

Cass County 4-H Clover Connection March 2024



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2023-2024 County 4-H Council Lock-in Team Building Activity



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YAC @ 5:30pm
Office Closes at 1pm - Professional Development
Office Closed - Professional Development
Fairboard @ 7PM
Deadline to drop off Silent Auction Items for the Pancake Supper 4:30pm
Youth Council @ 5:00pm
Cass County 4-H Endowment Pancake Supper @ Cass County Community Building 4:30pm-7:30pm
SOFA Planning Committee Meeting @ Cass Extension 1:00pm
Outdoor Adventure day camp grades 3-5 @ Griswold RSVP by 3/14
Rabbit Workshop 101 @ Cass Community Building 6:30pm
Swine Workshop 101 @ Cass Community Building 6:30pm
YQCA In person training 6:00-8:00pm Cass County Community Building - sign up ahead of time at yqcaprogram.org
Office Closed - Holiday</p> |
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21</p> | <p>4-H Workshop @ Cass County Community Building 1-4pm RSVP 3/27
Fairboard @ 7pm
Broilers & Rate of Gain Pen of 3 Poultry Order due to Poultry Superintendent
Swine Weigh-in @ 8:00am-11:00am
Bucket of Junk Workshops 9:00-11:00am @ Weirich Welding - RSVP 4/10
Youth Council @ 5:00pm
Deadline to submit recipes for 75th fairgrounds anniversary cookbook
SOFA Planning Committee @ Adair Extension Office 1:00pm</p> |
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MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1 Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due DEADLINE	2
3	4 YAC @ 5:30pm	5 Office Closes at 1pm 	6 Office Closed - Professional Development	7 Fairboard @ 7pm	8 Drop off silent auction items to Extension Office 	9
10 Youth Council 5:00pm	11	12 Endowment 4-H Pancake Supper 4:30-7:30pm	13	14 DEADLINE Register for Outdoor Adventure Camp 3/20	15	16 Kids Explore Careers @ YMCA 8-11am 
17 SOFA Planning Committee @ Cass County Extension	18	19 DEADLINE RSVP for Rabbit & Swine 101 Workshops	20 Outdoor Adventure Camp 3-5 grade 9-4pm @ Griswold Community Center	21	22  Rabbit Workshop 101 6:30pm Cass Comm Building	23  Swine Workshop 101 6:30pm Cass Comm Building
24	25 75th Fairgrounds Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm	26  YQCA Training 6:00PM Cass County Community Building. Sign up online!	27 DEADLINE  RSVP for 4-H workshop April 1st	28	29 Office Closed - Holiday 	30
31  4-H Workshop @ Cass County Community Building 1-4pm	1	2	3	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 

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31  DEADLINE	1 4-H Workshop @ Cass County Community Building 1-4pm Cass County 4-H Endowment Scholarships DUE 4:30pm 	2	3	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 DEADLINE RSVP for Bucket of Junk Workshop by 4:30pm	11	12	13 Bucket of Junk Workshop 9-11am Weirich Welding Plus
14 Youth Council 5:00pm	15 DEADLINE Submit recipes for 75th fairgrounds cookbook	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

Pancake Supper!

The Cass County 4-H Endowment Committee invites you to the annual Pancake Supper! This year's event is Tuesday, March 12th from 4:30-7:30pm at the Cass County Community Center. Please encourage friends, family members and neighbors to come out on March 12th to support the Cass County 4-H Program! Buy tickets at the door \$8.00 per person, kids 10 and under \$6.00. Fliers are available at the extension office.

The money raised at this pancake supper is used to offset the Program Development Fee charged to 4-H members in Cass County. If we did not have this Endowment in addition to the support from the Cass County Extension Council, 4-H would cost \$40 for every member in Cass County annually.

In previous years, we had 100% of clubs donate to the **SILENT AUCTION**, please consider doing this again. We had great support from local business and would like to have even more this year. If you know of a specific business or organization that you would feel comfortable asking for a donation, please do so.

All silent auction items need to be to the office by 4:30pm on Friday, March 8th so we can promote and share the items through social media before the event. Please help us spread the word by sharing posts and fliers.

Each club needs to provide 3 volunteers to work during your shift. Clubs will be asked to work shifts. The shift time and number of workers are below. Please sign up at your February Meetings!

First shift 4:00-6:00pm: Bear Grove Blazers, Benton Franklin, Cowpokes, Grove H.O.T. and Pymosa

Second Shift 6:00-8:00pm: C&M Champions, Grant Guys & Gals, Griswold Clubsters, Pleasant Noble United, Union Leaders, Washington GEM.

Winter Day Camps

Youth currently in 3rd through 5th grade can invite a friend and sign up for our Winter Conservation Day Camps! At Outdoor Adventure Camp, youth will learn about snowshoeing, geocaching, winter camping and first aid. These are fun, FREE hands-on learning days when the local district does not have school. Save the date and register today! Call 712-243-1132, complete a registration form on our website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/4h>

Outdoor Adventure ~ Bring a sack lunch! We will go on a hike outside, so weather permitting dress warm!

- March 20th from 9 AM– 4 PM @ Griswold Community Center ~ **Registration Due by March 14th**

4-H Workshop - April 1st

Are you wondering what kind of exhibits you can bring to fair for the different project areas? Come explore April 1st from 1:00-4:00pm at the Cass County Community Building. At the end of each station, members will have time to ask questions or work on record keeping papers. Parents are encouraged to attend! Sign up online by scanning the QR Code, or call the Extension Office at 712-243-1132. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 27th to get a headcount for station supplies and snacks.

Areas Offered: Beef, Clothing Selection & Fashion Revue, Livestock Judging, Record Keeping, Rabbits, Food & Nutrition, Online Identification and Fair Entry and more! Check the full listing upon signing up. Check-in when you arrive to get your official schedule of which stations to attend.

RSVP: scan QR Code, go to <https://go.iastate.edu/BNSYJI>, kbateman@iastate.edu, or call 712-243-1132



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Rabbit Project Workshop

Superintendent, Justin Retallic is hosting a Rabbit 101 Workshop at the Cass County Community Building on Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 pm to answer any questions you have about showing rabbits at the Cass County Fair. All are welcome to attend, RSVP is helpful to account for snacks and print-outs.

We will review the 2024 Rabbit Rules, talk about how to make entries for the county fair, and more! You are welcome to bring your rabbit too! This meeting is not required, but a good way to gain rabbit project knowledge on breeds, caring for, and handling your animal. 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.



Justin will also host a Rabbit 201 Workshop for those returning to the project on Friday, May 24th at 6:30pm at the Community Building. Mark your calendars for that if you are interested in a more detailed workshop to enhance your rabbit knowledge. Watch the newsletter for additional information and RSVPs as that date approaches.

Rabbits need to be identified online before May 15th. See additional information on page 5 “Animal ID Requirements” or reach out to Katie kbateman@iastate.edu 712-243-1132

Swine Project Workshop

Superintendent, Troy Retallic is hosting a Swine 101 Workshop at the Cass County Community Building on Saturday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm to answer any questions you have about showing swine at the Cass County Fair. All are welcome to attend. We will review the 2024 Swine Rules, talk about how to make entries for the county fair, and more! This countywide workshop is worth one banner point for your club. RSVP to account for snacks and supplies, or ask questions call the office at 712-243-1132 or email Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu.

Poultry Order for County Fair

Poultry exhibitors interested in **BROILERS OR RATE OF GAIN PEN OF THREES**, please text your interest to Melissa Johnson, Poultry Superintendent, at 712-249-9108 by April 5th. Chicks will be ordered and arrive in June. These chicks are generously sponsored by Oathoudt Farm Supply in Atlantic. Remember to identify or add the number of birds you order to your 4-HOnline profile by May 15th.

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 office, 712-243-1132 or email kbateman@iastate.edu.



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. 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 will not pull into 4-HOnline.

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YQCA Training
6:00PM Cass County
Community Building

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. In person will not be covered, contact us if cost is a concern.

In person training will take place Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Cass County Community Building in Atlantic. **Register online and complete pre-test ahead of the class at yqcaprogram.org**

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.

4-H Graduating Senior Scholarships are available on our website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/4h>. Applications are due by April 1, 2024. Reach out to Katie for additional details, kbateman@iastate.edu



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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 -11:00am. Please stop by the Extension Office before weigh-in to purchase 4-H tags and bring 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

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.



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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.

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| ♦ Appetizers & Beverages | ♦ Main Dishes | ♦ Salads & Dressings |
| ♦ Bread & Rolls | ♦ Desserts | ♦ Miscellaneous |
| ♦ Canning & Freezing | ♦ Side Dishes | |

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.

4-H er'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.

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.

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