iowa Legislative Insider

Iowa 4-H in partnership with the Iowa Extension Council Association Board of Directors would like to invite all extension council members, extension supporters and senior-level 4-H members to our annual legislative day on Wednesday, February 9.

IECA and 4-H Legislative Day is an opportunity for participants to learn and experience the legislative process. 4-H and extension council members will meet with legislators, hear from elected officials, network with one another and participate in workshops about youth rights, civil discourse, and youth-adult partnerships.

If you are interested in participating contact Sara at saram2@iastate.edu

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

2022 College Scholarships
NOW OPEN

Apply Today

Click the link to find out more information about how to apply:
[Scholarships - Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](https://iowa4hfoundation.org)

Cont. Beef Superintendent Contact Info

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Kyle Shaw (638-0407)

Clayton Hester (295-5013)

Advanced Feeder Pen Superintendents:

Dave Willemssen (780-1398)

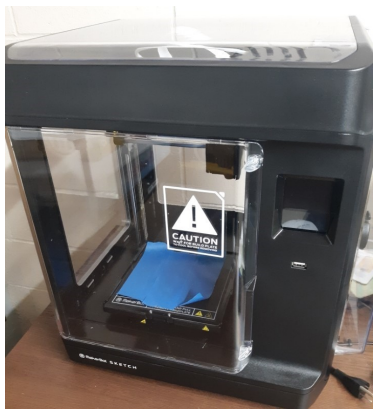
Byron Eekhoff (660-9110)

Glenn Van Wyk (780-3112)

Carcass Beef Superintendents:

Heather Shaw (670-0107)

4-H Maker Lab Feature: 3-D Printers



The 4-H Maker Lab is located in the lower-level of the Extension Office next to the 4-H Room. This month lets take a look at the 3-D Printers that you can use when you visit the maker lab.

Print out designs we have ready to go in the Maker Lab or come up with your own! There is no limit to what you can create!

Anyone of any age may use the Maker Lab. Clubs are welcome to schedule workshops, homeschool groups can schedule STEM time, or individuals can set up appointments to stop in and check out everything we have to offer!



There will be a cost for some supplies and materials.

To schedule a visit, please contact Amy Brainard, Youth Outreach Coordinator, at vermeerA@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 ext. 28.



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