

Cass County 4-H & Clover Kid Clover Connection April 2024



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April

- 1 4-H Workshop @ Cass County Community Building 1-4pm
- 2 Youth Action Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- 4 Fairboard @ 7pm
- 5 Broilers & Rate of Gain Pen of 3 Poultry Order **due** to Poultry Superintendent
- 6 Swine Weigh-in @ 8:00am-11:00am
- 13 Bucket of Junk Workshop 9:00-11:00am @ Weirich Welding - **RSVP 4/10**
- 14 Youth Council @ 5:00pm
- 15 **Deadline** to submit recipes for 75th fairgrounds anniversary cookbook
- 15 Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- 21 SOFA Planning Committee @ Adair Extension Office 1:00pm

May

- 1 Youth Action Committee @ 5:30pm
- 2 Animal Identification Help @ Extension Office 12:30-6:30pm
- 2 Fairboard @ 7:00pm
- 4 Sheep Weigh-in @ Cass County Fairgrounds 8:00am-10:00am
- 4 Goat Weigh-in @ Cass County Fairgrounds 10:30am-12:00noon
- 8 Animal Identification Help @ Extension Office 12:30-6:00pm
- 12 Youth Council @ 5:00pm
- 15 SOFA Bus Trip Registration Due - Endowment grant funding possible!
- 15 Animal Identification Help @ Extension Office 12:30-6:00pm
- 15 **Enrollment Deadline** to exhibit in 4-H/Clover Kids at the 2024 Cass County Fair
- 15 **Animal Identification Deadline** Online or paper copies to exhibit at Fair
- 18 Kids Explore Down on the Farm @ YMCA 8:00am-11:00am
- 26 SOFA Planning Committee @ Cass Extension Office 1:00pm
- 29 Animal Science Day Camp YQCA training for 4-6th graders 1:00-4:00pm @ Cass County Community Building
- 30-31 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-12noon K-2nd Grade @ Cold Springs
- 30 Kick off Summer Programming at Atlantic Library 3:00-5:00pm

June

- 3-4 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-12noon K-2nd Grade @ Lake Anita
- 6 Fair Entry Help @ Extension Office 12:30-6:30pm
- 6 Fairboard 7:00pm
- 7 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00-4:00pm 3rd-5th Grade @ Lake Anita
- 9 Youth Council @ 5:00pm
- 10 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00-4:00pm 3rd-5th Grade @ Cold Springs
- 11-12 Speak Out For Agriculture Bus Trip to Iowa State University
- 14 Club 4-Her's for 4-H donations due to the Extension Office
- 14 Cow/Calf & Feeder Calf Paper identification due to Extension Office
- 15 **Feeder Calf Identification Due Online system locks at midnight**
- 17 Fair Entry Help @ Extension Office 12:30-6:30pm
- 17 **Pre-Fair Activities Fair Entry Due Online** (by midnight) **or paper forms** to the Extension Office by 6:30pm (Pre-Fair Activities include: Clothing Selection Fashion Revue, Table Setting, King & Queen Contest)
- 17 Club Fair Participation Charts Due to Extension Office by 6:30pm
- 18-19 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-Noon K-2nd Grade @ Camblin Addition
- 18-19 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 1:00pm-4:00pm K-2nd Grade @ Camblin Addition
- 21 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00-4:00pm 3rd-5th Grade @ Camblin Addition
- TBD Cass County Horse Invitational
- TBD Horse Practices
- TBD Dog Practices



APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 4-H Workshop @ Cass County Community Building 1-4pm Cass County 4-H Endowment Scholarships DUE 4:30pm	1 Submit recipes for 75th cookbook Endowment Committee 5:30pm	2	3 RSVP for Bucket of Junk Workshop by 4:30pm	4 Fairboard @ 7pm	5 Broilers & Rate of Gain Pen of 3 Poultry Order due to Poultry Superintendent	6 Swine Weigh-in 8:00am-11:00am
7	8 	9	10 Anita Public Library Outreach 1:30-2:30pm	11	12	13 Bucket of Junk Workshop 9-11am Weirich Welding Plus
14 Youth Council 5:00pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 SOFA Planning @ Adair County Extension	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2 Katie available to help with online identifications 12:30-6:30pm Fairboard @ 7pm	3	4

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2 Katie available to help with identification 12:30-6:30pm Fairboard @ 7pm	3	4 Sheep Weigh-in 8:00am-10:00am Goat Weigh-in 10:30-12:00pm
5	6	7	8 Katie available to help with identification 12:00-6:00pm	9	10	11
12 Youth Council 5:00pm	13	14	15 Livesock Identification Due Katie available to help with identification 12:00-6:00pm Member Enrollment Due to exhibit at fair	16	17	18 Kids Explore Down on the Farm @ YMCA 8:00am-11:00am
19	20	21	22 Anita Public Library Outreach 1:30-2:30pm	23	24 Rabbit Workshop 201 6:30pm Cass Comm Building	25
26 SOFA Planning @ Cass County Extension	27	28	29 Animal Science Day Camp 4-6th Graders 1:00-4:00pm	30	31 Annual Leader Training DUE	1 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-Noon K-2nd Grade @ Cold Springs

County 4-H Endowment thanks for all contributions March 12th

This year's Pancake Supper was a huge success, we raised over \$5,500! That is more than last year! All 11 of the 4-H Clubs donated a silent auction item plus community organizations dropped items off too. We had 25 baskets for people to bid on, this is outstanding! Thank you for making this happen this year, it will be exciting to see what kind of records we can break at the 2025 Pancake Supper!

The Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee also extends a challenge to all 4-H Clubs to donate locally to our Endowment Fund when you also talk about donating to 4-Her's for 4-H.



4-Her's for 4-H

For almost 40 years, Iowa 4-H have raised dollars for the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, one of the nation's longest running youth campaigns FOR 4-H'ers BY 4-H'ers!

The members of the State 4-H Council Youth Philanthropy Committee, would like to invite all clubs to be a part of this year's campaign! Their goal is to raise \$27,000 this year equating to \$4 per member.

Additional information, including a Club Donation form can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/4-h-ers-for-4-h

Last year 8 Clubs donated to 4-Her's for 4-H and 4 clubs donated to Cass County 4-H Endowment Fund. Consider making these donations at club meetings this spring! 4-Her's for 4-H donations are due to the county office by June 14, 2024.

SOFA Bus Trip

Speak Out For Agriculture (SOFA) is taking a 2-day trip to Central Iowa and staying overnight at Iowa State University this year! The trip will take place on June 11-12, 2024. The trip this year will tour Hawkeye Breeders in Adel, John Deere Works in Ankeny, Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City and ISU.

Who: This trip is open to youth in Adair, Cass, Pottawattamie County Youth who will have completed 8-12th grade spring 2024. Youth must be at least 13 years old by June 12th to go on this year's trip due to John Deere Works Tour Requirements. Waivers need to be filled out ahead of trip departure June 11th.

When: The bus will pickup and drop off from the Cass County Extension Office (805 W 10th Street, Atlantic) or Home Store & More (202 SW Kent St, Greenfield) June 11th and 12th.

Cost: \$75 a person checks payable to Adair County Extension or Cass County Extension.

Registration: Complete the Registration Form and waivers which can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/4h>. Register online, or return paper forms to Adair or Cass County Extension Office. There are limited number of seats are available per county. Once spots are filled, youth will be placed on a waitlist.

Thanks to the 2024 Planning Committee for putting together a fantastic trip this year! Members include Derek Raasch (Adair), Jacquie Freund (Cass), Leah Brownlee (Adair), Lily Johnson (Cass), Miraylie Stuart (Cass), Natalie Smith (Cass), Olivia Olson (Cass), Taylor Rohrig (Adair), Tucker Rohrig (Adair), and Wyatt Roane (West Pottawattamie). If you are interested in learning more about the trip, or how to become a member of planning committee any of our current members would be happy to tell you!



Bucket of Junk Workshop

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, April 13 for the Bucket of Junk/ Mechanics Workshop from 9 AM-11 AM 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 Fair. Participants who are interested in the Bucket of Junk contest will be provided their contest bucket following the workshop. The buckets include unique metal pieces to create a masterpiece by July 24.

Participants must pre-register for the workshop by Wednesday, April 10. If you are not able to attend, you can still pick up a bucket after the workshop date to create your Bucket of Junk. The number of buckets are limited, and handed out on a first come first serve basis. There will be a waitlist available. Call the Extension Office at 712-243-1132 or email kbateman@iastate.edu.

75th Anniversary Fair Cookbook

In celebration of the 75th Fair on these grounds, Fairboard has a group of volunteers assembling a commemorative cookbook to celebrate the occasion. Recipes are being collected from 4-H and FFA families, community members, groups involved in the fair, as well as the fair food stand.

Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter is asked to submit a minimum of 10 recipes, one for each of the following categories. Please email ritterfam_3@yahoo.com or thornton921@hotmail.com recipes by April 15th.

- ◆ Appetizers & Beverages
- ◆ Bread & Rolls
- ◆ Canning & Freezing
- ◆ Main Dishes
- ◆ Desserts
- ◆ Side Dishes
- ◆ Salads & Dressings
- ◆ Miscellaneous

Special memories about the recipe, 4-H/FFA experience or the Cass County Fair may also be included in the cookbook. Be sure to add that in the email if you wish to have it printed.

Recipes and memories will be reviewed by the organizers for what is printed in the cookbook. Questions? Contact Natalie Ritter or Brenda Hansen at the emails listed above.

Explore the Jungle of Opportunities at Youth Conference!

June 25-27, 2024 at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Youth who have completed 8th grade-12th grade are welcome! Registration opens in April through 4-HOnline! Cost is \$225, financial assistance is available through County/State 4-H Endowment. Call the Extension Office for more information 712-243-1132.

Approximately 500 teenagers attend this conference, 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities. *You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference, bring a friend with you!* You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents and meet new people through educational workshops, teambuilding activities, and a talent show. If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the [Animal Science ROUND-UP](#) track! You get to identify what areas you are interested in for workshops so that each day you get to explore a new topic of learning. You can select multiple project areas if you want to get more variety of learning topics while you're on campus. Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!



Animal Identification Requirements

Exhibiting your animals at county fair is a multi-step process. We use two main programs throughout the year, 4-HOnline and FairEntry. 4-HOnline is for 4-H members to enroll themselves, and add projects so they can get emails and updates related to their interests. This is also where 4-H animals are identified to be eligible to show at county fair. FairEntry is where final entries are made and what staff use during fair week to check in animals and make show programs. Cass County 4-H and FFA members will be responsible for making their own entries for the 2024 Cass County Fair in FairEntry this year. FFA animals will be identified in FairEntry this year! You can also stop by the extension office (805 West 10th Street in Atlantic) for help with identification. If you have questions about this, please contact the Extension Office.



New this year: All animals must be identified online by May 15th to make the Fair Entry process easier in June. This is new for Pets, Poultry and Rabbits identification lets us know how many animals you plan to bring. All animals must be identified online; for these animals, it can be as simple as adding the correct number of animals along with a form of identification. Identifier may be “Chicken 1” or “Fluffy”. Additional details will be available as deadlines get closer, please reach out to the extension office if you have any questions, 712-243-1132 or kbateman@iastate.edu.

YQCA Training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification is required for all livestock exhibitors (beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine) at county and state fair. YQCA can be completed anytime by taking an online course. Youth should complete the training for the age they will be in 2024. Exhibitors in 4-H and FFA can log into their profile, or create at yqca.org. New exhibitors will need to create a profile. If you have forgotten your password, follow the steps to reset it. The Extension Office cannot connect to your account to assist with password reset, signing up for trainings, or verifying certificate completion. Certificates are not in 4-HOnline.

Members are responsible for signing up, paying for, completing pre-test and post-test, and downloading certificate to send to the Extension Office. If you are not comfortable putting a credit card online, you may come to the office to pay with cash or check and we will provide you with a code. All members will have to pay for their certification this year, contact us if cost is a concern.

In person training for 4th through 6th graders Animal Science Day Camp will be held from 1:00-4:00pm on Wednesday, May 29th at the Cass County Community Building in Atlantic. **Register online and complete pre-test ahead of the daycamp at yqcaprogram.org**

Rabbit Project Workshop

Superintendent, Justin Retallic is hosting a Rabbit 201 Workshop at the Cass County Community Building on Friday, May 24th at 6:30pm. This is a workshop designed to help returning rabbit exhibitors expand their knowledge and comfort level handling their rabbits. All are welcome to attend, RSVP is helpful by Wednesday, May 22nd at 4:30pm to account for snacks and print-outs. You are welcome to bring your rabbit too!



This countywide workshop is worth one banner point for your club. To RSVP, or ask questions call the office at 712-243-1132 or email Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu.

New: Rabbits need to be identified online before May 15th. See additional information above on “Animal ID Requirements” or reach out to Katie kbateman@iastate.edu 712-243-1132



Swine Weigh-in and Updates

All swine that you wish to exhibit at the 2024 Cass County Fair must attend weigh-in on April 6th from 8:00am until 11:00am. Please stop by the Extension Office before weigh-in to purchase 4-H tags and bring animals already tagged and ear notched.

Cost: 4-H tags are \$3.00 each. FFA tags are free. 4-H State Fair DNA punch tags are an additional \$8.00. Talk to FFA advisor for FFA State Fair procedure.

Identify Animals: After weigh-in members have until May 15th to identify animals online. 4-H members need to identify animals through 4-HOnline. FFA members will identify animals through Fair Entry.

Below lists the rule changes for swine this year. All other rules for the swine department remain the same. Last year's fairbook can be found online at, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair>. If you have questions, contact the superintendent, fairboard member, or the Extension Office at 712-243-1132 or kbateman@iastate.edu.

1. All hogs (breeding and market) must go through the mandatory spring weigh-in to be eligible to show.
Families can choose to walk hogs across the scale or carry them for biosecurity purposes. Please plan accordingly. Market hogs must weigh 130 pounds or less at spring weigh-in to be eligible for Grand Champion contention at county fair. Breeding gilts must attend spring weigh-in and be tagged but will have no max weight.
12. Hair and skin products may be used, no oil based products are allowed. The use of ice water is strictly prohibited.
15. The packer reserves the right to test and zero value the whole load if (ractopamine) substance is found. This will affect the price paid to exhibitors and will not be the responsibility of Fairboard to make up the difference. Due to the current ban on ractopamine it is encouraged that you use a ractopamine-free feed. Paylean can pass from one animal to another through dust or manure, please be respectful of other exhibitors with animals going to market in the barn.

Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-in

All Sheep and Meat Goats planning to exhibit at the 2024 Cass County Fair or State Fair must attend weigh-in on May 4th, see times below. Please stop by the Extension Office before weigh-in to purchase 4-H tags and bring already tagged

Sheep Weigh-In: 8:00am-10:00am. County and State fair must be in line no later than 10:00am.

Goats Weigh-In: 10:30am-12:00pm. State Fair animals between 11:30am-12:00pm.

Cost: 4-H tags are \$3/head for county fair. Retinal scans are \$5/head for State Fair nomination. FFA County Fair tags can be picked up at the Extension Office at no cost. Talk to FFA advisor for FFA State Fair procedure.

Identify Animals: Families are responsible for identifying animals online following weigh-in before May 15th. 4-H members need to identify animals through 4-HOnline. FFA members will identify animals through Fair Entry.

Last year's fairbook can be found online at, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair>. There are no major changes for the 2024 Cass County Fair. If you have questions, contact the superintendent, fairboard member, or the Extension Office at 712-243-1132 or kbateman@iastate.edu.



Cass County Fair Important Dates

Mark your calendars for **July 24-July 30** for the 2024 Cass County Fair! This fair will be the 75th fair we have had on these grounds. We are planning some special activities, stay tuned!



Swine Weigh-in: April 6th from 8:00am-11:00am

Sheep Weigh-in: May 4th County and State Fair 8:00am-10:00am

Goat Weigh-in: May 4th County 10:30am-12:00pm; State Fair 11:30-12:00pm

Breeding Beef, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Pets, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine

Identified Online: May 15th

Feeder Calves Identified online or paper forms to the office: June 15th.

Pre-Fair Activities (Table Setting, Clothing Selection & Fashion Revue, Royalty) Entries due: June 17th

Club Participation Charts due: June 17th

Fair Entries Due: July 1st

YQCA Certificate on file at the Cass County Extension Office: July 1st

Table Setting Judging: July 11th

Clothing Selection Fashion Revue (CSFR) Judging: July 16th

King and Queen Pre-liminary Judging: July 18th

Fair Set-up: Sunday, July 21st

For questions on any of these dates, please reach out to Katie for clarification, kbateman@iastate.edu or call 712-243-1132.

Club Challenges by Youth Council

The County 4-H Youth Council is challenging clubs to a photo scavenger hunt. They would like club members/officer/leaders to submit photos of club members completing the following list of tasks to Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu. The club that has the most items completed by August 30, 2024 or the first one to complete all, will receive a special treat at County 4-H Awards Convention in November.

The purpose of this project is to expand on what activities clubs currently have planned and so younger members can get more experience understanding what 4-H is about. Each 4-H activities clubs do can all relate back to our 4-H Pledge.

Club Challenges:

- Completing a community service project
- Member(s) learning a new skill
- Members baking together
- Show what leadership looks like in your club
- Participating in Club Recreation
- On a club tour exploring the community
- Member(s) giving a presentation
- Fun workshop hosted by the club
- Collect Pop Tabs for Jacy (turn in to extension office by June 14th)

Submit photos to kbateman@iastate.edu no later than August 30th with a description of what challenge your club is completing. Pop tabs must be turned in by June 14, 2024 to be part of the Iowa 4-H State contribution counted at State 4-H Conference.

2023-2024 County 4-H Youth Council Members: Maddy Anderson, Makayla Atkinson, Parker Brock, Aly Dreager, Jacquie Freund, Ada Hansen, Brock Henderson, Lily Johnson, Leah Ohms, Olivia Olson, Claire Pellett, Callee Pellett, Claire Schroder, Miraylie Stuart, Kailey Swain.



Project vs Exhibit

What is the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit? We get asked this question quite a bit as fair gets closer every year. Each year, 4-H members enroll in project areas that interest them. They set goals to plan what they will learn in each project area. Project work is reported for the whole year in your record book. When they bring things to fair to show what they learned, these are called exhibits.

As a 4-H member, it's important to know the difference between the project areas you enroll in at the beginning of the 4-H year, and the exhibits you are working on as you begin to plan what you will bring to fair. Project work might include exhibits at fair, but doesn't have to!

Project Definition: Broad topic you can learn and explore within. Practice goal setting, managing, and responsibilities related to project area. Learn about materials/equipment, and try a variety of techniques.

Project Examples: Food & Nutrition, Visual Arts, Animal Science, Photography, Clothing & Fashion, or Beef

Exhibit Definition: Things you make or do to share what you learned. You may choose to bring the exhibit to the county fair. The exhibit should be the best example of the project area growth this program year with knowledge and skills gained.

Exhibit Examples: Plate of Muffins, Clay pot, Animal Grooming Poster, Clothing Contest, or Showing animal at fair

Goat Workshop

Superintendent Chris Scholl plans to host a Goat Workshop this spring after weigh-in May 4th. More information will be provided in future newsletters and at county weigh-in.

Cass County 4-H Endowment Grants & Scholarships to apply for

Thanks to our annual 4-H Pancake supper, the Cass County 4-H Endowment fund annually supports 4-H members attend out of county activities as well as college scholarships. Members planning to attend workshops, trips, or conferences outside of Cass County can apply for up to \$100 grants to attend! Complete the short application on our website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/4h>, and turn it into the Extension Office at least one month before the event. Once its approved, we will send a check to the opportunity.

Reach out to Katie for additional details, kbateman@iastate.edu

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