

Mahaska County 4-H News

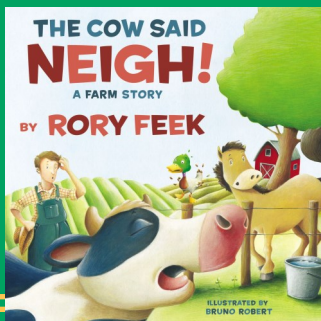
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Book of the Month:



From the CYC's Corner!

October = National 4-H Week

As we are in the full swing of the new 4-H year, it means that our lives are getting busy and overloaded with all of the fun activities that our families are involved in. Along the way we meet new people and gain new friendships but at times worry about the next best thing. In this month's book "The Cow Said Neigh" by Rory Feek we run into the same issue but with farm animals. This lively group of farm animals want to have the same experiences as their friends. This leads to a wild confusion for the farmer because all his animals end up making different noises.

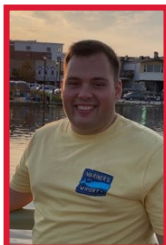
The lesson in this book is that it is okay to want to experience something new but it is important to remember the things that we already have. As we go through this 4-H year, I challenge you to try something new, meet some new friends, and remember to laugh along the way but always remember the experiences that have brought you to where you are.

If you would like to read "The Cow Said Neigh" here is the [link for an online read along](#).



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LAST CALL: Annual Volunteer Training

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

We will hold our Annual Volunteer Training and Fall Leader's Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Auditorium at the Extension Office.



RSVP's were due on September 26 BUT if you missed the deadline for any reason please contact the Extension Office so we can get you signed-up.

We appreciate a knowing a head count for catering a meal for this training.

Remember it is a requirement from Iowa 4-H for club leaders, project leaders, clover kid leaders, and group leaders to attend an annual leader training. This training will satisfy that requirement.

We look forward to seeing all of our leaders on October 4th!!!

Iowa 4-H Giving Day



Scan here to support
Mahaska County 4-H!

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Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. And this year Mahaska 4-H is taking part in Iowa 4-H Day of Giving - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community.

We need your help! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference. By having our awesome families in Mahaska County spread the word; there is no doubt we will reach our goal of \$3000 and 10 donors. Dollars raised on Iowa 4-H Giving Day go directly to the Mahaska County 4-H Program and provide other opportunities such as state recognition, national 4-H trips, college scholarships and special programs, which enhance the Iowa 4-H experience.

Get ready to give! On October 4, share and visit our Mahaska 4-H page at <https://www.iowa4hgivingday.org/organizations/mahaska-county-4-h>. Please share this link with anyone you feel would be interested in helping support our 4-H program. All giving will end at 12:00PM on October 5th, so make sure to get your gift in on time!

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact the Extension Office. Thank you for helping spread the word about Iowa 4-H Giving day.



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National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2022

4-H Week Self-Challenge



We have heard some of the awesome things our clubs are doing for National 4-H Week. Those include sending thank you cards, setting up classroom visits, and even putting out PSAs on the radio. Even if your club is planning different activities for 4-H week; we wanted to offer a 4-H Week Self-Challenge. This is an opportunity for all 4-H members to spread the word about 4-H and share the awesome experience they have with the program. Remember that you all are the best promoters of 4-H because of your experiences. Below is challenge for each day of the week. We challenge you to try at least one or all five. If you have other ideas on spreading the word about 4-H feel free to tackle them. The opportunities for promoting our organization are endless.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4-H Spirit Monday: Wear your 4-H gear and show your 4-H spirit.	Give Thanks Tuesday: Thank those that help you in 4-H and show your appreciation by sending a thank you card. Tuesday is Iowa 4-H Giving Day; so spread the word and share with our supporters.	Words of Wisdom Wednesday: Ask a parent, mentor, or leader for any advice or stories they have about being successful in the future.	Throwback Thursday: Share a memorable experience or your favorite 4-H memory with a friend.	Find a Friend Friday: Recruit someone new to join 4-H.

LAST CALL: Newsletter by Mail

If you would like to receive the monthly 4-H newsletter by mail the deadline has been extended. Please pay a \$10.00 annual subscription fee to the Extension office **by October 14, 2022** and we will add you to our mailing list for the upcoming year. An annual subscription is good from October 2022-September 2023. Newsletter by mail subscriptions will not be accepted after the **October 14** deadline.



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2022-2023 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment is NOW OPEN!!!

- ★ **Enrollment is open via 4-H Online 2.0** [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) All enrollments; including Clover Kids, 4-H members, and leaders needs to be entered in 4-H Online this year.

There are help sheets for enrollment online here: [4hOnline Information for Families and Leaders | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://4honline.iastate.edu) Click the link for "Family Enrollment Guide", or if you have questions, contact the Extension Office by emailing mahaska4h@iastate.edu or call 641-673-5841.

- ★ There is an annual program fee of \$35 to enroll in 4-H. But thanks to Mahaska County Farm Bureau, 4-H members will only have to pay \$30 for enrollment because Farm Bureau is donating a \$5 scholarship for each 4-H member!

Also new this year, we will be accepting online payments for 4-H enrollment. We are STRONGLY ENCOURAGING all families to pay their enrollment fees online when they enroll. When entering your enrollment there will be a section for fees. At this point you will need to enter a credit card. **If you submit your enrollment with out entering a credit card you will have to submit cash or check.** Cash or check payments should be submitted to the Extension Office via mail, mailbox, or in-person. Please indicate the child you are paying for, Once we receive your payment, your enrollment will be approved. Information on how to pay online can be found on page 7 of Family Enrollment Guide linked above.

If you feel that this fee would constitute an undue financial burden, financial aid is available from the Mahaska County 4-H Foundation. Please contact the Extension Office for assistance.

- ★ In order to be eligible to exhibit at Southern Iowa Fair in 2023, enrollment in 4-H Online 2.0 and program fee must be paid by Jan.1 2023 for all previously enrolled Mahaska County 4-H members. New 4-H members have until May15th, 2023.
- ★ As the new year starts, leader's make sure that you are re-enrolling as well. This helps make sure that we have your contact information correct and ensures your are covered in all situations. If you're not sure which type of leader role you have, you'll need to know when completing your 4-H Online registration. See the descriptions below:

Club Leader (Direct & Ongoing) - This is for primary leaders or co-leaders of clubs/groups. This leader type will grant you access to club information in 4-H Online. (This is the "Organizational" Leader role.) Once club leaders are enrolled and approved they will be given access to login in to 4-H Online and see their club's information.

Club Leader Assistant (Direct & Ongoing) - This is for an assistant club leader. This will grant you access to club information in 4-H Online. (This is a leader who assists the Organizational Club Leader, but is not the point of contact for the club.)

Project Leader (Direct & Ongoing) - This is for volunteers who lead (or meet regularly for) a specific project area within a 4-H club.

Group Volunteers (Direct & Ongoing) - This is for volunteers who interact with youth in public or group settings (This is the "Activity" Leader role).

- ★ As always if you have any questions or are wanting to be a new volunteer in our 4-H program please reach out and we will be happy to point in the right direction. You can email xmahaska@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841.



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Clover Kids– HELP NEEDED!



Clover Kid registration is open NOW via 4-H Online. **Clover Kid meetings will begin officially in November because we are in need of volunteers for several clubs to the meet 6 kids for every adult ratio set by Iowa 4-H.**

Cost to join Clover Kids will be \$25.00 for the year which includes a t-shirt, monthly activities, and snacks at our monthly meetings. Each month will consist of a new lesson that will include activities and crafts. Unfortunately, children who are enrolled in Kinder-Prep are not eligible, only those who are enrolled in Kindergarten-3rd grade students are eligible.

If you are willing to volunteer for Clover Kids for 2022-2023, we are still looking for volunteers!

Below is our need for volunteers:

- ★ **Oskaloosa Clover Kids** (meets 2nd Tuesday from 4:30-5:30pm at the Extension Office): This group needs 1-2 more volunteers.
- ★ **Oskaloosa Christian Clover Kids** (meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 3:15-4:15pm at the Christian School Music Room): This club needs a Club Leader and 1 volunteer.
- ★ **Eddyville Clover Kids** (meets the 1st Thursday of each month from 3:15-4:15pm at the Eddyville Elementary School): This club needs 2-3 more volunteers.
- ★ **Fremont Clover Kids** (meets the 1st Thursday of each month from 3:15-4:15pm at the Fremont School): This club needs a Club Leader.
- ★ **North Mahaska Clover Kids** (meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Friends Church in New Sharon): This club needs 1-2 more volunteers.

All new volunteers will need to complete a background check and training depending on the role of the volunteer. Clover Kids volunteers can be anyone that has a passion in working with our youth of younger ages such parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles. You name it! Clover Kids is a unique program because the Extension Office puts together the plans including kits and snacks for the program and your role as a volunteer is to carry out the meeting based on the plans.

Interested in participating or volunteer for Clover Kids in 2022-2023? Contact Dustin Winkelman at dwinkel@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841.



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Honor Council

4-H Honor Council applications were due **September 22**. The new Honor Council members will be notified shortly. Be on the lookout if you applied.

When we make notification of your acceptance we will also let you know when the first meeting will be held. We are still working out the details on meeting dates and will keep all Honor Council members up to date.

Remember that the \$35.00 4-H enrollment fee for all Honor Council participants will be waived! Honor Council members will be required to attend at least 75% of the club's meetings and/or activities and assist with at least 4 events at the county fair. Council is led by Dustin Winkelman and Megan VerSteegh.

County Awards & Record Books

**Award Applications & Records
are due Friday, October 7, 2022!**



The Mahaska County 4-H Record Book and Award Applications are available at the Extension office and on our website listed below. Some applications and record book forms are changed from last year, so please be sure you're using the correct form this year. Forms can be found on our website. Any 4-H member may apply for 4-H awards as long as they meet the minimum criteria for the award in which they are applying. Record Books must be completed in order to apply for county 4-H awards. Record Book and Award Applications are due **Friday, October 7, 2022**.

Record Book Checklist Link:

www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/NEW%20Record%20Book%20Checklist.pdf

Award Applications & Other Record Book Worksheets Link:

www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms



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Huge Shout Out & Thank You!



A huge shout out and thank you to the Mahaska County Farm Bureau for sponsoring a \$5 scholarship for each 4-H member this year which will bring down member dues to \$30! Please take some time and thank Farm Bureau for this generous donation. We ask that all families send a thank you card to Farm Bureau. Below is their address.

Mahaska County Farm Bureau: 214 N G St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Superintendent Openings

We are currently on the search for a poultry superintendent. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a poultry superintendent please send them our way.

All superintendents work as a committee with the other current superintendents throughout the year. Decisions are made as a group and then approved by the 4-H Staff, Extension Council, and Fair Board. Volunteers must complete and pass an ISU Extension background screening and be approved by the Mahaska County Extension Council. Please contact Dustin Winkelman at 641-673-5841 or dwinkel@iastate.edu if you are interested.



Correspondence Preferences

As you start enrolling for the 2022-2023 4-H; please make sure to have a family email listed in your profiles. The Extension office sends important information through email broadcast through 4-H online and the best way to ensure you are receiving these emails is to have an email entered in your family profile. Families (including members and volunteers), please log into 4HOnline to update your family's correspondence. After you log in to your family account, please click the Edit Family button within the gray rectangular box.

As you may have noticed; there has been Weekly Updates sent through 4-H Online each week. These are just supposed to be quick email updates of important due dates and information coming up in the next week. They will always be sent out each Friday to help you prepare for the upcoming week. This is going to be trial year, for the Weekly Updates. We will assess how valuable they are for families come next September. These are NOT meant to replace the newsletter but instead meant to supplement it and add an extra form of regular communications with our families.



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**ISU Mahaska County Extension and Outreach
and Mahaska County Farm Bureau
Present:**



Small plates featuring locally grown products

Gather with friends and neighbors for delicious, fresh food!

**October 6, 2022
6:00 PM**

\$28.00 per person

**At the Southern
Iowa Fairgrounds**

**Ticket includes
beverages, appetizer,
entrees and dessert**

**For more information and to
register, go to Mahaska County
Farm Bureau Facebook or Mahaska
County Extension Facebook
Register by Sept 29, 2022**

**[https://tickets.midwestix.com/event/
farm-to-table-10-6-22/listing](https://tickets.midwestix.com/event/farm-to-table-10-6-22/listing)**



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2022 4-H Awards Banquet



4-H AWARDS BANQUET

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

MAHASKA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AUDITORIUM

1:00 PM

Reasonable Accommodation Practice

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PRACTICES As part of its duties under the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 ("ADAAA") and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide reasonable accommodations to its "policies, practices, or procedures" when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming to participants with a qualifying disability. It will also provide auxiliary aids and services when they are necessary to provide equal access. The process has the following five stages: (1) completion of the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms, (2) participants and parents are sent an agenda for the eligibility team meeting, (3) the eligibility meeting is conducted, (4) a determination letter is sent to participants, and (5) possible reassessment for future events. To access forms or learn more visit the [Iowa State University Diversity and Civil Rights website](#).



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